#### PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 22, 2021

Book-Entry Only New Issue Not Bank Oualified Rating: S&P "A+" See "Rating" herein

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under existing law (i) interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds will be excludible from gross income of the holders thereof for purposes of federal income taxation, (ii) interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds will not be a specific item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax, and (iii) interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds is exempt from income taxation by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, all subject to the qualifications described herein under the heading "TAX TREATMENT." The 2021 Series A Bonds are exempt from ad valorem taxation by the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

## \$14,755,000\* OWENSBORO-DAVIESS COUNTY, KENTUCKY REGIONAL WATER RESOURCE AGENCY WASTEWATER REVENUE BONDS 2021 SERIES A

Dated: Date of Delivery

Due: December 1<sup>st</sup>, as shown below

		Interest						Interest			
Year	Amount	Rate	Price	Yield	CUSIP	Year	Amount	Rate	Price	Yield	CUSIP
2022	\$660,000					2032	\$725,000				
2023	665,000					2033	735,000				
2024	665,000					2034	750,000				
2025	670,000					2035	765,000				
2026	675,000					2036	785,000				
2027	680,000					2037	800,000				
2028	685,000					2038	815,000				
2029	695,000					2039	835,000				
2030	705,000					2040	855,000				
2031	715,000					2041	875,000				

Depository Trust Company ("DTC") or its nominee. There will be no distribution of 2021 Series A Bonds to owners of book entry interests. DTC will receive all payments of principal and interest with respect to the 2021 Series A Bonds from U.S. Bank National Association, Louisville, Kentucky, as Registrar and Paying Agent. DTC is required by its rules and procedures to remit such payments to participants in DTC for subsequent disbursement to the owners of book entry interests. So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of the 2021 Series A Bonds, references herein to the Bondholders or registered owners (other than under the captions "TAX TREATMENT" and "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE") shall mean DTC or its nominee, and not the owners of book entry interests in the 2021 Series A Bonds. The 2021 Series A Bonds will be issued in denominations of \$5,000 each or integral multiples thereof.

The 2021 Series A Bonds are subject to redemption before maturity as described herein.

The 2021 Series A Bonds are offered when, as and if issued, subject to the approval of legality and tax exemption by Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, Bond Counsel, Louisville, Kentucky. Certain legal matters have been passed upon for the Agency by Charles J. Kamuf, Owensboro, Kentucky. The 2021 Series A Bonds are expected to be available for delivery on or about December 21, 2021.

#### FIRST KENTUCKY SECURITIES CORPORATION

Financial Advisor

Dated [Dated Date]

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary, subject to change.

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U.S. Bank National Association Louisville, Kentucky

#### REGARDING THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT

This Official Statement does not constitute an offering of any security other than the original offering of the 2021 Series A Bonds of the Agency. No dealer, broker, salesman, or other person has been authorized by the Agency to give any information or to make any representation, other than those contained in this Official Statement, and, if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Agency. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the 2021 Series A Bonds by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such offer, solicitation, or sale.

The information and expressions of opinion herein are subject to change without notice. Neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Agency since the date hereof.

Upon issuance, the 2021 Series A Bonds will not be registered by the Agency under any federal or state securities law, and will not be listed on any stock or other securities exchange. Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any other federal, state, municipal, or other governmental entity or agency except the Agency will have, at the request of the Agency, passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this Official Statement or approved the 2021 Series A Bonds for sale.

All financial and other information presented in this Official Statement has been provided by the Agency from its records, except for information expressly attributed to other sources. The presentation of information, including tables of receipts from taxes and other sources, is intended to show recent historic information, and is not intended to indicate future or continuing trends in the financial position or other affairs of the Agency. No representation is made that past experience, as is shown by that financial and other information, will necessarily continue or be repeated in the future.

Insofar as the statements contained in this Official Statement involve matters of opinion or estimates, even if not expressly stated as such, such statements are made as such and not as representations of fact or certainty, no representation is made that any of such statements have been or will be realized, and such statements should be regarded as suggesting independent investigation or consultation of other sources before the making of investment decisions. Certain information may not be current; however, attempts were made to date and document sources of information. Neither this Official Statement nor any oral or written representations by or on behalf of the Agency to sale of the 2021 Series A Bonds should be regarded as part of the Agency's contract with the successful bidder or the holders from time to time of the 2021 Series A Bonds.

