

**NINE MILE CREEK  
WATERSHED DISTRICT**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

December 31, 2019

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## INTRODUCTORY SECTION

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	<u>Term Expires</u>
<b>Board of Managers:</b>	
Jodi Peterson, President	September 30, 2020
Grace Sheely, Vice President	September 30, 2022
Erin Hunker, Secretary	September 30, 2020
Bob Cutshall, Treasurer	September 30, 2021
Larry Olson, Manager	September 30, 2022
<b>District Administrator:</b>	
Randy Anhorn	

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**FINANCIAL SECTION**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Managers of the  
Nine Mile Creek Watershed District  
Eden Prairie, Minnesota

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Nine Mile Creek Watershed District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

## **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Nine Mile Creek Watershed District, as of December 31, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Report on Summarized Comparative Information**

We have previously audited Nine Mile Creek Watershed District's 2018 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the respective financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund in our report dated March 13, 2019. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental 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. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Budgetary Comparison Schedule, the Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability and the Schedule of Pension Contributions, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental 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.

#### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Nine Mile Creek Watershed District's basic financial statements. The introductory and other information sections are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The introductory and other information sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

REDPATH AND COMPANY, LTD.  
St. Paul, Minnesota

March XX, 2020

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## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**NINE MILE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
December 31, 2019  
With Comparative Totals For December 31, 2018

**Statement 1**

	Primary Government	
	Governmental Activities	
	2019	2018
Assets:		
Cash and investments	\$9,673,598	\$8,712,822
Prepaid expenses	9,943	13,167
Accrued interest	11,756	35,754
Due from other governments	8,339	4,000
Property taxes receivable:		
Delinquent	166,479	161,273
Due from county	8,460	14,410
Capital assets - net:		
Depreciable	1,915,274	1,995,629
Nondepreciable	522,186	502,893
Total assets	<u>12,316,035</u>	<u>11,439,948</u>
Deferred outflows of resources:		
Related to pensions	<u>53,477</u>	<u>52,371</u>
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	79,845	108,544
Due to other governments	3,482	7,531
Contracts payable	34,741	86,076
Deposits payable	776,730	576,293
Salaries payable	5,598	4,521
Unearned revenue	-	5,140
Compensated absences payable:		
Due within one year	20,720	10,794
Due in more than one year	24,289	31,098
Net pension liability:		
Due in more than one year	210,093	183,070
Total liabilities	<u>1,155,498</u>	<u>1,013,067</u>
Deferred inflows of resources:		
Related to pensions	<u>49,366</u>	<u>56,446</u>
Net position:		
Net investments in capital assets	2,437,460	2,498,522
Unrestricted	8,727,188	7,924,284
Total net position	<u>\$11,164,648</u>	<u>\$10,422,806</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



**NINE MILE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
For The Year Ended December 31, 2019  
With Comparative Totals For The Year Ended December 31, 2018

**Statement 2**

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position Primary Government	
		Charges For Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Totals	
					2019	2018
Primary government:						
Governmental activities:						
General government	\$817,339	\$69,938	\$487	\$ -	(\$746,914)	(\$656,096)
Programs	950,514	-	-	-	(950,514)	(806,135)
Projects	456,445	-	13,479	-	(442,966)	(1,606,772)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$2,224,298</u>	<u>\$69,938</u>	<u>\$13,966</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(2,140,394)</u>	<u>(3,069,003)</u>
General revenues:						
Property taxes					2,688,350	2,647,745
Miscellaneous					12,978	13,457
Unrestricted investment earnings					<u>180,908</u>	<u>104,580</u>
Total general revenues					<u>2,882,236</u>	<u>2,765,782</u>
Change in net position					741,842	(303,221)
Net position - January 1					<u>10,422,806</u>	<u>10,726,027</u>
Net position - December 31					<u>\$11,164,648</u>	<u>\$10,422,806</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**NINE MILE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
December 31, 2019  
With Comparative Totals For December 31, 2018

**Statement 3**

	509 Plan Implementation	
	2019	2018
Assets:		
Cash and investments	\$9,673,598	\$8,712,822
Prepaid expenses	9,943	13,167
Accrued interest	11,756	35,754
Due from other governments	8,339	4,000
Taxes receivable:		
Delinquent	166,479	161,273
Due from county	8,460	14,410
Total assets	<u>\$9,878,575</u>	<u>\$8,941,426</u>
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$79,845	\$108,544
Due to other governments	3,482	7,531
Contracts payable	34,741	86,076
Deposits payable	776,730	576,293
Salaries payable	5,598	4,521
Unearned revenue	-	5,140
Total liabilities	<u>900,396</u>	<u>788,105</u>
Deferred inflows of resources:		
Unavailable revenue	<u>166,479</u>	<u>161,273</u>
Fund balance:		
Nonspendable	9,943	13,167
Committed	7,455,743	6,899,915
Assigned	<u>1,346,014</u>	<u>1,078,966</u>
Total fund balance	<u>8,811,700</u>	<u>7,992,048</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance	<u>\$9,878,575</u>	<u>\$8,941,426</u>
Fund balance reported above	\$8,811,700	\$7,992,048
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore, are not reported in the funds:		
Compensated absences payable	(45,009)	(41,892)
Net pension liability	(210,093)	(183,070)
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions are not current financial resources, and therefore, are not reported in the funds	53,477	52,371
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are associated with long-term liabilities that are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore, are not reported in the funds	(49,366)	(56,446)
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources, and therefore, are not reported in the funds	2,437,460	2,498,522
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures, and therefore, are reported as unavailable revenue in the funds	<u>166,479</u>	<u>161,273</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$11,164,648</u>	<u>\$10,422,806</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**NINE MILE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

