# **CABOT WATERWORKS**

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

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#### Independent Auditors' Report

Cabot Water and Wastewater Commission Cabot, Arkansas

#### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of Cabot WaterWorks as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Cabot WaterWorks' basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of the Cabot WaterWorks as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the respective changes in financial position and, cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

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. 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 Cabot WaterWorks 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 opinions.

#### **Responsibilities of Management of 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 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 Cabot WaterWorks' ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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# Auditors' 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 the aggregate, they would influence the judgement 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 Cabot WaterWorks' 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 aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Cabot WaterWorks' 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.

# **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4 through 8 and 33 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required

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by the Government 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.

# **Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Cabot WaterWorks' basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

# Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 28, 2022 on our consideration of Cabot WaterWorks' 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 Cabot WaterWorks' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Cobb and Sustice, Std.

Certified Public Accountants July 29, 2022

This section presents management's analysis of the financial condition and activities of the Cabot WaterWorks (the Utility) for the year ended December 31, 2021. Cabot WaterWorks operates under the direction of the Cabot Water and Wastewater Commission, which assumed operation of the Cabot Water and Wastewater Department from the City of Cabot effective January 1, 2006.

# **Financial Highlights**

Management believes Cabot WaterWorks' financial condition is stable. The Utility is within its debt covenants and financial policies and guidelines set by the board. The following are key financial highlights:

- Total assets and deferred outflows of resources at year-end were \$84,314,686 and exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources in the amount of \$74,481,642, an increase of \$1,504,665 from 2020. Total assets at December 31, 2020 amounted to \$84,326,837 and exceeded liabilities in the amount of \$72,976,977, an increase of \$310,388 from 2019.
- Operating revenue for 2021 amounted to \$6,307,995. This was an increase of \$277,708, or 4.6% from 2020, for which the operating revenue of \$6,030,287 represented a increase of \$77,662, or 1.30% from 2019.
- Operating expenses in 2021 were \$6,045,430, a decrease of \$218,770 or 3.5% from 2020. For 2020, the operating expenses of \$6,264,200, an increase of \$637,266, or 11.33% from 2019.
- Net operating income(loss) was \$262,565, in 2021 and \$(233,913) in 2020, representing a net earnings increase in 2021 of \$496,458 from 2020. For 2020, net operating income decreased by \$559,604 from 2019.

# **Overview of Annual Financial Report**

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) serves as an introduction to the basic financial statements and supplementary information. The MD&A represents management's examination and analysis of Cabot WaterWorks' financial condition and performance. Summary financial statement data, key financial and operational indicators used in the Utility's strategic plan, budget, bond resolutions and other management tools were used for this analysis.

The financial statements include a statement of net position; a statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position; a statement of cash flows; and notes to the financial statements. The statement of net position presents the financial position of the Utility on an accrual historical cost basis. While the statement of net assets provides information about the nature and amount of resources and obligations at year-end, the statement of activities presents the results of the business activities over the course of the fiscal year, as well as information as to how the net assets changed during the year.

All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. The statement of cash flow presents changes in cash and cash equivalents, resulting from operational, financing and investing activities. This statement presents cash receipts and cash disbursement information, without consideration of the earnings event, or when an obligation arises, or depreciation of capital assets.

The notes to the financial statements provide required disclosures and other information that are essential to a full understanding of material data provided in the statements. The notes present information about the Utility's accounting policies, significant account balances and activities, material risks, obligations, commitments, contingencies and subsequent events, if any. Supplementary information comparing the budget to actual expenses is provided.

The Utility adopted Government Accounting Standard Board (GASB) 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an Amendment of GASB Statement 27* during fiscal year ended December 31, 2015. GASB Statement 68 established accounting and financial reporting standards for employers, including reporting of the net pension asset or liability on the statement of net position, and deferred inflows and outflows associated with investment, economic and demographic gains and losses associated with pension plans. GASB Statement 68 also provides guidance related to the calculation of pension expense.

## **Summary of Organization and Business**

The Utility provides retail water and wastewater collection and treatment service to customers within the corporate limits of Cabot, Arkansas.

The facilities of the Utility include water and sewage treatment plants acquired or contracted at a cost of \$94.5 million.

The Utility operates under the direction of the Cabot Water and Wastewater Commission, which assumed the operations of its predecessor, the Cabot Water and Wastewater Department in January 2006.

The operating and capital expenditures are incurred to repair, replace, or extend existing service facilities to meet customer service requirements, as well as to meet EPA requirements. The operating expenses are funded by customer revenue, and the acquisition and construction of capital assets are funded by water and sewer revenue bonds.

## **Financial Analysis**

The financial statements from pages 8 through 12 and other selected information listed below serve as the key financial data and indicators for management, monitoring, and planning. Comments regarding budget-to-actual variances and year-to-year variances are included in each section by the name of the statement or account.

#### **Other Selected Information**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Selected data for analysis:			
Customers at year end	11,059	10,753	10,632
Revenues:			
	\$ 6.307.995	\$ 6020 207	¢ 5.052.625
Utility Revenues	<u>+ 0,007,220</u>	\$ 6,030,287	\$ 5,952,625
Total Revenues	\$ 6,307,995	\$ 6,030,287	\$ 5,952,625
Operating Expenses:			
Expenses excluding depreciation and amortization	\$ 3,299,639	\$ 3,632,496	\$ 3,148,114
Depreciation and Amortization	2,745,791	2,631,704	2,478,820
Total Expenses	\$ 6,045,430	\$ 6,264,200	\$ 5,626,934
Ratio of operating revenue to:			
Operating expenses, excluding depreciation	1.91	1.66	1.89
Operating expenses	1.04	0.96	1.06
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	0.10	0.07	0.07
Net position	0.08	0.08	0.08
Debt related ratios:			
	0.12	0.15	0.16
Debt to net position	0.12	0.15	0.10

## **General Trends and Significant Events**

The population of Cabot, Arkansas continued to grow in 2021, and the number of customers serviced by the Utility increased during the year from 10,753 active users to 11,059.

## **Financial Condition**

The Utility's financial condition is sound. Total unrestricted net assets as of December 31, 2021 were \$4,533,401, and restricted assets amounted to \$2,487,936. Operating revenues for 2021 were \$6,307,995. Total unrestricted assets as of December 31, 2020 were \$4,748,683, and restricted assets amounted to \$2,299,668. Operating revenues for 2020 were \$6,030,287.

## **Results of Operations**

## **Net Operating Income:**

The net operating income(loss) was \$262,565 in 2021 and \$(233,913) in 2020.

