



PHILOMATH FIRE & RESCUE

Report to the Board of Directors
for the Year Ended June 30, 2023

October 3, 2023



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Benton County, Oregon

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October 3, 2023

Board of Directors
Philomath Fire & Rescue
Benton County, Oregon

We are pleased to present this report related to our audit of the financial statements of governmental activities, each major fund, and the remaining fund information of Philomath Fire & Rescue, Benton County, Oregon, for the year ended June 30, 2023. This report summarizes certain matters required by professional standards to be communicated to you in your oversight responsibility for the District's financial reporting process. Also included, is a summary of recently issued accounting standards that may affect future financial reporting by the District.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors and management of the District, and it is not intended to be used, and should not be used, by anyone other than these specified parties.

It will be our pleasure to respond to any questions you have regarding this report. We appreciate the opportunity to continue to be of service to the District.

Very truly yours,

Accuity, LLC
Certified Public Accountants
Albany, Oregon



Board of Directors
Philomath Fire & Rescue
Benton County, Oregon

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the remaining fund information of Philomath Fire & Rescue for the year ended June 30, 2023. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our engagement letter dated June 9, 2023. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Accounting Policies

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Philomath Fire & Rescue are described in Note I to the financial statements. Four new accounting policies were adopted during the year, GASB Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability of Arrangements*, Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 202*, and Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. The application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended June 30, 2023. We noted no transactions entered into by the District during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management, and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the District's financial statements were:

- Management's estimate of depreciable lives and salvage values of capital assets is based on expected useful lives of the assets and current market conditions.
- Management's estimate of accrued compensation is based on the employee's total accrued hours multiplied by their current hourly rate and current payroll tax and retirement benefit contribution percentages.
- Defined benefit pension plans (actuarial assumptions)
- Defined other postemployment benefits (OPEB) plans (actuarial assumptions)

Certain financial statement disclosures involve significant judgment and are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting Philomath Fire & Rescue's financial statements relate to pension plans and long-term debt obligations.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain written representations from management, which are included in the attached letter dated October 3, 2023.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the entity's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the District's auditors; however, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

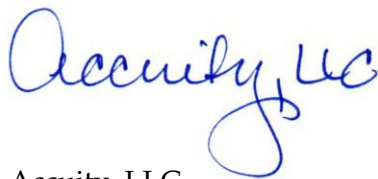
We applied certain limited procedures to the management's discussion and analysis, schedules of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability/OPEB asset and District contributions, schedules of changes in OPEB medical benefit liability, and the Budget and Actual - General Fund, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding 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 did not audit the aforementioned RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the individual fund statements which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the aforementioned information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Restriction on Use

This report is intended solely for the use of the board of directors and management of Philomath Fire & Rescue, and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Accuity, LLC". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Accuity, LLC
October 3, 2023



October 3, 2023

Board of Directors
Philomath Fire & Rescue
Benton County, Oregon

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, and each major fund of Philomath Fire & Rescue as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered Philomath Fire & Rescue's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and, therefore, there can be no assurance that all such deficiencies have been identified. In addition, because of inherent limitations in internal control, including the possibility of management override of controls, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected by such controls.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We identified one deficiency in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses, as described in the accompanying schedule as item 2023-001.

A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

PHILOMATH FIRE & RESCUE
Benton County, Oregon

June 30, 2023

Finding Number	2023-001
Finding Title	Expenditures were recorded in incorrect fiscal year.
Type of Finding	Material Weakness
Criteria	Expenditures should be recorded in the year they occur.
Condition	June 30, 2024 fiscal year expenditures were posted to the June 30, 2023 fiscal year as an accounts payable.
Cause of Condition	Lack of understanding and knowledge of general accounting procedures.
Potential Effect of Condition	Overstated accounts payables and expenditures.
Prevalence	Systemic
Recommendation	We recommend that the District more strongly review contracts and service dates, as well as invoice dates, before recording accounts payables and expenditures, specifically near year end, in order to mitigate future reoccurrences.

During our audit, we became aware of the following deficiencies in internal control, other than significant deficiencies or material weaknesses, that are an opportunity to strengthen internal controls and operating efficiencies.

Organizational Structure

The size of the District's accounting and administrative staff precludes certain internal controls that would be preferred if the office staff were large enough to provide optimum segregation of duties. This situation dictates that the Board of Directors remains involved in the financial affairs of the District to provide oversight and independent review functions.

Preparation of Financial Statements in Accordance with the Modified Cash Basis of Accounting

District employees appear to be fulfilling accounting and reporting duties as assigned; however, the District lacks personnel with the ability to prepare financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting. Due to the size of the District, this control deficiency will most likely remain in subsequent years. The State of Oregon has adopted statutes that mitigate the identified deficiency by requiring municipal auditing firms to assist with and/or prepare financial statements for audit clients in accordance with their selected basis of accounting.

Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations

During the year ended June 30, 2023, the District expended funds in excess of amounts appropriated in two funds, which is in noncompliance with Oregon Budget Law. We recommend the District review and closely monitor expenditures on a routine basis, comparing budgeted amounts to actual amounts, in order to mitigate future reoccurrences.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, the board of directors, and others within the District, and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,


Accuity, LLC

Recently Issued Accounting Standards
June 30, 2023

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the District implemented the following new accounting standards:

GASB Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability of Arrangements* – This Statement is to improve financial reporting by addressing issues related to public-private and public-public partnership arrangements (PPPs).

GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements* – This statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users.

GASB Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022*. This statement was issued April 2022 and enhances comparability in accounting and financial reporting to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements. This Statement addresses a variety of topics including issues related to lease implementation, public-private and public-public partnerships and availability payment arrangements, and subscription-based information technology arrangements.

GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. This statement was issued to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures.

The District will implement applicable new GASB pronouncements no later than the required fiscal year. Management has not determined the effect on the financial statements for implementing any of the following pronouncements:

GASB Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022*. This statement was issued April 2022 and enhances comparability in accounting and financial reporting to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements. This Statement addresses a variety of topics including issues related to financial guarantees and classification of derivatives.

GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*. This statement was issued to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability.



June 09, 2023

Ashley K Scott
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Dear Ashley,

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide to Philomath Fire & Rescue for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Audit Scope and Objectives

We will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, and the disclosures, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of Philomath Fire & Rescue as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023. Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), to supplement Philomath Fire & Rescue's basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to Philomath Fire & Rescue's RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding 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 will 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. The following RSI is required by GAAP and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

1. Management's Discussion and Analysis
2. Schedules of the Government's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension and OPEB Liabilities and Government Contributions, if applicable
3. Schedules of Funding Progress and Government Contributions, if applicable

The following RSI is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and will be subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS and will provide an opinion on it in relation to the financial statements as a whole:

1. Schedules of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – General Fund and Major Special Revenue Funds, if any

We have also been engaged to report on supplementary information other than RSI that accompanies Philomath Fire & Rescue's financial statements. We will subject the following supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS and will provide an opinion on it in relation to the financial statements as a whole:

1. Combining Balance Sheet and Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances for all Nonmajor Governmental Funds, if any
2. Schedules of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds, and Capital Projects Funds, if any



The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion about whether your financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with GAAP, and report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole. 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 GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment of a reasonable user made based on the financial statements.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

We will conduct our audit in accordance with GAAS, and the Minimum Standards for Audits of Oregon Municipal Corporations, and will include tests of your accounting records and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions. As part of an audit in accordance with GAAS, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We will evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management. We will also evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and determine whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the government or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the government.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected by us, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with GAAS. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that comes to our attention. We will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential, and of any material abuse that comes to our attention. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

We will also conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the government's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected individuals, funding sources, creditors, and financial institutions. We will also request written representations from the Government's attorneys as part of the engagement, and they may bill you for responding to this inquiry.

We may from time to time, and depending on the circumstances, use third-party service providers in serving your account. We may share confidential information about you with these service providers but will remain committed to maintaining the confidentiality and security of your information. Accordingly, we maintain internal policies, procedures, and safeguards to protect the confidentiality of your personal information. In addition, we will secure confidentiality agreements with all service providers to maintain the confidentiality of your information and we will take reasonable precautions to determine that they have appropriate procedures in place to prevent the unauthorized release of your confidential information to others. In the event that we are unable to secure an appropriate confidentiality agreement, you will be asked to provide your consent prior to the sharing of your confidential



information with the third-party service provider. Furthermore, we will remain responsible for the work provided by any such third-party service providers.

Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you of your responsibilities.

Audit Procedures – Internal Control

We will obtain an understanding of the Government and its environment, including internal control relevant to the audit, sufficient to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and to design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks and obtain evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions. 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, misrepresentation, or the override of internal control. An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify deficiencies in internal control. Accordingly, we will express no such opinion. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance, internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards.

We have not identified any significant risk(s) of material misstatement as a part of our audit planning.

Audit Procedures – Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of Philomath Fire & Rescue's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance, and we will not express such an opinion.