**Statement 4**

For The Year Ended December 31, 2019

With Comparative Totals For The Year Ended December 31, 2018

	509 Plan Implementation	
	2019	2018
Revenues:		
General property taxes	\$2,683,144	\$2,634,775
Intergovernmental revenue	13,479	54,952
Investment income	180,908	104,580
Permit fees	56,578	51,800
Stormwater facilities	13,360	12,793
Reimbursements and miscellaneous	12,978	13,457
Total revenues	<u>2,960,447</u>	<u>2,872,357</u>
Expenditures:		
Current:		
General government	700,334	605,348
Programs	934,086	854,051
Projects	456,445	1,606,772
Capital Outlay:		
General government	49,930	-
Programs	-	11,447
Total expenditures	<u>2,140,795</u>	<u>3,077,618</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	819,652	(205,261)
Fund balance - January 1	<u>7,992,048</u>	<u>8,197,309</u>
Fund balance - December 31	<u><u>\$8,811,700</u></u>	<u><u>\$7,992,048</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**NINE MILE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT****RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,  
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS****Statement 5**

For The Year Ended December 31, 2019

With Comparative Totals For The Year Ended December 31, 2018

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Statement 2) are different because:		
Net changes in fund balance - total governmental funds (Statement 4)	\$819,652	(\$205,261)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds	5,206	12,970
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense:		
Capital outlay	49,930	11,447
Depreciation	(110,992)	(107,894)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:		
Change in compensated absences payable	(3,117)	(7,937)
Governmental funds report pension contributions as expenditures, however pension expense is reported in the statement of activities. This is the amount by which pension expense differed from pension contributions:		
Pension contributions	22,339	
Pension expense	(41,176)	(6,546)
	<u>(18,837)</u>	<u>(6,546)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities (Statement 2)	<u>\$741,842</u>	<u>(\$303,221)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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**Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting policies of Nine Mile Creek Watershed District (the District) conform to generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies.

**A. FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY**

The District was created under provisions of Minnesota Statutes. The District is operated by a five member board of managers appointed by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners for three year terms.

The District's policy is to include in the financial statements all funds, departments, agencies, boards, commissions, and other component units for which the District is considered to be financially accountable.

Component units are legally separate entities for which the District (primary government) is financially accountable, or for which the exclusion of the component unit would render the financial statements of the primary government misleading. There are no organizations considered to be component units of the District.

**B. GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*. There are no business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Taxes and other items not included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

**C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers all revenues, except reimbursement grants, to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Reimbursement grants are considered available if they are collected within one year of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, intergovernmental revenues and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

The District reports the following major governmental fund:

509 Plan Implementation (special revenue fund) – is established to account for the funds levied to pay for the costs of preparing a watershed management plan or for projects and programs identified in an approved and adopted plan necessary to implement the purposes of the Metropolitan Surface Water Management Act. Property taxes are committed for 509 Plan Implementation programs.

**D. BUDGETARY DATA**

The Board of Managers adopts an annual budget for the 509 Plan Implementation Fund. During the budget year, supplemental appropriations and deletions are or may be authorized by the Board. The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by the District for budgeting data. All appropriations end with the fiscal year for which they were made.

The Board of Managers annually adopts a tax levy for collection during the calendar year. The District's records are maintained on a calendar year ending December 31. The revenue budget consists of the calendar year's tax levy.

The District monitors budget performances on the fund basis. All amounts over budget have been approved by the Board through the disbursement approval process.

The District prepares revenue and expenditure budgets for the 509 Plan Implementation Fund. Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not employed by the District.

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**E. CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

Investments are stated at fair value, based upon quoted market prices. Investment income is accrued at the balance sheet date.

**F. PROPERTY TAX REVENUE RECOGNITION**

The Board of Managers annually adopts a tax levy and certifies it to the County in October (levy/assessment date) of each year for collection in the following year. The County is responsible for billing and collecting all property taxes for itself, the District, the local School District and other taxing authorities. Such taxes become a lien on January 1 and are recorded as receivables by the District at that date. Real property taxes are payable (by property owners) on May 15 and October 15 of each calendar year. Personal property taxes are payable by taxpayers on February 28 and June 30 of each year. These taxes are collected by the County and remitted to the District on or before July 7 and December 2 of the same year. Delinquent collections for November and December are received the following January. The District has no ability to enforce payment of property taxes by property owners. The County possesses this authority.

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The District recognizes property tax revenue in the period for which the taxes were levied. Uncollectible property taxes are not material and have not been reported.

**GOVERNMENTAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The District recognizes property tax revenue when it becomes both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. In practice, current and delinquent taxes and State credits received by the District in July, December and January are recognized as revenue for the current year. Taxes collected by the County by December 31 (remitted to the District the following January) are classified as due from county. Taxes not collected by the county by December 31 are classified as delinquent taxes receivable. The portion of delinquent taxes not collected by the District in January is fully offset by deferred inflow of resources because they are not available to finance current expenditures.

**G. INVENTORIES**

The original cost of materials and supplies has been recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase. The District does not maintain significant amounts of inventories of materials and supplies.

## H. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, intangibles and infrastructure assets (e.g., storm water, manholes, control structures, and similar items) are reported in the governmental activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Property, plant and equipment is depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Building	30 Years
Land improvements	15 - 30 Years
Furniture and equipment	3 - 7 Years
Intangibles	5 Years

## I. FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATIONS

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balance in classifications that disclose constraints for which amounts in those funds can be spent. These classifications are as follows:

*Nonspendable* - consists of amounts that are not in spendable form, such as prepaid items.

*Restricted* - consists of amounts related to externally imposed constraints established by creditors, grantors or contributors; or constraints imposed by state statutory provisions.

*Committed* - consists of internally imposed constraints. These constraints are established by Resolution of the District's Board.

*Assigned* - consists of internally imposed constraints. These constraints reflect the specific purpose for which it is the District's intended use. The District's Board has adopted a fund balance policy which delegates the authority to assign amounts for specific purposes to the District Administrator.

*Unassigned* - consists of negative residual amounts in the funds.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to first use restricted resources, and then use unrestricted resources as they are needed.

When committed, assigned or unassigned resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use resources in the following order; 1) committed 2) assigned and 3) unassigned.

## J. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) requires management to make estimates that affect amounts



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reported in the financial statements during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from such estimates.

**K. PREPAIDS**

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements. Prepaid items are reported using the consumption method and recorded as expenditures/expenses at the time of consumption.

**L. COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

It is the District's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. All vacation and sick pay benefits that are vested as severance pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in the governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements. In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 16, *Accounting for Compensated Absences*, no liability is recorded for nonvesting accumulating rights to receive sick pay benefits.

**M. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

In the government-wide financial statements long-term debt is reported as a liability in the applicable governmental activities fund type statement of net position.

**N. DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

In addition to assets, the statement of net position reports a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net position that applies to future periods and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. The government has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category. It is the pension related deferred outflows reported in the government-wide Statement of Net Position.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future periods and so will *not* be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The government has pension related deferred inflows of resources reported in the government-wide Statement of Net Position. The government also has an item, which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting, that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, unavailable revenue, is reported only in the governmental fund balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from property taxes.

**O. COMPARATIVE TOTALS**

Certain basic financial statements include certain prior-year summarized comparative information in total but not at the level of detail required for a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the District's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018, from which the summarized information was derived.

**P. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) and additions to/deductions from PERA's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERA except that PERA's fiscal year end is June 30. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized as of employer payroll paid dates and benefit payments and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

**Note 2     DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

**A. DEPOSITS**

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, the District maintains deposits at those depository banks authorized by the Board of Managers, all of which are members of the Federal Reserve System. Minnesota Statutes require that all District deposits be protected by insurance, surety bond, or collateral. The market value of collateral pledged must equal 110% of the deposits not covered by insurance or bonds.

Minnesota Statutes require that securities pledged as collateral be held in safekeeping by the District or in a financial institution other than that furnishing the collateral. Authorized collateral includes the following:

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- a) United States government treasury bills, treasury notes and treasury bonds;
- b) Issues of United States government agencies and instrumentalities as quoted by a recognized industry quotation service available to the government entity;
- c) General obligation securities of any state or local government with taxing powers which is rated "A" or better by a national bond rating service, or revenue obligation securities of any state or local government with taxing powers which is rated "AA" or better by a national bond rating service;
- d) General obligation securities of a local government with taxing powers may be pledged as collateral against funds deposited by that same local government entity;
- e) Irrevocable standby letters of credit issued by Federal Home Loan Banks to a municipality accompanied by written evidence that the bank's public debt is rated "AA" or better by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or Standard & Poor's Corporation; and
- f) Time deposits that are fully insured by any federal agency.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. State Statutes require that insurance, surety bonds or collateral protect all District deposits. At December 31, 2019, the carrying amount of the District's deposits with financial institutions was \$225,573 and the bank balance was \$254,659. The entire bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance or perfected collateral held by the District's agent in the District's name.

**B. INVESTMENTS**

Minnesota Statutes authorize the District to invest in the following:

- a) Direct obligations or obligations guaranteed by the United States or its agencies, its instrumentalities or organizations created by an act of congress, excluding mortgage-backed securities defined as high risk.
- b) Shares of investment companies registered under the Federal Investment Company Act of 1940 and whose only investments are in securities described in (a) above, general obligation tax-exempt securities, or repurchase or reverse repurchase agreements.
- c) Obligations of the State of Minnesota or any of its municipalities as follows:
  - 1) any security which is a general obligation of any state or local government with taxing powers which is rated "A" or better by a national bond rating service;
  - 2) any security which is a revenue obligation of any state or local government with taxing powers which is rated "AA" or better by a national bond rating service; and
  - 3) a general obligation of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency which is a moral obligation of the State of Minnesota and is rated "A" or better by a national bond rating agency.
- d) Bankers acceptances of United States banks.