# **Expenses:**

The utility operating expenses in 2021 were \$6,045,430, and \$6,264,200 in 2020, or 95.8% and 96.3%, respectively of total operating revenue, and are summarized as follows:

	<u>2021</u> <u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>	
Salaries and Related Expenses	\$ 1,361,272	\$	1,707,614	\$ 1,307,663
Public Safety	270,926		267,320	263,856
Chemical and Materials	110,006		175,230	154,262
Contract and Professional Services	93,684		116,568	98,537
Insurance and Medical Expenses	304,317		285,034	263,445
Utilities and Telephone	367,146		338,538	384,151
Depreciation and Amortization	2,745,791		2,631,704	2,478,820
Maintenance and Repairs	102,109		150,544	88,000
Other Operating	 690,179		591,648	 588,200
Total Operating Expense	\$ 6,045,430	\$	6,264,200	\$ 5,626,934

# **Capital Assets and Long-Term Debt**

The investment in plant and equipment increased by \$2,551,595 in capital acquisitions during 2021. Total debt to capital assets was 8.56% and 10.10% at the end of 2021 and 2020, respectively. This reflects the net changes in capital assets and indebtedness for 2021.

## **Final Comments**

The Utility has maintained its mission of providing affordable, efficient, and reliable utility services.

## **Contacting the Utility's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and granting agencies with a general overview of the Utility's finances and to demonstrate the Utility's accountability for the money it receives. If there are questions about this report or need for additional financial information arises, contact the Cabot WaterWorks, P.O. Box 1287, Cabot, Arkansas, 72023.

# CABOT WATERWORKS STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

# ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 5,942,794	\$ 6,592,226
Accounts Receivable Trade, Less Allowance for		
Uncollectible Accounts of \$22,986 and \$19,915	1,099,153	1,046,558
Inventory	320,867	286,520
Prepaid Expenses	 407,095	 409,925
Total Current Assets	 7,769,909	 8,335,229
RESTRICTED ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	 2,487,936	 2,299,668
<u>CAPITAL ASSETS, NET</u> Utility Plant in Service	73,778,363	73,161,317
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DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	278,478	530,623
Pensions	 2/0,4/0	 550,025

Total Assets

<u>\$ 84,314,686</u> <u>\$ 84,326,837</u>

# LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Accounts Payable	\$ 30,153	\$ 99,742
Sanitation Fees Payable	147,105	157,279
Sales Tax Payable	25,147	21,107
Compensated Absences Payable	158,896	143,741
Accrued Payroll	39,383	38,667
Payroll Taxes Payable	8,727	10,725
Payable - Insurance	40,351	28,729
Accrued Expense - Other	38,743	22,883
Meter Deposits	863,367	829,915
Accrued Sludge Removal	244,348	244,348
Accrued Interest Payable	13,291	38,603
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	 923,872	914,633
Total Current Liabilities	 2,533,383	2,550,372
LONG TERM LIABILITIES, Less Current Maturities		
Revenue Bonds Payable	5,394,186	6,318,058
Net Pension Liability	 670,215	2,406,557
Total Long-Term Liabilities	 6,064,401	8,724,615
Total Liabilities	 8,597,784	11,274,987
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Pensions	 1,235,260	74,873
NET POSITION		
Investment in Capital Assets		
Net of Related Liability	67,460,305	65,928,626
Restricted for Debt Service		
and Construction Improvements	2,487,936	2,299,668
Unrestricted	 4,533,401	4,748,683
Total Net Position	 74,481,642	72,976,977
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 84,314,686	\$ 84,326,837

# CABOT WATERWORKS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
OPERATING REVENUE		
Water Revenue	\$ 4,962,524	\$ 4,729,630
Wastewater Revenue Other Revenue	1,322,959 22,512	1,281,685 18,972
Total Operating Revenue	6,307,995	6,030,287
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Operating & Maintenance		
Personnel Expenses	1,020,693	1,085,633
Professional & Contracted Services	46,274	60,736
Chemicals & Materials	110,006	175,230
Street Work	29,113	13,670
Utilities	809	299,766
Permits & Fees	334,463	10,824
Purchased Water	10,760	260,683
Public Safety	291,109	267,320
Equipment Rental	270,926	605
Fuel-Vehicle, Equipment, & Property	81,049	54,304
Insurance-Vehicle, Equipment, & Property	62,452	55,861
Insurance-Personnel	176,706	164,233
Repairs & Maintenance	102,109	143,673
Grinder Pump	33,731	22,483
Safety Supplies	7,624	6,608
Small Tools	35,017	22,650
	2,612,841	2,644,279
General & Administrative		
Bad Debt	25,982	24,292
Depreciation & Amortization	2,745,791	2,631,704
Administration Vehicle-Fuel & Insurance	6,689	4,791
Insurance & Medical Expenses	65,159	64,940
Personnel Expense	664,389	621,981
Repairs & Maintenance	5,053	6,871
Utilities	32,683	38,772
Dues, Licenses, Permits, & Subscriptions	27,320	28,029
Professional & Contracted Services	47,410	55,832
Uniforms	16,934	16,410
Education	3,087	1,194
Office Expense	20,620	24,948
Postage & Printing	52,191	50,961
Public Relations	2,550	7,890
Rent-Building	39,900	39,900
Travel	420	479
Taxes, Fines, and Other	-	58
Public Notification	221	869
	3,756,399	3,619,921
Total Operating Expenses	6,369,240	6,264,200

# CABOT WATERWORKS STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
NET OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 262,565	\$ (233,913)
OTHER REVENUE (EXPENSES)		
Interest Income	40,378	74,390
Interest Expense	(46,488)	(217,071)
Other Income (Expense)	60,355	71,708
Sales Tax Discounts	23,600	21,061
Antenna Lease	84,863	91,392
Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets	 61,910	 100,084
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE (EXPENSES)	 224,618	 141,564
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS,		
BEFORE CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION	487,183	(92,349)
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	 1,017,482	 402,737
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	1,504,665	310,388
NET POSITION, BEGINNING	 72,976,977	 72,666,589
NET POSITION, ENDING	\$ 74,481,642	\$ 72,976,977

# CABOT WATERWORKS STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Cash Received From Customers Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services Cash Payments for Utilities Cash Payments for Contract and Professional Services Cash Payments to Employees for Services Other Operating Income Net Cash Provided - Operating Activities	\$ 2021 6,232,888 (1,247,997) (367,955) (93,684) (1,681,400) 22,512 2,864,364	\$ 2020 6,016,666 (1,205,664) (299,766) (116,568) (1,722,146) 18,972 2,691,494
CASH FLOWS - CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING		
ACTIVITIES		
Bond Principal Paid	(914,633)	(855,619)
Bond Interest Paid	(71,800)	(228,580)
Plant Acquisition Net	(2,644,498)	(2,123,394)
Proceeds from Disposal of Capital Assets	 62,755	 104,508
Net Cash Provided - Capital and Related Financing	 (3,568,176)	 (3,103,085)
<u>CASH FLOWS - INVESTING ACTIVITIES</u> Interest Received Sale (Purchase) of Investments Net Cash Provided - Investing Activities	 40,378	 84,101 3,141,193 3,225,294
<u>CASH FLOWS - OTHER ACTIVITIES</u>		
Meter Deposits	33,452	14,650
Sales Tax Discounts	23,600	21,061
Antenna Lease	84,863	91,392
Other Income	60,355	71,708
Net Cash Provided - Other Activities	 202,270	 198,811
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Cash, Beginning of Year	 (461,164) 8,891,894	 3,012,514 5,879,380
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Cash, End of Year	\$ 8,430,730	\$ 8,891,894

