

NORTH FORK AMBULANCE HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT

Financial Statements and
Report of Independent Auditor
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

NORTH FORK AMBULANCE HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To The Board of Directors
North Fork Ambulance Health Services District
Hotchkiss, Colorado

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the North Fork Ambulance Health Services District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the North Fork Ambulance Health Services 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the North Fork Ambulance Health Services District, as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof 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 North Fork Ambulance Health Services 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 North Fork Ambulance Health Services District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the North Fork Ambulance Health Services 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 North Fork Ambulance Health Services 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 and budgetary comparison information 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.

Blair and Associates, P.C.

Cedaredge, Colorado

March 27, 2024

Management’s Discussion and Analysis

North Fork EMS District

Fiscal Year 2023

The discussion and analysis are designed to provide an analysis of the District’s financial condition and operating results and to inform the reader on District’s financial issues and activities. Please read it in conjunction with the District’s financial statements that follow the Management’s Discussion and Analysis.

On November 6, 2018, voters approved the establishment of a special district for the North Fork area, which includes Paonia, Hotchkiss, and Crawford Colorado. The ambulance service is responsible for approximately 1,500 square miles across three counties.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The financial statements included in this annual report are those of a special-purpose government engaged only in a government-type activity. The following statements and schedules are included:

- Statement of Net Position and governmental fund balance sheet – reports the District’s current financial resources (short-term spendable resources with capital assets and short and long-term obligations). (See page 6)
- Statement of revenue, expenditures, and changes in fund balances – governmental and statement of activities – reports the District operating and non-operating revenues by major source along with operating and non-operating expenditures. (See page 8)
- Statement of revenues, expenditures, and change in fund balance actual and budget – compares the District’s budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2023 (See pages 17)

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

The following table shows the condensed statement of Net Position for the past two years.

Years ended December 31,	2023	2022
Current assets	\$ 2,637,225	\$ 2,319,252
Capital assets (net of depreciation)	571,767	681,673
Total assets	3,208,992	3,000,925
Current liabilities	37,378	37,353
Long-term Liabilities:		
Compensated Absences	36,756	51,128
Deferred Inflows:		
Property Taxes	1,157,249	1,089,592
Net Position:		
Invested in capital assets	571,767	681,673
Restricted for Tabor emergency	57,000	51,950
Nonspendable	21,547	15,115
Committed	157,000	157,000
Unrestricted	1,170,295	917,114
Total Net Position	\$ 1,977,609	\$ 1,822,852

Management's Discussion and Analysis
North Fork EMS District
Fiscal Year 2023

The net position of the District increased to \$154,757 in 2023. This is in large part due to the increase in cash and investments. The District's total assets were \$3,208,992 in 2023. The District's total liabilities were \$74,134 in 2023.

REVIEW OF REVENUES

Years ended December 31,	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Operating revenue		
Charges for services	\$ 580,288	\$ 535,916
Total	<u>580,288</u>	<u>535,916</u>
Non-operating revenue		
Specific ownership tax	143,786	136,644
General property tax	1,089,377	998,794
Interest income	60,709	14,958
Other revenue	43,955	26,980
Grants	<u>30,037</u>	<u>16,879</u>
Total	<u>1,367,864</u>	<u>1,194,255</u>
Total revenue	<u>\$ 1,948,152</u>	<u>\$ 1,730,171</u>

The District's total revenues increase \$217,981 from \$1,730,171 in 2022. The major reason for this was an increase in charges for services, interest income and property taxes.

REVIEW OF EXPENDITURES

Years ended December 31,	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Operating expenditures:		
Ambulance operations	\$ 1,683,490	\$ 1,429,713
Depreciation	130,300	130,301
Capital outlay	<u>(20,395)</u>	<u>(8,945)</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 1,793,395</u>	<u>\$ 1,551,069</u>

The major capital asset purchases for 2023, was the remodeling of the Paonia station of \$20,395.

Management's Discussion and Analysis
North Fork EMS District
Fiscal Year 2023

ECONOMIC AND OTHER FACTORS

The North Fork Valley showed some growth in population in 2023 due to the desire of new residents to work remotely or to retire. Demographically, the number of residents over the age of sixty in Delta County is nearly three times the state average. This creates a greater demand for the service provided by North Fork EMS. The older demographic and a decline in the local labor force decreased the availability of qualified EMS personnel. Calls for services have increased, as have billing revenues.

