

**Morris County Appraisal District**  
**Financial Statements**  
**And Independent Auditor's Report**  
**As of December 31, 2019**

**Morris County Appraisal District**  
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Year ended December 31, 2019

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**UNQUALIFIED OPINION ON BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
ACCOMPANIED BY REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION AND OTHER  
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

Independent Auditor's Report

**Board of Directors  
Morris County Appraisal District  
Daingerfield, Texas**

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

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

**Opinions**

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

**Other Matters**

*Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary information on pages 3 through 7 and 12 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated January 17, 2020, on our consideration of the District'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 describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Arnold, Walker, Arnold & Co., P.C.*

January 17, 2020

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of Morris County Appraisal District, we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities and performance for the year ended December 31, 2019. The information presented here should be read in conjunction with the independent auditor's report and the District's financial statements.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The District's total net position was \$109 thousand at December 31, 2019. During the year, the District's revenues approximately the same as expenditures.

The total cost of all the District's activities was \$584 thousand. Expenses were \$15 thousand less than budgeted.

The general fund balance is \$108 thousand at December 31, 2019.

The District continues to remain debt free.

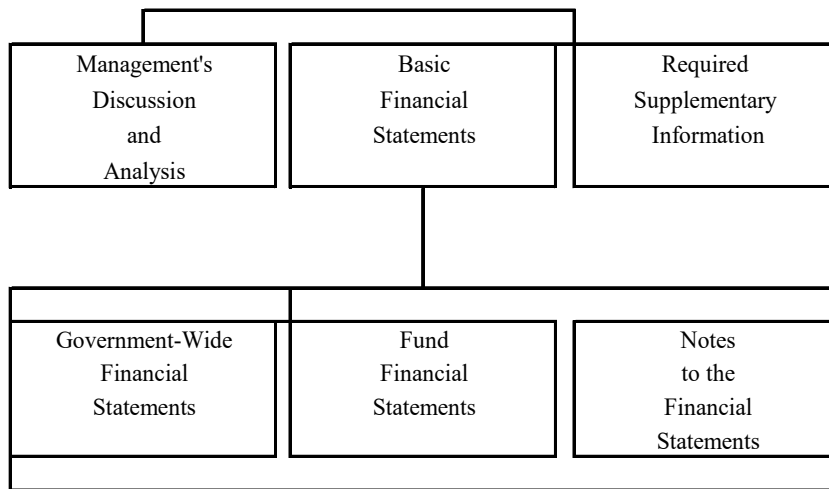
Approximately \$15 thousand was refunded to the serviced entities during 2019.

## OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of three parts--*management's discussion and analysis* (this section), the *basic financial statements*, and *required supplementary information*. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the District:

- The first two statements are *government-wide financial statements* that provide information about the District's activities as a whole and present a longer-term view of the District's property and debt obligations. They reflect the flow of total economic resources in a manner similar to the financial reports of a business enterprise.
- The remaining statements are *fund financial statements* that focus on *individual parts* of the government, reporting the District's operations in *more detail* than the government-wide statements.
- The *governmental funds* statements tell how *general government* services were financed in the *short term* as well as what remains for future spending.

Figure A-1. Required Components of the District's Annual Financial Report



Summary ⇌ Detail

The financial statements also include *notes* that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of *required supplementary information* that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements. Figure A-1 shows how the required parts of this annual report are arranged and related to one another.

Figure A-2 summarizes the major features of the District's financial statements, including the portion of the District government they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis explains the structure and contents of each of the statements.

Figure A-2. Major Features of the District's Government-wide Fund Financial Statements		
Type of Statements	Government-wide	Governmental Funds
Scope	Entire District's government (except fiduciary funds) and the District's component units	The activities of the District that are not proprietary or fiduciary
Required financial statements	Statement of net position	Balance sheet
	Statement of activities	Statement of revenues, Expenditures & changes in fund balances
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus
Type of asset/liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter, no capital assets included
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and payment is due during the year or soon after

### Government-wide Statements

The government-wide statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes *all* of the government's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the District's *net position* and how they have changed. Net position-the difference between the District's assets and liabilities-is one way to measure the District's financial health or *position*.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position are an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.

The government-wide financial statements of the District include the *Governmental activities*. Assessing and collecting fees for services finance most of these activities.

### Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's most significant *funds*-not the District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes.