# CABOT WATERWORKS STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

# RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 262,565	\$ (233,913)
Depreciation Adjustments	2,745,791	2,631,704
Accounts Receivable (Increase) Decrease	(52,595)	5,351
Inventory (Increase) Decrease	(34,347)	29,350
Prepaid Expenses (Increase) Decrease	2,830	(17,313)
Accounts Payable Increase (Decrease)	(79,763)	70,626
Other Operating Liabilities Increase (Decrease)	 19,883	205,689
Net Cash Provided From Operating Activities	\$ 2,864,364	\$ 2,691,494

During the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Utility received \$1,017,482 and \$402,737, respectively, in donated capital assets.

# NOTE 1: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>

# (a) <u>General Information</u>

Cabot WaterWorks (the Utility) provides water and/or sewer services to residential, farming, and commercial operations in the City of Cabot (the City) and outlying areas. The Utility is operated by the Cabot Water and Wastewater Commission, which took over the operations of the City of Cabot Water and Wastewater from the City of Cabot effective January 1, 2006. Accordingly, beginning balances for Cabot WaterWorks consist of assets and liabilities transferred in from the City of Cabot Water and Wastewater Department. Under the direction of the Cabot Water and Wastewater Commission, the Utility operates autonomously from the City of Cabot (the City); however, it remains a component of the City. As a municipality, Cabot WaterWorks is not subject to income tax. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared only for the reporting entity of the Cabot WaterWorks, which operates as an enterprise fund of the City of Cabot. The accompanying financial statements do not purport to disclose other activities of the City of Cabot; and, accordingly, any other funds have been excluded from the reporting entity.

(b) <u>Basis of Accounting</u>

The financial statements of the Utility are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), as established for the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Accordingly, the Utility uses the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time the liabilities are incurred.

(c) <u>Cash and Cash Equivalents</u>

For purpose of the statement of cash flows, the Utility considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

(d) <u>Investments</u>

Investments are stated at fair value and consist of certificates of deposit with original maturities in excess of three months when acquired.

# NOTE 1: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (CONTINUED)

## (e) <u>Accounts Receivable</u>

Accounts receivable are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. Management provides for probable uncollectible amounts through a provision for bad debt expense and an adjustment to a valuation allowance based on its assessment of the current status of individual accounts. Balances that are still outstanding after management has used reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to the valuation allowance and a credit to accounts receivable. Details of accounts receivable and the related valuation account as of December 31, 2021 and 2020 are more fully explained in Note 3.

(f) <u>Inventory</u>

Inventory consists of parts and supplies and is valued at lower of cost or market using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method.

(g) <u>Restricted Assets</u>

Restricted assets consist of cash and cash equivalents which are restricted by ordinance of the City of Cabot and bond requirements. Restricted assets are further described in Note 4.

## (h) <u>Capital Assets</u>

Purchased property, plant and equipment is stated at cost. Depreciation is computed by the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Water Treatment, Storage, and	
Distribution Facilities	40-50 years
Wastewater Treatment Plant	25 years
Wastewater Collection Lines	50 years
Buildings	25-50 years
Furniture, Equipment, and Vehicles	3-10 years

# (i) <u>Contributed Assets</u>

Contributed assets are recorded at estimated fair value at the time of receipt or based on cost of construction. Contributions generally include water and wastewater transmission lines constructed by developers or other customers who receive approval to connect to the Utility's water supply, treatment, and wastewater collection and distribution systems.

# NOTE 1: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (CONTINUED)

- (j) <u>Unamortized Bond Issuance Costs</u> Costs associated with the issuance of bonds are reported as current period expenses.
- (k) <u>Compensated Absences</u> It is the Utility's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned, but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. A liability for vacation and sick pay is accrued as it is earned by Utility employees.
- (l) <u>Accrued Sludge Removal</u>

The Utility accrues on a current basis expenses that will be incurred for sustaining a sludge removal program on an ongoing basis. No provision to this accrual was required for the years ended December 31, 2021, and December 31, 2020.

(m) <u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>

Deferred outflows of resources represent a decrease of net position that applies to future periods. Therefore, these items will not be recognized as an expense or expenditure until a future period.

- (n) <u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u> Deferred inflows of resources represent an increase of net position that applies to future periods. Therefore, these items will not be recognized as revenue until a future period.
- (o) <u>Pensions</u>

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System and additions to/deductions from the System's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the respective Systems. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

# NOTE 1: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (CONTINUED)

# (p) <u>Revenue Recognition</u>

Operating revenues include revenues derived from the sale of water, from providing sewer service, and from other activities closely related to providing water and sewer service.

Revenues for water and sewer charges are recorded when billed to customers; billings are based on monthly meter readings. The Utility accrues revenue for services rendered but not billed at the end of the year; accounts receivable as reported on the Statement of Net Position includes an estimate of charges for services provided but unbilled at year end.

(q) <u>Basis for Estimates</u>

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

## (r) <u>Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement no. 68</u>

The GASB issued the following three statements which became effective for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015: Statement no. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statement no. 27, Statement no. 69, Government Combinations and Disposals of Government Operations, and Statement no. 71, Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – An Amendment of GASB Statement no. 68. Management has determined that Statement no. 69 does not affect the Utility. Statements no. 68 and no. 71 established standards of accounting and financial reporting for defined benefit pensions and defined contribution pensions. Details of the effect of these statements are further discussed in Note 9.

# NOTE 2: <u>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</u>

A reconciliation of cash per the statement of cash flows to the statements of net position as of December 31, 2021 and 2020 are as follows:

		<u>2021</u>		
	<u>U</u>	nrestricted	Restricted	<u>Total</u>
Cash at Beginning of Year	\$	6,592,226	\$ 2,299,668	\$ 8,891,894
Net Increase (Decrease)		(649,432)	 188,268	 (461,164)
Total Cash at End of Year	\$	5,942,794	\$ 2,487,936	\$ 8,430,730
		<u>2020</u>		
	<u>U</u>	nrestricted	<b>Restricted</b>	<u>Total</u>
Cash at Beginning of Year	\$	4,241,237	\$ 1,638,143	\$ 5,879,380
Net Increase (Decrease)		2,350,989	 661,525	 3,012,514
Total Cash at End of Year	\$	6,592,226	\$ 2,299,668	\$ 8,891,894

Custodial Credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, a government's deposits may not be returned to it. The Utility's deposit policy for custodial credit risk requires compliance with the provisions of state law. Arkansas law requires collateralization of all municipal deposits by federal depository insurance (FDIC) and qualified pledged securities consisting of obligations of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. agencies.