References herein to provisions of Kentucky law, whether codified in the Kentucky Revised Statutes ("KRS") or uncodified, or to the provisions of the Kentucky Constitution or the Agency's ordinances or resolutions, are references to such provisions as they presently exist. Any of these provisions may from time to time be amended, repealed, or supplemented.

As used in this Official Statement, "debt service" means principal of, interest and any premium on the 2021 Series A Bonds; "Agency" means the Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Water Resource Agency; and "State" or "Kentucky" means the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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#### OFFICIAL STATEMENT

## \$14,755,000\* OWENSBORO-DAVIESS COUNTY, KENTUCKY REGIONAL WATER RESOURCE AGENCY WASTEWATER REVENUE BONDS 2021 SERIES A

#### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Official Statement, which includes the cover page and appendices hereto, is to provide certain information with respect to the issuance of \$14,755,000\* aggregate principal amount of Wastewater Revenue Bonds, 2021 Series A (the "2021 Series A Bonds") of the Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Water Resource Agency (the "Agency") as specified on the cover hereof.

This introduction is not a summary of this Official Statement. It is only a brief description of and guide to, and is qualified by, more complete and detailed information contained in the entire Official Statement, including the cover page and appendices hereto, and the documents summarized or described herein. A full review should be made of the entire Official Statement. The offering of 2021 Series A Bonds to potential investors is made only by means of this entire Official Statement.

#### The Agency

The 2021 Series A Bonds are being issued by the Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Water Resource Agency of Owensboro, Kentucky, a joint sewer agency of the City of Owensboro, Kentucky ("the City") and the County of Daviess, Kentucky (the "County"), created pursuant to Chapter 76 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, an ordinance of the City adopted on October 18, 1994, as amended on November 19, 1996, and an ordinance of the County adopted on October 5, 1994, as amended on October 30, 1996. The Agency is in Daviess County in West Central Kentucky.

#### Sources of Payment for the 2021 Series A Bonds

Pursuant to the Agency's General Bond Resolution dated December 18, 1995 (the "General Bond Resolution") and a Series Bond Resolution adopted by the Agency Board of Directors on October 18, 2021 (the "Series Bond Resolution" and, together with the General Bond Resolution, the "Resolution"), the Agency has pledged the revenues from the operation of the wastewater system of the Agency (the "System") to the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds as and when same shall become due and payable. THE 2021 SERIES A BONDS DO NOT CONSTITUTE AN INDEBTEDNESS OF THE AGENCY, THE CITY, OR THE COUNTY WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY. THE 2021 SERIES A BONDS ARE PAYABLE SOLELY FROM THE REVENUES OF THE SYSTEM AND THE ASSETS AND REVENUES PLEDGED THEREFOR UNDER THE RESOLUTION. NEITHER THE FAITH AND CREDIT NOR THE TAXING POWER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR TAXING AUTHORITY THEREOF, IS PLEDGED TO THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON THE 2021 SERIES A BONDS.

#### Purpose of the 2021 Series A Bonds

The proceeds of the 2021 Series A Bonds, exclusive of accrued interest, if any, will be used to provide funds for deposit to the 2021 Series A Cost of Issuance Account, the 2021 Series A Construction Account and the Debt Service Reserve. The proceeds of the 2021 Series A Bonds will be used to pay the costs, not otherwise provided, for (i) the construction of new projects, consisting of (a) revitalization and rehabilitation projects, (b) new System development, and (c) assessment extension projects (collectively, the "Project"), (ii) the funding of the Debt Service Reserve and (iii) the costs of issuing the Bonds. The 2021 Series A Bonds are secured by a pledge of the Pledged Receipts, hereinafter defined.

#### Description of the 2021 Series A Bonds

The 2021 Series A Bonds mature as indicated on the cover page hereof. The 2021 Series A Bonds are being offered in fully registered form in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof (within the same maturity).

