

MEEKER REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AND

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT



DECEMBER 31, 2023

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 2023

MEEKER REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Meeker Regional Library District

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Meeker Regional Library District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Meeker Regional Library District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Meeker Regional Library District, as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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 the Meeker Regional Library 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 opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison schedule, schedule of the District proportionate share of the net pension liability – PERA Pension Plan, schedule of the District's contributions – PERA Pension Plan, schedule of the District proportionate share of the net OPEB liability – PERA OPEB Plan, and schedule of the District's contributions – PERA OPEB Plan be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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.

ColoCPA Services, PC

Rangely, Colorado

August 7, 2024

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The discussion and analysis of the Meeker Regional Library District's (the "District") financial performance provides readers with an overall review of the financial activities of the District for the year ended December 31, 2023. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The District's assets and deferred outflows exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$15,622,964 at December 31, 2023.
- Total District's cash and investments increased by \$826,426 or 7% from 2022.
- The December 31, 2023 General Fund balance is \$847,647 more than the previous year. The total fund balance is 3,810% of 2023 General Fund operating expenditures.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This Annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are prepared and organized so the reader can understand the District as a financial whole or as an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at our specific financial conditions.

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities provides information about the activities of the whole District, presenting both an aggregate view of the District's finances and a longer-term view of those assets. The Statement of Activities shows a net (expense) revenue and changes to net position related to each department of the District. Fund financial statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what dollars remain for future spending.

OVERVIEW OF THE DISTRICTS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances. The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting method used by the private sector. The basis for this accounting takes into account all of the year's revenues and expenses regardless of when the cash was received or paid.

These two statements report the District's net position and the changes in those positions. This change in position is important because it tells the reader whether, for the District as a whole, the financial position of the District has improved or diminished. However, in evaluating the overall position of the District, non-financial information such as changes in the District's tax base and the condition of District capital assets will also need to be evaluated.

In the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, all of the District's activities are reported as Governmental Activities.

Fund Financial Statements

Governmental Funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 19 through 41 of this report.

Budgetary Comparisons. The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for the General Fund. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the General Fund on pages 43 and 44 of this report.

REPORTING THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

Net Position. As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position.

The following table provides a summary of the District's net position for 2022 and 2023.

	Governmental Activities	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assets		
Current and other assets	\$ 13,137,712	\$ 13,958,665
Capital assets	2,432,108	2,451,318
Total assets	<u>15,569,820</u>	<u>16,409,983</u>
Deferred Outflows	<u>15,350</u>	<u>73,659</u>
Liabilities		
Current and other liabilities	27,737	4,028
Noncurrent liabilities	11,953	178,699
Total Liabilities	<u>39,690</u>	<u>182,727</u>
Deferred Inflows	<u>703,475</u>	<u>677,951</u>
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	2,523,987	2,451,318
Restricted	21,773	37,616
Unrestricted	<u>12,296,245</u>	<u>13,134,030</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 14,842,005</u>	<u>\$ 15,622,964</u>

A significant portion of the District's position represents unrestricted net position of \$13,134,030 which may be used to meet the ongoing obligations to patrons and creditors.

Another significant portion of the District's net position reflects its investment in capital assets. These assets include land, buildings, and equipment. These capital assets are used to provide services to patrons; consequently, they are not available for future spending.

An additional \$37,616 of the District's net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. Included in this category is the TABOR emergency reserve of \$37,616.

The following table indicates the changes in net position.

	Governmental Activities	
	2022	2023
Revenues:		
Program revenues:		
Charge for services	\$ 2,924	\$ 321
Capital grants and contributions	-	-
General revenues:		
General property taxes	484,376	566,916
Specific ownership tax	19,617	20,776
Other income	218,846	665,859
Total revenues	725,763	1,253,872
Expenses:		
General administration	260,202	314,265
Treasurers Fees	24,229	28,360
Depreciation	130,274	130,288
Total expenses	414,705	472,913
Increase in net position	\$ 311,058	\$ 780,959

Governmental Activities. Governmental activities increased the District’s net position by \$780,959 in 2023. Key elements of this increase are as follows:

Several revenue sources fund the District. Property tax is the biggest contributor, accounting for 45% of gross revenue. This comes from a 1.016 Mill Levy for the General Fund, which the District took a temporary mill levy reduction for 2023. Total Property taxes were \$566,916, up 17% from the prior year.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT’S FUND

Information about the District’s governmental fund begins on page 13. This fund is accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

As of December 31, 2023, the total fund balance of the District’s governmental fund was \$13,281,406. Approximately 99% of this consists of unassigned fund balance, which is available as working capital and for current spending in accordance with the purposes of the District. The remainder of fund balance is reserved to indicate that it is not available for new spending because it is restricted for the following purposes: a state-Constitution mandated emergency reserve of \$37,616. The District had Governmental revenues of \$1,253,872 and expenditures of \$406,225.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The District’s budget is prepared according to Colorado statutes.