Included in the Utility's total cash balances of \$8,430,730 and \$8,891,894 at December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, are deposits with financial institutions of \$8,480,452 at December 31, 2021 and \$8,765,395 at December 31, 2020. These deposits were fully covered by either FDIC insurance or appropriate collateralization at these respective dates.

# NOTE 3: <u>ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, TRADE</u>

Accounts receivable at December 31, 2021 and 2020 consisted of the following:

## Trade Receivables

		<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Trade Receivables, Current	\$	1,073,453	\$ 1,016,417
Trade Receivables, Past Due		48,686	 50,056
Total		1,122,139	 1,066,473
Allowance for Uncollectibles, Beginning of Year		(19,915)	(14,809)
Bad Debt Recoveries		22,911	19,186
Provision of Bad Debt Expense		(25,982)	 (24,292)
Allowance for Uncollectibles, End of Year	_	(22,986)	 (19,915)
Accounts Receivable, Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles	\$	1,099,153	\$ 1,046,558

# NOTE 4: <u>RESTRICTED ASSETS</u>

Restricted assets include cash and cash equivalent accounts maintained as required under the terms of an ordinance for system improvements and debt service funds maintained as required under the terms of revenue bonds ordinances and cash held in escrow by fiscal agent.

Restricted assets at December 31, 2021 and 2020, are as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Bond Funds	\$ 1,976	\$ 1,976
System Improvements Account	2,324,396	2,136,070
Cash with Fiscal Agent	 161,564	 161,622
Total Restricted Assets	\$ 2,487,936	\$ 2,299,668

# NOTE 5: <u>CAPITAL ASSETS</u>

Capital assets as of December 31, 2021, and 2020 consisted of the following components of utility plant in service:

	<u>2021</u> Baginging			Ending
	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retirements	Ending Balance
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:	Datanee	<u>nualitions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	Daranee
Land	\$ 1,576,971	\$ 8,075	\$ -	\$ 1,585,046
Construction in Progress	394,563	-	-	394,563
Total Capital Assets Not Being				
Depreciated	1,971,534	8,075		1,979,609
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Water System	53,072,168	653,773	-	53,725,941
Wastewater System	47,244,989	1,420,839	-	48,665,828
Equipment	1,498,665	15,583	27,660	1,486,588
Vehicles	2,526,807	453,325	125,902	2,854,230
Office Furniture and Equipment	202,207	-	-	202,207
Buildings	110,310			110,310
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	104,655,146	2,543,520	153,562	107,045,104
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Water System	17,064,936	1,312,585	-	18,377,521
Wastewater System	13,182,348	1,064,020	-	14,246,368
Equipment	1,299,019	45,348	26,814	1,317,553
Vehicles	1,663,058	314,409	125,903	1,851,564
Office Furniture and Equipment	190,939	5,612	-	196,551
Buildings	65,063	3,817		68,880
Total Accumulated Depreciation	33,465,363	2,745,791	152,717	36,058,437
Capital Assets, Net	\$ 73,161,317	<u>\$ (194,196)</u>	<u>\$ 845</u>	\$ 72,966,276

# NOTE 5: <u>CAPITAL ASSETS</u> (CONTINUED)

	<u>2020</u>			
	Beginning			Ending
	Balance	Additions	Retirements	Balance
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 1,573,501	\$ 3,470	\$ -	\$ 1,576,971
Construction in Progress	790,385	684,459	1,080,281	394,563
Total Capital Assets Not Being				
Depreciated	2,363,886	687,929	1,080,281	1,971,534
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Water System	51,963,184	1,108,984	-	53,072,168
Wastewater System	45,909,274	1,335,715	-	47,244,989
Equipment	1,532,263	39,828	73,426	1,498,665
Vehicles	2,310,699	433,956	217,848	2,526,807
Office Furniture and Equipment	234,254	-	32,047	202,207
Buildings	110,310			110,310
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	102,059,984	2,918,483	323,321	104,655,146
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Water System	15,779,411	1,285,525	-	17,064,936
Wastewater System	12,153,351	1,028,997	-	13,182,348
Equipment	1,329,717	42,728	73,426	1,299,019
Vehicles	1,613,378	263,104	213,424	1,663,058
Office Furniture and Equipment	215,453	7,533	32,047	190,939
Buildings	61,246	3,817		65,063
Total Accumulated Depreciation	31,152,556	2,631,704	318,897	33,465,363
Capital Assets, Net	\$ 73,271,314	\$ 974,708	\$ 1,084,705	\$ 73,161,317

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 amounted to \$2,745,791 and \$2,631,704, respectively.

## NOTE 6: <u>SANITATION BILLINGS</u>

The Utility bills and collects for trash collection services provided by the City of Cabot. The Utility submits payments directly to the City of Cabot.

Since the Utility functions only in an agency capacity, such collections and remittances are not reflected in the statement of activities of the Utility. At December 31, 2021 and 2020, balances of \$147,105 and \$157,279, respectively, were due to the City of Cabot.

#### NOTE 7: <u>INDEBTEDNESS</u>

The Utility is obligated for the original debt service of \$278,454 of City of Cabot, Arkansas Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds which were issued on April 25, 2001, to finance certain improvements to the wastewater system. These bonds are obligations of the City payable solely from wastewater revenues and secured by a mortgage lien on utility plant in service. On December 1, 2020, the outstanding balance of \$110,864 was refinanced as described in the accompanying detail of net change in indebtedness.

On January 13, 2005, the City entered into a Bond Purchase Agreement with the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission (the Commission) and the Arkansas Development Finance Authority (the Authority) for the sale of its \$8,000,000 City of Cabot, Arkansas 2.25% Water and Sewer Revenue Bond (the Bond). The Bond was issued for the primary purpose of financing the planning, design, construction, and rehabilitation of the water system. The Bond is secured by a pledge of water revenues and a mortgage lien on utility plant in service, subordinate to the lien on the Bond described in the preceding paragraph. Proceeds from the Bond were disbursed to, and recorded by, the Utility on a draw basis as costs were incurred during the construction period of the project, with the final disbursement occurring June 28, 2008. On December 1, 2020, the outstanding balance of \$2,960,730 was refinanced as described in the accompanying detail of net change in indebtedness.