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- e) Commercial paper issued by United States corporations or their Canadian subsidiaries, of the highest quality, and maturing in 270 days or less.
- f) Repurchase or reverse repurchase agreements with banks that are members of the Federal Reserve System with capitalization exceeding \$10,000,000; a primary reporting dealer in U.S. government securities to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York; certain Minnesota securities broker-dealers; or, a bank qualified as a depositor.
- g) General obligation temporary bonds of the same governmental entity issued under section 429.091, subdivision 7; 469.178, subdivision 5; or 475.61, subdivision 6.

As of December 31, 2019, the District had the following investments and maturities:

Investment Type	Rating	Fair Value	Investment Maturities:
			Less Than 1 Year
Brokered certificate of deposits	NR	\$8,088,461	\$8,088,461
Money market mutual fund	AAAm	1,359,564	1,359,564
Total investments		<u>\$9,448,025</u>	<u>9,448,025</u>
Deposits			<u>225,573</u>
Total cash and investments			<u>\$9,673,598</u>
NR- Not Rated			

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. The hierarchy has three levels. Level 1 investments are valued using inputs that are based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 investments are valued using inputs that are based on quoted prices for similar assets or inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly; Level 3 investments are valued using inputs that are unobservable.

The District has the following recurring fair value measurements as of December 31, 2019:

Investment Type	12/31/2019	Fair Value Measurement Using		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Investments at fair value:				
Brokered certificates of deposit	\$8,088,461	\$ -	\$8,088,461	\$ -
		<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$8,088,461</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Investments not categorized:				
Money market mutual fund	1,359,564			
	<u>\$9,448,025</u>			

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Credit Risk. Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will be unable to fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. The District follows State Statutes in regards to credit risk of investments. The District does not have an investment policy which further limits its investment choices.

Interest Rate Risk. Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in the interest rates of debt investments could adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The District does not have an investment policy which limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Concentration of Credit Risk. Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss that may be attributed to the magnitude of the District's investment in a single issuer. The District does not have an investment policy which addresses the concentration of credit risk. With the exception of investments issued by or explicitly guaranteed by the US Government and investments in mutual funds, external investment pools, and other pooled investments, the District does not have any applicable investments that exceed 5% of their total investments balance at December 31, 2019.

Custodial Credit Risk – Investments. For investments in securities, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of failure of the counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments that are in the possession of an outside party. Investments in securities that are held by the District's broker-dealer includes \$500,000 that is insured through SIPC. The broker-dealer has provided additional protection by providing additional insurance. This insurance is subject to aggregate limits applied to all of the broker-dealer's accounts.

**Note 3 RECEIVABLES**

Significant receivables balances not expected to be collected within one year of December 31, 2019 are as follows:

	<u>509 Plan Implementation</u>
Delinquent property taxes	\$166,479

**Note 4 UNAVAILABLE REVENUES**

Governmental funds report deferred inflows of resources in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. At the end of the current fiscal year, the various components of unavailable revenue reported in the governmental funds were as follows:

<u>Major Fund</u>	<u>Property Taxes</u>
509 Implementation Fund	\$166,479

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**Note 5 CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2019 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$429,918	\$ -	\$ -	\$429,918
Land improvements - inexhaustible	63,501	-	-	63,501
Intangible assets	9,474	-	-	9,474
Construction in progress	-	19,293	-	19,293
Total capital assets not being depreciated	502,893	19,293	0	522,186
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Building	1,608,324	-	-	1,608,324
Land improvements - exhaustible	664,402	-	-	664,402
Furniture and equipment	125,468	30,637	-	156,105
Website redesign	19,016	-	-	19,016
Total capital assets being depreciated	2,417,210	30,637	0	2,447,847
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Building	235,588	53,611	-	289,199
Land improvements - exhaustible	115,644	33,097	-	148,741
Furniture and equipment	58,940	20,481	-	79,421
Website redesign	11,409	3,803	-	15,212
Total accumulated depreciation	421,581	110,992	0	532,573
Total capital assets being depreciated - net	1,995,629	(80,355)	0	1,915,274
Governmental activities capital assets - net	\$2,498,522	(\$61,062)	\$0	\$2,437,460

Depreciation expense was charged to function/programs of the District as follows:

Governmental activities:	
General government	\$94,564
Program	16,428
Total depreciation expense	\$110,992

**Note 6 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

The District had \$301,184 of committed contracts at December 31, 2019.

The District's management has indicated that there are no existing and pending lawsuits, claims and other actions in which the District is a defendant.

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**Note 7 COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

It is the District's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and personal leave benefits. All vacation pay and personal leave that is payable at termination is accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

Changes in general long-term liabilities for the year ended December 31, 2019 is as follows:

	Balance 12/31/18	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/19	Due Within One Year
Governmental activities:					
Compensated payable	<u>\$41,892</u>	<u>\$32,977</u>	<u>(\$29,860)</u>	<u>\$45,009</u>	<u>\$20,720</u>

It is not practicable to determine the specific year of payment of long-term accrued compensated absences. Compensated absences are liquidated by the 509 Plan Implementation Fund.