The District is making a concerted effort to adjust its operations to ensure that the residents continue to receive the EMS services that they depend on. The North Fork EMS Board is conservative in its stewardship and places emphasis on staffing, training, updating equipment and vehicles, while maintaining infrastructure to meet the growing needs of the communities consistent with available resources.

FINANCIAL CONTACT

The District's financial statements are designed to present users (service users, taxpayers, and creditors) with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability. If you have any questions concerning this report or need additional financial information, please contact Kathy Steckel, District Manager, North Fork EMS District, P O Box 687, Hotchkiss, CO 81419, or call the Office at 970-872-9111.

North Fork Ambulance Health Service District
Statement of Net Position and Governmental Fund Balance Sheet
December 31, 2023

	General Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Net Position
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 181,605	\$ -	\$ 181,605
Accounts receivable rescue(Net of allowance of \$44,490)	66,115	-	66,115
Property taxes receivable	1,157,249	-	1,157,249
Other receivable	11,446	-	11,446
Prepaid expenses	21,547	-	21,547
Investments	1,199,263	-	1,199,263
Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation):			
Land	-	42,736	42,736
Building and improvements	-	346,997	346,997
Rescue vehicles	-	540,467	540,467
Equipment	-	25,147	25,147
Rescue equipment	-	62,215	62,215
Construction in process	-	29,339	29,339
Accumulated depreciation	-	(475,134)	(475,134)
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,637,225</u>	<u>\$ 571,767</u>	<u>\$ 3,208,992</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 13,852	\$ -	\$ 13,852
Accrued payroll	20,208	-	20,208
Accrued expenses	3,318	-	3,318
Long-term liabilities:			
Compensated absences	36,756	-	36,756
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>74,134</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,134</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS			
Property Taxes	<u>1,157,249</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,157,249</u>
FUND BALANCES AND NET POSITION			
Restricted-Emergency reserve - Tabor	57,000	(57,000)	-
Committed-Ambulance	157,000	(157,000)	-
Non-spendable	21,547	(21,547)	-
Unassigned	1,170,295	(1,170,295)	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>1,405,842</u>	<u>(1,405,842)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 2,637,225</u>		
NET POSITION			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		571,767	571,767
Restricted for:			
Tabor emergency		57,000	57,000
Unrestricted		1,348,842	1,348,842
TOTAL NET POSITION		<u>\$ 1,977,609</u>	<u>\$ 1,977,609</u>

The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.

North Fork Ambulance Health Service District
Statement of Net Position and Governmental Fund Balance Sheet
December 31, 2023

Adjustments to reconcile the governmental fund balance sheet to the statement of Net Position are as follows:	
Fund balance per general fund balance sheet	\$ 1,405,842
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	571,767
Net Position for governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 1,977,609</u></u>

The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.

North Fork Ambulance Health Service District
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balances-Governmental
and Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	General Fund	Adjustments (See Page 10)	Statement of Activities
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES			
EMS operations	\$ 1,663,095	\$ -	\$ 1,663,095
Capital outlay	20,395	(20,395)	-
Depreciation	-	130,300	130,300
Total expenditures/expenses	<u>1,683,490</u>	<u>109,905</u>	<u>1,793,395</u>
PROGRAM REVENUES			
Charges for services	580,288	-	580,288
Net program expenses	<u>(1,103,202)</u>	<u>109,905</u>	<u>(1,213,107)</u>
GENERAL REVENUES			
Property taxes	1,089,377	-	1,089,377
Specific ownership	143,786	-	143,786
Interest income	60,709	-	60,709
Grant income	30,037	-	30,037
Miscellaneous income	43,955	-	43,955
Total general revenues	<u>1,367,864</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,367,864</u>
Excess of (expenditures) over revenues	264,662	(109,905)	
Change in Net Position			154,757
FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION			
Beginning of the year	1,141,179	681,673	1,822,852
End of the year	<u>\$ 1,405,841</u>	<u>\$ 571,768</u>	<u>\$ 1,977,609</u>

The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.

**North Fork Ambulance Health Service District
 Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues Expenditures,
 and Change in the Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
 to the Statement of Activities
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

Amounts reported for the governmental activities in the statement of activities (page 9) are different because:

Excess of expenditures over revenues - general funds (page 8)		<u>\$ 264,662</u>
Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activity the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense:		
Capital outlay		20,395
Depreciation		<u>(130,300)</u>
		<u>(109,905)</u>
 Change in Net Position of governmental activities (page 9)		 <u><u>\$ 154,757</u></u>

The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.

