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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Town of Ackerman, Mississippi**

**For the year ended  
September 30, 2022**

**TOWN OF ACKERMAN, MISSISSIPPI**  
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**September 30, 2022**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
Town of Ackerman, Mississippi

### Opinions

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Ackerman, Mississippi, for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Ackerman, Mississippi's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Unmodified Opinion on Cash Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash receipts and disbursements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Ackerman, Mississippi, for the year ended September 30, 2022, in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

### Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Town of Ackerman, Mississippi as of September 30, 2022, the changes in its financial position. Further, the Town of Ackerman, Mississippi has not presented management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison schedules that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

### Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Ackerman, Mississippi, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described more fully in Note 1, the Town of Ackerman, Mississippi has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor, which practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effect on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

## **Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statement is prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

## **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Ackerman, Mississippi's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Ackerman, Mississippi's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

### **Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement of the Town of Ackerman, Mississippi taken as a whole. The accompanying supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis as required by the State of Mississippi, Office of the State Auditor, and is not a required part of the financial statement. The supplementary information section is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement. The information in those schedules has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement or to the financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the financial statement taken as a whole.

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

In accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 23, 2023, on our consideration of the Town of Ackerman, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to solely describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Ackerman, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

This report is intended for the information of the Town's management and the Office of the Mississippi 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.

*Franks, Franks, Wilemon & Hagood P.A.*

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Tupelo, Mississippi  
August 23, 2023

## BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



**TOWN OF ACKERMAN, MISSISSIPPI**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**GOVERNMENTAL AND BUSINESS TYPE ACTIVITIES**  
For the year ended September 30, 2022

	Governmental Activities			Business Type Activities	
	Major Funds		Special	Major Fund	Totals
	General Fund	Park Construction Fund	Revenue Funds	Water and Sewer Fund	(Memorandum Only)
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>					
Taxes					
General Property Taxes	\$ 339,977	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 339,977
Auto Ad Valorem Tax	87,432	-	-	-	87,432
Licenses and Permits					
Franchise Charges - Utilities	37,741	-	-	-	37,741
Privilege Tax Revenue	10,329	-	-	-	10,329
Intergovernmental Revenues:					
State Shared Revenues:					
General Municipal Aid	1,515	-	-	-	1,515
Gas Tax	4,855	-	-	-	4,855
Sales Tax	321,609	-	-	-	321,609
Fire Protection	20,147	-	-	-	20,147
TVA In Lieu of Tax	9,316	-	-	-	9,316
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	28,573	-	-	-	28,573
Infrastructure Modernization	95,472	-	-	-	95,472
Grant Income:					
HB 1730	-	-	200,025	-	200,025
HB 1353	-	-	200,000	-	200,000
ARPA Grant	-	-	177,992	-	177,992
JAG Grant	4,723	-	-	-	4,723
Other Grant Income	39,302	-	-	-	39,302
Charges for Services:					
Cemetery	9,000	-	-	-	9,000
Water and Sewer System	-	-	-	797,530	797,530
Fines and Forfeits:					
Police Fines	21,285	-	-	-	21,285
Miscellaneous Receipts:					
Interest Income	15,136	-	736	1,339	17,211
Other Income	16,092	-	-	10,596	26,688
Total Receipts	\$ 1,062,504	\$ -	\$ 578,753	\$ 809,465	\$ 2,450,722

See accompanying selected information and independent accountants' compilation report.

**TOWN OF ACKERMAN, MISSISSIPPI**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**GOVERNMENTAL AND BUSINESS TYPE ACTIVITIES**  
For the year ended September 30, 2022

	Governmental Activities			Business Type Activities	
	Major Funds		Special	Major Fund	Totals
	General Fund	Park Construction Fund	Revenue Funds	Water and Sewer Fund	(Memorandum Only)
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>					
General Government	\$ 338,254	\$ 14,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 352,254
Public Safety: Police and Fire	454,395	-	-	-	454,395
Public Works	190,015	-	7,425	-	197,440
Enterprise: Water and Sewer System	-	-	-	355,366	355,366
Debt Service Principal	-	-	-	35,735	35,735
Debt Service Interest	-	-	-	15,017	15,017
Capital Outlay	167,344	-	-	8,480	175,824
Total Disbursements	<u>1,150,008</u>	<u>14,000</u>	<u>7,425</u>	<u>414,598</u>	<u>1,586,031</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	<u>(87,504)</u>	<u>(14,000)</u>	<u>571,328</u>	<u>394,867</u>	<u>864,691</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>					
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	-	417,112	-	-	417,112
Transfers From/(To) Other Funds	266,145	-	-	(266,145)	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>266,145</u>	<u>417,112</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(266,145)</u>	<u>417,112</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of receipts & other financing sources over disbursements and other financing uses	178,641	403,112	571,328	128,722	1,281,803
<b>CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>2,085,911</u>	<u>475,000</u>	<u>178,273</u>	<u>1,680,325</u>	<u>4,419,509</u>
<b>CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 2,264,552</u>	<u>\$ 878,112</u>	<u>\$ 749,601</u>	<u>\$ 1,809,047</u>	<u>\$ 5,701,312</u>

See accompanying selected information and independent accountants' compilation report.

