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# AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS And SPECIAL REPORTS

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2015** 

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FINANCIAL SECTION

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen Town of Noxapater, Mississippi

#### Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Noxapater, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the 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 on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements; 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

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I 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, I 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.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

#### **Opinions**

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Noxapater as of September 30, 2015, and the respective changes in cash basis financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

#### Other Matters

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Budgetary Comparison Schedules 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 appropriate operational, economic or historical context. I 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 my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Omission of Required Supplementary Information

The Town of Noxapater, Mississippi, has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires 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 the financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in appropriate operational, economic or historical context. My opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

#### Other Required Supplementary Information

The Schedule of Changes in Long-term Debt, the Schedule of Investments, the Schedule of Surety Bonds, and the Schedule of Capital Assets for the Town of Noxapater have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

#### Supplemental Information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Town of Noxapater, Mississippi's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, and is 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 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards 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 and other records used to prepare the basic 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 by us. In my opinion, based on my audit, the procedures performed as described above, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

#### Other Reporting Requirements Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued my report dated March 19, 2016, on my consideration of the Town of Noxapater, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and on my 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 my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the 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 the Town of Noxapater's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1, the Town of Noxapater prepares its financial statements on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Joe H. Hodge, CPA March 19, 2016

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Town of Noxapater Statement of Activities and Net Position - Cash Basis As of and For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

		,	d	Program cash receipts		Net (Disbure	Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Position	hanges
		Cash	Fees, Fines & Charges for	Operating Grants and	Capital Grants and	Governmental	Business-tvne	
	Ω	Disbursements	Services	Contributions	Contributions	Activities	Activities	Total
Functions/Programs Governmental Activities:								
General government	<b>⊱</b>	212,530	549	14 524		(211,981)		(211,981)
Fuolic salety Public works		5.557	C1/.+	+70.4		(5,557)		(29,606)
interest on long-term debt						0		0
Total Governmental Activities		266,932	5,264	14,524	0	(247,144)	0	(247,144)
Business-type activilies: Water/Sewer		977,630	323,476		611,375		(42,779)	(42,779)
Total Business-type Activities		977,630	323,476	0	611,375	0	(42,779)	(42,779)
Total Government	s	1,244,562	328,740	14,524	611,375	(247,144)	(42,779)	(289,923)
	ğ r	General Receipts Taxes:						
		Property taxes			69	30,394		30,394
		Sales tax				101,948		101,948
	_	Unrestricted investment income	t income			417	1.038	1,455
	_	Miscellaneous				61,612	3,621	65,233
		Total General Receipts	হ			194,371	4,659	199,030
		Change in net position	Œ			(52,773)	(38,120)	(60,893)
	2.	Net Position - Beginning	<u> </u>			369,783	511,531	881,314
	~ a	Net Position - Ending			5	317,010	473,411	790,421

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ASSETS	Cash and cash equivalents	Restricted cash	Total Assets
ž	ash a	Restric	Ĕ

702 852 87.569

790,421

11,193 76,376 702,852 790,421

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# NET POSITION

Restricted:	Restricted for municipal fire	Restricted for water meter deposits	Unrestricted	Total Net Position
Restricted:	Restricted for municipal f	Restricted for water meter	Unrestricted	Total Net Position

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Town of Noxapater

Statement of Cash Basis Assets and Fund Balances and

Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balances

Governmental and Business-type Funds As of and For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

ı		Total									547,943												323,476				1,038	0	3,621	876,078
		Capital Projects Grant Fund									547,943																			547,943
Business-type Activities Major Funds		Water/Sewer Funds																					323,476				1,038		3,621	328,135
		Total		30,394		727	19,040			14,524			101,948	7,377	4,967	236	1,446	916	316		660'9			3,706			417		7,558	199,666
ivities		Non-Major Funds																	316		2,568						•			2,889
Governmental Activities Major Fund	7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7	General Fund		\$ 30,394	374	722	19,040			14,524			101,948	7,377	4,967	236	1,446	916			3,531			3,706	929		412	3,040	7,558	200,817
			RECEIPTS	Ad valorem taxes	Penalties & Interest	License and permits	Franchise taxes on utilities	Intergovernmental revenues:	f-ederal revenues:	Police grant	CDBG Water Sewer Improvement Project	State shared revenues:	Sales taxes	Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	TVA	General municipal aid	Gasoline tax	Railcar	Fire insurance rebate	Local shared revenues:	Aid from County	Charges for services:	Water and sewer utility	Fines and bonds	State Assessment	Other Receipts:	Interest income	Rent	Miscellaneous revenue	Total Receipts

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement

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Town of Noxapater
Statement of Cash Basis Assets and Fund Balances and
Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balances
Governmental and Business-type Funds
As of and For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

