

Jefferson Conservation District

**Financial Statements
With Independent Auditor's Report**

Year Ended December 31, 2021

Jefferson Conservation District

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Supervisors
Jefferson Conservation District
Denver, Colorado

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of Jefferson Conservation District, which comprise the statement of net position as of December 31, 2021, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Jefferson Conservation District as of December 31, 2021, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Jefferson Conservation District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management 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 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 for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

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

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

Other Reporting Responsibilities

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

The Jefferson Conservation District has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing 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. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The supplementary information listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements.

The supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and related directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Hamblin and Associates

Golden, Colorado
March 1, 2022

Basic Financial Statements

JEFFERSON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

December 31, 2021

	2021	2020
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 652,343	\$ 616,105
Accounts Receivable	452,387	473,484
Total Current Assets	1,104,730	1,089,589
Capital Assets, net	11,972	15,477
Total Assets	1,116,702	1,105,066
Liabilities and Net Position		
<i>Liabilities</i>		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	39,428	174,833
Other Liabilities	3,843	3,843
Accrued Liabilities	7,797	1,457
Total Current Liabilities	51,068	180,133
Long-term Liabilities		
Compensated Absences	19,008	14,213
Total Liabilities	70,076	194,346
<i>Net Position</i>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	11,972	15,477
Restricted for Emergencies	32,000	31,000
Unrestricted	1,002,654	864,243
Total Net Position	\$ 1,046,626	\$ 910,720

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

JEFFERSON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Operating Revenues		
Charges for Services	\$ 704,264	508,101
Grants	506,380	466,994
Donations	-	250
Miscellaneous	3,351	54,343
	<u>1,213,995</u>	<u>1,029,688</u>
Operating Expenses		
General Administration	396,575	357,487
Contractor Services	672,806	647,998
Supplies	3,970	8,364
Training	510	616
Equipment	724	995
Depreciation	3,504	2,044
	<u>1,078,089</u>	<u>1,017,504</u>
Change in Net Position	135,906	12,184
Net Position, <i>Beginning of year</i>	<u>910,720</u>	<u>898,536</u>
Net Position, <i>End of year</i>	<u>\$ 1,046,626</u>	<u>\$ 910,720</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	2021	2020
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Cash Received from Charges for Services	\$ 725,362	\$ 511,098
Cash Received from Grants	506,380	498,654
Cash Received from Donations	-	250
Cash Received from Other Sources	3,351	54,343
Cash Paid to Employees	(359,072)	(320,487)
Cash Payments to Suppliers	(839,783)	(735,795)
	<u>36,238</u>	<u>8,063</u>
 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition of capital asset	-	(17,251)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(17,251)</u>
 NET CASH PROVIDED FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
	<u>-</u>	<u>(17,251)</u>
 NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
	<u>36,238</u>	<u>(9,458)</u>
 Cash, Beginning of year		
	<u>616,105</u>	<u>625,563</u>
 Cash, End of year		
	<u>\$ 652,343</u>	<u>\$ 616,105</u>
 Reconciliation of Change in Net Position to		
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities		
Change in Net Position	\$ 135,906	\$ 12,184
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Position to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation	3,504	2,044
Changes in Assets and Liabilities		
Accounts Receivable	21,098	2,997
Grants Receivable	-	31,660
Accounts Payable	(135,404)	(48,284)
Accrued Liabilities	6,339	1,458
Compensated Absences	4,795	6,004
	<u>(99,668)</u>	<u>(4,121)</u>
Total Adjustments	<u>(99,668)</u>	<u>(4,121)</u>
 Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 36,238</u>	<u>\$ 8,063</u>

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

Jefferson Conservation District
Notes to Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2021

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Background

The Jefferson Conservation District (the District) was formed to provide conservation services and technical assistance to landowners. These services are financed by fees assessed on landowners that implement conservation practices such as forest stand improvement and wildfire mitigation. The District operates within Jefferson, Clear Creek, and Gilpin Counties in Colorado.

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governmental entities. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below

B. Reporting Entity

The financial reporting entity consists of the District, organizations for which the District is financially accountable, and organizations that raise and hold economic resources for the direct benefit of the District. All funds, organizations, institutions, agencies, departments and offices that are not legally separate are part of the District. Legally separate organizations for which the District is financially accountable are considered part of the reporting entity. Financial accountability exists if the District appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and is able to impose its will on the organization, or if the organization has the potential to provide benefits to, or impose financial burdens on, the District.

Based on the application of this criteria, the District does not include additional organizations in its reporting entity

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The District uses an enterprise fund to account for its operations. Enterprise funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where a fee is charged to external users for goods or services.

The financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Enterprise funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with ongoing operations. Operating expenses include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for a specific purpose, it is the District's practice to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

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Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

D. Assets, Liabilities and Net Position

Receivables - Receivables are reported at their gross value and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible.

Capital Assets - Capital assets are defined as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at the acquisition value on the date of donation.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives, as follows:

Equipment	5 years
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Compensated Absences - District employees are allowed to accumulate unused personal time off (PTO). No employee is eligible to have more than a maximum of their annual PTO accrual plus 40 hours in their PTO bank at any one time. Upon termination of employment from the District, an employee will be compensated for all accrued PTO. These compensated absences are recognized as a liability in the financial statements when earned, reported as a long-term liability, unless a separation is expected in the next period.

Net Position - Net position is restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are externally imposed.

E. Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The District maintains commercial insurance for these risks of loss.

F. Estimates

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.

G. Comparative Financial Information

The financial statements include certain prior year comparative information. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the District's financial statements from which the summarized information was derived.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended December 31, 2021

Note 2: Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

Budgets

Budgets are required by State statutes and are adopted on a non-GAAP budgetary basis. Capital outlay is budgeted as an expense and depreciation is not budgeted. The District follows these procedures to establish the budgetary information reflected in the financial statements:

- Prior to December 31, an annual budget and appropriation resolution is adopted by the Board of Supervisors in accordance with State statutes.
- Public hearings are conducted to obtain citizen comments.
- Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations. Revisions that alter the total appropriations must be approved by the Board of Supervisors.
- All appropriations lapse at year end.

Note 3: Cash and Investments

Deposits

The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires all local government entities to deposit cash in eligible public depositories. Eligibility is determined by State regulations. Amounts on deposit in excess of federal insurance levels must be collateralized by eligible collateral as determined by the PDPA. The PDPA allows the financial institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds held. The pool is to be maintained by another institution or held in trust for all uninsured public deposits as a group. The market value of the collateral must be at least equal to 102% of the uninsured deposits. At December 31, 2021, the District had bank deposits of \$359,779 collateralized with securities held by the financial institutions' agents but not in the District's name.

Investments

The District is required to comply with State statutes which specify investment instruments meeting defined rating, maturity and concentration risk criteria in which local governments may invest, which include the following. State statutes do not address custodial risk.

- Obligations of the United States and certain U.S. Agency securities
- Certain international agency securities
- General obligation and revenue bonds of U.S. local government entities
- Bankers' acceptances of certain banks
- Commercial paper
- Written repurchase agreements collateralized by certain authorized securities
- Certain money market funds
- Guaranteed investment contracts
- Local government investment pools

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Note 3: Cash and Investments (Continued)

Investments (Continued)

Interest Rate Risk - State statutes generally limit investments to an original maturity of five years unless the governing board authorizes the investment for a period in excess of five years.

Credit Risk - State statutes limit certain investments to those with specified ratings from nationally recognized statistical rating organizations, depending on the type of investment.

Concentration of Credit Risk - Except for corporate securities, State statutes do not limit the amount the District may invest in any single investment or issuer.

The District had no investments at December 31, 2021.

Note 4: Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2021 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Capital assets				
Vehicles	\$ 17,521	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,521
Less accumulated depreciation				
Vehicles	2,044	3,504	-	5,548
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 15,476</u>	<u>\$ (3,504)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 11,972</u>

Note 5: Long –Term Debt

Following is a summary of long-term debt transactions for the year ended December 31, 2021.

	Balance 01/01/21	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/21	Due Within One Year
Compensated Absences	<u>\$ 14,213</u>	<u>\$ 27,384</u>	<u>\$ 22,589</u>	<u>\$ 19,008</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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Note 6: Pension Plan

Deferred Compensation Plan

Effective October 1, 2017, the District offers its employees a deferred compensation plan in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457(b). The plan is available to all employees and permits them to defer a portion of their compensation until future years. The Board of Supervisors determines the District's contributions to the plan. The District currently matches employee contributions to a maximum of 3% of each employee's compensation. During the year ended December 31, 2021, the District contributed \$- to the plan. The plan is administered by the Lincoln Financial Group, and all plan assets are held in trust for the exclusive benefit of the participants.

Note 7: Commitments and Contingencies

TABOR Amendment

In November 1992, Colorado voters passed the TABOR Amendment to the State Constitution which limits state and local government taxing powers and imposes spending limitations. The Amendment is subject to many interpretations, but the District believes it is in substantial compliance with the Amendment. In accordance with the Amendment, the District has established a reserve for emergencies representing 3% of qualifying expenditures. At December 31, 2021, the reserve was reported as restricted net position in the financial statements, in the amount of \$32,000.

Claims and Judgements

The District participates in a number of federal, state, and local programs that are fully or partially funded by grants received from other governmental entities. Expenses financed by grants are subject to audit by the appropriate grantor government. If expenses are disallowed due to noncompliance with grant program regulations, the District may be required to reimburse the grantor government. At December 31, 2021, certain grant expenses have not been audited, but the District believes that subsequent audits will not have a material effect on the overall financial position of the District.

Supplementary Information

JEFFERSON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	<u>Original and Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues			
Charges for Service	\$ 1,187,306	\$ 704,264	\$ (483,042)
Grants	446,334	506,380	60,046
Miscellaneous Revenue	7,000	3,351	(3,649)
	<u>1,640,640</u>	<u>1,213,995</u>	<u>(426,645)</u>
Expenses			
General Administration	394,206	396,575	(2,369)
Contractor Services	1,232,000	672,806	559,194
Supplies	14,143	3,970	10,173
Training	-	510	(510)
Equipment	-	724	(724)
	<u>1,640,349</u>	<u>1,074,585</u>	<u>565,764</u>
Change in Net Position - Budget Basis	<u>291</u>	139,410	<u>139,119</u>
Reconciliation to GAAP Basis:			
Depreciation		(3,504)	
Total GAAP basis adjustments		<u>(3,504)</u>	
Change in Net Position - GAAP Basis		135,906	
Net Position, Beginning of year		<u>910,720</u>	
Net Position, End of year		<u>\$ 1,046,626</u>	

See the accompanying Independent Auditor's Report.