

Board of Directors Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization Vadnais Heights, Minnesota

We have audited the statements of balances arising from cash transactions of the General Fund as of December 31, 2024, and the related statements of cash receipts, disbursements, and changes in cash fund balances of the General Fund of Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization (VLAWMO) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated March 20, 2025. We have previously communicated to you information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit in our statement of work dated November 11, 2024. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant audit findings or issues *Qualitative aspects of accounting practices*

Accounting policies

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by VLAWMO are described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

As described in Note 1, the entity changed the financial reporting framework to use the regulatory basis of accounting as prescribed by the Minnesota Office of the State Auditor. Accordingly, the cumulative effect of the accounting change as of the beginning of the year is reported in the statement of cash receipts, disbursements, and changes in cash fund balances.

We noted no transactions entered into by the entity 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

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. There were no accounting estimates affecting the financial statements which were particularly sensitive or required substantial judgments by management.

Financial statement disclosures

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. There were no particularly sensitive financial statement disclosures.

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

Significant unusual transactions

We identified no significant unusual transactions.

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Difficulties encountered in performing the audit

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

Uncorrected misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management did not identify and we did not notify them of any uncorrected financial statement misstatements.

Corrected misstatements

None of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with management

For purposes of this communication, a disagreement with management is a disagreement on a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. No such disagreements arose during our audit.

Circumstances that affect the form and content of the auditors' report

As previously communicated to you, the report was modified to reflect the change in accounting basis, as described in Note 7 of the *Notes to the Financial Statements*. This is also reflected in the *Independent Auditors' Report* with a paragraph discussing the *Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*.

Management representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated March 20, 2025.

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 entity's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' 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.

Significant issues discussed with management prior to engagement

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

Other audit findings or issues

We have provided a separate communication to you dated March 20, 2025, communicating internal control related matters identified during the audit.

Supplementary information in relation to the financial statements as a whole

With respect to the budgetary comparison schedule on a cash basis for the general fund (the supplementary information) accompanying the financial statements, on which we were engaged to report in relation to the financial statements as a whole, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period or the reasons for such changes, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves. We have issued our report thereon dated March 20, 2025.

Other information included in annual reports

Other information (financial or nonfinancial information other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon) is being included in your annual report and is comprised of the board member listing, schedule of accounts payable, and schedule of accounts receivable. Our responsibility for other information included in your annual report does not extend beyond the financial information identified in our opinion on the financial statements. We have no responsibility for determining whether such other information is properly stated and do not have an obligation to perform any procedures to corroborate other information contained in your annual report. We are required by professional standards to read the other information included in your annual report and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements because the credibility of the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon may be undermined by material inconsistencies between the audited financial statements and other information. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report. Our auditors' report on the financial statements includes a separate section, "Other Information," which states we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance on the other information included in the annual report. We did not identify any material inconsistencies between the other information and the audited financial statements.

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This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the board of directors and management of VLAWMO and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Minneapolis, Minnesota March 20, 2025