The District has one fund:

- *Governmental funds*-Most of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on (1) how *cash and other financial assets* that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental fund statements provide a detailed *short-term* view that helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, additional information is provided that explains the relationship (or differences) between them.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

Net position. The District's combined net position was approximately \$109 thousand at December 31, 2019.

Table A-1  
The District's Net Position  
(in thousands of dollars)

	2019	2018
Current and other assets	289	277
Capital and non-current assets	-	2
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>279</b>
Long-term liabilities	-	-
Other liabilities	180	171
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>171</b>
Invested in capital assets	-	2
Restricted	109	106
Unrestricted	-	-
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>108</b>

Net position invested in capital assets reflects the book value of the District's capital assets in excess of the debt which financed those assets.

Net position of the District increased from \$108 thousand to \$109 thousand. The District's revenues were \$2 thousand more than expenditures. The District recorded depreciation of \$2 thousand.

**Changes in net position.**

The District's total revenues were \$584 thousand.

The total cost of all programs was \$583 thousand. Approximately 66% of this was for salaries and benefits.

Net position increased by \$1 thousand.

Table A-2  
The District's Changes in Net Position  
(in thousands of dollars)

	Governmental Activities	
	2019	2018
<b>Revenues</b>		
<u>Program Revenues</u>		
Charges for Services	577	580
Operating Grants and Contributions	-	-
<u>General Revenues</u>		
Investment earnings	-	-
Other	7	11
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>591</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Tax appraisal and collection	583	594
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>594</b>
Transfers in (out)	-	-
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Position</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(3)</b>
<b>Beginning Net Position</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>111</b>
<b>Ending Net Position</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>108</b>



## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

The District reported fund balance in its governmental funds of approximately \$109 thousand at December 31, 2019.

### General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The budget was not amended significantly this year. \$597 thousand was budgeted to be spent. \$582 thousand was actually spent.

## CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

### Capital Assets

Table A-3  
District's Capital Assets  
(in thousands of dollars)

	Governmental Activities	
	2019	2018
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	<u>32</u>	<u>32</u>
Totals at historical cost	<u>32</u>	<u>32</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(32)</u>	<u>(30)</u>
Net capital assets	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>2</u></u>

### Long-Term Debt

The District has no long-term debt.

## ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The District's Board and management considered many factors when setting the 2020 budget. Growth and economic conditions were considered. Both continue to be excellent with continued growth in population and continued business expansion. The expenditure budget was increased. There were no significant increases budgeted. Appraisal and reappraisal continued. It is anticipated that the equity position will continue to remain about the same. The financial position will remain adequate to meet the needs of the County.

The District continues to annually reserve certain amounts for legal services, technology and contingencies.

## CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of District's finances for all those with an interest in the District's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be directed to the Chief Appraiser's office.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT WIDE STATEMENTS

**Morris County Appraisal District**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
As of December 31, 2019

	Governmental Activities
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	288,629
Total current assets	<u>288,629</u>
Capital assets	
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	31,918
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(31,918)</u>
Total capital assets	<u>-</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>288,629</u></u>
 <b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	9,100
Advance payments by entities	150,762
Refund due to entities	<u>20,023</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>179,885</u>
Non-current liabilities	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>179,885</u></u>
 <b>NET POSITION</b>	
Invested in capital assets	-
Reserved for mapping, technology and contingencies	108,744
Unrestricted	<u>-</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>108,744</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**Morris County Appraisal District**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
 For the year ended December 31, 2019

	Program Revenues			Net (Expense)
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Revenue and Changes in Net Position
				Governmental Activities
<b>Primary Government:</b>				
<b>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</b>				
Tax appraisal and collection	583,878	577,044	-	(6,834)
Total primary government	583,878	577,044	-	(6,834)
 General Revenues				
Investment earnings				244
Miscellaneous				7,114
Total General Revenues				7,358
 Other Sources (Uses)				
Change in Net Position				524
 Net Position -- Beginning				108,220
Net Position -- Ending				108,744

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

GOVERNMENTAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**Morris County Appraisal District**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
As of December 31, 2019

	Fund
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	288,629
Total assets	288,629
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	9,100
Advance payments by entities	150,762
Refund due to entities	20,023
Total liabilities	179,885
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	
Committed - mapping, technology and contingencies	108,744
Unassigned	-
Total fund balance	108,744
Total liabilities and fund balance	288,629

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**Morris County Appraisal District**  
 RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
 For the year ended December 31, 2019

<b>Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds</b>	108,744
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in governmental funds. At the beginning of the year, the cost of these assets was \$31,918 and the accumulated depreciation was \$30,107. The net effect of including the beginning balances for capital assets (net of depreciation) is to increase net position.	1,811
Capital outlay capitalized current year.	-
The 2019 depreciation expense increases accumulated depreciation. The net effect of the current year's depreciation is to decrease net position.	<u>(1,811)</u>
Net Position, of Governmental Activities	<u><u>108,744</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.



