

Morris County Appraisal District
Financial Statements
And Independent Auditor's Report
As of December 31, 2021

Morris County Appraisal District
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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, 2021, 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, 2021, 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, 12 and 23 through 26 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 February 9, 2022, 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.

February 9, 2022

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, 2021. 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 \$161 thousand at December 31, 2021. During the year, the District's revenues approximately the same as expenditures.

The total cost of all the District's activities was \$594 thousand. Expenses were \$10 thousand less than budgeted.

The general fund balance is \$109 thousand at December 31, 2021.

The District continues to remain debt free.

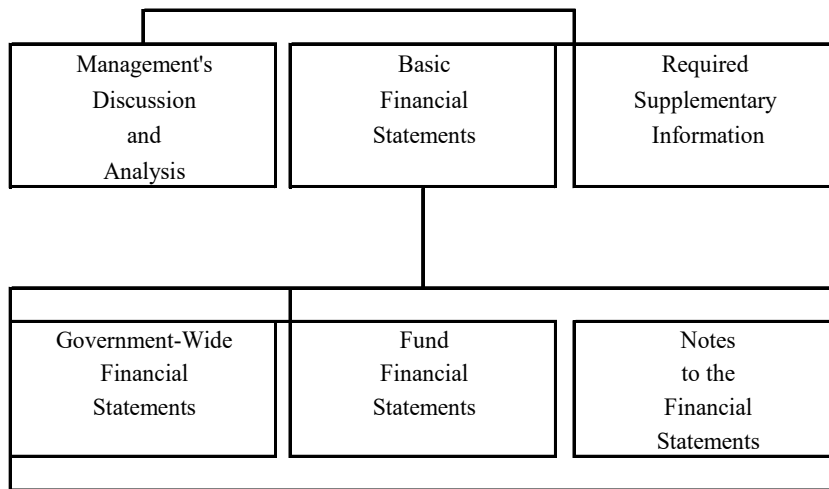
Approximately \$45 thousand was refunded to the serviced entities during 2021.

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 \$161 thousand at December 31, 2021.

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

	2021	2020
Current and other assets	307	315
Capital and non-current assets	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	307	315
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	52	-
Long-term liabilities	-	-
Other liabilities	198	206
TOTAL LIABILITIES	198	206
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	-	-
Invested in capital assets	-	-
Reserved	161	109
Unrestricted	-	-
TOTAL NET POSITION	161	109

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 to \$161 thousand. The District's revenues were more than the expenditures by \$36 thousand. The District recorded no depreciation.

Changes in net position.

The District's total revenues were \$629 thousand.

The total cost of all programs was \$542 thousand. Approximately 64% of this was for salaries and benefits.

Net position remained the same.

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

	Governmental Activities	
	2021	2020
Revenues		
<u>Program Revenues</u>		
Charges for Services	603	603
Operating Grants and Contributions	-	-
<u>General Revenues</u>		
Investment earnings	-	-
Other	26	42
Total Revenues	629	645
Expenses		
Tax appraisal and collection	542	600
Total Expenses	542	600
Other sources (uses) - Refund to entites	(35)	(45)
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	52	-
Beginning Net Position	109	109
Ending Net Position	161	109

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

The District reported fund balance in its governmental funds of approximately \$109 thousand at December 31, 2021.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The budget was not amended significantly this year. \$603 thousand was budgeted to be spent. \$594 thousand was actually spent.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

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

	Governmental Activities	
	2021	2020
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>(32)</u>
Net capital assets	<u>-</u>	<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 2022 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, 2021

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	306,980
Total current assets	<u>306,980</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>306,980</u></u>
 DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred resource outflows TCDRS pensions	<u>52,276</u>
 LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	11,026
Advance payments by entities	151,630
Refund due to entities	<u>35,000</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>197,656</u>
Net pension liability	<u>411</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>198,067</u>
 DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred resources inflows TCDRS pensions	<u>-</u>
 NET POSITION	
Invested in capital assets	-
Reserved for mapping, technology and contingencies	161,189
Unrestricted	<u>-</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>161,189</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, 2021