# NOTE 7: <u>INDEBTEDNESS</u> (CONTINUED)

On August 8, 2008, the City entered into a Bond Purchase Agreement with the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission (the Commission) and the Arkansas Development Finance Authority (the Authority) for the sale of its \$13,000,000 City of Cabot, Arkansas 2.75% Water and Sewer Revenue Bond (the Bond). The Bond was issued for the primary purpose of financing the planning, design, construction, and rehabilitation of the water system.

The Bond is secured by a pledge of water revenues and a mortgage lien on utility plant in service, subordinate to the lien on the Bond described in the preceding paragraph. Proceeds from the bond were disbursed to, and recorded by, the Utility on a draw basis as costs were incurred during the construction period of the project. In the year ended December 31, 2013, the Utility, having drawn approximately 8.3 million of the original \$13,000,000, requested a revision of the original debt service schedule, and in December 2012, the bond issue was revised to \$7,091,943. On December 1, 2020, the outstanding balance of \$4,161,097 was refinanced as described in the accompanying detail of net change in indebtedness.

# NOTE 7: <u>INDEBTEDNESS</u> (CONTINUED)

Net changes in total indebtedness for the year ended December 31, 2021 are as follows:

		2021								
	<u>1</u>	Balance 2/31/2020	Increas	ses	D	ecreases	<u>1</u>	Balance 2/31/2021		nount Due ithin One <u>Year</u>
<u>Revenue Bonds Payable</u> \$278,454 2001 City of Cabot, Arkansas Water and Wastewater Revenue Bonds; semiannual installments of \$8,027, including	<b>•</b>				<i>•</i>		<i>•</i>		<b>•</b>	
interest of 2.1% through June 2028	\$	110,864	\$	-	\$	13,726	\$	97,138	\$	13,942
<ul><li>\$2,960,730 2005 City of Cabot, Arkansas</li><li>Water and Wastewater Revenue Bonds;</li><li>semiannual installments of \$254,821, including a servicing fee of 1% through October 2026</li></ul>		2,960,730		-		481,233		2,479,497		486,049
\$4,161,097 2007 City of Cabot Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds; semiannual installments of \$230,199, including a servicing fee of 1% through October 2026		4 161 007				410 674		2 741 422		472 891
through October 2026		4,161,097				419,674		3,741,423		423,881
Total Indebtedness	\$	7,232,691	\$		\$	914,633	\$	6,318,058	\$	923,872

# NOTE 7: <u>INDEBTEDNESS</u> (CONTINUED)

Net changes in total indebtedness for the year ended December 31, 2020, are as follows:

		<u>2020</u>					D
		Balance 2/31/2019	Increases		Decreases	Balance <u>12/31/2020</u>	Amount Due Within One <u>Year</u>
Revenue Bonds Payable \$278,454 2001 City of Cabot, Arkansas Water and Wastewater Revenue Bonds; semiannual installments of \$9,163, including interest of 4.5% through June 2020 and semiannual installments of \$8,027 including interest of 2.1% thereafter through June 2028	\$	124.028	\$		\$ 13,164	\$ 110,864	\$ 13,726
<ul> <li>\$2,960,730 2005 City of Cabot, Arkansas</li> <li>Water and Wastewater Revenue Bonds;</li> <li>semiannual installments of \$273,558, beginning</li> <li>April 2007, including interest of 2.25%, plus a</li> <li>servicing fee of 1% through October 2020 and</li> <li>semiannual payments of 254,821, including a</li> <li>servicing fee of 1% thereafter through October</li> <li>2026</li> </ul>	Ą	3,400,868	ų		440.138	2,960,730	481.233
\$4,161,097 2007 City of Cabot Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds; semiannual installments of \$262,534, including interest of 2.75% until April 2020 and semiannual installments of \$230,199 including a servicing fee of 1% through October							
2026		4,563,414		<u>-</u> .	402,317	4,161,097	419,674
Total Indebtedness	\$	8,088,310	\$		\$ 855,619	\$ 7,232,691	\$ 914,633

# NOTE 7: <u>INDEBTEDNESS</u> (CONTINUED)

Total debt service payments on all indebtedness subsequent to December 31, 2021 are scheduled as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Service Fee	<u>Total</u>
2022	\$ 923,872	\$ 2,112	\$ 59,940	\$ 985,924
2023	933,294	1,821	50,818	985,933
2024	942,805	1,523	41,605	985,933
2025	952,414	1,220	32,298	985,932
2026	962,124	910	22,899	985,933
2027-2030	 1,603,549	 770	 31,739	 1,636,058
	\$ 6,318,058	\$ 8,356	\$ 239,299	\$ 6,565,713

# NOTE 8: CONTRACT WITH CENTRAL ARKANSAS WATER

In order to provide a sustainable solution for meeting future demand for water, the Cabot WaterWorks signed a contract with Central Arkansas Water (CAW) to secure a long-term source of water. Pursuant to the terms of this contract, the Utility committed to install a new two-million-gallon storage tank at the current facility (Phase I), to improve the existing distribution system (Phase II), and to construct a transmission line to connect the Utility's water facilities with CAW (Phase III). At December 31, 2020, Phase I, II, and III were complete and had been placed in service, and work on Phase III was completed in 2011. Total costs of approximately \$25,568,379 are included in capital assets as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

In addition to the above improvements required of the Utility, the terms of the contract specify that CAW must make certain improvements to allow the Utility access to its water supply, including expansion of CAW's existing distribution system and construction of a new meter station. Once the Utility and CAW have satisfactorily completed the improvements specified in the contract, the Utility is committed to purchase a minimum of 300,000 (up to a maximum of 9,000,000) gallons from CAW each day for a period of twenty years, with options to renew for ten years.

#### NOTE 9: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

GASB Statement no. 68 established new standards of accounting and financial reporting for measuring and recognizing pension liabilities, deferred inflows and outflows of resources, and expenses, effective for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015. Details of the effect of these statements are discussed in detail below:

#### Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS) Plan Description

The Utility participates in a cost-sharing multiple-employer pension plan, administered by the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS). APERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit plan which covers all State employees who are not covered by another authorized plan. The plan was established by the authority of the Arkansas General Assembly with the passage of Act 177 of 1957. The costs of administering the plan are paid out of investment earnings. The general administration and responsibility for the proper operation of the system is vested in the nine members of the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (the Board). Membership includes three state and three non-state employees, all appointed by the Governor, and three ex-officio trustees, including the Auditor of the State, the Treasurer of the State and the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration.