Other Services

We will also assist in preparing the financial statements and related notes of Philomath Fire & Rescue in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles based on information provided by you. We will perform the services in accordance with applicable professional standards. The other services are limited to the financial statements and related notes as previously defined. We, in our sole professional judgement, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities. We will assist with preparation of the capital asset schedule and depreciation calculation in conformity with the applicable basis of accounting.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities for the financial statement preparation services and any other nonattest services we provide; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services; and accept responsibility for them.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that you acknowledge and understand your responsibility for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, including monitoring ongoing activities; for the selection and application of accounting principles; and for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America with the oversight of those charged with governance.

Management is responsible for making drafts of financial statements, all financial records and related information available to us and for the accuracy and completeness of that information (including information from outside of the general and subsidiary ledgers). You are also responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records,



documentation, identification of all related parties and all related-party relationships and transactions and other matters, (2) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit, and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the Government from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from you about the financial statements and related matters.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the management representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the Government involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud or illegal acts could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the government complies with applicable laws and regulations.

You are responsible for the preparation of the supplementary information in conformity with the U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). You agree to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains and indicates that we have reported on the supplementary information. You also agree to include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the supplementary information that includes our report thereon or make the audited financial statements readily available to users of the supplementary information no later than the date the supplementary information is issued with our report thereon. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the written representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with the GAAP (2) that you believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with the GAAP, (3) that the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or if they have changed, the reasons for such changes), and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions in interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information.

Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other

We understand that your employees will prepare all cash or other confirmations we request and will locate any documents selected by us for testing and will prepare schedules requested by us by the dates communicated directly to management.

We will provide copies of our reports to Philomath Fire & Rescue, however management is responsible for distribution of the reports and the financial statements. Unless restricted by law or regulation, or containing privileged and confidential information, copies of our reports are to be made available for public inspection.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Accuity, LLC and constitutes confidential information. However, subject to applicable laws and regulations, audit documentation and appropriate individuals will be made available upon request and in a timely manner to the State of Oregon or its designee, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office for purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Accuity, LLC personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend or decide to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

The audit documentation for this engagement will be retained for a minimum of seven years after the report release date or for any additional period requested by the State of Oregon. If we are aware that a federal awarding agency or auditee is contesting an audit finding, we will contact the party/parties contesting the audit finding for guidance prior



to destroying the audit documentation.

We expect to begin our audit on September 21, 2023 and to issue our report no later than December 31, 2023. Glen Kearns is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the reports or authorizing another individual to sign them.

Our fees for these services will be based on the value of the services rendered, plus out-of-pocket expenses. We estimate that our fees for these services, including out-of-pocket costs (such as report reproduction, typing, postage, copies, or travel), will be \$9,500. The fee estimate is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate.

Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable upon presentation. In accordance with our firm policies, work may be suspended if your account becomes 30 days or more overdue and will not be resumed until your account is paid in full. If we elect to terminate our services for nonpayment, our engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notification of termination, even if we have not completed our report. You will be obligated to compensate us for all time expended and to reimburse us for all out-of-pocket expenditures through the date of termination.

Reporting

We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of Philomath Fire & Rescue's financial statements. Our report will be addressed to management and those charged with governance of Philomath Fire & Rescue. Circumstances may arise in which our report may differ from its expected form and content based on the results of our audit. Depending on the nature and circumstances, it may be necessary for us to modify our opinions, add a separate section, or add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph to our auditor's report, or if necessary, withdraw from this engagement. If our opinions are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete our audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express our opinions or withdraw from this engagement.

If you intend to publish or otherwise reproduce the financial statements and make reference to our firm, you agree to provide us with printers' proofs or masters for our review and approval before printing. You also agree to provide us with a copy of the final reproduced material for our approval before it is distributed.

If this engagement letter is written in support of any existing bid or contract, in case of any conflict between such agreement and this letter, this letter will control.

If any of the above sections or clauses are held to be invalid for any reason, or are declared to be null and void, all other sections and clauses of this agreement shall remain valid, will not be nullified, and are hereby further affirmed.

Venue of all matters arising from this agreement, this engagement, and subsequent engagements shall reside in Albany, Linn County, Oregon.

Any dispute, controversy, or claim arising out of this agreement shall be settled by binding arbitration under the arbitration rules of the Linn County Circuit Court. There shall be one arbitrator selected from the Circuit Court Panel of Arbitrators and the proceeding shall follow the Oregon Rules of Civil Procedure.