2023 General Fund Budget

	Original Budget	Amend- ments	Final Budget	Actual
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 12,433,759	\$ -	\$ 12,433,759	\$ 12,433,759
Revenue and other financing sources	584,550	-	584,550	1,253,872
Expenditures and other financing uses	(584,550)	-	(584,550)	(406,225)
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 12,433,759	\$ -	\$ 12,433,759	\$ 13,281,406

A detailed budget comparison schedule is provided on pages 43 and 44 of the audit.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets. The District's investment in capital assets for its governmental type activities as of December 31, 2023 totaled \$2451,318 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment includes all land, buildings, and equipment. The total decrease in investment in capital assets for the current year was \$72,669.

Major capital purchases for the year include expenditures of \$51,931 for books and publications and \$2,419 for a custom bench.

The District uses the straight-line depreciation method under GASB 34 for its capital assets, except for land which is not depreciated.

Long-term Debt. As of December 31, 2023, the District had no long-term debt.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND OTHER MATTERS

Other Matters. The following factors are expected to have a significant effect on the District's financial position and results of operations and were taken into account in developing the 2024 budget:

- A continued temporary mill levy reduction of 50% for 2024.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all those with an interest in the District's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided or for additional financial information should be addressed to the Meeker Regional Library District, 490 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado 81641.

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MEEKER REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2023

ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents		\$ 347,400
Investments		12,937,322
Interest Receivable		712
Property Taxes Receivable		673,231
Capital Assets, Non-depreciable		107,166
Capital Assets, Net		<u>2,344,152</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>16,409,983</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred Outflows Related to Pension		72,415
Deferred Outflows Related to Postemployment Benefit (OPEB)		<u>1,244</u>
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		<u>73,659</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable		2,381
Accrued Liabilities		1,647
Noncurrent Liabilities		
Net Pension Liability		167,704
Net OPEB Liability		<u>10,995</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>182,727</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Unearned Revenue - Property Taxes		673,231
Deferred Inflows Related to Pension		836
Deferred Inflows Related to OPEB		<u>3,884</u>
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS		<u>677,951</u>
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets		2,451,318
Restricted for TABOR emergencies		37,616
Unrestricted		<u>13,134,030</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION		<u><u>\$ 15,622,964</u></u>

The accompanying "Notes to Financial Statements" are an integral part of this statement.

<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u>
	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
\$ -	\$ (472,592)
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(472,592)</u>
	566,916
	20,776
	653,298
	<u>12,561</u>
	<u>1,253,551</u>
	780,959
	<u>14,842,005</u>
	<u>\$ 15,622,964</u>

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MEEKER REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
December 31, 2023

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 347,400
Investments	12,937,322
Interest receivable	712
Property taxes receivable	<u>673,231</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 13,958,665</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$ 2,381
Accrued liabilities	<u>1,647</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>4,028</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS	
Unearned revenue - property taxes	<u>673,231</u>
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS	<u>673,231</u>
FUND BALANCE	
Fund Balance	
Restricted for TABOR emergencies	37,616
Unassigned	<u>13,243,790</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u>13,281,406</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 13,958,665</u>

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MEEKER REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT

RECONCILIATION OF BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2023

TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE		\$ 13,281,406
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:</i>		
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation) used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		2,451,318
Long-term liabilities, including net pension liabilities, are not due or payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		(178,699)
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pension are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension	72,415	
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	1,244	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension	(836)	
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	<u>(3,884)</u>	
Net deferred outflows (inflows)		<u>68,939</u>
NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES		<u><u>\$ 15,622,964</u></u>

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MEEKER REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

REVENUES	
Taxes	\$ 566,851
Delinquent Property Taxes	65
Specific Ownership Taxes	20,776
Interest on Taxes	212
Interest	653,298
Copy Machine Income	321
Other	12,349
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TOTAL REVENUES	1,253,872
EXPENDITURES	
General government	
Salaries	154,036
Payroll taxes	2,599
Employee benefits	27,054
Utilities	26,802
Dues & Subscriptions	10,746
Communications	3,382
Legal & Accounting	6,109
Insurance & Bonding	5,508
Supplies, Library & Office	18,225
Public Relations	9,126
Magazine & Periodicals	2,029
Repairs & Maintenance	10,009
Other Services	44,622
Treasurer Fee	28,360
Capital Outlay	57,618
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	406,225
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EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) OPERATING EXPENDITURES	847,647
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	12,433,759
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FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$ 13,281,406
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MEEKER REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT

