

**Gunnison/Hinsdale Combined Emergency Telephone Service Authority**

**Financial Report**

**December 31, 2019**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**To the Board of Directors  
Gunnison/Hinsdale Combined Emergency Telephone Service Authority  
Gunnison, Colorado**

### ***Report on the Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the General Fund, and the General Fund budgetary comparison of the Gunnison/Hinsdale Combined Emergency Telephone Service Authority (the "Authority"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### ***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 of 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.

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**To the Board of Directors**

**Gunnison/Hinsdale Combined Emergency Telephone Service Authority**

**Gunnison, Colorado**

***Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the General Fund of the Gunnison/Hinsdale Combined Emergency Telephone Service Authority as of December 31, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position 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***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis in Section B 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 Management's Discussion and Analysis in Section B 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.

*McMahan and Associates, L.L.C.*

**McMahan and Associates, L.L.C.**

**July 15, 2020**

## **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

# ***Gunnison/Hinsdale Combined Emergency Telephone Service Authority***

## **Management's Discussion and Analysis December 31, 2019**

As management of the Gunnison/Hinsdale Combined Emergency Telephone Service Authority (the "Authority"), we offer readers of the Authority's financial statements this narrative summary of the financial activities of the Authority for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019.

### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Authority's basic financial statements. The Authority's basic financial statements are comprised of two components: 1) financial statements; and 2) notes to the financial statements. These components are discussed below.

**Financial Statements:** The financial statements are designed to provide readers with an overview of the Authority's finances, from both a short-term fund perspective and a long-term economic perspective.

The Balance Sheet/Statement of Net Position presents information on all the Authority's assets and liabilities (both short-term and long-term), with the difference between the two reported as fund balance or net position. The Balance Sheet column presents the financial position focusing on short-term available resources and is reported on a modified accrual basis of accounting. The Statement of Net Position column presents the financial position focusing on long-term economic resources and is reported on a full accrual basis. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Authority is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance/Statement of Activities shows how the government's fund balance and net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. Again, the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance column focuses on short-term available resources and is reported on a modified accrual basis. The Statement of Activities column focuses on long-term economic resources and is reported on a full accrual basis.

The Authority's financial statements can be found on pages C1 through C2 of this report.

The Authority adopts an annual appropriated budget for its only fund, the General Fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General Fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget. It can be found on page C3.

**Notes to the Financial Statements:** The notes provide a background of the entity, certain required statutes, and accounting policies utilized by the Authority. They also provide additional information that will aid in the interpretation of the financial statements. The Notes to the Financial Statements can be found on pages D1 through D9 of this report.

## Financial Analysis of the Authority

### Gunnison/Hinsdale Combined Emergency Telephone Service Authority's Net Position

Between December 31, 2018 and 2019, total assets of the Authority decreased by \$26,045. Capital assets of the Authority decreased by \$3,685 during 2019 as depreciation expense exceeded capital asset additions.

Between December 31, 2018 and 2019, total liabilities of the Authority increased by \$14,811. This change in liabilities is related to the timing of payments to vendors and typically varies on an annual basis.

Approximately 8% of the Authority's net position reflects its investment in capital assets, which include improvements and equipment. The Authority uses its capital assets to provide emergency services to its citizens; therefore, these assets are not available for future spending. Of the remaining \$141,735 of net position, \$6,500 has been restricted for emergencies. The remaining balance of \$135,235 may be used to meet the Authority's ongoing obligations relating to its operations.