**Note 8 FUND BALANCE**

At December 31, 2019, the District had the following fund balance classifications:

	509 Plan Implementation
Nonspendable	<u>\$9,943</u>
Committed to:	
509 plan implementation	<u>7,455,743</u>
Assigned to:	
509 plan implementation	<u>1,346,014</u>
Total	<u><u>\$8,811,700</u></u>

**Note 9 RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, errors and omissions and natural disasters for which the District carries insurance policies. The District retains risk for the deductible portions of the insurance policies. The amount of these deductibles is considered immaterial to the financial statements.

There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the previous year or settlements in excess of insurance coverage for any of the previous three fiscal years.

**Note 10 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

**A. PLAN DESCRIPTION**

The District participates in the following cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association of Minnesota (PERA). PERA's defined benefit pension plans are established and administered in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 353 and 356. PERA's defined benefit pension plans are tax qualified plans under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

All full-time and certain part-time employees of the District are covered by the General Employees Retirement Fund (GERF). GERF members belong to the Coordinated Plan. Coordinated Plan members are covered by Social Security.

**B. BENEFITS PROVIDED**

PERA provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Benefit provisions are established by state statute and can only be modified by the state legislature. Vested terminated employees who are entitled to benefits, but are not receiving them yet, are bound by the provisions in effect at the time they last terminated their public service.

Benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any five successive years of allowable service, age, and years of credit at termination of service. Two methods are used to compute benefits for PERA's Coordinated Plan members. Members hired prior to July 1, 1989, receive the higher of Method 1 or Method 2 formulas. Only Method 2 is used for members hired after June 30, 1989. Under Method 1, the accrual rate for Coordinated Plan members is 1.2% of average salary for each of the first ten years of service and 1.7% of average salary for each additional year. Under Method 2, the accrual rate for Coordinated Plan members is 1.7% of average salary for all years of service. For members hired prior to July 1, 1989 a full annuity is available when age plus years of service equal 90 and normal retirement age is 65. For members hired on or after July 1, 1989 normal retirement age is the age for unreduced Social Security benefits capped at 66.

Annuities, disability benefits, and survivor benefits are increased effective every January 1. Beginning January 1, 2019, the postretirement increase will be equal to 50 percent of the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) announced by the SSA, with a minimum increase of at least 1 percent and a maximum of 1.5 percent. Recipients that have been receiving the annuity or benefit for at least a full year as of the June 30 before the effective date of the increase will receive the full increase. For recipients receiving the annuity or benefit for at least one month but less than a full year as of the June 30 before the effective date of the increase will receive a reduced prorated increase. For members retiring on January 1, 2024 or later, the increase will be delayed until normal retirement age (age 65 if hired prior to July 1, 1989, or age 66 for individuals hired on or after July 1, 1989). Members retiring under Rule of 90 are exempt from the delay to normal retirement.



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**C. CONTRIBUTIONS**

Minnesota Statutes Chapter 353 sets the rates for employer and employee contributions. Contribution rates can only be modified by the state legislature.

Coordinated Plan members were required to contribute 6.50% of their annual covered salary in fiscal year 2019; the District was required to contribute 7.50% for Coordinated Plan members. The District's contributions to the GERF for the year ended December 31, 2019, were \$22,339. The District's contributions were equal to the required contributions as set by state statute.

**D. PENSION COSTS**

At December 31, 2019, the District reported a liability of \$210,093 for its proportionate share of the GERF's net pension liability. The District's net pension liability reflected a reduction due to the State of Minnesota's contribution of \$16 million to the fund in 2019. The State of Minnesota is considered a non-employer contributing entity and the State's contribution meets the definition of a special funding situation. The State of Minnesota's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District totaled \$6,500. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2019, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the District's contributions received by PERA during the measurement period for employer payroll paid dates from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, relative to the total employer contributions received from all of PERA's participating employers. At June 30, 2019, the District's proportion was .0038%, which was an increase of .0005% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2018.

District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$210,093
State of Minnesota's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District	<u>6,500</u>
Total	<u><u>\$216,593</u></u>

For the year ended December 31, 2019, the District recognized pension expense of \$41,176 for its proportionate share of the GERF's pension expense. In addition, the District recognized an additional \$487 as pension expense (and grant revenue) for its proportionate share of the State of Minnesota's contribution of \$16 million to the GERF.

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At December 31, 2019, the District reported its proportionate share of the GERS's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$5,999	\$ -
Changes in actuarial assumptions	-	17,047
Net collective difference between projected and actual investment earnings	-	20,536
Changes in proportion	36,195	11,783
Contributions paid to PERA subsequent to the measurement date	11,283	-
Total	<u>\$53,477</u>	<u>\$49,366</u>

\$11,283 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended December 31,	Pension Expense Amount
2020	(\$7,918)
2021	(3,137)
2022	3,546
2023	337
2024	-
Thereafter	-

**E. ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS**

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2019 actuarial valuation was determined using an individual entry-age normal actuarial cost method and the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation	2.50 percent per year
Active Member Payroll Growth	3.25 percent per year
Investment Rate of Return	7.50 percent

Salary increases were based on a service-related table. Mortality rates for active members, retirees, survivors, and disabilitants for all plans were based on RP 2014 tables for males or females, as appropriate, with slight adjustments to fit PERA's experience. Cost of living benefit increases after retirement for retirees are assumed to be 1.25 percent per year for the General Employees Plan.