RECONCILIATION OF STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND	\$ 847,647
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net activities are different because:</i>	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation (\$130,288) was more than capital outlay (\$57,618) in the current period.	(72,670)
Governmental funds report District pension contributions as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as pension income	3,732
Governmental funds recognize District OPEB contributions as expenditures at the time of payment whereas the Statement of Activities factor in items related to OPEB on a full accrual perspective.	<u>2,250</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	<u><u>\$ 780,959</u></u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MEEKER REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2023

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Meeker Library District (the District) conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant policies consistently used in the preparation of the financial statements.

A. Reporting Entity

An elected five member Board of Directors governs the District. No additional separate government units, agencies, or nonprofit corporations are included in the financial statements of the District as component units. Component units are legally separate entities for which the District is financially accountable. Financial accountability is defined as the ability to appoint a voting majority of the organization's governing body and either (1) the District's ability to impose its will over the organization or (2) the potential that the organization will provide a financial benefit to, or impose a financial burden on the District.

The District's major operation is managing and maintaining the Library.

B. Government-wide and fund financial statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately for business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or others who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

C. Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation

The government-wide 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 a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental funds financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Governmental Funds

General Fund

The General Fund is the District's general operating fund and is used to account for all financial transactions except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The major revenue sources are local property taxes and charges for services. Expenditures include all costs associated with the daily operations of the District.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Continued

C. Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation, continued

When both restricted and unrestricted revenues are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

D. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements.

1. Prior to the first Board meeting in October, the Director submits to the Board of Directors a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following January 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. Public hearings are conducted to obtain the taxpayers' comments.
3. Prior to December 15, the budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution.
4. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year.
5. Budgets are adopted for the General Fund. All budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).
6. Appropriations lapse at the end of each calendar year.
7. The District's directors may authorize supplemental appropriations during the year. There was no supplemental appropriation made during the year ended December 31, 2023.
8. Actual expenditures did not exceed budget amounts in the General Fund for the year ended December 31, 2023.

E. Use of Estimates

The preparation of the governmental funds financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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.

F. Capital Assets and Infrastructure

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$500 and an estimated 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 their estimated market value at the date of donation. The District does not have infrastructure.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Property, plant, and equipment of the primary government is depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Building and Building Improvements	20-39
Books and Equipment	7-10

MEEKER REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2023

NOTE 2 – RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- A. There are certain differences between the governmental fund balance sheet and the government-wide statement net position. A reconciliation of the differences can be found on page 14 of the financial statements.
- B. There are certain differences between the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance and the government-wide statement of activities. A reconciliation of the differences can be found on page 16 of the financial statements.

NOTE 3 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The District’s bank accounts and certificates of deposit at year-end were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held by the Authority’s custodial banks under provisions of the Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act.

The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act requires financial institutions to pledge collateral having a market value of at least 102% of the aggregate public deposits not insured by federal depository insurance. Eligible collateral included municipal bonds, U.S. government securities, mortgage, and deeds of trust.

State statutes authorize the Authority to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. agencies, obligation of the State of Colorado or of any county, school, authority, and certain town and cities therein, notes or bonds secured by insured mortgages or trust deeds, obligations of national mortgage associations, and certain repurchase agreements.

The District’s investment policy is not more restrictive than State statutes. The District’s investments are concentrated in local government investment pools, U.S. government and agency securities, and bank CDs.

Colorado Revised Statutes limit investment maturities to five years or less from the date of purchase. This limit on investment maturities is a means of limiting exposure to fair value arising from increasing interest rates.

Investments for the District are reported at market value. Investments held are as follows:

	Fair Value	Cost
December 31, 2023		
COLOTRUST	\$ 12,937,322	\$ 12,937,322
Total	\$ 12,937,322	\$ 12,937,322

Included in cash and cash equivalents are amounts held in the Colorado Local Government Liquid Asset Trust (the Trust), and investment vehicle established for local government entities in Colorado to pool surplus funds. The Trust offer shared in three portfolios, COLOTRUST Prime, COLOTRUST Plus+, and COLOTRUST EDGE. COLOTRUST Prime and COLOTRUST Plus+ operates similarly to a money market fund and each share is equal in value to \$1.00. COLOTRUST EDGE is a variable NAV fund managed to approximate a \$10.00 transactional share price, calculated and publishing a fair value NAV on a daily basis. Investments of COLOTRUST consist of U.S. Treasury bills, notes and note strips and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities. A designated custodial bank provides safekeeping and depository services to COLOTRUST in connection with the direct investment and withdrawal function of COLOTRUST. Substantially all securities owned by COLOTRUST are held by the Federal Reserve Bank in the account maintained for the custodial bank. The custodian's internal records identify the investments owned by COLOTRUST. At December 31, 2023 the District invested \$12,937,322 in COLOTRUST Plus+ and was rated AAAM by S&P Global Ratings.