	<u>12/31/19</u>	<u>12/31/18</u>
<b>Assets:</b>		
Current assets	\$ 184,832	207,192
Capital assets	12,683	16,368
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>197,515</u>	<u>223,560</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Current liabilities	43,097	28,286
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>43,097</u>	<u>28,286</u>
<b>Net Position:</b>		
Investment in capital assets	12,683	16,368
Restricted	6,500	6,500
Unrestricted	135,235	172,406
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u>\$ 154,418</u>	<u>195,274</u>

## Financial Analysis of the Authority (continued)

The Authority's net position decreased \$40,856 from the prior year. This change is summarized below:

### Gunnison/Hinsdale Combined Emergency Telephone Service Authority Change in Net Position

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Telephone surcharge	\$ 212,312	212,303
Other revenue	2,747	159
Earnings on investments	1,032	1,565
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>216,091</u>	<u>214,027</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Other purchased services	173,192	191,682
Telephone service	21,316	21,628
Repair and maintenance	36,860	4,892
Utilities	10,370	9,409
Professional services	5,411	5,186
Insurance	1,823	1,811
Rental services	3,406	900
Office and operating supplies	584	197
Miscellaneous	300	-
Depreciation	3,685	5,142
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>256,947</u>	<u>240,847</u>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	(40,856)	(26,820)
<b>Net Position:</b>		
<b>Beginning of the Year</b>	195,274	222,094
<b>End of the Year</b>	<u>\$ 154,418</u>	<u>195,274</u>

In 2019, revenues increased \$2,064 from 2018 levels.

Telephone surcharges were the most significant source of income.

In 2019, expenses increased from 2018 levels due to more repair and maintenance expenses.

## Financial Analysis of the Authority (continued)

Expenses in 2019 totaled \$256,947. The Authority's costs are approved by the Board. Administration of the Authority is also the responsibility of the Board and its officers. The largest expense during the year was for other purchased services of \$173,192. The other significant expenses incurred for 2019 were telephone service and repair and maintenance.

### Budget Variances in the General Fund:

The Authority's revenues were \$13,892 greater than budget and expenditures were \$23,594 under budget during fiscal year 2019.

Significant budget variances in the General Fund were as follows:

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Final Budget Variance Positive (Negative)</u>	<u>Reason</u>
<b>Revenues :</b>				
Telephone surcharge	\$ 199,699	212,312	12,613	Conservative budgeting
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>202,199</u>	<u>216,091</u>	<u>13,892</u>	
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Other purchased services	186,745	173,192	13,553	Conservative budgeting
Repair and maintenance	42,227	36,860	5,367	Conservative budgeting
Equipment	5,000	-	5,000	Conservative budgeting
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>276,856</u>	<u>253,262</u>	<u>23,594</u>	

### Capital Assets

The Authority's capital assets decreased \$3,685 in 2019, as previously discussed. There were no additions to capital assets in 2019 to offset the depreciation expense of \$3,685. Additional information as well as a detailed classification of the Authority's net capital assets can be found in the Notes to the Financial Statements on page D7 of this report.

### Next Year's Budget

The Authority's General Fund balance at the end of the 2019 fiscal year totaled \$141,735. The Authority's 2020 budget anticipates revenues of approximately \$389,824 and expenditures of approximately \$280,069.

### Request for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Authority's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to:

Gunnison/Hinsdale Combined Emergency Telephone Service Authority  
P.O. Box 239  
Gunnison, CO 81230

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Gunnison/Hinsdale Combined Emergency Telephone Service Authority**  
**Balance Sheet/Statement of Net Position**  
**December 31, 2019**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Statement of Net Position</b>
<b>Assets:</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	122,945	-	122,945
Accounts receivable	38,696	-	38,696
Prepaid items	23,191	-	23,191
Capital assets, net	-	12,683	12,683
<b>Total Assets</b>	184,832	12,683	197,515
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Accounts payable	43,097	-	43,097
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	43,097	-	43,097
<b>Fund Balance/Net Position:</b>			
Non-spendable:			
Spendable:			
Restricted for emergencies	6,500	(6,500)	-
Unassigned	135,235	(135,235)	-
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	141,735	(141,735)	-
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	184,832		
<b>Net Position:</b>			
Investment in capital assets		12,683	12,683
Restricted for emergencies		6,500	6,500
Unrestricted		135,235	135,235
<b>Total Net Position</b>		154,418	154,418