**TOWN OF ACKERMAN, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**September 30, 2022**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**General Information**

The Town operates under the mayor/board of aldermen form of government and provides services as authorized by law. These services include the following:

- General Administration
- Public Safety
- Public Works
- Water and Sewer Utilities

**Basis of Accounting**

The financial statement has been prepared on the cash receipts and disbursements basis, as prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor. Consequently, certain revenues are recognized when received rather than when earned and certain expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred. Under this basis of accounting, the Town has elected to omit substantially all government-wide financial statements, management discussion and analysis, required supplemental information, and other supplemental information required under generally accepted accounting principles.

**Budgetary Information**

Annual budgets are adopted for governmental funds and the enterprise fund. The appropriated budgets are prepared by fund, function, and department. The department is the legal level of budgetary control. The Town Clerk may make transfers within a function. Transfers between functions require approval by the Board of Aldermen. All appropriations lapse at year end.

**Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The statement of cash receipts and disbursements displays information on all non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. The statement distinguishes between those activities of the Town that are governmental, which are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, and those that are considered business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of cash receipts and disbursements presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the Town's governmental activities and for the business-type activities of the Town. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient for the goods and services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the Town, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each business segment or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Town.

**TOWN OF ACKERMAN, MISSISSIPPI  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
September 30, 2022**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Financial Statement Presentation**

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

*General Fund* – The general fund is established to account for resources devoted to financing the general services that the Town performs for its citizens. General tax revenues and other sources of revenue used to finance the fundamental operations of the Town are included in this fund. The fund is charged with all cost of operating the government for which a separate fund has not been established.

*Park Construction Fund* – This fund is used to account for financial resources such as proceeds from the sale of assets, capital notes, transfers from governmental funds, and federal and state grants, all provided for the specific purpose of constructing, reconstructing or acquiring permanent or semi-permanent capital improvements.

Additionally, the Town reports the following governmental fund types:

*Special Revenue Funds* – Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted for specific expenditure purposes. Special Revenue Funds include the House Bill 1730 Fund, House Bill 1353 Fund, and the American Rescue Plan Act Fund.

The Town reports the following major proprietary funds:

*Water and Sewer Fund* – Proprietary Funds are used to account for operations which are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that the costs of providing goods and services to general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges, or where the governing body has decided that periodic determination or revenues earned, expenses incurred or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control accountability, or other purposes.

**Fund Balance Flow Assumptions**

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

The Town is reporting the following restricted cash basis fund balance in accordance with grant provisions and other state laws and regulations as of September 30, 2022:

<b>Governmental Activities</b>	
Park Construction Fund	\$ 878,112
<b>Other Governmental Funds</b>	
House Bill 1730 Fund	192,597
House Bill 1353 Fund	200,000
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund	357,004

**TOWN OF ACKERMAN, MISSISSIPPI  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
September 30, 2022**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Cash and Investments**

For the purpose of the financial statement, cash includes all demand, savings accounts, and certificates of deposit of the Town.

**Capital Assets**

Capital asset purchases are recorded as expenditures (capital outlay) at the time of the acquisition. Such assets are not capitalized but instead are fully expenses in the year of the purchase. Consequently, depreciation has not been provided on fixed assets on the financial statements.

**Revenues and Expenditures/Expenses**

Revenues for governmental and proprietary funds are recorded when they are received. Expenditures for governmental funds are recorded when the warrant is issued.

**Total Columns on Statements**

The "Total" columns on the statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Adjustments to eliminate interfund transactions, if any, have not been recorded in arriving at such amounts and the memorandum totals are not intended to fairly present the financial position or results of operations of the Town, taken as a whole.

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with the cash basis in compliance with the requirements of the Office of the State Auditor requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**NOTE 2 - CASH AND OTHER DEPOSITS**

Deposits

The carrying amount of the Town's total deposits with financial institutions at September 30, 2022, was \$5,701,312, and the bank balance was \$5,711,731. The collateral for public entities' deposits in financial institutions is 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.