	Governmental Activities	vities		Business-type Activities		
	Major Fund			Major Funds		
	General Fund	Non-Major Funds	Total	Water/Sewer Fund	Capital Projects Grant Fund	Total
DISBURSEMENTS General government	212,530		212,530			
Public safety Public works	41,221 5,557	8,961	50,182 5,557			
Water and sewer utility: Personal services				59,603		59,603
Supplies Unlities				10,608 52,786		10,608 52,786
Other services and charges Total Disbursements	259,308	8,961	268,269	101,948	0	101,948
Excess of Receipts over (under) Disbursements	(58,491)	(6,072)	(68,603)	103,190	547,943	651,133
OTHER CASH SOURCES (USES) Capital outlay - equipment	(56,049)		(56,049)			0
Capital outlay - water sewer improvements Princinal nead on bonds and notes			0	(63,432) (18,346)	(547,943)	(611,375)
Interest paid on bonds and notes		i	0	(24,554)		(24,554)
Transfers in (out) to other funds Deposits Received over refunded	67,266	573	67,839	(39,719) 4,741		(39,719) 4,741
Total Other Cash Sources and (Uses)	11,217	573	11,790	(141,310)	(547,943)	(689,253)
Excess (Deficiency) of receipts and other cash sources over disbursements and other cash uses	(47,274)	(5,499)	(52,773)	(38,120)	0	(38,120)
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE-Beg. Of Year	336,073	16,692	352,765	511,531		511,531
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE-End of Year	\$ 288,799	11,193	299,992	473,411	0	473,411
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Town of Noxapater

Statement of Cash Basis Assets and Fund Balances and Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balances Governmental and Business-type Funds As of and For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

	Total	397,035 76,376 473,411	76,376 397,035	473,411
	Capital Projects Grant Fund	0		0
Business-type Activities Major Funds	Water/Scwer Fund	397,035 76,376 473,411	76,376 397,035	473,411
	Total	288,799 11,193 299,992	11,193	299,992
tivities	Non-Major Funds	11,193	11,193	11,193
Governmental Activities Major Fund	General	\$ 288,799	\$ 288,799	\$ 288,799
		CASH BASIS ASSETS - End of Year Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash Total Cash Basis Assets	CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES - End of Year Restricted. Restricted for municipal fire Restricted for meter deposits Unassigned	Total Cash Basis Fund Balances

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement

#### Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2015

#### (1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies.

#### Financial Reporting Entity.

The Town of Noxapater, Mississippi, (the Town) was incorporated April 25, 1906. The Town operates under an alderman/mayor form of government and provides all of the rights and privileges provided by statute for municipalities.

The financial statements of the Town have been prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Changes in Net Position) 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, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The Town combines the Statement of Activities and Statement of Net Position.

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

#### C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Receipts are recorded when collected and expenditures are recorded when cash is spent.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Receipts are recognized as soon as they are collected. Expenditures generally are recorded when cash is spent.

The Town reports the following major Governmental Funds:

The general fund is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

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#### Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2015

The Town reports the following major proprietary funds:

The water and sewer fund accounts for the activities of the water and sewer system.

The capital projects grant fund accounts for grants to be used for capital expenditures and improvements.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Amounts reported as *program receipts* include (1) receipts from customers or applicants for goods, services or privileges provided, (2) operating grants and contributions and (3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as *general receipts* rather than as program receipts.

#### D. Assets and Net Position or Fund Balance.

#### Cash and Investments.

The government's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand or invested in certificates of deposit.

#### Net Position.

Restricted net position - Consists of cash with constraints placed on the use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments; or law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position - All other net position not meeting the definition of "restricted".

#### 3. Fund Balances.

In accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, the Town classifies governmental fund balances as follows:

Non-spendable - Includes fund balance amounts that cannot be spent either because it is not in spendable form or because of legal or contractual constraints. The Town has no fund balance reported in this category.

Restricted - Includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes which are internally imposed by providers, such as creditors or amounts constrained due to constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The Town does not have any restricted fund balances.

#### Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2015

Committed - Includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by the government through formal action of the highest level of decision making authority and does not lapse at year-end. The Town does not have any committed fund balances.

Assigned - Includes fund balance amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes that are neither considered restricted nor committed. Fund balance may be assigned by management other than the highest decision making authority of the Town. The Town has no fund balance reported in this category.

Unassigned - Includes positive fund balance with the General Fund which has not been classified within the abovementioned categories and negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

The Town uses restricted/committed amounts to be spent first when both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available unless there are legal documents/contracts that prohibit doing this, such as a grant agreement requiring dollar for dollar spending. Additionally, the Town would first use committed, then assigned, and lastly, unassigned amounts of unrestricted fund balance when expenditures are made.