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

**Gunnison/Hinsdale Combined Emergency Telephone Service Authority**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2019**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Statement of Activities</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Telephone surcharge	212,312	-	212,312
Other revenue	2,747	-	2,747
Earnings on investments	1,032	-	1,032
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>216,091</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>216,091</u>
<b>Expenditures/Expenses:</b>			
Other purchased services	173,192	-	173,192
Telephone service	21,316	-	21,316
Repair and maintenance	36,860	-	36,860
Utilities	10,370	-	10,370
Professional services	5,411	-	5,411
Insurance	1,823	-	1,823
Rental services	3,406	-	3,406
Office and operating supplies	584	-	584
Miscellaneous	300	-	300
Depreciation	-	3,685	3,685
<b>Total Expenditures/Expenses</b>	<u>253,262</u>	<u>3,685</u>	<u>256,947</u>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures</b>	(37,171)	(3,685)	(40,856)
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures</b>	(37,171)	37,171	-
<b>Change in Net Position</b>			(40,856)
<b>Fund Balance / Net Position:</b>			
Beginning of the year	<u>178,906</u>		<u>195,274</u>
End of the year	<u>141,735</u>		<u>154,418</u>

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

**Gunnison/Hinsdale Combined Emergency Telephone Service Authority**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Budget and Actual**  
**General Fund**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2019**  
**(With Comparative Actual Amounts For the Year Ended 2018)**

	2019			Final Budget Variance Positive (Negative)	2018
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual		Actual
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Telephone surcharge	199,699	199,699	212,312	12,613	212,303
Other revenue	1,500	1,500	2,747	1,247	159
Earnings on investments	1,000	1,000	1,032	32	1,565
<b>Total Revenues</b>	202,199	202,199	216,091	13,892	214,027
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Other purchased services	186,745	186,745	173,192	13,553	191,682
Telephone service	22,729	22,729	21,316	1,413	21,628
Repair and maintenance	42,227	42,227	36,860	5,367	4,892
Utilities	9,819	9,819	10,370	(551)	9,409
Professional services	5,821	5,821	5,411	410	5,186
Insurance	1,865	1,865	1,823	42	1,811
Rental services	900	900	3,406	(2,506)	900
Office and operating supplies	500	500	584	(84)	197
Fuel and lubricant supplies	1,200	1,200	-	1,200	-
Equipment	5,000	5,000	-	5,000	-
Miscellaneous	50	50	300	(250)	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	276,856	276,856	253,262	23,594	235,705
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures</b>	(74,657)	(74,657)	(37,171)	37,486	(21,678)
<b>Change in Fund Balance:</b>	(74,657)	(74,657)	(37,171)	37,486	(21,678)
<b>Fund Balance - Beginning of Year</b>			178,906		200,584
<b>Fund Balance - End of Year</b>			141,735		178,906

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

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Gunnison/Hinsdale Combined Emergency Telephone Service Authority**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2019**

**I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The Gunnison/Hinsdale Combined Emergency Telephone Service Authority (the "Authority") is a political subdivision incorporated under the laws of the State of Colorado. The Authority was organized to provide emergency telephone and dispatch service for Gunnison and Hinsdale Counties. The Authority is governed by a board consisting of members of the Gunnison and Hinsdale County governmental agencies and organizations.

The Authority's financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). The more significant accounting policies established by GAAP used by the Authority are discussed below.

**A. Reporting Entity**

As defined by GAAP established by the GASB, the financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, as well as component units, which are legally separate organizations for which elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. Financial accountability is defined as:

- 1) Appointment of a voting majority of the component unit's governing board, and either, a) the ability to impose its will by the primary government, or b) there is a potential for the component unit to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the primary government; or
- 2) Fiscal dependency on the primary government and there is a potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the primary government regardless of whether the organization has (1) a separately elected governing board, (2) a governing board appointed by a higher level of government or (3) a jointly appointed board.

Based upon the application of these criteria, no additional organizations are includable within the Authority's reporting entity.

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

**1. Government-wide Financial Statements**

The Authority's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the Authority as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the Authority's major funds). Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental (i.e., normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues) or business-type (i.e., relying to a significant extent on fees and charges for support) activities. Currently, the Authority performs only governmental activities.