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NOTE 3 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS, Continued

A summary of cash and investments on the balance sheet is as follows:

Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash on hand, County Treasurer	\$	1,787
Certificate of deposit		111,818
Cash deposits		<u>233,795</u>
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents		347,400
Investments		
Colotrust		<u>12,937,322</u>
Total Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments		<u>\$13,284,722</u>

NOTE 4 - PROPERTY TAX

Property taxes for 2023, collectible in 2024, were levied by the County Commissioners on December 15, 2023. Property taxes attached as an enforceable lien on January 1, 2024, are due in total April 30, 2024, or in equal installments February 28, 2024, and June 15, 2024, at the option of the taxpayer. The County Treasurer remits taxes collected to the District by the 10th day of the month following collection. For 2024, the District temporarily reduced the mill levy by ½ or 1.016 mills.

Property taxes for 2023, collectible in 2024, are shown as property taxes receivable and unearned revenue on the balance sheet in the amount of the assessed taxes less estimated uncollectible amounts.

	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Mill Levy</u>	<u>Estimated Percent Collectible</u>	<u>Taxes Receivable</u>	<u>Unearned Revenue</u>
General Fund	\$662,628,890	1.016	100.00%	\$673,231	\$673,231

Revenue Recognized in 2023

Local property taxes levied for 2022 and collected in 2023 are recognized as revenue in these financial statements as shown below:

	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Mill Levy</u>	<u>Amount of Taxes</u>		<u>Percent Collected</u>
			<u>Levied</u>	<u>Collected</u>	
General Fund	\$560,088,190	1.016	\$ 569,050	\$ 565,526	99.38%

NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in capital assets during 2023 follows:

	<u>Balance January 1, 2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance December 31, 2023</u>
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 107,166	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 107,166
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>107,166</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>107,166</u>

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NOTE 5 – CAPITAL ASSETS, Continued

	Balance January 1, 2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31, 2023
Capital asset, being depreciated:				
Building	\$ 2,781,777	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,781,777
Books and Publications	1,210,684	51,931	-	1,262,615
Furniture and Equipment	435,492	5,687	-	441,179
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>4,427,953</u>	<u>57,618</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,485,571</u>
Less accumulated depreciation				
Building	(672,646)	(73,859)	-	(746,505)
Books and Publications	(1,010,351)	(38,352)	-	(1,048,703)
Furniture and Equipment	(328,135)	(18,076)	-	(346,211)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,011,132)</u>	<u>(130,287)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,141,419)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>2,416,821</u>	<u>(72,669)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,344,152</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 2,523,987</u>	<u>\$ (72,669)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,451,318</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to function/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental activities:	
Total depreciation expense – general government	<u>\$ 130,287</u>

NOTE 6 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Pensions. Meeker Regional Library District participates in the Local Government Division Trust Fund (LGDTF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension fund administered by the Public Employees’ Retirement Association of Colorado (PERA). The net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position (FNP) and additions to/deductions from the FNP of the LGDTF have been determined using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. For this purpose, 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.

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan description. Eligible employees of the Meeker Regional Library District are provided with pensions through the LGDTF—a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by PERA. Plan benefits are specified in Title 24, Article 51 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), administrative rules set forth at 8 C.C.R. 1502-1, and applicable provisions of the federal Internal Revenue Code. Colorado State law provisions may be amended from time to time by the Colorado General Assembly. PERA issues a publicly available annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) that can be obtained at www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports.

NOTE 6 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, Continued

General Information about the Pension Plan, continued

Benefits provided as of December 31, 2022. PERA provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined by the amount of service credit earned and/or purchased, highest average salary, the benefit structure(s) under which the member retires, the benefit option selected at retirement, and age at retirement. Retirement eligibility is specified in tables set forth at C.R.S. § 24-51-602, 604, 1713, and 1714.

The lifetime retirement benefit for all eligible retiring employees under the PERA Benefit Structure is the greater of the:

- Highest average salary multiplied by 2.5% and then multiplied by years of service credit.
- The value of the retiring employee's member contribution account plus a 100% match on eligible amounts as of the retirement date. This amount is then annuitized into a monthly benefit based on life expectancy and other actuarial factors.