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Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience studies. The most recent four-year experience study in the General Employees Plan was completed in 2019.

The following changes in actuarial assumptions and plan provisions occurred in 2019:

**General Employees Fund**

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:

- The mortality projection scale was changed from MP-2017 to MP-2018.

Changes in Plan Provisions:

- The employer supplemental contribution was changed prospectively, decreasing from \$31.0 million to \$21.0 million per year. The State's special funding contribution was changed prospectively, requiring \$16.0 million due per year through 2031.

The State Board of Investment, which manages the investments of PERA, prepares an analysis of the reasonableness on a regular basis of the long-term expected rate of return using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce an expected long-term rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	35.5%	5.10%
Private Markets	25.0%	5.90%
Fixed Income	20.0%	0.75%
International Equity	17.5%	5.90%
Cash Equivalent	2.0%	0.00%
Total	100%	

**F. DISCOUNT RATE**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability in 2019 was 7.5%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and employers will be made at rates set in Minnesota Statutes. Based on that assumptions, the fiduciary net position of the GERS Fund 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.

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**G. PENSION LIABILITY SENSITIVITY**

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability for all plans it participates in, calculated using the discount rate disclosed in the preceding paragraph, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	<u>1% Decrease in Discount Rate (6.5%)</u>	<u>Discount Rate (7.5%)</u>	<u>1% Increase in Discount Rate (8.5%)</u>
District's proportionate share of the GERF net pension liability	\$345,382	\$210,093	\$98,386

**H. PENSION LIABILITY SENSITIVITY**

Detailed information about each pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in a separately-issued PERA financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the Internet at [www.mnpera.org](http://www.mnpera.org).

**Note 11 RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS**

The Governmental Accounting Standards Boards (GASB) recently approved the following statements which were not implemented for these financial statements:

**Statement No. 87 *Leases*.** The provisions of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019.

**Statement No. 89 *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Periods*.** The provisions of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019.

**Statement No. 91 *Conduit Debt Obligations*.** The provisions of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2020.

The effect these standards may have on future financial statements is not determinable at this time, but it is expected that Statement No. 87 may have a material impact.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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**NINE MILE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT**  
**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - 509 PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**  
For The Year Ended December 31, 2019  
With Comparative Actual Amounts For The Year Ended December 31, 2018

**Statement 6**

	Budgeted Amounts		2019 Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	2018 Actual
	Original	Final	Amounts		Amounts
Revenues:					
General property taxes	\$2,714,500	\$2,714,500	\$2,683,144	(\$31,356)	\$2,634,775
Intergovernmental revenue	-	-	13,479	13,479	54,952
Investment income	-	-	180,908	180,908	104,580
Permit fees	-	-	56,578	56,578	51,800
Stormwater facilities	-	-	13,360	13,360	12,793
Reimbursement	-	-	12,978	12,978	13,457
Total revenues	<u>2,714,500</u>	<u>2,714,500</u>	<u>2,960,447</u>	<u>245,947</u>	<u>2,872,357</u>
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General government	931,000	971,000	700,334	270,666	605,348
Programs	1,080,500	1,093,673	934,086	159,587	854,051
Projects	1,930,000	2,055,000	456,445	1,598,555	1,606,772
Capital outlay:					
General government	-	-	49,930	(49,930)	-
Programs	-	-	-	-	11,447
Total expenditures	<u>3,941,500</u>	<u>4,119,673</u>	<u>2,140,795</u>	<u>1,978,878</u>	<u>3,077,618</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>(\$1,227,000)</u>	<u>(\$1,405,173)</u>	819,652	<u>(\$1,732,931)</u>	(205,261)
Fund balance - January 1			<u>7,992,048</u>		<u>8,197,309</u>
Fund balance - December 31			<u>\$8,811,700</u>		<u>\$7,992,048</u>

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

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**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**Statement 7**

**SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY -**

**GENERAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND**

For The Last Ten Years

Measurement Date June 30	Fiscal Year Ending December 31	District's Proportionate (Percentage) of the Net Pension Liability	District's Proportionate Share (Amount) of the Net Pension Liability (a)	State's Proportionate Share (Amount) of the Net Pension Liability Associated with District (b)	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and the State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with District (a+b)	Covered Payroll (c)	Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll (a+b)/c	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2015	2015	0.0027%	\$139,928	\$ -	\$139,928	\$166,111	84.2%	78.2%
2016	2016	0.0034%	276,063	3,664	279,727	212,027	131.9%	68.9%
2017	2017	0.0031%	197,902	2,479	200,381	198,547	100.9%	75.9%
2018	2018	0.0033%	183,070	6,167	189,237	224,120	84.4%	79.5%
2019	2019	0.0038%	210,093	6,500	216,593	267,360	81.0%	80.2%

The schedule is provided prospectively beginning with the District's fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 and is intended to show a ten year trend. Additional years will be reported as they become available.

