

November 15, 2023

Board of Directors
Morris County Appraisal District
Daingerfield, Texas

We have audited the statement of assets and liabilities arising from cash transactions and the related statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in cash of the Morris County Appraisal District's Collection Fund as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated October 30, 2023. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the District are described in Note 1-C to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2023. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

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

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

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

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. No material misstatements, either individually or in the aggregate were noted.

Disagreements with Management

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

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated November 15, 2023.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

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

Respectfully,

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

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**MORRIS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
COLLECTIONS FUND
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

FINANCIAL SECTION



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors
Morris County Appraisal District
Daingerfield, Texas

Opinions

We have audited the statement of assets and liabilities arising from cash transactions of the Morris County Appraisal District's Collection Fund (a tax collections agency fund of (Morris County Appraisal District) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023 and the related statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in cash for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the assets and liabilities arising from cash transactions of the Morris County Appraisal District's Collection Fund at September 30, 2023, and its receipts and disbursements during the year then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1-C.

Basis for Opinion

We draw attention to Note 1-C of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are 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 that matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Morris County Appraisal District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are 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 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 statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted 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 District'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 District'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.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**MORRIS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
AGENCY FUND
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

ASSETS

Cash on hand and in bank	<u>148,306</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>148,306</u></u>

LIABILITIES

Due to Taxing Entities	102,794
Due to Others	29,155
Escrow	<u>16,357</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>148,306</u></u>

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

**MORRIS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
AGENCY FUND
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

	Balances October 1, 2022	Additions	Deductions	Balances September 30, 2023
ASSETS				
Cash	132,850	17,689,341	17,673,885	148,306
Total Assets	<u>132,850</u>	<u>17,689,341</u>	<u>17,673,885</u>	<u>148,306</u>
LIABILITIES				
Due to taxing entities	95,561	17,458,003	17,450,770	102,794
Due to others	26,808	179,455	177,108	29,155
Escrow	10,481	51,883	46,007	16,357
Total Liabilities	<u>132,850</u>	<u>17,689,341</u>	<u>17,673,885</u>	<u>148,306</u>

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**MORRIS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
AGENCY FUND
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

NOTE 1--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

A. REPORTING ENTITY

The Morris County Appraisal District (the District) is a political subdivision of the State of Texas. It is responsible for the appraising of property for ad valorem tax purposes for each taxing unit that imposes ad valorem taxes on property in Morris County. The Morris County Appraisal District Collection Fund (the Fund) originated in 1984 when the District began collecting taxes for the jurisdictions. During this fiscal year the Fund collected for nine entities within the county. The Fund is governed by a board of directors chosen by vote of the governing bodies of the taxing jurisdictions in the District. Board members serve two-year terms.

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION -- FUND ACCOUNTING

Agency (Collection) Funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of operations and provide the most appropriate mechanism for accounting for assets and liabilities. The District's Collection Fund is used to account for the collection of ad valorem taxes, penalty and interest, and attorney fees collected for each taxing jurisdiction that has contracted with the District for collection.

C. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Fund is accounted for using the cash basis of accounting.

NOTE 2--LIABILITIES

Liabilities of the Fund are comprised of collections not yet remitted to the various entities or accounts. These include:

- A. Due to taxing entities
- B. Due to others- Morris County Appraisal District General Fund and Attorney
- C. Escrows

NOTE 3--SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through November 15, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no subsequent events noted.