The lifetime retirement benefit for all eligible retiring employees under the Denver Public Schools (DPS) Benefit Structure is the greater of the:

- Highest average salary multiplied by 2.5% and then multiplied by years of service credit.
- \$15 times the first 10 years of service credit plus \$20 times service credit over 10 years plus a monthly amount equal to the annuitized member contribution account balance based on life expectancy and other actuarial factors.

In all cases the service retirement benefit is limited to 100% of highest average salary and also cannot exceed the maximum benefit allowed by Federal Internal Revenue Code.

Members may elect to withdraw their member contribution accounts upon termination of employment with all PERA employers; waiving rights to any lifetime retirement benefits earned. If eligible, the member may receive a match of either 50% or 100% on eligible amounts depending on when contributions were remitted to PERA, the date employment was terminated, whether 5 years of service credit has been obtained and the benefit structure under which contributions were made.

Upon meeting certain criteria, benefit recipients who elect to receive a lifetime retirement benefit generally receive post-retirement cost-of-living adjustments, referred to as annual increases in the C.R.S. Subject to the automatic adjustment provision (AAP) under C.R.S. § 24-51-413, eligible benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began membership before January 1, 2007, and all eligible benefit recipients of the DPS benefit structure will receive the maximum annual increase (AI) or AI cap of 1.00% unless adjusted by the AAP. Eligible benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began membership on or after January 1, 2007, will receive the lesser of an annual increase of the 1.00% AI cap or the average increase of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for the prior calendar year, not to exceed a determined increase that would exhaust 10% of PERA's Annual Increase Reserve (AIR) for the LGDTF. The AAP may raise or lower the aforementioned AI cap by up to 0.25% based on the parameters specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-413.

Disability benefits are available for eligible employees once they reach five years of earned service credit and are determined to meet the definition of disability. For State Troopers whose disability is caused by an on-the-job injury, the five-year service requirement is waived and they are immediately eligible to apply for disability benefits. The disability benefit amount is based on the lifetime retirement benefit formula(s) shown above considering a minimum 20 years of service credit, if deemed disabled.

Survivor benefits are determined by several factors, which include the amount of earned service credit, highest average salary of the deceased, the benefit structure(s) under which service credit was obtained, and the qualified survivor(s) who will receive the benefits.

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NOTE 6 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, Continued

General Information about the Pension Plan, continued

Contributions provisions as of December 31, 2023. Eligible employees and Meeker Regional Library District are required to contribute to the LGDTF at a rate set by Colorado statute. The contribution requirements are established under C.R.S. § 24-51-401, et seq. § 24-51-413. Employee contribution requirement rates for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 are summarized in the table below:

	January 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2023	July 1, 2023 Through December 31, 2023
Employee contribution (all employees except State Troopers)	9.00%	9.00%
State Troopers Only	13.00%	13.00%

**Contribution Rates for the LGDTF are expressed as a percentage of salary as defined in C.R.S. § 24-51-101(42).

The employer contribution requirement for all employees other than State Troopers are summarized in the table below:

	January 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2023	July 1, 2023 Through December 31, 2023
Employer contribution rate	11.00%	11.00%
Amount of employer contribution apportioned to the Health Care Trust Fund as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-208(1)(f)	(1.02)%	(1.02)%
Amount apportioned to the LGDTF	9.98%	9.98%
Amortization Equalization Disbursement (AED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411	2.20%	2.20%
Supplemental Amortization Equalization Disbursement (SAED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411	1.50%	1.50%
Defined Contributions Supplement as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411	0.06%	0.06%
Total employer contribution rate to the LGDTF	13.74%	13.74%

**Contribution Rates for the LGDTF are expressed as a percentage of salary as defined in C.R.S. § 24-51-101(42).

The employer contribution requirement for State Troopers are summarized in the table below:

	January 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2023	July 1, 2023 Through December 31, 2023
Employer contribution rate	14.10%	14.10%
Amount of employer contribution apportioned to the Health Care Trust Fund as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-208(1)(f)	(1.02)%	(1.02)%
Amount apportioned to the LGDTF	13.08%	13.08%
Amortization Equalization Disbursement (AED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411	2.20%	2.20%
Supplemental Amortization Equalization Disbursement (SAED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411	1.50%	1.50%
Defined Contributions Supplement as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411	0.06%	0.06%
Total employer contribution rate to the LGDTF	16.84%	16.84%