#### **Benefits Provided**

Benefit provisions are set forth in Arkansas Code Annotated, Title 24, Chapters 5 and 6 and may only be amended by the Arkansas General Assembly. APERS provides retirement, disability and death benefits. Retirement benefits are determined as a percentage of the member's highest 3 – year average compensation times the member's years of service. The percentage used is based upon whether a member is contributory or non-contributory as follows:

Contributory, prior to 7/1/2005	2.07%
Contributory, on or after 7/1/2005,	2.03%
but prior to 7/1/2007	
Contributing on or after 7/1/2007	2.00%
Non – Contributory	1.72%

Members are eligible to retire with a full benefit under the following conditions:

- (a) At age 65 with 5 years of service,
- (b) At any age with 28 years actual service,
- (c) At age 60 with 20 years of actual service if under the old contributory plan (prior to July 1, 2005), or
- (d) At age 55 with 35 years of credited service for elected or public safety officials

#### NOTE 9: <u>DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN</u> (CONTINUED)

#### Benefits Provided (Continued)

Members may retire with a reduced benefit at age 55 with at least 5 years of actual service or at any age with 25 years of service. Members are eligible for disability benefits with 5 years of service. Disability benefits are computed as an age and service benefit, based on service and pay at disability. Death benefits are paid to a surviving spouse as if the member had 5 years of service and the monthly benefit is computed as if the member had retired and elected the Joint & 75% Survivor option. A cost - of - living adjustment of 3% of the current benefit is added each year.

#### **Contributions**

Contribution requirements are set forth in Arkansas Code Annotated, Title 24, Chapter 4. The contributions are expected to be sufficient to finance the costs of benefits earned by members during the year and make a level payment that, if paid annually over a reasonable period of future years, will fully cover the unfunded costs of benefit commitments for services previously rendered (A.C.A. 24-2-701(a)). Members who began service prior to July 1, 2005 are not required to make contributions to APERS. Members who began service on or after July 1, 2005 are required to contribute 5% of their salary. Employees are required to contribute at a rate established by the Board of Trustees of APERS based on an actuary's determination of a rate required to fund the plan (A.C.A 24-2-701(C)(3)). Employers contributed 15.32% of compensation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. In some cases, an additional 2.5% of member and employer contributions are required for elected officials. Cabot WaterWorks contributed 15.32% of compensation for fiscal years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Utility contributions for the years ending December 31, 2021 and 2020 were \$205,338 and \$190,608 and are equal to the required contribution for the year. On February 19, 2002, the City of Cabot approved Ordinance No. 10 to establish a deferred compensation plan and authorize the Executive Committee of the Arkansas Municipal League to serve as the Trustee of the plan. Employees of the utility may elect to defer their compensation subject to annual limits. The City remits the employee contribution to the Trustee monthly.

#### NOTE 9: <u>DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN</u> (CONTINUED)

#### **APERS Fiduciary Net Position**

Detailed information about APERS's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued APERS Financial Report available at http://www.apers.org/annualreports.

# Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources to Pensions

At December 31, 2021, Cabot WaterWorks reported a liability of \$670,215 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The collective Net Pension Liability was measured as of June 30, 2021, and the total pension liability used to calculate the Net Pension Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. Each employer's proportion of the Net Pension Liability was based on the employer's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the total contributions of all participating employers. Cabot WaterWorks' proportion was .08717% and .08404% for June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, Cabot WaterWorks recognized a pension expense of \$(118,832) and \$388,028 respectively. At December 31, 2021, Cabot WaterWorks reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows		Deferred Inflows		
	<u>of I</u>	Resources		of Resources	
Differences between expected and					
actual experience	\$	15,339	\$	(42,983)	
Changes of Assumptions		-		(4,695)	
Net difference between projected					
and Actual Investment Earnings on					
Pension Plan Investments		-		(1,176,450)	
Change in Proportion and					
Differences between Employer					
Contributions and Share of					
Contributions		160,650		(11,132)	
Utility Contributions Made					
subsequent to the measurement					
date		102,489		-	
Total	\$	278,478	\$	(1,235,260)	

# NOTE 9: <u>DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN</u> (CONTINUED)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources to Pensions (Continued)

\$102,489 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Utility contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2021.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense in the financial statements as follows:

2022	\$ (239,373)
2023	\$ (199,042)
2024	\$ (263,840)
2025	\$ (357,016)
2026	
Thereafter	\$ -

# NOTE 9: <u>DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN</u> (CONTINUED)

# Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2021, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	Level of Percent of Payroll, Closed
Remaining Amortization Period	26 years
Asset Valuation Method	4-year smoothed market; 25% corridor
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Investment Rate of Return	7.15%
Inflation	3.25% wage inflation, 2.5% price
	inflation
Salary Increases	3.25% - 9.85% inlcuding inflation
Retirement Age	Experience-based table of rates that are specific to the type of eligibility condition.
Mortality Table	
	Based on RP-2000 Combined Health mortality table, projected to 2020 using Projection Scale BB, set-forward 2 years for males and 1 year for females
Average Service Life of All Members	3.9676

## NOTE 9: <u>DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN</u> (CONTINUED)

#### Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates are arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2021, are summarized in the table below:

		LONG-TERM
	TARGET	EXPECTED REAL
ASSET CLASS	<b>ALLOCATION</b>	RATE OF RETURN
Broad Domestic Equity	37%	6.22%
International Equity	24%	6.69%
Real Estate	16%	4.81%
Absolute Return	5%	3.05%
Domestic Fixed	18%	0.57%
Total	100%	

Total Real Rate of Return	4.93%
Plus: Price Inflation-Actually Assumption	2.50%
Net Expected Return	7.43%

#### **Discount Rate**

A single discount rate of 7.15% was used to measure the total pension liability. This single discount rate was based on the expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.15%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

#### NOTE 9: <u>DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN</u> (CONTINUED)

Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate The following presents Cabot WaterWorks' proportionate share of the net pension

liability using the discount rate of 7.15%, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.15%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.15%) than the current rate:

Sensitivity of Discount Rate				
1% Lower	Di	scount Rate	1	% Higher
(6.15%)		(7.15%)		(8.15%)
\$ 2,004,868	\$	670,215	\$	(432,022)

#### NOTE 10: <u>RISK MANAGEMENT</u>

The Utility has purchased insurance policies from the Arkansas Municipal League for various risks of loss related to torts; theft, damage or destruction of assets; errors or omissions; injuries to employees; or natural disasters. Payments and premiums for these policies are recorded as expenses of the Utility. Insurance settlements have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three years. There were no significant changes in coverage compared to the prior year.