**Morris County Appraisal District**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCE--BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
 For the year ended December 31, 2019

	<u>Budget*</u>	<u>Actual**</u>	Variance Favorable <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
REVENUE			
Appraisal fees and collection fees	597,067	577,044	(20,023)
Interest income and other	-	7,358	7,358
Total revenue	<u>597,067</u>	<u>584,402</u>	<u>(12,665)</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and benefits	386,867	384,335	2,532
Appraisal services	55,000	54,882	118
Computer services	39,000	35,240	3,760
Other professional services	46,100	39,502	6,598
Supplies, postage and materials	29,300	26,782	2,518
Travel, per diem, hotels	22,500	22,524	(24)
General administration	18,300	18,802	(502)
Capital outlay	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>597,067</u>	<u>582,067</u>	<u>15,000</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	2,335	2,335
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>106,409</u>	<u>106,409</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u><u>106,409</u></u>	<u><u>108,744</u></u>	<u><u>2,335</u></u>

\*The original budget was not amended in total.

\*\*Actual fees net of \$20,023 to be refunded to entities.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**Morris County Appraisal District**  
 RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
 for the year ended December 31, 2019

<b>Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds</b>	2,335
Capital outlay capitalized current year.	-
Depreciation is not recognized as an expense in governmental funds since it does not require the use of current financial resources. The net effect of the current year's depreciation is to decrease net assets.	<u>(1,811)</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>524</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**Morris County Appraisal District**  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 2019

**I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Morris County Appraisal District is a governmental unit under the applicable laws and regulations of the State of Texas. It is governed by a Board of Directors appointed by the entities for which the District appraises property. The District prepares its basic financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

**A. REPORTING ENTITY**

The District has the authority to make decisions and significantly influence operations. It has the primary accountability for fiscal matters. Therefore, the District is a financial reporting entity as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) in its Statement No. 14, “The Financial Reporting Entity.” There are no component units included within the reporting entity.

At December 31, 2019, the District has 9 appraisal agreements and 8 collection agreements with taxing entities.

**B. FORMATION**

Morris County Appraisal District was formed under a Senate Bill for the purpose of reappraisal of all property in Morris County. The assessed valuation determined by the Appraisal District will be used by all taxing entities in the District. Funding for the District comes from each taxing entity each year based on an approved budget.

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

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities are government-wide financial statements. They report information on all of the District’s activities. *Governmental activities* include programs supported primarily by taxes, charges for services, grants and other intergovernmental revenues. Business type activities include operations that rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. The District has no business type activities. All of the District’s support comes from the entities that the District appraises and collects taxes for except for a small amount of interest income and miscellaneous other income. A budget is adopted each year by the Board and is also approved by the entities.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates how other people or entities that participate in the programs the District operates have shared in the payment of those costs. The “charges for services” column includes payments made by the entities for appraising and miscellaneous charges to customers such as copying documents. The “grants and contributions” column includes amounts paid by organizations outside the District to help meet the operational or capital requirements of a given function. The District had no grants and contributions this year. If a revenue is not a program revenue, it is a general revenue used to support all of the District’s functions.

The fund financial statements provide reports on the financial condition and results of operations of the District’s one fund category. The District has only one fund, the general fund, and it is a major fund. There are no proprietary funds.

**D. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The government-wide financial statements use the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows, appraisal and collection fees are recognized in the year for which they are budgeted.

Governmental fund financial statements use the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets, current liabilities and fund balances are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present net increases and decreases in current assets (i.e., revenues and other financing sources and expenditures and other financing uses).

The modified accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues in the accounting period in which they become both measurable and available, and it recognizes expenditures in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable, except for unmatured interest and principal on long-term debt, which is recognized when due.

**E. FUND ACCOUNTING**

The District reports the following major governmental fund:

1. **The General Fund** - The general fund is the District’s operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the District.