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**SCHEDULE OF PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS - GENERAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND**  
For The Last Ten Years

**Statement 8**

Fiscal Year Ending 31-Dec	Statutorily Required Contribution (a)	Contributions in Relation to the Statutorily Required Contribution (b)	Contribution Deficiency (Excess) (a-b)	Covered Payroll (c)	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (b/c)
2015	\$14,119	\$14,119	\$ -	\$188,478	7.5%
2016	14,909	14,909	-	198,787	7.5%
2017	16,149	16,149	-	215,320	7.5%
2018	17,600	17,600	-	234,667	7.5%
2019	22,339	22,339	-	297,853	7.5%

The schedule is provided prospectively beginning with the District's fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 and is intended to show a ten year trend. Additional years will be reported as they become available.



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**Note A    LEGAL COMPLIANCE – BUDGETS**

The 509 Plan Implementation Fund budget is legally adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The legal level of budgetary control is at the fund level.

**Note B    PENSION INFORMATION**

**PERA – General Employees Retirement Fund**

*2019 Changes*

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The mortality projection scale was changed from MP-2017 to MP-2018

Changes in the Plan Provisions

- The employer supplemental contribution was changed prospectively, decreasing from \$31.0 million to \$21.0 million per year. The State's special funding contribution was changed prospectively, requiring \$16.0 million due per year through 2031.

*2018 Changes*

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:

- The mortality projection scale was changed from MP-2015 to MP-2017.
- The assumed benefit increase was changed from 1.00% per year through 2044 and 2.50% RSp per year thereafter to 1.25% per year.

*2017 Changes*

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:

- The Combined Service Annuity (CSA) loads were changed from 0.8% for active members and 60% for vested and non-vested deferred members. The revised CSA loads are now 0.0% for active member liability, 15.0% for vested deferred member liability and 3.0% for non-vested deferred member liability.
- The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.0% per year for all years to 1.0% per year through 2044 and 2.5% per year thereafter.

*2016 Changes*

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:

- The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.0% per year through 2035 and 2.5% per year thereafter to 1.0% per year for all future years.
- The assumed investment return was changed from 7.9% to 7.5%. The single discount rate was changed from 7.9% to 7.5%.
- Other assumptions were changed pursuant to the experience study dated June 30, 2015. The assumed future salary increases, payroll growth, and inflation were decreased by 0.25% to 3.25% for payroll growth and 2.50% for inflation.

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**OTHER INFORMATION - UNAUDITED**

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**NINE MILE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT**  
**MARKET VALUES BY WATERSHED - UNAUDITED**

**For Taxes Payable in 2019**

Watershed	Estimated Market Value		
	Personal	Real	Total
1 Nine Mile Creek	\$104,021,100	\$20,696,049,900	\$20,800,071,000
2 Elm Creek WMO	150,861,300	13,387,919,300	13,538,780,600
3 Lower MN River	599,848,400	3,706,580,600	4,306,429,000
4 Minnehaha Creek	287,182,200	51,732,599,000	52,019,781,200
5 Riley Purgatory	104,548,600	11,384,283,800	11,488,832,400
6 Rice Creek	802,000	168,447,100	169,249,100
7 Middle Mississippi	234,499,600	31,978,715,600	32,213,215,200
8 Bassett Creek	108,524,800	14,573,026,300	14,681,551,100
9 Shingle Creek	101,106,900	13,921,253,100	14,022,360,000
10 West Mississippi WMO	2,868,500	6,810,412,900	6,813,281,400
County total	<u>\$1,694,263,400</u>	<u>\$168,359,287,600</u>	<u>\$170,053,551,000</u>

Source: Hennepin County Taxpayer Services - Property Tax - Tax Accounting

**Proposed For Taxes Payable in 2020**

Watershed	Estimated Market Value		
	Personal	Real	Total
1 Nine Mile Creek	\$101,087,700	\$21,861,104,800	\$21,962,192,500
2 Elm Creek WMO	165,452,900	14,473,099,599	14,638,552,499
3 Lower MN River	675,627,800	3,979,306,400	4,654,934,200
4 Minnehaha Creek	303,968,300	54,562,522,500	54,866,490,800
5 Riley Purgatory	105,355,200	11,937,318,900	12,042,674,100
6 Rice Creek	839,900	183,009,100	183,849,000
7 Middle Mississippi	268,136,600	34,631,571,400	34,899,708,000
8 Bassett Creek	114,457,000	15,605,924,400	15,720,381,400
9 Shingle Creek	110,406,100	15,240,257,000	15,350,663,100
10 West Mississippi WMO	56,432,100	7,581,398,850	7,637,830,950
County total	<u>\$1,901,763,600</u>	<u>\$180,055,512,949</u>	<u>\$181,957,276,549</u>