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**I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements (continued)**

**1. Government-wide Financial Statements (continued)**

In the Balance Sheet/Statement of Net position, the Statement of Net Position column is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The Authority's net position is reported in three parts – invested in capital assets, restricted and unrestricted. The government-wide focus is on the sustainability of the Authority as an entity and the change in the Authority's net position resulting from the current year's activities.

**2. Fund Financial Statements**

The financial transactions of the Authority are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses.

The fund focus is on current available resources and budget compliance.

The Authority reports only one fund - the General Fund - which accounts for all activities of the government. Surcharges and other sources of revenue used to finance the fundamental operations of the Authority are included in this fund.

**C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

Measurement focus refers to whether financial statements measure changes in current resources only (current financial focus) or changes in both current and long-term resources (long-term economic focus). Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues, expenditures, or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements.

**1. Long-term Economic Focus and Accrual Basis**

Governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements use the long-term economic focus and are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows.

**2. Current Financial Focus and Modified Accrual Basis**

The governmental fund financial statements use the current financial focus and are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period (i.e., 60 days). Expenditures are generally recognized when the related liability is incurred. The exception to this general rule is that principal and interest on general long-term debt, if any, is recognized when due.

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**I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**D. Financial Statement Accounts**

**1. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents are defined as deposits that can be withdrawn at any time without notice or penalty, and investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Investments are stated at fair value. The change in fair value of investments is recognized as an increase or decrease to investment assets and investment income.

The Authority permits investments in the following type of obligations which corresponds with State statutes:

- U.S. Treasury Obligations (maximum maturity of 60 months)
- Federal Instrumentality Securities (maximum maturity of 60 months)
- FDIC-insured Certificates of Deposit (maximum maturity of 18 months)
- Corporate Bonds (maximum maturity of 36 months)
- Prime Commercial Paper (maximum maturity of 9 months)
- Eligible Bankers Acceptances
- Repurchase Agreements
- General Obligations and Revenue Obligations
- Local Government Investment Pools
- Certain Money Market Mutual Funds

**2. Receivables**

Receivables are reported net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts. However, no allowance for uncollectible accounts has been established, as the Authority considers all accounts to be collectible.

**3. Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include improvements and vehicles, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Authority as assets with an initial cost of \$5,000 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at cost.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Capital expenditures for projects are capitalized as projects are constructed and completed. Interest incurred during the construction phase, if applicable, is not capitalized as part of the value of the fixed asset.

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**I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**D. Financial Statement Accounts (continued)**

**4. Categories and Classification of Fund Balance**

Governmental accounting standards establishes fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources reported in governmental funds. Fund balance classifications, include Non-spendable, Restricted, Committed, Assigned, and Unassigned. These classifications reflect not only the nature of funds, but also provide clarity to the level of restriction placed upon fund balance. Fund Balance can have different levels of restraint, such as external versus internal compliance requirements. Unassigned fund balance is a residual classification within the general fund. The general fund should be the only fund that reports a positive unassigned balance. In all other funds, unassigned is limited to negative residual fund balance. For further details of various fund balance classifications refer to Note IV.D.

**5. Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**II. Reconciliation of Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements**

**A. Explanation of differences between the governmental fund Balance Sheet and the government-wide Statement of Net position**

The governmental fund Balance Sheet/Statement of Net Position includes an adjustment column. Explanation of the adjustment included in this column is as follows:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. \$12,683 represents the net book value of capital assets at December 31, 2019.

**B. Explanation of differences between the governmental fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance and the government-wide Statement of Activities**

The governmental fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance/Statement of Activities includes an adjustment column. Explanations of the adjustments included in this column are as follows:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures when incurred. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. The adjustment of \$3,685 is depreciation expense related to capital assets. There were no capital asset additions in the current year.

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**III. Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability**

**A. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

In the fall of each year, the Authority's Board of Directors formally adopts a budget with appropriations by fund for the ensuing year pursuant to the Colorado Local Budget Law. The budget for the governmental fund is adopted on a basis consistent with U.S. GAAP.