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary, subject to change.

#### Redemption

The 2021 Series A Bonds maturing on or after December 1, 2029, shall be subject to redemption at the option of the Agency before their stated maturities on any date falling on or after December 1, 2028, in any order of maturities (less than all of a single maturity to be selected by lot), in whole or in part, upon terms of the face amount plus accrued interest without redemption premium upon notice of such prior redemption being given by U.S. Bank National Association, Louisville, Kentucky, as Bond Registrar and Paying Agent (the "Registrar and Paying Agent").

The 2021 Series A Bonds maturing on December 1, 20[\_\_] are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption commencing December 1, 20[\_\_]. See "THE 2021 SERIES A BONDS - Redemption - Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption," herein.

#### **Book-Entry**

The 2021 Series A Bonds are issuable only as fully registered bonds, without coupons. The 2021 Series A Bonds, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), which will act as securities depository for the 2021 Series A Bonds. Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the 2021 Series A Bonds purchased. So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of the 2021 Series A Bonds, payments of the principal of and interest due on the 2021 Series A Bonds will be made directly to DTC. Principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds will be paid directly to DTC by the Registrar and Paying Agent. See "APPENDIX F - Book Only Entry System."

#### **Tax Exemption**

Under the laws, regulations, rulings, and judicial decisions in effect as of the date hereof, interest, including original issue discount, if any, on the 2021 Series A Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Furthermore, interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds will not be treated as a specific item of tax preference, under Section 57(a)(5) of the Code, in computing the alternative minimum tax. In rendering the opinions in this paragraph, Bond Counsel has assumed continuing compliance with certain covenants designed to meet the requirements of Section 103 of the Code. Bond Counsel expresses no other opinion as to the federal tax consequences of purchasing, holding, or disposing of the 2021 Series A Bonds. Interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds is also exempt from income taxation and the 2021 Series A Bonds are exempt from ad valorem taxation by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and any of its political subdivisions.

Neither the City nor the County has designated the 2021 Series A Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" with respect to certain financial institutions under Section 265 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

See "TAX TREATMENT" herein and "APPENDIX E - Form of Bond Counsel Opinion" for the form of the opinion Bond Counsel proposes to deliver in connection with the 2021 Series A Bonds.

#### Parties to the Issuance of the 2021 Series A Bonds

The Registrar and Paying Agent is U.S. Bank National Association, Louisville, Kentucky. Legal matters incident to the issuance of the 2021 Series A Bonds and with regard to the tax status of the interest thereon are subject to the approving legal opinion of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, Louisville, Kentucky, Bond Counsel. The Financial Advisor to the Agency is First Kentucky Securities Corporation, Lexington, Kentucky.

#### **Authority for Issuance**

Authority for the issuance of the 2021 Series A Bonds is provided by Chapter 76 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, the Resolution adopted by the Board of the Agency, and a resolution adopted by the Owensboro-Daviess County Rate Review Board (the "Rate Review Board") on October 21, 2021.

#### **COVID-19 Pandemic**

On March 6, 2020, the Commonwealth of Kentucky declared a state of emergency in regards to the outbreak of COVID-19 (the "COVID-19 Pandemic") and the United States subsequently declared a national emergency on March 13, 2020. In January of 2021, the first COVID-19 vaccines became available and in May of 2021, most state mandates and regulations related to the COVID-19 pandemic expired. The long term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic may be significant

and are undetermined at this time, however, COVID-19 has so far caused the deaths of over 4,800,000 people worldwide. (See "IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC" herein).

#### **Disclosure Information**

This Official Statement speaks only as of its date, and the information contained herein is subject to change. This Official Statement and continuing disclosure documents of the Agency are intended to be made available through to the Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system as described in 1934 Act Release No. 59062, or any similar system that is acceptable to the Securities and Exchange Commission. Copies of the basic documentation relating to the 2021 Series A Bonds, including the authorizing ordinance are available from the Agency.

#### **Additional Information**

Additional information concerning this Official Statement, as well as copies of the basic documentation relating to the Bonds, is available from First Kentucky Securities Corporation, Financial Advisor to the Agency, 1500 Leestown Road, Suite 330, Kentucky 40511, telephone (859) 425-1100, Attention: Stan Kramer.