#### (2) Cash and Cash Equivalents.

At year-end, the Town's carrying amount of deposits was \$371,015 and the bank balance was \$402,367. The collateral for public entities' deposits in financial institutions are held in the name of the State Treasurer under a program established by the Mississippi State Legislature and is governed by Section 27-105-5, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Under this program, the entity's funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the State Treasurer. Financial institutions holding deposits of public funds must pledge securities as collateral against those deposits. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits and Investments: Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of a failure of a financial institution, the Town will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Town does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk. However, the Mississippi State Treasury manages the risk on behalf of the Town. Deposits above FDIC coverage are collateralized by the pledging financial institution trust department or agent in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer on the behalf of the Town. As of September 30, 2015, none of the Town's bank balance of \$402,367 was exposed to custodial risk.

Interest Rate Risk: The Town does not have a formal investment policy that limits investments maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk: State law limits investments to those prescribed in Sections 27-105-33(d) and 27-105-33(e), Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The Town does not have a formal investment policy that would further limit its investment choices or one that addresses credit risk.

#### (3) Defined Benefit Pension Plan.

Plan Description: The Town of Prentiss contributes to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. PERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by State law and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. PERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That information may be obtained by writing to Public Employees' Retirement System, PERS Building, at 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201-1005 or by calling (601) 359-3589 or 1-800-444-PERS.

#### Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2015

Funding Policy: PERS members are required to contribute 9.00% of their annual covered salary and the Town is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 15.75% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of PERS' members are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. The Town's contributions to PERS for the years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013 Ire \$30,292, \$27,956, and \$26,869, respectively, which is equal to the required contributions for each year.



Town of Noxapater
Budgetary Comparison Schedule Budget and Actual
General Fund
For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

BENENIE	_	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUE					
General Property Taxes	\$	30,000	30,000	30,394	394
License and permits		1,500	1,500	722	(778)
Franchise taxes on utilities		30,200	32,000	26,777	(5,223)
General municipal aid		500	500	235	(265)
Sales taxes		100,000	102,000	101,948	(52)
Gasoline tax		1,300	1,300	1,446	146
Aid from county		3,400	3,400	3,531	131
Homestead Exemption		7,000	7,000	7,377	377
Fines and forfeits		8,200	8,200	3,756	(4,444)
Interest income		1,000	1,000	439	(561)
Miscellaneous revenue		4,450	4,450	24,192	19,742
Total Revenue	*****	187,550	191,350	200,817	9,467
EXPENDITURES					
General government		143,975	145,050	212,530	(67,480)
Public safety		40,900	40,900	48,845	(7,945)
Publie works		5,400	5,400	5,557	(157)
Total Expenditures		190,275	191,350	266,932	(75,582)
Excess of Revenue					
over (under) Expenditures	_	(2,725)	0	(66,115)	(66,115)
OTHER CASH SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in (out)				18,841	18,841
Total Other Cash Sources and Uses		0	0	18,841	18,841
Net Change in Cash Basis Fund Balance		(2,725)	0	(47,274)	(47,274)
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Beginning		110,000	110,000	336,073	0
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Ending	\$	107,275	110,000	288,799	(47,274)

The accompanying notes to the Required Supplementary Information are an integral part of this statement.

#### Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

#### A. Budgetary Information.

Generally, in the month of August, prior to the ensuing fiscal year beginning each October 1, the Board of Aldermen of the Town, using historical and anticipated fiscal data, prepares an original budget for the General Fund for said fiscal year. The completed budget for the fiscal year includes every source of revenue, each general item of expenditure, and the unencumbered cash and investment balances. When during the fiscal year it appears to the Board of Aldermen that budgetary estimates will not be met, it may make revisions to the budget.

The Town's budget is prepared on the cash basis of accounting. All appropriations lapse at year-end, and there are no encumbrances to budget because state law does not require that funds be available when goods or services are ordered, only when payment is made.

#### B. Basis of Presentation.

The Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis) presents the original adopted budget, the final adopted budget, actual amounts on a budgetary (Non-GAAP) basis and variances between the final budget and the actual amounts. The schedule is presented for the General Fund.

#### C. Budget Reconciliation.

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements are prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements which is the same as the basis used for budget preparation.