- (1) On or before October 15, 2018, the Authority submitted to the Board a recommended budget that detailed the revenues necessary to meet the Authority's operating requirements.
- (2) After appropriate public notice and a required public hearing, the Board adopted the proposed budget and an appropriating resolution that legally appropriated expenditures for the upcoming year on or before December 15, 2018.
- (3) After adoption of the initial budget resolution, the Authority may make the following changes: (a) it may approve supplemental appropriations to the extent of revenues in excess of the estimated in the budget; (b) it may approve emergency appropriations; and (c) it may reduce appropriations for which originally estimated revenues are insufficient.

**B. TABOR Amendment**

In November 1992, Colorado voters amended Article X of the Colorado Constitution by adding Section 20, commonly known as the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights ("TABOR"). TABOR contains revenue, spending, tax and debt limitations that apply to the State of Colorado and local governments. TABOR requires, with certain exceptions, advance voter approval for any new tax, tax rate increases, a mill levy above that for the prior year, extension of any expiring tax, or tax policy change directly causing a net tax revenue gain to any local government.

Except for refinancing bonded debt at a lower interest rate or adding new employees to existing pension plans, TABOR requires advance voter approval for the creation of any multiple-fiscal year debt or other financial obligation unless adequate present cash reserves are pledged irrevocably and held for payments in all future fiscal years.

TABOR also requires local governments to establish emergency reserves to be used for declared emergencies only. Emergencies, as defined by TABOR, exclude economic conditions, revenue shortfalls, and salary or fringe benefit increases. These reserves are required to be 3% or more of fiscal year revenue. As required by TABOR, the Authority has reserved \$6,500 of its fund balance in the General Fund for emergencies, which is the approximate required reserve at December 31, 2019.

The Authority's management believes it is in compliance with the financial provisions of TABOR. However, TABOR is complex and subject to interpretation. Many of its provisions, including the interpretation of how to calculate fiscal year spending limits, will require judicial interpretation.

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**IV. Detailed Notes on All Funds**

**A. Deposits and Investments**

The Authority's deposits are entirely covered by federal depository insurance ("FDIC") or by collateral held under Colorado's Public Deposit Protection Act ("PDPA"). The FDIC insures the first \$250,000 of the Authority's deposits at each financial institution. Deposit balances over \$250,000 are collateralized as required by PDPA. The carrying amount of the Authority's demand deposits was \$122,945 at year end.

At December 31, 2019, the Authority did not have any investments.

**Interest Rate Risk:** As a means of limiting its exposure to interest rate risk, the Town coordinates its investments maturities to closely match cash flow needs and restricts the maximum investments term to less the five years from the purchase date. As a result of the limited length on maturities, the Town has limited its interest rate risk.

**Credit Risk.** State law and District policy limit investments to those authorized by State statutes including U.S. Agencies and 2a7-like pools. The Authority's general investment policy is to apply the prudent-person rule: Investments are made as a prudent person would be expected to act, with discretion and intelligence, to seek reasonable income, preserve capital, and, in general, avoid speculative investments.

At December 31, 2019, the Authority had the following investments and maturities:

	<b>Carrying Amounts</b>	<b>Maturities</b>	
		<b>Less than one year</b>	<b>One to five years</b>
<i>Cash and cash equivalents:</i>			
Checking	\$ 109,374	\$ 109,374	\$ -
Money market	13,571	13,571	-
<i>Total cash and cash equivalents</i>	122,945	122,945	-
 Total cash and investments	\$ 122,945	\$ 122,945	\$ -

**B. Receivables**

At December 31, 2019, the Authority had receivables of \$38,696.