**TOWN OF ACKERMAN, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**September 30, 2022**

**NOTE 2 - CASH AND OTHER DEPOSITS (continued)**

*Custodial credit risk:* In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Town's deposits may not be returned to it. The Town's entire bank balances were covered by federal depository insurance or collateralized in accordance with state law at year end. The collateral for public entities' deposits in financial institutions are held in the name of the Mississippi 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 Town'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 (FDIC).

Investments

*Interest rate risk:* Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Investments held for longer periods are subject to increased risk of adverse interest rate changes. The Town's investment policy is limited to complying with the State's investment statutes. The State law has not addressed an interest rate risk; however, the Town's policy is to hold all investments to maturity, thereby reducing any interest rate risk.

*Credit risk:* The Town and its component units are allowed, by State statute, to invest excess funds in any bonds or other direct obligations of the United States of America, of the State of Mississippi, or of any county or municipality of Mississippi, when such county or municipal bonds have been properly approved; or in obligations issued or guaranteed in full as to principal and interest by the United States of America which are subject to a repurchase agreement with a qualified depository; or in interest-bearing time certificates of deposit with any financial institution approved for the deposit of state funds. It is the Town's policy to limit its investments to those allowed by the State statute.

*Concentration of credit risk:* The Town complies with the State statute regarding investments; as a result, concentration risk is limited.

*Custodial credit risk:* For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Town will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. To minimize this risk, the Town's requires that all negotiable instruments be held in safekeeping in the trust department of a bank. The Town's investments are insured or registered, or are securities held by the Town or its agent in the Town's name.

**NOTE 3 - PROPERTY TAXES**

Property taxes, except motor vehicles, attach as an enforceable lien on property on January 1. Taxes are levied on October 1 and are due and payable at that time. All unpaid taxes levied October 1 become delinquent February 1 of the following year. Property taxes are recognized as revenues when they are received. The Town's taxes are collected by the County Tax Collector and remitted to the Town. The distribution of taxes to funds were made in accordance with prescribed tax levies, and uncollected taxes were properly handled.

**TOWN OF ACKERMAN, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**September 30, 2022**

**NOTE 4 - LONG-TERM DEBT**

The annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding as of September 30, 2022, including interest payments of \$164,858 are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended September 30,	USDA Loan	MDA Loans	Interest	Total
2023	\$ 12,054	\$ 18,433	\$ 15,688	\$ 46,175
2024	12,386	18,805	14,984	46,175
2025	12,726	19,184	13,877	45,787
2026	13,076	19,571	14,132	46,779
2027	13,436	19,966	12,369	45,771
2028-2032	72,929	106,042	49,760	228,731
2033-2037	83,523	100,393	28,490	212,406
2038-2042	95,657	-	13,822	109,479
2043-2047	32,348	-	1,736	34,084
	\$ <u>348,135</u>	\$ <u>302,394</u>	\$ <u>164,858</u>	\$ <u>815,387</u>

**NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

Interfund transfers during the year were as follows:

	General Fund	Water and Sewer Fund
Transfers In	\$ (266,145)	\$ -
Transfers Out	-	266,145
	\$ <u>(266,145)</u>	\$ <u>266,145</u>

The principal purpose of interfund transfers was to provide funds to pay for shared costs. All transfers are routine and consistent with the activities of the fund making the transfer.

**NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Town of Ackerman is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts: theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. Significant losses are covered by commercial insurance for all major programs of the Town except for certain employment practices liabilities, certain environmental liabilities, worker's compensation liabilities funded through a public entity risk pool, and catastrophic natural disasters that may exceed insurance coverages for which the Town retains the risk of loss.

**TOWN OF ACKERMAN, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**September 30, 2022**

**NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)**

Risk of loss related to workers compensation for injuries to Town employees is covered through the Mississippi Municipal Workers' Compensation Group, a public entity risk pool. The pool was formed on March 28, 1989, by the Mississippi Nonprofit Corporation Act, pursuant to Section 71-3-75, Mississippi Code Annotated (1972), to provide public entities within the State of Mississippi workers compensation and employer's liability coverage. The Town pays premiums to the pool for its workers' compensation insurance coverage based on total payroll. The participation agreement provides that the pool will be self-sustaining through member premiums. The risk of loss is remote for claims exceeding the pool's retention liability. Expenditures and claims are recognized when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. In determining claims, events that might create claims, but for which none have been reported, are considered. For insured programs there have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the three prior years.

**NOTE 7 - COMMITMENTS**

The Town participates in certain federal and state assisted grant programs. These programs are subject to program compliance audits by their grantors or their representatives. Any liability for reimbursement which may arise as the result of these audits is not believed to be material.

**NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**

Plan Description - The Town of Ackerman 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 Employee Retirement System, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201-1005 or by calling (601) 359-3589 or 1(800) 444 PERS.

Funding Policy - PERS members are required to contribute 9.00% of their annual covered salary and the Town of Ackerman is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 17.40% 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 of Ackerman's contributions to PERS for the years ending September 30, 2022, 2021, and 2020 were \$111,331, \$111,708, and \$103,619, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

**NOTE 9 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through August 23, 2023, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.



## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**TOWN OF ACKERMAN, MISSISSIPPI**  
**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS**  
September 30, 2022

Ownership	Type of Investment	Interest Rate	Acquisition Date	Maturity Date	Other Information	Investment Cost/Value
<b>GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS:</b>						
General Fund	Certificate of Deposit	0.250%	05/09/11	06/09/23	Renasant Bank	\$ 91,655
General Fund	Certificate of Deposit	1.370%	05/09/11	06/09/23	Renasant Bank	14,110
General Fund	Certificate of Deposit	0.350%	12/01/00	06/01/23	Bank of Kilmichael	300,000
General Fund	Certificate of Deposit	0.350%	06/02/00	06/02/23	Bank of Kilmichael	<u>119,900</u>
Total Investments - Governmental Funds						<u>525,665</u>
<b>PROPRIETARY FUNDS:</b>						
Water Fund	Certificate of Deposit	1.370%	05/09/11	06/09/23	Renasant Bank	65,985
Water Fund	Certificate of Deposit	0.250%	05/09/11	06/09/23	Renasant Bank	67,474
Water Fund	Certificate of Deposit	0.350%	06/02/00	06/02/23	Bank of Kilmichael	132,000
Water Fund	Certificate of Deposit	0.350%	12/01/00	06/01/23	Bank of Kilmichael	<u>265,031</u>
Total Investments - Proprietary Funds						<u>530,490</u>
Total Investments - All Funds						<u>\$ 1,056,155</u>

See independent accountants' compilation report.

**TOWN OF ACKERMAN, MISSISSIPPI**  
**SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS**  
For the year ended September 30, 2022

	Balance October 1, 2021	Additions	Deletions & Reclassifications	Balance September 30, 2022
<b>General Fund:</b>				
Land	\$ 1,342,850	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,342,850
Buildings	457,042	-	-	457,042
Equipment	749,373	167,344	35,769	880,948
Improvements	310,893	-	-	310,893
Total General Fund	\$ <u>2,860,158</u>	\$ <u>167,344</u>	\$ <u>35,769</u>	\$ <u>2,991,733</u>
<b>Proprietary Fund:</b>				
Infrastructure	\$ 1,733,324	-	-	1,733,324
Machinery & Equipment	<u>268,184</u>	<u>8,480</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>276,539</u>
Total Proprietary Fund	<u>2,001,508</u>	<u>8,480</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>2,009,863</u>
Total All Funds	\$ <u><u>4,861,666</u></u>	\$ <u><u>175,824</u></u>	\$ <u><u>35,894</u></u>	\$ <u><u>5,001,596</u></u>

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**TOWN OF ACKERMAN, MISSISSIPPI**  
**SCHEDULE OF SURETY BONDS FOR TOWN OFFICIALS**  
September 30, 2022

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Surety</u>	<u>Bond Amount</u>
Dale Reid	Mayor	Travelers Insurance	\$50,000
Carl Phelps	Alderman	Travelers Insurance	\$50,000
Felecia Miller	Alderman	Travelers Insurance	\$50,000
Tommy Curtis	Alderman	Travelers Insurance	\$50,000
James Robinson	Alderman	Travelers Insurance	\$50,000
Brent Telano	Alderman	Travelers Insurance	\$50,000
Deborah Boley	Town Clerk	Travelers Insurance	\$50,000
Tonya Woods	Deputy Town Clerk	Travelers Insurance	\$50,000
Susan Medders	Deputy Clerk	Travelers Insurance	\$50,000

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**TOWN OF ACKERMAN, MISSISSIPPI**  
**SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT**  
For the year ended September 30, 2022

<u>DEFINITION AND PURPOSE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>		<u>TRANSACTIONS</u>		<u>BALANCE</u>	
	<u>OUTSTANDING</u>		<u>DURING THE</u>		<u>OUTSTANDING</u>	
	<u>October 1, 2021</u>		<u>ISSUED</u>	<u>REDEEMED</u>	<u>September 30, 2022</u>	
Notes Payable:						
USDA - Rural Development	\$ 360,785	\$	-	\$ 12,650	\$	348,135
MDA - Water Department	6,501		-	6,501		-
MDA - Water Department	<u>318,978</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>16,584</u>		<u>302,394</u>
 TOTAL	 \$ <u>686,264</u>	 \$	 <u>-</u>	 \$ <u>35,735</u>	 \$	 <u>650,529</u>

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## REPORTS ON COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL

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

Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
Town of Ackerman, Mississippi

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Ackerman, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Ackerman, Mississippi's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated August 23, 2023.