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Town of Noxapater
Schedule of Changes in Long-term Debt
For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

		Balance Outstanding	Interest	Transac During Fise		Monthly	Balance Outstanding
		9/30/2014	Rate	Issued	Redeemed	Payment	9/30/2015
Definition and Purpose							
USDA	#3	\$ 499,990	4.50%	0	16,591	3,200	\$ 483,399
	#10	65,577	_	0	1,755	375	63,822
Total		\$ 565,567	_	0	18,346		\$ 547,221

#### Town of Noxapater Schedule of Investments - All Funds September 30, 2015

50, 2015	
	Balance
General Fund	
.035% Certificate of Deposit, dated September 20, 2015, due 90 days after date	\$ 150,345
Total General Fund Investments	150,345
Water and Sewer Fund	
.045% Certificate of Deposit, dated September 20, 2015, due 90 days after date	220,670
Total Water and Sewer Fund	220,670
Total All Funds	\$ 371,015

Town of Noxapater Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials and Employees September 30, 2015

Name Faye Ellis	Position	Surety	Bond Amount		
	City clerk	Zurich Insurance Company	\$ 50,000		
Мауог		Travelers Casualty & Surety Company	\$ 25,000		
Aldermen		Travelers Casualty & Surety Company	\$ 10,000		

#### Town of Noxapater Schedule of Capital Assets For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

	_	Beginning Balance	Increases	Deereases	Ending Balance
Business-type Activities					
Capital Assets:					
Buildings	\$	120,785			120,785
Construction in Progress			933,000		933,000
Machinery, equipment, and vehicles		67,265			67,265
Water tanks, treatment plants, and lines	_	1,657,472			1,657,472
Total Business-type Activities Capital Assets	s <sub>=</sub>	1,845,522	933,000	0	2,778,522

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

#### Town of Novapater Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards September 30, 2015

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title	Federal CFDA Number		Grant Identification Number	Federal Disbursements/ Expenditures	
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development/ Passed-through the Mississippi Development Authority/ CDBG/Water tank and plant upgrades	14.228	*	1127-10-279-PF-01	\$	335,371
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development/ Passed-through the Mississippi Development Authority/ HOME Program/Water tank and plant upgrades	14.239	*	1138-13-279-AR-01		212,572
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards				\$	547,943

#### NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

#### Note A - Significant Accounting Policies

#### Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of the Town of Prentiss, Mississippi, and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

\* Denotes major federal award program

SPECIAL REPORTS

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Honorable Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen Town of Noxapater, Mississippi

I have audited, 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Noxapater, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the town's basic financial statements and have issued My report thereon dated March 19, 2016.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered the Town of Noxapater, Mississippi's internal control to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the town's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the town'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. 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.

My 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 my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

#### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Noxapater, Mississippi's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests 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 my testing of internal control and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Joe H. Hodge, CPA March 19, 2016

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Ilonorable Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen Town of Noxapater, Mississippi

#### Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

I have audited the compliance of the Town of Noxapater, Mississippi, with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2015. The Town of Noxapater, Mississippi's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

#### Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its major federal programs.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the Town of Noxapater, Mississippi's major federal programs based on my audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. I conducted my audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Town of Noxapater, Mississippi's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances. I helieve that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion on compliance for each major federal program. My audit does not provide a legal determination on the Town of Noxapater, Mississippi's compliance with those requirements.

#### Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In my opinion, the Town of Noxapater, Mississippi, complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2015.

#### Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the Town of Noxapater, Mississippi, is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of requirements referred to above. In planning and performing my audit, I considered the Town of Noxapater, Mississippi's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the county's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

My consideration of the internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that I considered to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

#### Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Joe H. Hodge, CPA March 19, 2016

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Honorable Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen Town of Noxapater, Mississippi

I have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Noxapater, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015, and have issued my report thereon dated March 19, 2016. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the procedures prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor, and accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

As required by the state legal compliance audit program prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor, I have also performed procedures to test compliance with certain state laws and regulations. My procedures are substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on the county's compliance with these requirements. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

With respect to the items tested, the results of those procedures and my audit of the basic financial statements disclosed no instances of noncompliance with state laws and regulations.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the Office of the State Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Joe H. Hodge, CPA March 19, 2016

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

#### Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

#### Section 1: Summary of Auditor's Results

l.	Туре о	f auditor's report issued on the primary government financial statements:	Unmodified
2.	Interna		
	a.	Material weaknesses identified?	No
	b.	Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	None Reported
3.	Nonco	mpliance material to the financial statements?	No
Federa	l Awards:		
4.	lnter	nal control over major programs:	
	a.	Material weaknesses identified?	No
	b.	Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	None Reported
5.	Type prog	Unmodified	
6.		audit findings reported as required by Section510(a) of ular A-133?	No
7.	Fede	ral programs identified as major programs:	
		.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development/ Community Development Block Grant, CFDA #14.228 .S. Department of Housing and Urban Development/ HOME Program, CFDA #14.239	
8.	The dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:		\$300,000
9.	Audi	tee qualified as a low-risk auditee?	No
10.	awar of pr	fiscal year audit findings and questioned cost relative to federal ds which would require the auditee to prepare a summary schedule ior audit findings as discussed in Section315(b) of OMB ular A-133?	No <b>ED</b>

#### Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

#### Section 2: Financial Statement Findings

The results of my tests did not disclose any findings related to the financial statements that are required to be reported by Government Auditing Standards.

#### Section 3: Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

The results of m y tests did not disclose any findings and questioned costs related to federal awards.