#### THE 2021 SERIES A BONDS

#### General

The 2021 Series A Bonds are dated the date of delivery and bear interest from such date at the rates set forth on the cover page of this Official Statement. Interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds is payable semi-annually on December 1 and June 1, commencing June 1, 2022.

#### **Registration and Payment**

The 2021 Series A Bonds are to be issued only as fully registered 2021 Series A Bonds in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof.

The 2021 Series A Bonds shall be payable at the principal office of the Registrar and Paying Agent with respect to principal or premium, if any, in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of public or private debts. All interest payments shall be payable by check or draft mailed to the record date registered Bondholders. The record dates for December 1 and June 1 interest payment dates shall be the preceding November 15 and May 15, respectively.

U.S. Bank National Association, Louisville, Kentucky, has been appointed Registrar and Paying Agent for the 2021 Series A Bonds.

#### Redemption

*Optional Redemption*. The 2021 Series A Bonds maturing on or after December 1, 2029 will be subject to redemption before maturity at the option of the Agency, on or after December 1, 2028, in whole or in part, before maturity, in such order of their maturities as the Agency shall determine (less than all of the single maturity to be selected in such manner as the Registrar may determine), from any money available therefore, at a redemption prices equal to the principal amount to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

#### Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption.

The 2021 Series A Bonds scheduled to mature on December 1, 20[\_\_] are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption in designated amounts on December 1 in each of the respective years specified below. The 2021 Series A Bonds to be so redeemed shall be selected by the Registrar and Paying Agent by lot in such manner as may be determined in the discretion of the Registrar and Paying Agent. The 2021 Series A Bonds shall be so mandatorily redeemed at 100% of the principal amounts hereinafter specified, plus accrued interest to the respective dates of mandatory sinking fund redemption set out below:

Date of Mandatory Redemption December 1 Principal Amount Subject to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption

[To be completed]

At the option of the Agency, to be exercised at least forty-five days before the date for application of the mandatory redemption of the term bonds, the Agency may receive a credit against the mandatory redemption requirement for term bonds of the same maturity as the term bonds subject to the application of such mandatory redemption requirement which, before the date for application of such requirement (and of which a credit has not previously been taken) (i) have been redeemed other than through the application of such mandatory redemption procedure, and cancelled by the Registrar and Paying Agent, or (ii) have been delivered to the Registrar and Paying Agent by the Agency for cancellation.

Selection of 2021 Series A Bonds to be Redeemed. In the event of redemption of less than all the outstanding 2021 Series A Bonds of the same maturity, the Agency shall assign to each such outstanding 2021 Series A Bond a distinctive number for each \$5,000 of the principal amount of such 2021 Series A Bond and shall select by lot, using such method of selection as it shall deem proper in its discretion, as many numbers as, at \$5,000 for each number shall equal the principal amount of such 2021 Series A Bonds to be redeemed. The 2021 Series A Bonds to be redeemed shall be the 2021 Series A Bonds to which were assigned numbers so selected; provided, however, that only so much of the principal amount of each such 2021 Series A Bond of a denomination of more than \$5,000 shall be redeemed as shall equal \$5,000 for each number assigned to it and so selected.

Notice of Redemption. The Agency shall give notice in the name of the Agency of the redemption of 2021 Series A Bonds determined by the Agency to be redeemed, which notice shall specify the maturities of the 2021 Series A Bonds to be redeemed, the redemption date and the place or places where amounts due upon such redemption will be payable and, if less than all of the 2021 Series A Bonds of the same maturity are to be redeemed, the letters and numbers or other distinguishing marks of such 2021 Series A Bonds so to be redeemed and, in the case of 2021 Series A Bonds to be redeemed in part only, such notice shall also specify the respective portions of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed. Such notice shall further state that on such date there shall become due and payable upon each 2021 Series A Bond to be redeemed the redemption price thereof, or the redemption price of the specified portions of the principal thereof of 2021 Series A Bonds to be redeemed in part only, together with interest accrued to the Redemption Date, and that from and after such Redemption Date interest thereon shall cease to accrue and be payable. The Agency shall mail a copy of such notice, postage prepaid, registered mail, not less than thirty days before the Redemption Date to the registered owners of any 2021 Series A Bonds or portions of 2021 Series A Bonds which are to be redeemed, at their last addresses, appearing upon the registry books.