**Contribution Rates for the LGDTF are expressed as a percentage of salary as defined in C.R.S. § 24-51-101(42).

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NOTE 6 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, Continued

General Information about the Pension Plan, continued

Employer contributions are recognized by the LGDTF in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the Meeker Regional Library District is statutorily committed to pay the contributions to the LGDTF. Employer contributions recognized by the LGDTF from Meeker Regional Library District were \$21,138 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

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

The net pension liability for the LGDTF was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the total pension liability (TPL) used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021. Standard update procedures were used to roll-forward the TPL to December 31, 2022. The Meeker Regional Library District proportion of the net pension liability was based on Meeker Regional Library District contributions to the LGDTF for the calendar year 2022 relative to the total contributions of participating employers.

At December 31, 2023, the Meeker Regional Library District reported a liability of \$167,704 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability.

At December 31, 2022, the Meeker Regional Library District proportion was 0.01673%, which was a decrease of 0.00110% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2021.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Meeker Regional Library District recognized pension income of \$3,732. At December 31, 2023, the Meeker Regional Library District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 836
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	-	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	68,465	-
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	(17,188)	-
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	21,138	N/A
Total	\$ 72,415	\$ 836

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NOTE 6 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, Continued

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions, continued

\$21,138 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions, resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending December 31, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension (income) expense as follows:

Year ended December 31:	
2024	\$ (15,453)
2025	2,209
2026	23,569
2027	40,116
2028	-
Thereafter	-

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2021 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial cost method, actuarial assumptions, and other inputs:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Price inflation	2.30%
Real wage growth	0.70%
Wage inflation	3.00%
Salary increases, including wage inflation:	
Members other than State Troopers	3.20% – 11.30%
State Troopers	3.20% - 12.40%
Long-term investment rate of return, net of pension plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.25%
Discount rate	7.25%
Post-retirement benefit increases:	
PERA Benefit Structure hired prior to 1/1/07; and DPS Benefit Structure (compounded annually)	1.00%
PERA benefit structure hired after 12/31/06 ¹	Financed by the AIR

¹ Post-retirement benefit increases are provided by the AIR, accounted separately within each Division Trust Fund, and subject to moneys being available; therefore, liabilities related to increases for members of these benefit tiers can never exceed available assets.

The TPL for the LGDTF, as of the December 31, 2022, measurement date, was adjusted to reflect the disaffiliation, as allowable under C.R.S. § 24-51-313, of Tri-County Health Department (Tri-County Health), effective December 31, 2022. As of the close of the 2022 fiscal year, no disaffiliation payment associated with Tri-County Health was received, and therefore no disaffiliation dollars were reflected in the FNP as of the December 31, 2022, measurement date.

The mortality tables described below are generational mortality tables developed on a benefit-weighted basis. Pre-retirement mortality assumptions for members other than State Troopers were based upon the PubG-2010 Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Pre-retirement mortality assumptions for State Troopers were based upon the PubS-2010 Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

NOTE 6 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, Continued

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions, continued

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions for members other than State Troopers were based upon the PubG-2010 Healthy Retiree Table, adjusted as follows:

- **Males:** 94% of the rates prior to age 80 and 90% of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- **Females:** 87% of the rates prior to age 80 and 107% of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions for State Troopers were based upon the unadjusted PubS-2010 Healthy Retiree Table, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled beneficiary mortality assumptions were based upon the Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor Table, adjusted as follows:

- **Males:** 97% of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- **Females:** 105% of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Disabled mortality assumptions for members other than State Troopers were based upon the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Table using 99% of the rates for all ages with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Disabled mortality assumptions for State Troopers were based upon the unadjusted PubS-2010 Disabled Retiree Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2021, valuations were based on the results of the 2020 experience analysis for the periods January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2019, and were reviewed and adopted by the PERA Board during the November 20, 2020, meeting.

The long-term expected return on plan assets is reviewed as part of regular experience studies prepared every four to five years for PERA. Recently this assumption has been reviewed more frequently. The most recent analyses were outlined in the Experience Study report dated October 28, 2020.

Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption, including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) were developed for each major asset class. These ranges were 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 then adding expected inflation.

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NOTE 6 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, Continued

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions, continued

The PERA Board first adopted the 7.25% long-term expected rate of return as of November 18, 2016. Following an asset/liability study, the Board reaffirmed the assumed rate of return at the Board's November 15, 2019, meeting, to be effective January 1, 2020. As of the most recent reaffirmation of the long-term rate of return, the target asset allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the table as follows:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	30 Year Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return
Global Equity	54.00%	5.60%
Fixed Income	23.00%	1.30%
Private Equity	8.50%	7.10%
Real Estate	8.50%	4.40%
Alternatives	6.00%	4.70%
Total	100.00%	

Note: In setting the long-term expected rate of return, projections employed to model future returns provide a range of expected long-term returns that, including expected inflation, ultimately support a long-term expected rate of return assumption of 7.25%.