## NOTE 11: <u>RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES</u>

In February 2020, the COVID-19 virus began spreading in the United States, including areas in which the Utility operates. Business continuity and social activities have been severely impacted as government and citizens take significant and unprecedented measures to mitigate the consequences of the epidemic. Management has carefully monitored the situation and evaluated its options during this time. Although the effect of the outbreak is expected to be temporary, there is considerable uncertainty about its outcome, and the impact and duration cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

#### NOTE 12: <u>SUBSEQUENT EVENTS</u>

Cabot WaterWorks did not have any recognized or nonrecognized subsequent events occur after December 31, 2021, the date of the statement of the financial statements. Subsequent events and transactions have been evaluated for potential recognition or disclosure through July 29, 2022, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

# CABOT WATERWORKS BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	<u>Actual</u>	iginal and al Budget	Variance
OPERATING REVENUE			
Water Revenue	\$ 4,962,524	\$ 4,823,400	\$ 139,124
Wastewater Revenue	1,322,959	1,298,500	24,459
Other Revenue	22,512	27,700	 (5,188)
Total Operating Revenue	 6,307,995	 6,149,600	 158,395
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Operating & Maintenance			
Personnel Expenses	1,020,693	1,153,716	133,023
Professional & Contracted Services	46,274	87,421	41,147
Chemicals & Materials	110,006	194,548	84,542
Street Work	29,113	45,200	16,087
Equipment Rental	809	7,200	6,391
Utilities	334,463	373,331	38,868
Permits & Fees	10,760	11,000	240
Purchased Water	291,109	291,109	-
Public Safety	270,926	270,926	-
Fuel-Vehicle & Equipment	81,049	85,246	4,197
Insurance-Vehicle, Equipment, & Property	62,452	65,652	3,200
Insurance-Personnel	176,706	237,375	60,669
Repairs & Maintenance	102,109	128,321	26,212
Grinder Pump	33,731	33,731	-
Safety Supplies	7,624	13,003	5,379
Small Tools	 35,017	 35,017	 -
	2,612,841	 3,032,796	 419,955
General and Administrative			
Bad Debt	25,982	26,752	770
Depreciation	2,745,791	2,640,000	(105,791)
Administration Vehicle-Fuel & Insurance	6,689	8,370	1,681
Insurance & Medical Expenses	65,159	75,276	10,117
Personnel Expenses	340,579	686,948	346,369
Repairs & Maintenance	5,053	11,068	6,015
Utilities	32,683	45,862	13,179
Dues, Licenses, Permits, & Subscriptions	27,320	52,260	24,940
Professional & Contracted Services	47,410	77,600	30,190
Uniforms	16,934	19,945	3,011
Education	3,087	9,000	5,913
Office Expense	20,620	30,400	9,780
Postage & Printing	52,191	61,517	9,326
Public Relations	2,550	8,500	5,950
Rent-Building	39,900	40,000	100
Travel	420	5,000	4,580
Taxes, Fines, and Other	-	1,100	1,100
Public Notification	221	3,000	2,779
	 3,432,589	 3,802,598	 370,009
Total Operating Expenses	 6,045,430	 6,835,394	 789,964
NET OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 262,565	\$ (685,794)	\$ 948,359

See independent auditors' report on required supplementary information.

# CABOT WATERWORKS SCHEDULE OF NET OPERATING REVENUE AND EXPENSES BY DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	W	ater_	W	astewater	General and Administrative		Total
OPERATING REVENUE			<u></u>	<u>iste water</u>	<u>r taninistrati ve</u>		<u>10tai</u>
Water Revenue	\$ 4	,962,524	\$	_	\$ -	\$	4,962,524
Water Revenue	Ψ	,702,524	Ψ	1,322,959	φ -	Ψ	1,322,959
Other Revenue		16,312		6,200	-		22,512
Total Operating Revenue		,978,836		1,329,159			6,307,995
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>		,770,050		1,527,157			0,507,775
Operating and Maintenance							
Personnel Expenses		768,548		252,145	-		1,020,693
Professional & Contracted Services		12,853		33,421	-		46,274
Chemicals & Materials		48,068		61,938	-		110,006
Street Work		20,100		9,013	-		29,113
Equipment Rental		809		-			809
Utilities		171,631		162,832	-		334,463
Permits & Fees		760		10,000	-		10,760
Purchased Water		291,109		-	-		291,109
Public Safety		270,926		-	-		270,926
Fuel-Vehicle & Equipment		59,946		21,103	-		81,049
Insurance - Vehicle, Equipment & Property		32,559		29,893	-		62,452
Insurance - Personnel		122,455		54,251			176,706
Repairs & Maintenance		59,577		42,532	-		102,109
Grinder Pump		-		33,731	-		33,731
Safety Supplies		3,021		4,603	-		7,624
Small Tools		21,994	_	13,023	-		35,017
	1	,884,356		728,485	-		2,612,841
General and Administrative							
Bad Debt		21,652		4,330	-		25,982
Depreciation & Amortization	1	,626,551		1,119,240	-		2,745,791
Administration Vehicle - Fuel & Insurance		-		-	6,689		6,689
Insurance & Medical Expenses		-		-	65,159		65,159
Personnel Expenses		313		1,062	339,204		340,579
Repairs & Maintenance		310		1,103	3,640		5,053
Utilities		19,710		8,163	4,811		32,684
Dues, Licenses, Permits, & Subscriptions		13,122		233	13,964		27,319
Professional & Contracted Services		6,200		-	41,210		47,410
Uniforms		6,788		9,945	201		16,934
Education		545		254	2,288		3,087
Office Expense		3,275		548	16,797		20,620
Postage & Printing		50,164		10	2,017		52,191
Public Relations		1,574		976	-		2,550
Rent - Building		22,350		-	17,550		39,900
Travel		18		-	402		420
Taxes, Fines, & Other		-		-	-		-
Public Notification		-		-	221		221
	-	,772,572		1,145,864	514,153		3,432,589
Total Operating Expenses		,656,928		1,874,349	514,153		6,045,430
NET OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	<u>\$ 1</u>	,321,908	\$	(545,190)	\$ (514,153)	\$	262,565

See independent auditors' report on supplementary schedules.

### CABOT WATERWORKS SCHEDULE OF DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS - 2020A BOND ISSUE DECEMBER 31, 2021

		2.10% \$110,864							
				Total Annual					
Due Date	P	rincipal		Interest		Requirement			
June 1, 2022	\$	6,935	\$	1,092		-			
December 1, 2022		7,007		1,020	\$	16,054			
June 1, 2023		7,080		947					
December 1, 2023		7,153		874		16,054			
June 1, 2024		7,228		799					
December 1, 2024		7,303		724		16,054			
June 1, 2025		7,379		648					
December 1, 2025		7,455		572		16,054			
June 1, 2026		7,533		494					
December 1, 2026		7,611		416		16,054			
June 1, 2027		7,690		337					
December 1, 2027		7,770		257		16,054			
June 1, 2028		8,994		176		9,170			
	\$	97,138	\$	8,356	\$	105,494			

CABOT WATERWORKS
SCHEDULE OF DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS - 2020B BOND ISSUE
DECEMBER 31, 2021