#### **BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM**

The 2021 Series A Bonds initially will be issued solely in book-entry form to be held in the book-entry-only system maintained by DTC. So long as such book-entry system is used, only DTC will receive or have the right to receive physical delivery of 2021 Series A Bonds and, except as otherwise provided herein with respect to tenders by Beneficial Owners of Beneficial Ownership Interests, each as hereinafter defined, Beneficial Owners will not be or be considered to be, and will not have any rights as, holders of the 2021 Series A Bonds. For additional information about DTC and the book-entry-only system see "APPENDIX F - Book-Entry System."

#### SECURITY AND SOURCE OF PAYMENT FOR 2021 SERIES A BONDS

The 2021 Series A Bonds, together with parity bonds which may be issued from time to time, pursuant to the General Bond Resolution (the "Parity Bonds," and together with the 2021 Series A Bonds, the "Bonds"), are secured by and payable solely from the Pledged Receipts derived from the collection of rates, rentals, and charges for the services rendered by the Agency.

#### Pledge of Revenues and Funds

Pledged Receipts include all wastewater service rates, rentals, and charges imposed, enforced, and collected by the Agency, together with any income or operating subsidies (as distinguished from capital grants) received from any unity of government, either federal or state, by the Agency. Pledged Receipts also include all interest earned and gains realized on investment obligations acquired by any fund or account of the Agency unless the Resolution specifically requires such interest earned or gains realized to remain in a particular fund or account, provided that any interest or gains on the funds held in escrow by a trustee for the payment of previously outstanding bonds are excluded. The Agency has not pledged the revenues of any separately maintained drainage system.

#### **Debt Service Reserve Fund**

For the further security of the owners of the Bonds, a Debt Service Reserve Fund was created by the General Bond Resolution. The Debt Service Reserve Fund is required to be funded in an amount equal to the Aggregate Debt Service Reserve Requirement, which means the least of: (i) the maximum Annual Debt Service Requirement in any bond fiscal year (July 1 - June 30) of the Agency, or (ii) 125% of the average Annual Debt Service Requirement; provided that not more than 10% of the proceeds of any series of Bonds shall be required to be deposited in the Debt Service Reserve Fund. The annual Debt Service Requirement is the maximum amount of principal and interest coming due on all Bonds outstanding in any Bond fiscal year with regard to all outstanding Bonds of the Agency issued under the General Bond Resolution. In lieu of deposit of funds in the Debt Service Reserve the Agency may, subject to certain limitations, obtain a letter of credit, surety bond, or similar arrangement, in an amount at least equal to the Aggregate Debt Service Reserve Requirement.

#### **Rate Covenant**

In the General Bond Resolution, the Agency has covenanted to establish wastewater service rates which are adequate to accumulate and maintain all reserves as provided in the General Bond Resolution, and after payment of all operating and maintenance costs of the facilities of the Agency, are adequate to provide 1.20 times coverage of annual principal, interest, and sinking fund requirements on all outstanding Bonds and 1.10 times coverage of annual principal interest and sinking fund requirements on all outstanding Bonds and subordinated debt. The estimated debt service coverage on senior debt is 8.86 times, and the debt service coverage on all debt is 2.02 times. The detailed calculations are shown in "APPENDIX B - Additional Information Regarding the Agency" attached hereto.

Subject to required approvals by the City and the County, rates, rentals, and charges must be adjusted from time to time to comply with the General Bond Resolution. Further, the Agency has covenanted that it will not at any time make any reduction in the prevailing schedule of rates, rentals, and charges without first obtaining the written determination of a consulting engineer of national recognition in the field of wastewater engineering to the effect that any such proposed reduction will not materially affect the ability of the Agency to meet all the requirements of the General Bond Resolution.