NORTH FORK AMBULANCE HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT
Summary of Significant Accounting Policies
December 31, 2023

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The North Fork Ambulance Health Service District is a special service district governed pursuant to provisions of the Colorado Special District Act. The District was established to provide ambulance services within and surrounding the area of Paonia, Hotchkiss, and Crawford, Colorado. The District was formed by approval of voters on November 6, 2018. The District's service area covers approximately 1,500 square miles.

The District operates under a five-member Board of Directors elected by the voters of the District. The District's financial statements include the accounts and operations of all the District's functions.

Financial Reporting Entity

The North Fork Ambulance Health Service District is a special district as defined by Colorado Statutes and is governed by an elected board of directors. The Board of Directors has oversight, responsibility, and control over all activities within its boundaries. The board is not included in any other governmental "reporting entity" as defined by the GASB pronouncement, since board members are elected by the public and have decision making authority, the authority to levy taxes, the power to designate management, the ability to significantly influence operations and primary accountability for fiscal matters.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of Net Position and statement of Activities) report information on all the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units.

Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and user charges for support. Likewise, the *primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units* for which the primary government is financially accountable. The District has no business-type activities or component units.

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 the specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants 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 as *general revenues*.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. The District has only one governmental fund, the *General Fund*.

A. Risk of Loss

The District is exposed to various risk of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters for which the District carries commercial insurance coverage for vehicles, commercial property, commercial umbrella, commercial general liability, and management liability through the Volunteer Firemen Insurance Services.

B. Capital Assets

The accounting and reporting treatment applied to the capital assets associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus. Capital assets are long-lived assets of the District as a whole. When purchased, such assets are recorded as expenditures in the governmental type fund.

All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical costs if actual historical cost is not available. The assets have a useful life of 2 to 40 years and are depreciated on the straight-line method. It is the District's policy to capitalize individual items costing \$2,500 or more.

The District has no restricted assets.

NORTH FORK AMBULANCE HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT
Summary of Significant Accounting Policies
December 31, 2023

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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 the related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and comparable items are recognized as revenues as soon as eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund 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. The District considers revenues to be available if they are collectible within 120 days except for property taxes which are considered available if they are collectible within 60 days after year-end. Property taxes, and interest associated with the current year are susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current year. 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 when payment is due.

The government reports the following major governmental fund:

The *General Fund* is the District's operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the government.

Amounts reported as *program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as *general revenues* rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

D. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

In accordance with the State Budget Law, the District's Board of Directors holds public hearings in the fall each year to approve the budget and appropriate the funds for the ensuing year. The appropriation is at the total fund expenditures level and lapses at year end. The District's Board of Directors can modify the budget by line item within the total appropriation without notification. The appropriation can only be modified upon completion of notification and publication requirements. The budget includes each fund on its basis of accounting unless otherwise indicated.

The budget is prepared on the same basis as that of the fund financial statements.

The details of the budget calendar are outlined below:

- October 15 – Deadline for Budget Officer to submit proposed budget to the government board. Governing body must publish "Notice of Budget" upon receiving proposed budget.
- December 15 – Deadline for certification of mil levy to the Board of County Commissioners.
- December 22 – Deadline for Board of County Commissioners to levy taxes and to certify the levies to the Assessor.
- December 31– Statutory deadline for local governing body to adopt budget. A certified copy of the adopted budget must be sent to the Division of Local Government within 30 days of adoption.

On or before December 31–The District shall enact an ordinance appropriating the budget for the ensuing year.

NORTH FORK AMBULANCE HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT
Summary of Significant Accounting Policies
December 31, 2023

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

E. Compensated Absences

The District has adopted a policy addressing compensated absences for full-time employees only. A summary of that policy follows.

Vacation/Sick Leave (PTO)

The District's policy provides PTO for full-time employees after completion of 180 days of employment. PTO for 24-hour shift full-time employees range from 2 24-hr shift on up to one year of service to 18.5 24-hour shifts for 25 plus years of service. No more than twice the annual PTO accrual rate may be accumulated.

PTO for 8-hour day full-time employees range up to 6 days for one year of service to 28 days for 25 plus years of service. No more than twice the annual PTO accrual may be accumulated.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the PTO accrued was \$36,756.

F. Property Taxes - Receivable

Annual property taxes are levied on December 22 of each year and attached as an enforceable lien as of January 1. They are payable in full April 30, or in two equal installments due February 28 and June 15. The county bills and collects property taxes for the district. Property taxes collected by the county are remitted to the district in the subsequent month. Property taxes are reported as receivable and deferred revenue when levied and as revenue when collected in the following year.

Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year in which they are intended to finance operating expenses.

G. Use of Estimates

The preparation of 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 amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

H. Receivables

Receivables are reported net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts. The District's policy is to establish an allowance for uncollectible accounts based on individual analysis of accounts.

I. Fund Equity

In the fund financial statements governmental funds report reservations of fund balance amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose.

J. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net Position invested in capital assets net of related debt consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and related debt. Net Position are reported as restricted when there are constraints placed on their use either by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or through restrictions externally imposed by creditors, grantors, laws, or regulations of other governments.

K. Use of Restricted Funds

It is the District's policy to use restricted funds first for their intended use before unrestricted funds are used.

L. Subsequent Events

Management has reviewed subsequent events through the date of the audit report.

NORTH FORK AMBULANCE HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT
Summary of Significant Accounting Policies
December 31, 2023

Note 2 - Capital Asset

	Balance 1/1/2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/2023
Building	\$ 346,997	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 346,997
Medical Equipment	62,215	-	-	62,215
Equipment	25,147	-	-	25,147
Rescue Vehicles	540,467	-	-	540,467
Fixed Assets being depreciated	974,826	-	-	974,826
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(344,834)</u>	<u>(130,300)</u>	-	<u>(475,134)</u>
Net	629,992	(130,300)	-	499,692
Land	42,736	-	-	42,736
CIP	8,944	20,395	-	29,339
Net Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 681,672</u>	<u>\$ (109,905)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 571,767</u>

In 2023, the Districts depreciation was \$130,300. The depreciation was charged directly to the various functions as follows:

Building	\$ 8,675
Medical equipment	9,879
Equipment	3,653
Medical vehicles	<u>108,093</u>
Total	<u>\$ 130,300</u>

Note 3 - Budget to Actual Comparison

	General Fund
Revenue and other financing resources	
GAAP and Budgetary basis	\$ 1,948,152
2023 Budgeted resources	<u>1,904,169</u>
Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	<u>\$ 43,983</u>
Expenditures-GAAP basis	\$ 1,793,395
Modification to GAAP basis	
Capital outlays	20,395
Depreciation	<u>(130,300)</u>
Expenditures-Budgeted basis	1,683,490
2023 Budgeted expenditures	<u>1,904,566</u>
Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	<u>\$ 221,076</u>

NORTH FORK AMBULANCE HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT
Summary of Significant Accounting Policies
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Note 4 – Deposits and Investments

Deposits

The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires that all units of local government deposit cash in eligible public depositories. Eligibility is determined by state regulators. Amounts on deposit in excess of federal insurance levels must be collateralized. The eligible collateral is determined by the PDPA. PDPA allows the institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds. The pool is to be maintained by another institution or held in trust for all the uninsured public deposits as a group. The market value of the collateral must be at least equal to 100% of the uninsured deposits. Collateral in the pool is considered equal to depository insurance pursuant to definitions listed in GASB Statement No. 40. At December 31, 2023, the District's cash deposits had a bank balance of \$181,402 of which \$227,431 was covered by federal depository insurance.

In 2023, the district invested in CSAFE-Colorado Core Fund. This investment carries a NAV of 2.000296138 per share. It is rated by Fitch as AAf/S1. On December 31, 2023, the carrying value of the investment was \$1,199,263.

Note 5 - Tax, Spending, and Debt Limitation

In November 1992, the voters of Colorado approved Amendment 1, commonly known as the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR), which adds a new Section 20 to Article X of the Colorado Constitution. TABOR contains tax, spending, revenue, and debt limitations that apply to the State of Colorado and all local governments.

The initial base for local government spending and revenue limits is 1992 Fiscal Year Spending. Future spending and revenue limits are determined based on the prior year's Fiscal Year Spending adjusted for allowable increases based upon inflation and local growth. Fiscal Year Spending is generally defined as expenditures plus reserve increases with certain exceptions. Revenue more than the Fiscal Year Spending limit must be refunded unless the voters approve retention of such revenue.

TABOR requires local governments to establish Emergency Reserves. These reserves must be at least 1% of Fiscal Year Spending (excluding bonded debt service) in 1993, 2% in 1994 and 3% thereafter. Local governments are not allowed to use the emergency reserves to compensate for economic conditions, revenue shortfalls, or salary or benefit increases.