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the TPL was 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate applied the actuarial cost method and assumptions shown above in addition, the following methods and assumptions were used in the projection of cash flows:

- Total covered payroll for the initial projection year consist of the covered payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date and the covered payroll of future plan members assumed to be hired during the year. In subsequent projection years, total covered payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 3.00%.
- Employee contributions were assumed to be made at the member contribution rates in effect for each year, including the required adjustments resulting from the 2018 and 2020 AAP assessments. Employee contributions for future plan members were used to reduce the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members.
- Employer contributions were assumed to be made at rates equal to the fixed statutory rates specified in law for each year, including the required adjustments resulting from the 2018 and 2020 AAP assessments. Employer contributions also include current and estimated future AED and SAED, until the actuarial value funding ratio reaches 103%, at which point the AED and SAED will each drop 0.50% every year until they are zero. Additionally, estimated employer contributions reflect reductions for the funding of the AIR and retiree health care benefits. For future plan members, employer contributions were further reduced by the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members not financed by their member contributions.
- Employer contributions and the amount of total service costs for future plan members were based upon a process to estimate future actuarially determined contributions assuming an analogous future plan member growth rate.
- The AIR balance was excluded from the initial FNP, as, per statute, AIR amounts cannot be used to pay benefits until transferred to either the retirement benefits reserve or the survivor benefits reserve, as appropriate. AIR transfers to the FNP position and the subsequent AIR benefit payments were estimated and included in the projections.
- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the middle of the year.

NOTE 6 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, Continued

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions, continued

Based on the above actuarial cost method and assumptions, the LGDTF's FNP was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return of 7.25% on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. The discount rate determination does not use the municipal bond index rate, and therefore, the discount rate is 7.25%. There was no change in the discount rate from the prior measurement date.

Sensitivity of the Meeker Regional Library District proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.25%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.25%) or one percentage point higher (8.25%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 281,533	\$ 167,704	\$ 72,411

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the LGDTF's FNP is available in PERA's ACFR which can be obtained at www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports.

NOTE 7 – DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION PLANS

Voluntary Investment Program (PERAPlus 401(k) Plan)

Plan Description – Employees of the Meeker Regional Library District that are also members of the LGDTF may voluntarily contribute to the Voluntary Investment Program (PERAPlus 401(k) Plan), an Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k) defined contribution plan administered by PERA. Title 24, Article 51, Part 14 of the C.R.S., as amended, assigns the authority to establish the Plan provisions to the PERA Board of Trustees. PERA issues a publicly available ACFR which includes additional information on the PERAPlus 401(k) Plan. That report can be obtained at www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports.

Funding Policy – The PERAPlus 401(k) Plan is funded by voluntary member contributions up to the maximum limits set by the Internal Revenue Service, as established under Title 24, Article 51, Section 1402 of the C.R.S., as amended. In addition, the Meeker Regional Library District has agreed to match employee contributions up to 1% of covered salary as determined by the Internal Revenue Service. Employees are immediately vested in their own contributions, employer contributions, and investment earnings. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the program members contributed \$8,150 and Meeker Regional Library District recognized pension expense of \$1,524 for the PERAPlus 401(k) Plan.

NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT (OPEB) PLAN

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

OPEB. Meeker Regional Library District participates in the Health Care Trust Fund (HCTF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB fund administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado (PERA). The net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position (FNP) and additions to/deductions from the FNP of the HCTF have been determined using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. For this purpose, benefits paid on behalf of health care participants are recognized when due and/or payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT (OPEB) PLAN, Continued

General Information about the OPEB Plan

Plan description. Eligible employees of the Meeker Regional Library District are provided with OPEB through the HCTF—a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by PERA. The HCTF is established under Title 24, Article 51, Part 12 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), as amended. Colorado State law provisions may be amended from time to time by the Colorado General Assembly. Title 24, Article 51, Part 12 of the C.R.S., as amended, sets forth a framework that grants authority to the PERA Board to contract, self-insure, and authorize disbursements necessary in order to carry out the purposes of the PERACare program, including the administration of the premium subsidies. Colorado State law provisions may be amended from time to time by the Colorado General Assembly. PERA issues a publicly available annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) that can be obtained at www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports.