For the further security of the holders of the Bonds and subordinated debt, the Agency, in the General Bond Resolution, has covenanted and agreed that, pursuant to the provisions of KRS 76.090 and any other applicable provisions of law, it will, to the maximum extent authorized by law, enforce and collect the schedule of wastewater service to be terminated and discontinued to any premises where an Agency bill for such wastewater services is not paid in full.

#### PROFILE OF THE AGENCY

The Agency operates a wastewater treatment and collection system in Daviess County, Kentucky. The Agency operates under Chapter 76 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, as amended (the "Act").

#### History

The Agency was established on March 1, 1995 as the successor to the Owensboro Sewer Commission pursuant to ordinances adopted by the City and the County in 1994 for the purpose of providing wastewater service to the residents of Owensboro and Daviess County, Kentucky. The Agency's service area includes Owensboro and the unincorporated areas of Daviess County, but does not include the City of Whitesville.

#### **Existing Wastewater System**

The Agency has two wastewater treatment facilities with design capabilities of 15.0 MGD and 6.8 MGD. Since the Agency's inception, all expansions or improvements constructed or to be constructed are designed for, and include, capacity for future development within the community.

The Agency currently has eight divisions and employs 81 people. The Agency also provides contract stormwater/drainage maintenance services for the City.

The Agency has authority under the Act to plan, design, finance, construct, install, operate, replace, and maintain wastewater treatment and collection facilities within the service area of the Agency. The Agency's predecessor—in-interest, the Owensboro Sewer Commission, for many years owned and operated major wastewater treatment and collection facilities, which are used throughout the service area by the Agency for the purpose of treating residential and commercial sewage.

The Agency may establish wastewater service rates and charges, subject to the approval of the City and the County. The Agency is in compliance with all regulatory laws governing its operations and has the legal authority to levy, bill, and collect a schedule of wastewater service rates, rentals, and charges as approved by the Rate Review Board.

#### **Outstanding Indebtedness**

The Agency has another series of wastewater revenue bonds outstanding, which constitute Bonds under the General Bond Ordinance, which, upon the issuance of the 2021 Series A Bonds, will be secured as to security and source of payment by a first-lien pledge of the Pledged Receipts of the System on a parity basis with the 2021 Series A Bonds.

<u>Bonds</u>	Dated <u>Date</u>	Original Principal <u>Amount</u>
Wastewater Revenue Refunding Bonds 2016 Series A	October 11, 2016	\$2,570,000

In addition, the Agency has entered into various assistance agreements (the "Assistance Agreements") with the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority ("KIA"), which are secured by the revenues of its System on a basis subordinate to Bonds issued by the Agency under the General Bond Resolution, including the 2021 Series A Bonds. In addition to the Assistance Agreements, loans from the City of Owensboro, Kentucky and the Daviess County Fiscal Court also constitute subordinated debt under the terms of the General Bond Resolution (collectively, the "Subordinated Debt").

	<b>Principal</b>
	<b>Balance</b>
<u>Loan</u>	as of 6/30/21
KIA Loan A99-04	\$2,903,061
KIA Loan A06-02	2,505,759
KIA Loan A07-08	568,135
KIA Loan A10-13	4,205,881
KIA Loan A12-14	270,923
KIA Loan A12-15	1,850,960
KIA Loan A13-017	729,050
KIA Loan A13-028	760,792
KIA Loan A14-008	268,541
KIA Loan A15-002	7,840,156
KIA Loan A15-027	937,790
KIA Loan A15-099	2,671,260
KIA Loan A18-007	1,951,507
KIA Loan A18-026	5,035,472
KIA Loan A19-024	1,827,346
KIA Loan B17-014	242,275
KIA Loan B17-015	372,558
Note Payable, City of	130,835
Owensboro	
Note Payable, Daviess	540,491
County Fiscal Court	

#### **Agency Board of Directors**

<u>Name</u>	Term Expires
Tom Mischel	6/30/2022
Tim Allen	6/30/2024
Ed Cecil	6/30/2022
David Johnson	6/30/2025
Becky Whitehead	6/30/2023
Shawn Patterson	6/30/2024
Harry Roberts, Jr.	6/30/2025