TABOR requires, with certain exceptions, voter approval prior to imposing new taxes, increasing a tax rate, increasing a mill levy above that for the prior year, extending an expiring tax, or implementing a tax policy change directly causing a net tax revenue gain to any local government.

The District believes it is in compliance with this amendment.

Note 6 – Fund Balance Classification Policies and Procedures

The District has implemented GASB 54, Fund Balance Classification. With this GASB, the fund balance is broken into five classifications. (1) *Non-spendable* – not in spendable form, (2) *Restricted*-fund constrained by external parties, (3) *Committed* – constraints on use of funds imposed by the highest level of decision-making authority, in the Districts case that is the Board of Directors. The funds must be established, modified, or rescinded by use of resolution of the Board. (4) *Assigned* – funds intended to be used for a specific purpose, where the intent is expressed by an official authorized by the governing board, in the Districts case that is the Fire Chief and (5) *Unassigned* – which are funds available for any purpose. The District does not have any Assigned fund classification in 2023.

NORTH FORK AMBULANCE HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2023

Note 6 – Fund Balance Classification Policies and Procedures - Continued

It is the District's policy to spend restricted fund first then unrestricted fund for the purpose for which both funds are available and committed and assigned funds are spent when expenditure is incurred for purposes for which amount in any of those unrestricted fund balance classification could be used.

The District does have fund classification as follows:

- Restricted which is dictated by Colorado State Law (TABOR)
- Non-spendable which is its prepaid expenses,
- Committed \$157,000 for new ambulance.
- Unassigned.

Note 7 – Pension

Defined Contribution

The District has a defined contribution plan through the Colorado Retirement Association Retirement Plan (CRA or Plan), for its full-time employees. CRA is administered by the Plan. Benefit terms, including contribution requirements, for the Plan are established and may be amended by the Plan. The District is required to contribute 8 percent of its annual salary, exclusive of overtime pay to individual employee accounts for each participating employee. Employees are required to make contributions of 8 percent. The Plan took effect beginning January 1, 2021.

Employees are immediately invested in their own contributions and earnings from those contributions. Employees become vested in District contributions and earnings on District contributions at the rate of 20 percent per year. Nonvested contributions are forfeited upon termination of employment and such forfeitures are used to pay a portion of the Plan's administrative expenses.

During 2023, the District and employees each made their respectively required 8% contribution amounting to \$36,568, for a total of \$73,136. There were no forfeitures reflected in pension expense recognized by the District in 2023.

Deferred Compensation Plan

The District also offers a Deferred Compensation Plan through the Colorado Retirement Association Deferred Compensation Plan (Plan). Employees are not required to participate in this plan, but if they do elect to participate the District will match up to six percent of eligible employee's pay. Employer and employee contributions began January 1, 2021. The contribution for the District for 2023, amounted to \$28,315.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

North Fork Ambulance Health Service District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	General Fund		
	Original Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
General property taxes	\$ 1,089,592	\$ 1,089,377	\$ (215)
Specific ownership tax	128,500	143,786	15,286
Ambulance	503,900	580,288	76,388
Interest income	24,000	60,709	36,709
Grant income	117,577	30,037	(87,540)
Miscellaneous	40,600	43,955	3,355
Total Revenues	<u>1,904,169</u>	<u>1,948,152</u>	<u>43,983</u>
Expenditures:			
Administrative:			
Salaries	35,200	25,494	9,706
Professional fees	35,550	12,260	23,290
Public relations	13,280	13,650	(370)
Insurance	46,500	48,473	(1,973)
Treasurers fees	21,792	10,152	11,640
Director's fees	7,000	6,100	900
Bad debts	52,000	80,138	(28,138)
Contingency and all other	63,375	45,249	18,126
Total Administration	<u>274,697</u>	<u>241,516</u>	<u>33,181</u>
Operations:			
EMS operations	175,165	175,732	(567)
Annual contracts	16,700	13,074	3,626
Apparatus/Vehicle expense	36,700	33,157	3,543
EMS education	19,400	21,810	(2,410)
Payroll & benefits	1,203,904	1,177,806	26,098
Total Operations	<u>1,451,869</u>	<u>1,421,579</u>	<u>30,290</u>
Capital Outlay Major	178,000	20,395	157,605
Total Expenditures	<u>1,904,566</u>	<u>1,683,490</u>	<u>221,076</u>
Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	(397)	264,662	265,059
Fund Balance-Beginning of Year	910,545	1,141,179	230,634
Fund Balance-End of Year	<u>\$ 910,148</u>	<u>\$ 1,405,841</u>	<u>\$ 495,693</u>