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**IV. Detailed Notes on All Funds (continued)**

**C. Capital Assets**

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

	<u>1/1/19</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>12/31/19</u>
<b>Capital assets, being depreciated:</b>				
Machinery and equipment	\$ 705,323	-	-	705,323
Total	<u>705,323</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>705,323</u>
<b>Less accumulated depreciation for:</b>				
Machinery and equipment	688,955	3,685	-	692,640
	<u>688,955</u>	<u>3,685</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>692,640</u>
<b>Total capital assets, net</b>	<u>\$ 16,368</u>	<u>(3,685)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,683</u>

**D. Fund Balances and Net position**

The Authority classifies governmental fund balances as follows:

Non-spendable – includes fund balance amounts inherently non-spendable since they represent inventories, prepaid items, long-term portion of loans receivable, etc.

Spendable Fund Balance:

*Restricted* – includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes which are externally imposed by providers, such as creditors or amounts constrained due to constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

*Committed* – includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by the government through formal action of the highest level of decision making authority which is the Board of Directors.

*Assigned* – includes spendable fund balance amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes that are neither considered restricted or committed. Fund Balance may be assigned by the Board of Directors or its management designee.

*Unassigned* – includes residual positive fund balance within the General Fund which has not been classified within the other above mentioned categories. Unassigned fund balance may also include negative balances for any governmental fund if expenditures exceed amounts restricted, committed, or assigned for those specific purposes.

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

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**IV. Detailed Notes on All Funds (continued)**

**D. Fund Balances and Net position (continued)**

The Authority does not have a formal minimum fund balance policy. However, the Authority's budget includes a calculation of a targeted reserve positions and management calculates targets and report them annually to the Board of Directors.

In the Balance Sheet/Statement of Net Position, net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through enabling legislation adopted by the County or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. All other net position is reported as unrestricted.

**V. Other Information**

**A. Management Contract**

The Authority has an arrangement with the City of Gunnison (the "City"), a related party by virtue of the City's involvement in the Authority, whereby the City provides personnel services to the Authority. The City receives a reimbursement for these services equal to 20% of the fully burdened compensation costs associated with the personnel involved. During 2019, the Authority incurred approximately \$142,935 in fees relating to this arrangement.

**B. Legal Claims**

During the normal course of business, the Authority incurs claims and other assertions against it from various agencies and individuals. Management of the Authority feels none of these claims or assertions are significant enough that they would materially affect the fairness of the presentation of the financial statements at December 31, 2019.

**C. Risk Management**

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to workers' compensation and general liability. The Authority has acquired commercial coverage for these risks and any settled claims are not expected to exceed the commercial insurance coverage. The Authority is also exposed to the risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; and errors and omissions. To address such risks, the Authority is a participant in a public entity risk pool administered by Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency ("CIRSA").

CIRSA's operations are funded by contributions from member governments. Coverage is provided in the amount of \$250,000 per claim or occurrence for property, \$1,000,000 per claim or occurrence for liability, and \$150,000 per claim or occurrence for crime. CIRSA has also acquired additional excess coverage from outside sources. While the Authority may be liable for any losses in excess of this coverage, the Authority does not anticipate such losses at December 31, 2019. Surpluses or deficits realized by CIRSA for any given year are subject to change for such reasons as interest earnings on invested amounts for those years and funds, re-estimation of losses for those years and funds, and credits or distributions from surplus for those years and funds.

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**V. Other Information (continued)**

**C. Risk Management (continued)**

The Authority's share of CIRSA's fund equity as of December 31, 2019, is:

<b>Property and Casualty Pool:</b>	<b>Equity Ratio</b>
Loss Fund	0.00186%
Operating Fund	0.00264%
Excess Fund	0.00028%
Reserve Fund	0.00110%

CIRSA's combined financial information for the year ended December 31, 2019, is summarized as follows:

<b>Assets:</b>	
Cash and investments	\$ 80,357,222
Other assets	6,997,623
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u><u>\$ 87,354,845</u></u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u><u>\$ 37,380,157</u></u>
<b>Net position</b>	<u><u>\$ 49,974,688</u></u>
Total Revenues	\$ 29,379,298
Total Expenses	(29,157,832)
Distributions and credits to members	(791,271)
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<u><u>\$ (569,805)</u></u>

**D. Subsequent Events**

The spread of COVID-19 may have operational, economic and financial impacts on the Authority. The significance and duration of the potential impacts cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.