Source: Hennepin County Taxpayer Services - Property Tax - Tax Accounting

Taxable Market Value			Referendum Market Value		
Personal	Real	Total	Personal	Real	Total
\$102,021,100	\$20,327,579,669	\$20,429,600,769	\$104,021,100	\$20,592,443,375	\$20,696,464,475
150,861,300	13,084,134,621	13,234,995,921	150,861,300	12,994,834,975	13,145,696,275
599,848,400	3,603,147,369	4,202,995,769	595,770,200	3,665,955,050	4,261,725,250
287,182,200	50,939,515,742	51,226,697,942	287,182,200	50,666,880,075	50,954,062,275
104,548,600	11,184,435,647	11,288,984,247	104,548,600	11,320,565,025	11,425,113,625
802,000	162,979,472	163,781,472	802,000	167,418,100	168,220,100
233,837,646	31,404,295,037	31,638,132,683	230,372,100	31,637,607,203	31,867,979,303
108,524,800	14,181,017,119	14,289,541,919	108,524,800	14,460,194,025	14,568,718,825
101,106,900	13,221,009,848	13,322,116,748	101,106,900	13,783,172,660	13,884,279,560
2,868,500	6,479,059,773	6,481,928,273	2,868,500	6,706,413,500	6,709,282,000
<u>\$1,691,601,446</u>	<u>\$164,587,174,297</u>	<u>\$166,278,775,743</u>	<u>\$1,686,057,700</u>	<u>\$165,995,483,988</u>	<u>\$167,681,541,688</u>

Taxable Market Value			Referendum Market Value		
Personal	Real	Total	Personal	Real	Total
\$101,087,700	\$21,529,843,554	\$21,630,931,254	\$101,087,700	\$21,750,107,375	\$21,851,195,075
165,452,900	14,194,723,851	14,360,176,751	165,452,900	14,067,621,374	14,233,074,274
675,627,800	3,888,258,581	4,563,886,381	671,196,800	3,936,850,725	4,608,047,525
303,968,300	53,844,874,442	54,148,842,742	303,968,300	53,485,340,050	53,789,308,350
105,355,200	11,761,178,509	11,866,533,709	105,355,200	11,869,853,625	11,975,208,825
839,900	178,647,758	179,487,658	839,900	182,259,100	183,099,000
267,557,550	34,102,492,952	34,370,050,502	263,545,700	34,247,039,972	34,510,585,672
114,457,000	15,244,451,899	15,358,908,899	114,457,000	15,488,595,700	15,603,052,700
110,406,100	14,590,587,756	14,700,993,856	110,406,100	15,090,968,925	15,201,375,025
56,432,100	7,273,214,641	7,329,646,741	56,432,100	7,474,459,500	7,530,891,600
<u>\$1,901,184,550</u>	<u>\$176,608,273,943</u>	<u>\$178,509,458,493</u>	<u>\$1,892,741,700</u>	<u>\$177,593,096,346</u>	<u>\$179,485,838,046</u>

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## OTHER REQUIRED REPORTS

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## REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL

To the Honorable Managers and Management of the  
Nine Mile Creek Watershed District  
Eden Prairie, Minnesota

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Nine Mile Creek Watershed District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered Nine Mile Creek Watershed District's 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 Nine Mile Creek Watershed District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Nine Mile Creek Watershed District'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 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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. 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.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, Nine Mile Creek Watershed District's Board of Managers and others within the District, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

REDPATH AND COMPANY, LTD.  
St. Paul, Minnesota

, 2020

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## MINNESOTA LEGAL COMPLIANCE REPORT

To the Honorable Managers of the  
Nine Mile Creek Watershed District  
Eden Prairie, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Nine Mile Creek Watershed District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Nine Mile Creek Watershed District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that Nine Mile Creek Watershed District failed to comply with the provisions of the contracting and bidding, deposits and investments, conflicts of interest, claims and disbursements, and miscellaneous provisions sections of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Other Political Subdivisions*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 6.65, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding Nine Mile Creek Watershed District's noncompliance with the above referenced provisions, insofar as they relate to accounting matters.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of those charged with governance and management of Nine Mile Creek Watershed District and the State Auditor and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

REDPATH AND COMPANY, LTD.  
St. Paul, Minnesota

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## COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

To the Honorable Managers of the  
Nine Mile Creek Watershed District  
Eden Prairie, Minnesota

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District (the District) for the year ended December 31, 2019. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated December 27, 2019. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

### Significant Audit Matters

#### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the District are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2019. We noted no transactions entered into by the District during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected.

The most sensitive estimates affecting the governmental activities financial statements are estimates used to calculate of the net pension liability, the pension related deferred outflows and inflows of resources, and pension expense. These estimates are based on actuarial studies. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. Determining sensitivity is subjective, however, we believe the disclosure most likely to be considered sensitive is Note 10 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

*Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

We encountered no difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

*Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. There were no uncorrected misstatements that have an effect on our opinion on the financial statements. There were no corrected misstatements identified during the audit.

*Disagreements with Management*

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

*Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated [REDACTED], 2020.

*Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants*

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the District's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

*Other Audit Findings or Issues*

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the District's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the budgetary comparison schedule and pension information, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding 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 did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were not engaged to report on the introductory and other information sections, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. Such information has not been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reports

Various reports on compliance and internal controls are contained in the Other Required Reports section of this audit financial statement document.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Managers and management of Nine Mile Creek Watershed District, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

REDPATH AND COMPANY, LTD.  
St. Paul, Minnesota

, 2020