**Morris County Appraisal District**  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 2019

**F. OTHER ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

1. Investments (certificates of deposit) are stated at cost.
2. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.
3. Capital assets, which include office equipment and furniture and fixtures are reported in the applicable governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Depreciation is computed using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Furniture and equipment	3-10
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4. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.
5. The governmental fund financials present fund balance categorized based on the nature and extent of the constraints placed on the specific purposes for which a government's funds may be spent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints:

Nonspendable fund balance – amounts that are not in spendable form (such as prepaid items) or are required to be maintained intact.

Restricted fund balance – amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance – amounts constrained to specific purposes by the District itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority (i.e., Board of Directors). To be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the District takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint.

Assigned fund balance – amounts the District intends to use for a specific purpose. Intent can be expressed by the Board of Directors or by an official or body to which the Board of Directors delegates the authority.

Unassigned fund balance – amounts that represent fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. Other governmental funds might report a negative balance in this classification, as the result of overspending for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned. Positive balances are reported only in the general fund.

Sometimes the District will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the government fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the District's policy to consider restricted fund balance to have been depleted before using any components of the unrestricted fund balance. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, restricted fund balance is depleted first, followed by unrestricted fund balance – committed and assigned, in order as needed. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

**II. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the general fund. This budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. The budget was not amended during the year.

Custodial Credit Risk for Deposits State law requires governmental entities to contract with financial institutions in which funds will be deposited to secure those deposits with insurance or pledged securities with a fair value equaling or exceeding the amount on deposit at the end of each business day. The pledged securities must be in the name of the governmental entity and held by the entity or its agent. Since the District complies with this law, it has no custodial credit risk for deposits.

**Morris County Appraisal District**  
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
 December 31, 2019

**III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS**

**A. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS**

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

District Policies and Legal and Contractual Provisions Governing Deposits

Foreign Currency Risk The District has no investments in foreign currency.

As of December 31, 2019, the following are the District's cash and cash equivalents with respective maturities and credit rating:

<u>Type of Deposit</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Maturity in Less than 1 year</u>	<u>Maturity in 1- 10 Years</u>	<u>Maturity in Over 10 Years</u>	<u>Credit Rating</u>
Cash, Money Markets and FDIC Insured Accounts	288,629	288,629	-	-	N/A
<b>Total Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>288,629</b>	<b>288,629</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	

In addition, the following is disclosed regarding coverage of combined balances on the date of highest deposit:

- a. Depository: First National Bank – Hughes Springs
- b. The market value of securities pledged and letter of credit available on December 31, 2019 was \$1,100,000.
- c. The bank balances of cash, savings, and time deposit accounts amounted to \$295,000 at December 31, 2019.
- d. Total amount of FDIC coverage at the time of the highest combined balance was \$250,000.

**Investments**

District Policies and Legal and Contractual Provisions Governing Investments

**Compliance with the Public Funds Investment Act**

The **Public Funds Investment Act** (Government Code Chapter 2256) contains specific provisions in the areas of investment practices, management reports, and establishment of appropriate policies. Among other things, it requires a governmental entity to adopt, implement, and publicize an investment policy. That policy must address the following areas: (1) safety of principal and liquidity, (2) portfolio diversification, (3) allowable investments, (4) acceptable risk levels, (5) expected rates of return, (6) maximum allowable stated maturity of portfolio investments, (7) maximum average dollar-weighted maturity allowed based on the stated maturity date for the portfolio, (8) investment staff quality and capabilities, (9) and bid solicitation preferences for certificates of deposit.

Statutes authorize the entity to invest in (1) obligations of the U.S. Treasury, certain U.S. agencies, and the State of Texas and its agencies; (2) guaranteed or secured certificates of deposit issued by state and national banks domiciled in Texas; (3) obligations of states, agencies, counties, cities and other political subdivisions of any state having been rated as to investment quality not less than an "A"; (4) No load money market funds with a weighted average maturity of 90 days or less; (5) fully collateralized repurchase agreements; (6) commercial paper having a stated maturity of 270 days or less from the date of issuance and is not rated less than A-1 or P-1 by two nationally recognized credit rating agencies OR one nationally recognized credit agency and is fully secured by an irrevocable letter of credit; (7) secured corporate bonds rated not lower than "AA-" or the equivalent; (8) public funds investment pools; and (9) guaranteed investment contracts for bond proceeds investment only, with a defined termination date and secured by U.S. Government direct or agency obligations approved by the Texas public Funds Investment Act in an amount equal to the bond proceeds. The Act also requires the entity to have independent auditors perform test procedures related to investment practices as provided by the Act. Morris County Appraisal District is in substantial compliance with the requirements of the Act and with local policies.