			Service	Total Annual		
Due Date	 Principal	Principal Fee			<u>Requirement</u>	
April 15, 2022	\$ 242,413	\$	12,398			
October 15, 2022	243,635		11,185	\$	509,631	
April 15, 2023	244,853		9,967			
October 15, 2023	246,077		8,743		509,640	
April 15, 2024	247,308		7,513			
October 15, 2024	248,544		6,276		509,641	
April 15, 2025	249,787		5,033			
October 15, 2025	251,036		3,784		509,640	
April 15, 2026	252,291		2,529			
October 15, 2026	 253,553		1,268		509,641	
	\$ 2,479,497	\$	68,696	\$	2,548,193	

# CABOT WATERWORKS SCHEDULE OF DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS - 2020C BOND ISSUE DECEMBER 31, 2021

			Total Annual		
Due Date	Principal		Service Fee		Requirement
April 15, 2022	\$ 211,412	\$	18,707		
October 15, 2022	212,469		17,650	\$	460,238
April 15, 2023	213,531		16,588		
October 15, 2023	214,599		15,520		460,238
April 15, 2024	215,672		14,447		
October 15, 2024	216,751		13,369		460,239
April 15, 2025	217,834		12,285		
October 15, 2025	218,923		11,196		460,238
April 15, 2026	220,018		10,101		
October 15, 2026	221,118 9,001			460,238	
April 15, 2027	222,224		7,895		
October 15, 2027	223,335		6,784		460,238
April 15, 2028	224,452		5,668		
October 15, 2028	225,574		4,545		460,239
April 15, 2029	226,702		3,418		
October 15, 2029	227,835		2,284		460,239
April 15, 2030	 228,974		1,145		230,119
	\$ 3,741,423	\$	170,603	\$	3,912,026

### CABOT WATERWORKS SCHEDULE OF INFORMATION REQUIRED BY ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

#### DISCLOSURES REQUIRED BY ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

The following information submitted in compliance with Arkansas Natural Resources Commission requirements:

- a. The number of users of the system was 11,059. The rate structure is as follows:
  - (1) Water:

Debt Service Flat Charge	
Residential-Inside City	\$13.50
Residential-Outside City	\$16.50
Sprinkler	\$16.50
Commercial	\$16.50

OM+R Volume based charged (per 1000 gallons)

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Residential-Inside City	0-5,000 gal. \$3.20 over 5,000 gal. \$4.20
Residential-Outside City	0-5,000 gal. \$4.20 over 5,000 gal. \$5.20
Sprinkler	0-5,000 gal. \$4.20 over 5,000 gal. \$5.20
Commercial	0-5,000 gal. \$4.20 over 5,000 gal. \$5.20

#### (2) Sewer:

All customers (excluding Briarwood/Bear Creek Extension Area, Phase II) 0-2,000 gal. \$5.10\* over 2,000 gal. \$1.57 per 1,000 gal.
Briarwood/Bear Creek Extension Area, Phase II 0-2,000 gal. \$27.05\* over 2,000 gal. \$1.98 per 1,000 gal.
Mark Lynn, Dina, Bradley Extension Area 0-2,000 gal. \$26.43\* over 2,000 gal. \$1.57 per 1,000 gal.

\*=minimum monthly charge

- b. Total annual billable gallons of water for users were 717,231,900.
- c. Deposit funds are in financial institutions insured by the federal government and have been adequately collateralized.

# CABOT WATERWORKS SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE COVERAGE DECEMBER 31, 2021

<u>Company</u>	Coverage	Date of Policy	<u>Amount</u>
Arkansas Municipal League	Property	11/07/21 - 11/06/22	\$ 21,858,548
Arkansas Municipal League	Vehicle	01/01/21 - 12/31/21	\$ 2,493,908

# CABOT WATERWORKS SCHEDULES OF RESTRICTED ASSETS DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

# RESTRICTED CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Bond Fund	\$ 1,976	\$ 1,976
System Improvements Account	2,324,396	2,136,070
Cash with Fiscal Agent (ANRC)	 161,564	 161,622
Total Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,487,936	\$ 2,299,668

# CABOT WATERWORKS SCHEDULE OF GOVERNMENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Federal			A 1
Federal Grantor/Pass Through Grantor	CFDA <u>Number</u>	Contract <u>Number</u>		Award Amount
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Environmental Protection Agency				
Clean Water Act State Revolving Fund	66.802	00F 95601	\$	-
Passed Through the Arkansas				
Natural Resources Commission-				
State Revolving Fund Program:				
Funding Source:				
Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State				
Revolving Fund	66.458			
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2005 City of Cabot, Arkansas Water and				
Wastewater Revenue Bonds		00300-DWSRFL #1		8,000,000
2007 City of Cabot, Arkansas Water and				
Sewer Revenue Bonds		00338-DWSRFL #2		13,000,000
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Total			<u>⊅</u>	21,000,000

\* In the year ended December 31, 2012 the Utility, having drawn approximately 8.3 million of the original \$13,000,000, requested a revision of the original debt service schedule, and in December 2012, the bond issue was revised to \$7,091,943.

See auditors' report on supplementary schedules and accompanying notes to Schedule of Governmental Assistance.

Bonds Payable <u>12/31/2020</u>	Cash Received <u>In 2021</u>		Principal Repayments <u>In 2021</u>	Bonds Payable <u>12/31/2021</u>	Governmental Expenditures <u>In 2021</u>
\$ -	\$	- \$	-	\$-	\$ -
2,960,730		_	481,233	2,479,497	-
4,161,097		_	419,674	3,741,423	_
\$ 7,121,827	\$	- \$	900,907	\$ 6,220,920	<u>\$</u>

### CABOT WATERWORKS NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF GOVERNMENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

### NOTE 1: <u>GENERAL</u>

The accompanying schedule of governmental assistance presents the activity of the federal financial assistance program of the Cabot WaterWorks.

#### NOTE 2: <u>BASIS OF ACCOUNTING</u>

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of governmental assistance is presented using the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to Cabot WaterWorks' financial statements.

#### NOTE 3: <u>PURPOSE OF FUNDS RECEIVED</u>

Funds received under Cabot WaterWorks' participation in the State Revolving Fund Program are used in construction related activities involving publicly-owned treatment works and/or developing a nonpoint source pollution control program.

### NOTE 4: <u>RELATIONSHIP TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u>

Proceeds from issuance of debt are included in the statements of cash flows in Cabot WaterWorks' financial statements. Bonds payable of \$6,220,920 at December 31, 2021 are included in Note 7 to Cabot WaterWorks' financial statements.

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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* 

Cabot WaterWorks Commission Cabot, Arkansas

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 business-type activities of Cabot WaterWorks, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Cabot WaterWorks' basic financial statements, and have issued our report there on dated July 29, 2022.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Cabot WaterWorks' internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 Cabot WaterWorks' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Cabot WaterWorks' 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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# **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Cabot WaterWorks' financial statements are free of 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 financial statements. 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 test 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 and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion of 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.

Cobb and Sustice, Std.

Certified Public Accountants July 29, 2022