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Services</u>	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Activities</u>
Primary Government:				
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES				
Tax appraisal and collection	541,711	603,047	-	61,336
Total primary government	541,711	603,047	-	61,336
 General Revenues				
Investment earnings				136
Miscellaneous				25,973
Total General Revenues				26,109
 Other Sources (Uses) - Refund to entities				(35,000)
Change in Net Position				52,445
 Net Position -- Beginning				108,744
Net Position -- Ending				161,189

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, 2021

	Fund
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	306,980
Total assets	306,980
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	11,026
Advance payments by entities	151,630
Refund due to entities	35,000
Total liabilities	197,656
FUND BALANCE	
Committed - mapping, technology and contingencies	109,324
Unassigned	-
Total fund balance	109,324
Total liabilities and fund balance	306,980

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, 2021

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	109,324
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 \$31,918. The net effect of including the beginning balances for capital assets (net of depreciation) is to increase net position.	-
The 2021 depreciation expense increases accumulated depreciation. The net effect of the current year's depreciation is to decrease net position.	-
Capital outlay 2021. (see Note I.F.1.)	-
Recognition of the District's net pension (liability), asset not reported in funds.	(411)
Deferred resource outflows related to the pension plan not reported in funds.	52,276
Deferred resource inflows related to the pension plan not reported in funds.	<u>-</u>
Net Position, of Governmental Activities	<u><u>161,189</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, 2021

	<u>Budget*</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUE			
Appraisal fees and collection fees	603,047	603,047	-
Interest income and other	-	26,109	26,109
Total revenue	<u>603,047</u>	<u>629,156</u>	<u>26,109</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and benefits	390,541	383,358	7,183
Appraisal services	60,500	56,094	4,406
Computer services	39,000	38,840	160
Other professional services	44,520	44,828	(308)
Supplies, postage and materials	28,486	28,158	328
Travel, per diem, hotels	23,000	25,096	(2,096)
General administration	17,000	17,202	(202)
Total expenditures	<u>603,047</u>	<u>593,576</u>	<u>9,471</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>35,580</u>	<u>35,580</u>
OTHER SOURCES/ (USES)			
Refund to entities	<u>-</u>	<u>(35,000)</u>	<u>(35,000)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	-	580	580
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>108,744</u>	<u>108,744</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u><u>108,744</u></u>	<u><u>109,324</u></u>	<u><u>580</u></u>

*The original budget was not amended in total.

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, 2021

Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	580
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 position.	-
Capital outlay 2021. (see Note I.F.1.)	-
Pension contributions made after the measurement date but in the current year were de-expensed and reduced the net pension liability.	31,171
The District's share of the unrecognized inflows and outflows for the pension plan were recorded and amortized.	20,629
Pension expense related to GASB 68 is recorded in the Statement of Activities but not in the funds.	<u>65</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>52,445</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Morris County Appraisal District
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2021

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.

Pensions. The fiduciary net position of the Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS) has been determined using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting. This includes for purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, pension expense, and information about assets, liabilities and additions to/deductions from TCERS's fiduciary net position. Benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

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, 2021, 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.

Morris County Appraisal District
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
At December 31, 2021

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.

E. OTHER ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. 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.
2. 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.

Leasehold improvements are depreciated using the straight line method over estimated useful lives of 20-30 years. Furniture, equipment and technology are depreciated similarly over 3-7 years.
3. 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.
4. 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.

5. For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the Fiduciary Net Position of the Texas County & District Retirement System (TCDRS) and additions to/deductions from TCERS's Fiduciary Net Position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TCERS. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized in the period the compensation is reported for the employee, which is when contributions are legally due. Benefit payments and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.
6. It is the District's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused absence benefits. All projected sick leave is reported as a liability. At December 31, 2021, \$10,566 is reported as a liability in the financial statements.

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.

Morris County Appraisal District
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 At December 31, 2021

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

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.