### **Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Town of Ackerman, Mississippi'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 Town of Ackerman, Mississippi's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Town of Ackerman, Mississippi's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items no. 2022-001 to be a material weakness.

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. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item no. 2022-003 to be a significant deficiency.

### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Town of Ackerman, Mississippi's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items no. 2022-002 and 2022-003.

### **Town of Ackerman, Mississippi's Response to Findings**

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Town of Ackerman, Mississippi's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Town of Ackerman, Mississippi's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

### **Purpose of This Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT  
ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

Honorable Mayor and Board of Alderman  
Town of Ackerman, Mississippi

We have audited the accompanying statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the governmental activities and business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Ackerman, Mississippi, for the year ended September 30, 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated August 23, 2023. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the *Government Auditing Standards*.

As required by the State legal compliance audit program prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor, we have also performed procedures to test compliance with certain state laws and regulations. However, providing an opinion on compliance with state laws and regulations was not an objective of our engagement and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of those procedures and our audit of the statement of cash receipts and disbursements disclosed the following material instances of noncompliance with state laws and regulations. Our findings and recommendations and your responses are included in the Schedule of Findings and Responses as findings no. 2022-002 and 2022-003 on pages 19 and 20.

The Office of the State Auditor or a public accounting firm will review, on a subsequent year's engagement, the finding in this report to ensure that corrective action has been taken.

This report is intended for the information of the Town's 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.

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**TOWN OF ACKERMAN, MISSISSIPPI  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES  
September 30, 2022**

***MATERIAL WEAKNESS NO. 2022-001:***

**Repeat Finding:** No

**Criteria:** A valuable element of the internal control structure is proper segregation of duties of accounting personnel.

**Condition:** The Town of Ackerman's internal control structure does not provide for adequate segregation of duties.

**Cause:** The Town's limited size and personnel limit the ability to properly segregate duties.

**Recommendation:** The Town's mayor and board should continue to be actively involved in a supervisory position in the Town's operations.

**Effect:** Failure to have an adequate segregation of duties could result in the loss of public funds.

**Response:** The Town will attempt to maximize segregation of duties whenever possible. The mayor and board will remain actively involved in a supervisory position over the Town's operations.

***MATERIAL WEAKNESS AND NONCOMPLIANCE NO. 2022-002***

**Repeat Finding:** No

**Criteria:** The Town is to maintain internal controls to ensure accurate processing of transactions for the fair presentation of its financial records. The Town is to comply with state purchasing laws for all applicable purchases over certain dollar thresholds.

**Condition:** The Town had six instances of noncompliance for the year ended September 30, 2022.

**Cause:** The Town did not obtain competitive quotes or bids from vendors for purchases applicable to purchase laws.

**Effect:** The Town was out of compliance with state purchase law requirements.

**Recommendation:** The Town should implement adequate internal controls over all purchases to ensure that the Town strictly adheres to the purchase laws in all departments of the Town.

**Response:** The Town will take the necessary steps to ensure that controls over purchasing are revised to guarantee future compliance.

**TOWN OF ACKERMAN, MISSISSIPPI**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES**  
**September 30, 2022**

***SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY AND NONCOMPLIANCE NO. 2022-003***

**Repeat Finding:** No

**Criteria:** The Town is required, by state statutes, to prepare a budget for all required governmental funds of the Town and to monitor and modify the budget as necessary to ensure all expenditures are within the budgeted amounts.

**Condition:** The Town had a budget overage in two expenditure categories for the year ended September 30, 2022.

**Cause:** The Town did not properly amend the budget to prevent budget overages.

**Effect:** The Town was out of compliance with state budgeting requirements.

**Recommendation:** The Town should ensure that all expenditures are within the final amended budget amounts. The Town Clerk should generate monthly budget to actual revenue and expense reports that should be used to ensure budgets are amended before expenses are disbursed in excess of budgeted amounts.

**Response:** The Town will take steps necessary to provide the Board with accurate revenue and expense budget to actual comparisons on a monthly basis for all required accounts. The Town will take steps necessary to ensure that budgets are amended prior to budget overages occurring.