#### **Rate Review Board**

The Rate Review Board, acting on behalf of the City and the County, has the responsibility to approve or disapprove the Agency's schedule of rates rentals and charges as approved by the Agency Board of Directors, and to approve or disapprove any borrowing by the Agency following approval by the Agency's Board of Directors. The Rate Review Board is comprised of the following members:

<u>Name</u>	<b>Appointing Authority</b>
Tom Watson	City
Larry Maglinger	City
Mark Castlen	City
Bob Glenn	City
Jeff Sanford	City
Al Mattingly	County
Charlie Castlen	County
George Wathen	County
Mike Koger	County

For additional information regarding the Agency, see Appendix B attached hereto.

#### THE PLAN OF FINANCING

A portion of the proceeds of the 2021 Series A Bonds will be used to pay the costs, or reimburse the Agency for the payment of costs, related to capital projects of the Agency consisting of (i) revitalization and rehabilitation projects, (ii) new system development and (iii) assessment extension projects. A portion of the proceeds of the 2021 Series A Bonds will be applied to fund a deposit to the Debt Service Reserve established under the General Bond Resolution, so that the balance therein following such deposit will equal the Aggregate Debt Service Reserve Requirement.

#### ESTIMATED SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

Sources:	
Principal amount of the 2021 Series A Bonds Original Issue [Discount/Premium]	\$[] []
Total	\$[]
Uses:	
Construction Costs of Issuance Debt Service Reserve Fund Accrued Interest	\$[] [] []
Total	\$1 1

#### **IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

General. The outbreak of a novel strain of coronavirus that can result in a severe respiratory disease, referred to as COVID-19, was first detected in China in December 2019. COVID-19 has since spread across the world, resulting in the death of more than 4,800,000 people internationally and more than 715,000 people in the United States. In March 2020, the outbreak of COVID-19 was declared a pandemic (the "COVID-19 Pandemic") by the World Health Organization, as well as a U.S. national emergency and a statewide emergency in the Commonwealth. The responses of governments, business, and individuals to the COVID-19 Pandemic have caused widespread and significant changes in economic activity. Certain sectors of the global, national, and local economies are experiencing negative effects due to reduced consumer spending and increased unemployment, as well as government mandated and voluntary responses to mitigate the COVID-19 Pandemic, including school and business closures, event cancellations, and reduced travel. Unemployment in the United States and in the Commonwealth has increased as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

In late March of 2020, the United States enacted the "Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act" (the "CARES Act"), a \$2.2 trillion economic stimulus bill aimed at mitigating the economic and health effects of COVID-19. The CARES Act provided money and support to individuals in the form of increased unemployment and direct payments and provided money and support to many different businesses and governmental entities. On May 1, 2021, a second \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill was passed, which will provide additional direct payments to individuals and another round of funding for various different businesses including an additional \$350 billion in relief to state, local, and tribal governments.

In December of 2020, the first COVID-19 vaccine, developed by Pfizer-BioNTech, began distribution in the United States and a subsequent vaccine, developed by Moderna, began distribution in late December. A third vaccine, developed by Johnson & Johnson, began distribution in late February of 2021. As of October 1, 2021, nearly 65% of the total United States population had received at least one dose of a vaccine, and nearly 56% of the population is considered fully vaccinated. For the United States population over the age of 65, the percentages are approximately 95% and 86%, respectively.

There can be no assurances as to the continuing materiality, severity, or duration of the negative economic conditions caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

*Impact on the Commonwealth*. On March 18, 2020, pursuant to an executive order issued by the Governor of the Commonwealth, Andy Beshear, all businesses that encourage public congregation, such as entertainment, recreational, and sporting event facilities, were required to cease operations. In response to increases in new cases of COVID-19 in late June and early July 2020, Governor Beshear signed an executive order mandating masks in most public places for thirty days-and which executive order has been renewed and is ongoing.