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

As of December 31, 2021, 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	306,980	306,980	-	-	N/A
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	306,980	306,980	-	-	

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, 2021 was in excess of \$1,000,000.
- c. The bank balances of cash, savings, and time deposit accounts amounted to \$320,000 at December 31, 2021.
- 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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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, 2021, was as follows:

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

C. RETIREMENT PLAN

Plan Description

The District provides retirement, disability, and death benefits for all of its full-time employees through a nontraditional defined benefit plan in the state-wide Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS). The Board of Trustees of TCERS is responsible for the administration of the state-wide agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system consisting of over 600 nontraditional defined benefit pension plans. TCERS in the aggregate issues a comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) on a calendar year basis. The CAFR is available upon written request from the Board of Trustees at P.O. Box 2034, Austin, Texas 78768-2034.

The plan provisions are adopted by the governing body of the District, within the options available in the Texas state statutes governing TCERS (TCERS Act). Members can retire at ages 60 and above with 8 or more years of service or with 30 years of service regardless of age or when the sum of their age and years of service equals 80 or more. A member is vested after 8 years of service but must leave his accumulated contributions in the plan to receive any employer-financed benefit. If a member withdraws his personal contributions in a lump-sum, he is not entitled to any amounts contributed by the employer.

All eligible employees of the District are required to participate in the TCERS.

Benefits Provided

TCERS provides retirement, disability and death benefits. Benefit provisions are adopted by the governing body of the District, within the options available in the state statutes governing TCERS.

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C. RETIREMENT PLAN continued

Benefit amounts are determined by the sum of the employee's contributions to the plan, with interest, and employer-financed monetary credits. The level of these monetary credits is adopted by the governing body of the employer within actuarial constraints imposed by the TCDRS Act so that the resulting benefits can be expected to be adequately financed by the employer's commitment to contribute. At retirement, death, or disability, the benefit is calculated as if the sum of the employee's accumulated contributions and the employer-financed monetary credits to a monthly annuity using annuity purchase rates prescribed by the TCDRS Act.

Employees covered by benefit terms.

At December 31, 2020 valuation and measurement date, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	-
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	-
Active employees	<u>6</u>
	6

Contributions

The employer has elected the annually determined contribution rate (Variable-Rate) plan provisions of the TCDRS Act. The plan is funded by monthly contributions from both employee members and the employer based on the covered payroll of employee members. Under the TCDRS Act, the contribution rate of the employer is actuarially determined annually.

Employees for the District were required to contribute 7% of their annual gross earnings during the fiscal year. The contribution rate for the District was 10.38%. The District's contributions to TCDRS for the year ended December 31, 2021, were \$31,170, and were equal to the required contributions.

Net Pension Liability

The District's Net Pension Liability (NPL) was measured as of December 31, 2020, and the Total Pension Liability (TPL) used to calculate the Net Pension Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial assumptions:

The Total Pension Liability in the December 31, 2020 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation	2.50% per year
Overall payroll growth	5.00% per year
Investment Rate of Return	7.50% net of pension plan investment expenses, including inflation

Demographic and economic assumptions are used to estimate employer liabilities and to determine the amount of funding required from employer contributions as opposed to investment earnings. These assumptions reflect a long-term perspective of 30 years or more. Examples of key economic assumptions include long-term investment return, long-term inflation and annual payroll increase.

Demographic assumptions are the actuary's best estimate of what will happen to TCDRS members and retirees. Examples of demographic assumptions are employment termination rates, retirement rates and retiree mortality rates. A complete listing of all actuarial assumptions can be found in the annual system-wide valuation report.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.50%. The pension plan's policy in regard to the allocation of invested assets is established and may be amended by the TCDRS Board of Trustees. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with an emphasis on both capital appreciation as well as the production of income, in order to satisfy the short-term and long-term funding needs of TCDRS.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

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C. RETIREMENT PLAN continued

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Geometric Real Rate of Return
US Equity	11.50%	4.25%
International Equity	13.50%	4.25-4.75%
Various	19.00%	0.00-5.70%
Hedge Funds	6.00%	1.85%
Private Equity	25.00%	7.25%
Direct Lending	16.00%	6.70%
Strategic Credit	<u>9.00%</u>	2.11%
Total	100.00%	

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the Total Pension Liability was 7.60%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee and employer contributions will be made at the rates specified in statute. Based on that assumption, the pension plan's Fiduciary Net Position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the Total Pension Liability.