Additional policies and contractual provisions governing investments for Morris County Appraisal District are specified below:

Credit Risk To limit the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations the District limits investments in commercial paper, corporate bonds, mutual bond funds to the top ratings issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (NRSROs).

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**A. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS continued**

Custodial Credit Risk for Investments To limit the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of investment or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party the District requires counterparties to register the securities in the name of the District and hand them over to the District or its designated agent. This includes securities in securities lending transactions. All of the securities are in the District's name and held by the District or its agent.

Concentration of Credit Risk To limit the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer, the District limits investments to less than 5% of its total investments. The District further limits investments in a single issuer when they would cause investment risks to be significantly greater in the governmental and business-type activities, individual major funds, aggregate non-major funds and fiduciary fund types than they are in the primary government. Usually this limitation is 20%.

Interest Rate Risk To limit the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of investments, the District requires all of the investment portfolio to have maturities of less than one year.

Foreign Currency Risk for Investments The District limits the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment by not allowing foreign investments.

The District categorizes its fair value measurements with the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. Investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient are not classified in the fair value hierarchy below. In instances where inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels in the above fair value hierarchy, fair value measurements in their entirety are categorized based on the lowest level input that is significant to the valuation. The District's assessment of the significance of particular inputs to these fair value measurements requires judgment and considers factors specific to each asset or liability.

**B. CAPITAL ASSET ACTIVITY**

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

	Primary Government				<u>Ending Balance</u>
	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	
	Governmental Activities:				
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	31,918	-	-	-	31,918
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(30,107)</u>	<u>(1,811)</u>	-	-	<u>(31,918)</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>1,811</u>	<u>(1,811)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**C. RETIREMENT PLAN**

The District provides a defined contributions retirement plan for full-time employees. Employee members of the plan contribute 8%, with the District contributing 12%. All employees are required to participate in the plan, with no age or service requirements for participation. Employees are vested and eligible for retirement at age 62.

Employer contributions to the plan for the year 2019 were approximately \$34,000.

The plan is administered by Lincoln Financial Group. Additional information regarding the plan can be found in the "Annual Valuation and Report" for the year ended December 31, 2019. The Texas Pension Review Board requires reporting annually.

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**D. HEALTH CARE COVERAGE**

During the year ended December 31, 2019, employees of Morris County Appraisal District were covered by a health insurance plan (the Plan). The District contributed 100% of the health insurance premiums per pay period per employee to the Plan. The employees, at their option, authorized payroll withholdings to pay any premium for their dependents. All contributions were paid to a licensed insurer.

The contract between the District and the licensed insurer is renewable annually and terms of coverage and contribution costs are included in the contractual provisions.

**E. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

Various taxpayer appraisal valuation disputes inevitable arise during the year. Most are settled by negotiations during taxpayer meetings with the chief appraiser and/or Appraisal Review Board (ARB), which is appointed by the Board.

**F. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss to torts of theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal 2019, the District purchased commercial insurance to cover general liabilities. There were no significant reductions in coverage in the past fiscal year, and there were no settlements exceeding insurance coverage for each of the past three fiscal years.

**G. RESTRICTED / RESERVED FUND EQUITY**

Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

The District plans to refund approximately \$20,000 to the entities it serves during 2020. Such amount is an excess of collections for service over related budgeted expenditures during 2019.

**H. LITIGATION**

The District has no significant pending litigation at December 31, 2019.

**I. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The District has evaluated subsequent events through January 17, 2020, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

INTERNAL CONTROL SECTION





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*

**Board of Directors**  
**Morris County Appraisal District**  
**Daingerfield, Texas**

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Morris County Appraisal District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 17, 2020.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the 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 the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District'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 determination of financial statement amounts. 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arnold, Walker, Arnold & Co., P.C.

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January 17, 2020

**Morris County Appraisal District**  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
For the year ended December 31, 2019

Type of Report on Financial Statements:	Unqualified
Control Deficiencies:	None
Material Weaknesses Involving Control Deficiencies:	None
Noncompliance Material to the Financial Statements:	None
Questioned Costs:	None

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SCHEDULE OF STATUS OF PRIOR FINDINGS  
For the year ended December 31, 2019

N/A

**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**  
For the year ended December 31, 2019

N/A