Benefits provided. The HCTF provides a health care premium subsidy to eligible participating PERA benefit recipients and retirees who choose to enroll in one of the PERA health care plans, however, the subsidy is not available if only enrolled in the dental and/or vision plan(s). The health care premium subsidy is based upon the benefit structure under which the member retires and the member’s years of service credit. For members who retire having service credit with employers in the Denver Public Schools (DPS) Division and one or more of the other four Divisions (State, School, Local Government and Judicial), the premium subsidy is allocated between the HCTF and the Denver Public Schools Health Care Trust Fund (DPS HCTF). The basis for the amount of the premium subsidy funded by each trust fund is the percentage of the member contribution account balance from each division as it relates to the total member contribution account balance from which the retirement benefit is paid.

C.R.S. § 24-51-1202 et seq. specifies the eligibility for enrollment in the health care plans offered by PERA and the amount of the premium subsidy. The law governing a benefit recipient’s eligibility for the subsidy and the amount of the subsidy differs slightly depending under which benefit structure the benefits are calculated. All benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure and all retirees under the DPS benefit structure are eligible for a premium subsidy, if enrolled in a health care plan under PERACare. Upon the death of a DPS benefit structure retiree, no further subsidy is paid.

Enrollment in the PERACare is voluntary and is available to benefit recipients and their eligible dependents, certain surviving spouses, and divorced spouses and guardians, among others. Eligible benefit recipients may enroll into the program upon retirement, upon the occurrence of certain life events, or on an annual basis during an open enrollment period.

PERA Benefit Structure

The maximum service-based premium subsidy is \$230 per month for benefit recipients who are under 65 years of age and who are not entitled to Medicare; the maximum service-based subsidy is \$115 per month for benefit recipients who are 65 years of age or older or who are under 65 years of age and entitled to Medicare. The basis for the maximum service-based subsidy, in each case, is for benefit recipients with retirement benefits based on 20 or more years of service credit. There is a 5% reduction in the subsidy for each year less than 20. The benefit recipient pays the remaining portion of the premium to the extent the subsidy does not cover the entire amount.

For benefit recipients who have not participated in Social Security and who are not otherwise eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A for hospital-related services, C.R.S. § 24-51-1206(4) provides an additional subsidy. According to the statute, PERA cannot charge premiums to benefit recipients without Medicare Part A that are greater than premiums charged to benefit recipients with Part A for the same plan option, coverage level, and service credit. Currently, for each individual PERACare enrollee, the total premium for Medicare coverage is determined assuming plan participants have both Medicare Part A and Part B and the difference in premium cost is paid by the HCTF or the DPS HCTF on behalf of benefit recipients not covered by Medicare Part A.

NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT (OPEB) PLAN, Continued

General Information about the OPEB Plan, continued

DPS Benefit Structure

The maximum service-based premium subsidy is \$230 per month for retirees who are under 65 years of age and who are not entitled to Medicare; the maximum service-based subsidy is \$115 per month for retirees who are 65 years of age or older or who are under 65 years of age and entitled to Medicare. The basis for the maximum subsidy, in each case, is for retirees with retirement benefits based on 20 or more years of service credit. There is a 5% reduction in the subsidy for each year less than 20. The retiree pays the remaining portion of the premium to the extent the subsidy does not cover the entire amount.

For retirees who have not participated in Social Security and who are not otherwise eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A for hospital-related services, the HCTF or the DPS HCTF pays an alternate service-based premium subsidy. Each individual retiree meeting these conditions receives the maximum \$230 per month subsidy reduced appropriately for service less than 20 years, as described above. Retirees who do not have Medicare Part A pay the difference between the total premium and the monthly subsidy.

Contributions. Pursuant to Title 24, Article 51, Section 208(1)(f) of the C.R.S., as amended, certain contributions are apportioned to the HCTF. PERA-affiliated employers of the State, School, Local Government, and Judicial Divisions are required to contribute at a rate of 1.02% of PERA-includable salary into the HCTF.

Employer contributions are recognized by the HCTF in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the Meeker Regional Library District is statutorily committed to pay the contributions. Employer contributions recognized by the HCTF from Meeker Regional Library District were \$1,569 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

At December 31, 2023, the Meeker Regional Library District reported a liability of \$10,995 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability for the HCTF was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the total OPEB liability (TOL) used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021. Standard update procedures were used to roll-forward the TOL to December 31, 2022. The Meeker Regional Library District proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on Meeker Regional Library District contributions to the HCTF for the calendar year 2022 relative to the total contributions of participating employers to the HCTF.

At December 31, 2022, the Meeker Regional Library District proportion was 0.00135%, which was a decrease of 0.00004% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2021.