Changes in the Net Pension Liability

	Increase (decrease)		
	Total Pension Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability (a) - (b)
Balance at December 31, 2019	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	4,170	-	4,170
Interest	338	-	338
Change of benefit terms	-	-	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	3	-	3
Changes of assumptions	380	-	380
Contributions - employer	-	2,595	(2,595)
Contributions - employee	-	1,750	(1,750)
Net investment income	-	9	(9)
Benefit payments, including refund of employee contributions	-	-	-
Administrative expense	-	(3)	3
Other changes	-	129	(129)
Net changes	<u>\$ 4,891</u>	<u>\$ 4,480</u>	<u>\$ 411</u>
Balance at December 31, 2020	<u>\$ 4,891</u>	<u>\$ 4,480</u>	<u>\$ 411</u>

Sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate

The following presents the net pension liability of the District, calculated using the discount rate of 7.60%, as well as what the District's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.60%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.60%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease in Discount Rate 6.60%	Discount Rate 7.60%	1% Increase in Discount Rate 8.60%
District's net pension liability	\$ 1,352	\$ 411	\$ (330)

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C. RETIREMENT PLAN continued

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan’s Fiduciary Net Position is available in a separately-issued TCDRS financial report. That report may be obtained on the Internet at www.tcdrs.com.

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

For the year ended December 31, 2021, the District recognized pension expense of \$31,170.

At December 31, 2021, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	3	-
Changed is actuarial assumptions	338	-
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	135	-
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	51,800	-
Total	52,276	-

Amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, excluding contributions made subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended December 31:	
2021	76
2022	76
2023	76
2024	75
2025	42
Thereafter	131

H. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB)

The District also participates in the cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit group-term life insurance plan operated by the TMRS known as the Supplemental Death Benefits Fund ("SDBF"). The District elected, by ordinance, to provide group-term life insurance coverage to both current and retired employees. The City may terminate coverage under and discontinue participation in the SDBF by adopting an ordinance before November 1, of any year to be effective the following January 1.

The death benefit for active employees provides a lump-sum payment approximately equal to the employee's annual salary (calculated based on the employee's actual earnings, for the 12-month period preceding the month of death); retired employees are insured for \$5,000; this coverage is an "other postemployment benefit", or OPEB.

The City contributes to the SDBF at a contractually required rate as determined by an annual actuarial valuation. The rate is equal to the cost of providing one-year term life insurance. The funding policy for the SDBF program is to assure that adequate resources are available to meet all death benefit payments for the upcoming year; the intent is not to pre-fund retiree term life insurance during employees' entire careers.

Total OPEB Liability

The Morris County Appraisal District's total OPEB liability of \$0 was measured as of December 31, 2020, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

The total OPEB liability in the December 31, 2020 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	N\A
Salary increases	N\A
Discount rate*	2.12%

*The discount rate was base of the Fidelity Index’s “20-Year Municipal GO AA index” rate as of December 31, 2020.

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H. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) continued

Mortality rates - service retirees

RP2000 Combined Mortality Table with Blue Collar Adjustment with male rates multiplied by 109% and female rates multiplied by 103% and projected on a fully generational basis with scale BB.

Mortality rates - disabled retirees

RP2000 Combined Mortality Table with Blue Collar Adjustment with male rates multiplied by 109% and female rates multiplied by 103% with a 3 year set-forward for both males and females. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis with scale BB to account for future mortality improvements subject to the 3% floor.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2020 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period December 31, 2010 to December 31, 2014.

Membership

Number of:	
Inactive employees currently receiving benefits	0
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	0
Active employees	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>0</u>

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Total OPEB Liability - beginning of year	-
Changes of the year:	
Service goods	-
Interest on Total OPEB Liability	-
Changes in benefit terms	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	-
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	-
Benefit payments	<u>-</u>
Total OPEB Liability - end of year	<u><u>-</u></u>

The following presents the Total OPEB Liability of the Morris County Appraisal District, as well as what the District's Total OPEB Liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (1.12 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (3.12%) than the current discount rate.