The arbitrator shall have the authority to award any remedy or relief that an Oregon court could order or grant, including, without limitation, specific performance of any obligation created under this agreement, the issuance of an injunction, or the imposition of sanctions for abuse or frustration of the arbitration process, except that the arbitrator shall not have authority to award punitive damages or any other amount for the purpose of imposing a penalty as opposed to compensating for actual damages suffered or loss incurred. With respect to any action relating to this agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the losing party its reasonable attorney's fees, paralegal fees, expert fees, and all other fees, costs, and expenses actually incurred and reasonably necessary in



connection with such action as determined by the arbitrator. Our audit engagement ends upon delivery of our audit report. Any follow-up services that might be required will be a separate, new engagement. The terms and conditions of that new engagement will be governed by a new specific engagement letter for that service.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you and believe that this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Very truly yours,

Glen Kearns

Accuity, LLC
RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of Philomath Fire & Rescue

Ashley Scott
Ashley K Scott

06/20/2023
Date

Ashley K Scott
Administrative Assistant

Accuity, LLC
Certified Public Accountants
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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of Philomath Fire & Rescue, which comprise the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the remaining fund information as of June 30, 2023, the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing opinions as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of the date of signature of this letter, the following representations made to you during your audit.

Financial Statements

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated June 9, 2023, including our responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP and for preparation of the supplementary information in accordance with the applicable criteria.
2. The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with U.S. GAAP and include all properly classified funds and other financial information of the District required by generally accepted accounting principles to be included in the financial reporting entity.
3. We acknowledge our responsibility 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.

4. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
5. Significant assumptions we used in making accounting estimates are reasonable.
6. Related party relationships and transactions, including revenues, expenditures/expenses, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
7. Adjustments or disclosures have been made for all events, including instances of noncompliance, subsequent to the date of the financial statements that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.
8. If any, the effects of uncorrected misstatements are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements for each opinion unit. We are in agreement with the adjusting journal entries you have proposed, and they have been posted to the accounts.
9. We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.
10. Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the District is contingently liable, if any, have been properly recorded or disclosed.

Information Provided

11. We have provided you with:
 - a. Access to all information of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters.
 - b. Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
 - c. Unrestricted access to persons within the District from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
 - d. Minutes of the meetings of the board of directors or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
12. All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.

13. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
14. We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the District and involves:
 - a. Management,
 - b. Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
 - c. Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
15. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the District's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, regulators, or others.
16. We have no knowledge of instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements, or abuse, whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
17. We have disclosed to you all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.
18. We have disclosed to you the identity of the District's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.

District-Specific

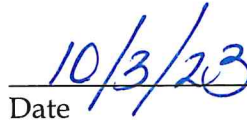
19. There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.
20. We have taken timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud, noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, or abuse that you have reported to us.
21. We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
22. We have identified to you any previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
23. We have provided our views on reported findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as our planned corrective actions, for the report.

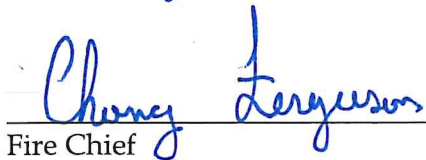
24. The District has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, liabilities, or equity.
25. We are responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us, including tax or debt limits and debt contracts, and legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
26. We have identified and disclosed to you all instances that have occurred or are likely to have occurred, of fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws and regulations that we believe have a material effect on the financial statements or other financial data significant to the audit objectives, and any other instances that warrant the attention of those charged with governance.
27. We have identified and disclosed to you all instances, which have occurred or are likely to have occurred, of noncompliance with provisions of contracts and grant agreements that we believe have a material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or other financial data significant to the audit objectives.
28. We have identified and disclosed to you all instances that have occurred or are likely to have occurred, of abuse that could be quantitatively or qualitatively material to the financial statements or other financial data significant to the audit objectives.
29. There are no violations or possible violations of budget ordinances, laws and regulations (including those pertaining to adopting, approving, and amending budgets), provisions of contracts and grant agreements, tax or debt limits, and any related debt covenants whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements, or as a basis for recording a loss contingency, or for reporting on noncompliance.
30. As part of your audit, you assisted with preparation of the financial statements and related notes. We acknowledge our responsibility as it relates to those nonaudit services, including that we assume all management responsibilities; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably within senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services performed; and accept responsibility for the results of the services. We have reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for those financial statements and related
31. The District has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets, nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.
32. The District has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.