	1% Decrease <u>(1.12%)</u>	Current Discount <u>(2.12%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(3.12%)</u>
Total OPEB Liability	-	-	-

Deferred (Inflows)/Outflows of Resources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	-	-
Changes in assumptions and other inputs	-	-
Contributions made subsequent to measurement date	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

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H. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) continued

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflow of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense follows:

	Net Deferred Outflows (Inflows) of Resources
2021	-
2022	-
2023	-
2024	-
2025	-
Thereafter	-
Total	-

D. HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

During the year ended December 31, 2021, 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 2021, 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 \$35,000 to the entities it serves during 2022. Such amount is an excess of collections for service over related budgeted expenditures during 2021.

H. LITIGATION

The District has no significant pending litigation at December 31, 2021 other than the type described at Note E.

I. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The District has evaluated subsequent events through February 9, 2022, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Morris County Appraisal District
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
 At December 31,

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total pension liability							
Service Cost	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,170
Interest (on the Total Pension Liability)	-	-	-	-	-	-	338
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Changes of assumptions	-	-	-	-	-	-	380
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net change in total pension liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,891
Total pension liability - beginning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total pension liability - ending	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,891
Plan fiduciary net position							
Contributions - employer	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,595
Contributions - employee	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,750
Net investment income	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3)
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	129
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,480
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plan fiduciary net position - ending	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,480
Net pension liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	411
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	91.59%
Covered-employee payroll	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,004
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.64%

NOTES:

Changes of benefit terms

There were no changes of benefit terms that affected measurement of the total pension liability during the measurement period.

Changes of assumptions

There were no changes of assumptions or other inputs that affected measurement of the total pension liability during the measurement period.

Morris County Appraisal District
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS - TCDRS

	<u>12/31/14</u>	<u>12/31/15</u>	<u>12/31/16</u>	<u>12/31/17</u>	<u>12/31/18</u>	<u>12/31/19</u>	<u>12/31/20</u>
Actuarially Determined Contribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,595
Contributions in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contributions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,595</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Covered Employee Payroll	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,004
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.38%

NOTES:

In accordance with GASB 68, Paragraph 138, only seven years of data are presented this reporting period. “The information for all periods for the 10-year schedules that are required to be presented as required supplementary information may not be available initially. In these cases, during the transition period, that information should be presented for as many years as are available. The schedules should not include information that is not measured in accordance with the requirements of this Statement.”

Morris County Appraisal District
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS – TCDRS

	December 31,			
	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total OPEB Liability				
Service Cost	-	-	-	-
Interest (on the Total OPEB Liability)	-	-	-	-
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	-	-	-	-
Changes of assumptions	-	-	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	-	-	-	-
Net change in total pension liability	-	-	-	-
Total OPEB Liability - beginning	-	-	-	-
Total OPEB Liability - ending	-	-	-	-
Covered employee payroll	-	-	-	25,004
Total OPEB Liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

See accompanying notes to these financial statements for more details.

Note: Years will continue to be added until there are 10 years for comparison.

Morris County Appraisal District
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS--OPEB

	<u>12/31/17</u>	<u>12/31/18</u>	<u>12/31/19</u>	<u>12/31/20</u>
Actuarially Determined Contribution	-	-	-	-
Contributions in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contributions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Covered Employee Payroll	-	-	-	25,004
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

NOTES:

In accordance with GASB 68, Paragraph 138, only four years of data are presented this reporting period. “The information for all periods for the 10-year schedules that are required to be presented as required supplementary information may not be available initially. In these cases, during the transition period, that information should be presented for as many years as are available. The schedules should not include information that is not measured in accordance with the requirements of this Statement.”

INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE 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, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 9, 2022.

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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February 9, 2022

Morris County Appraisal District
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the year ended December 31, 2021

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

Morris County Appraisal District
SCHEDULE OF STATUS OF PRIOR FINDINGS
For the year ended December 31, 2021

N/A

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
For the year ended December 31, 2021

N/A