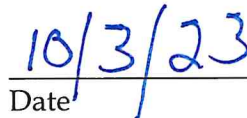
33. The financial statements properly classify all funds and activities in accordance with GASB Statement No. 34.
34. All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in GASB Statement Nos. 34 and 37 for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are particularly important to financial statement users.
35. Components of net position (net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted) and equity amounts are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.
36. Investments, derivative instruments, and land and other real estate held by endowments are properly valued.
37. Provisions for uncollectible receivables have been properly identified and recorded.
38. Expenses have been appropriately classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations have been made on a reasonable basis.
39. Revenues are appropriately classified in the statement of activities within program revenues, general revenues, contributions to term or permanent endowments, or contributions to permanent fund principal.
40. Interfund, internal, and intra-entity activity and balances have been appropriately classified and reported.
41. If any, special and extraordinary items are appropriately classified and reported.
42. Deposits, investment securities, and derivative instruments are properly classified as to risk and are properly disclosed.
43. Capital assets, including infrastructure and intangible assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and, if applicable, depreciated.
44. We have appropriately disclosed the District's policy regarding whether to first apply restricted or unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available and have determined that net position is properly recognized under the policy.
45. We are following our established accounting policy regarding which resources (that is, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned) are considered to be spent first for expenditures for which more than one resource classification is available. That policy determines the fund balance classifications for financial reporting purposes.

46. We acknowledge our responsibility for the required supplementary information (RSI). The RSI is measured and presented within prescribed guidelines and the methods of measurement and presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period. We have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the RSI.
47. With respect to the RSI:
- d. We acknowledge our responsibility for presenting the management's discussion and analysis, schedules of funding progress and employer contributions, schedules of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability, and budgetary comparison information in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and we believe this information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The methods of measurement and presentation of the RSI have not changed from those used in the prior period, and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the supplementary information.
48. Expenditures of federal awards were below the \$750,000 threshold for the year ended June 30, 2023 and we were not required to have an audit in accordance with Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Requirements* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance).


Office Administrator


Date


Fire Chief


Date

Philomath Fire and Rescue Adjusting Journal Entries

June 30, 2023

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Account	Class	Debit	Credit
06/30/2023	AUDIT222301		To reclass sale of assets	4900 · Miscellaneous Income	General Fund	438,500.00	
			To reclass sale of assets	4045 · Sale of Surplus Property/Equip	General Fund		438,500.00
						438,500.00	438,500.00
06/30/2023	AUDIT222302		To reclass py expense	7000 · Capital Outlay	Building Reserve Fund		14,058.00
			To reclass py expense	3010 · Fund Balance	Building Reserve Fund	14,058.00	
						14,058.00	14,058.00
06/30/2023	AUDIT222303		To record changes to property tax accounts	2070 · Deferred Taxes	GO Bond 2016 - Debt Services		6,530.03
			To record changes to property tax accounts	3010 · Fund Balance	GO Bond 2016 - Debt Services	1,974.49	
			To record changes to property tax accounts	4040 · Bond Income	GO Bond 2016 - Debt Services	4,555.54	
			To record changes to property tax accounts	2070 · Deferred Taxes	General Fund		1,811.51
			To record changes to property tax accounts	4020 · Current Property Taxes	General Fund	7,715.88	3,795.24
			To record changes to property tax accounts	3010 · Fund Balance	General Fund		2,109.13
						14,245.91	14,245.91
06/30/2023	AUDIT222304		To correct payroll liabilities	2100 · Wages Payable	General Fund		3,576.55
			To correct payroll liabilities	2110 · Federal Income Tax Payable	General Fund		5,243.00
			To correct payroll liabilities	2120 · FICA Payable	General Fund		607.78
			To correct payroll liabilities	2125 · Medicare Payable	General Fund		141.96
			To correct payroll liabilities	2130 · State Income Tax Payable	General Fund		3,567.40
			To correct payroll liabilities	2131 · Works Benefit Fund Payable(WBF)	General Fund	18.95	
			To correct payroll liabilities	2132 · Oregon Transit Tax Withholding	General Fund	211.95	
			To correct payroll liabilities	2140 · PERS Payable	General Fund	1,602.14	
			To correct payroll liabilities	2145 · OR Saving Growth 457 Payable	General Fund		100.00
			To correct payroll liabilities	2150 · Health Insurance Prem. Payable	General Fund		2,026.01
			To correct payroll liabilities	2210 · Health Ins Prem Ded Pre Tax	General Fund		402.85
			To correct payroll liabilities	2230 · Flexible Spending Account	General Fund	619.33	
			To correct payroll liabilities	2232 · Union Dues	General Fund	62.42	
			To correct payroll liabilities	5100 · Fire Chief Wages	General Fund		3,503.65
			To correct payroll liabilities	5430 · PERS - Employe	General Fund		3,474.36
			To correct payroll liabilities	5421 · Workers Compensation	General Fund		28,078.82
			To correct payroll liabilities	3010 · Fund Balance	General Fund	20,128.77	
			SAIF Corporation To correct payroll liabilities	2010 · Accounts Payable	General Fund	28,078.82	
TOTAL						517,526.29	517,526.29