On April 21, 2020, Governor Beshear announced the "Healthy at Work" initiative, a phased plan to reopen the economy of the Commonwealth, based on criteria set by public health experts and advice from industry experts, with progress to be monitored by the Kentucky Department for Public Health. The Healthy at Work initiative set out minimum requirements for all businesses, such as social distancing, face coverings, hand-washing, proper sanitation, and temperature checks. Additionally, the Healthy at Work initiative provides industry-specific guidance with additional rules and requirements for certain types of businesses.

As of April 5, 2021, all persons age 16 and older are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Beginning in May, and concluding on June 11, 2021, most Kentucky regulations and mandates (excluding those for certain higher-risk activities) relating to COVID-19 lapsed. As of October 1, 2021, 53% of Kentucky's population is considered fully vaccinated.

*COVID-19 Delta Variant*. The Delta Variant is a new mutation of COVID-19 which was first detected in India in December of 2020. Since that time, the Delta Variant has become the primary version of COVID-19 in the United States. Initial research indicates that the Delta Variant may be more contagious than prior versions of the COVID-19 virus. Beginning in June of 2021, the United States and the Commonwealth of Kentucky have both seen an increase in average cases per week, potentially due to the Delta Variant.

*Impact on the Agency*. The Agency cannot predict the full economic impact that the COVID-19 Pandemic or the Delta Variant will have on its financial condition or operations. The Agency will continue to monitor the impact on its revenue collections and operations.

#### SUMMARY OF THE SERIES BOND RESOLUTION

The Series Bond Resolution (i) authorizes and provides for the issuance of the 2021 Series A Bonds, (ii) establishes certain funds and accounts for the deposit of the proceeds of the 2021 Series A Bonds, (iii) prescribes and imposes certain duties and obligations of the Agency, and (iv) makes covenants with Bondholders. Certain provisions of the Series Bond Resolution are summarized below. Reference is made to the Series Bond Resolution for a full and complete statement of its provisions.

#### Disposition of Proceeds of 2021 Series A Bonds

**Debt Service Fund.** There shall first be deposited in the Interest Account of the Debt Service Fund, identified in Section 505 of the General Bond Resolution, all sums received from the purchasers of the 2021 Series A Bonds as representing accrued interest. Such funds held from time to time in the Debt Service Fund shall be treated, invested, transferred, and applied in accordance with the provisions of the General Bond Resolution.

**Debt Service Reserve.** After deposit of amounts required to be deposited in the Debt Service Fund, there shall be deposited in the Debt Service Reserve, identified in Section 506 of the General Bond Resolution, proceeds of the such that

the amount on deposit in the Debt Service Reserve will equal the Aggregate Debt Service Reserve Requirement. Such funds held from time to time in the Debt Service Reserve shall be treated, invested, transferred, and applied in accordance with the provisions of Section 506 of the General Bond Resolution.

2021 Series A Cost of Issuance and 2021 Series A Construction and Acquisition Account. All amounts remaining after deposit of amounts required to be deposited to the Debt Service Fund and the Debt Service Reserve, shall be deposited in the Bond Proceeds Fund established with Independence Bank of Owensboro (the "Bond Proceeds Depository"), pursuant to Section 502 of the General Bond Resolution. The moneys in the Bond Proceeds Fund shall be deposited in a cost of issuance account known as the "2021 Series A Cost of Issuance Account" and a construction and acquisition account known as the "2021 Series A Construction Account" in amounts set forth in an order of an Authorized Officer regarding the delivery of the 2021 Series A Bonds. After all Costs of Issuance payable from the 2021 Series A Cost of Issuance Account have been paid, any balance in the account shall be deposited in the 2021 Series A Construction and Acquisition Account or shall be transferred to the Debt Service Fund, as determined by an Authorized Officer. Any amounts remaining in the 2021 Series A Construction and Acquisition Account after completion of the Project shall be used to pay other permissible expenses of the Agency or transferred to the Debt Service Fund, as determined by an Authorized Officer.

Moneys credited to the 2021 Series A Construction and Acquisition Account shall be expended only for the payment of construction costs of the Project. Amounts in the 2021 Series A Construction and Acquisition Account shall be expended and applied by the depository upon issuance of a check or other bill of exchange drawn upon such 2021 Series A Construction and Acquisition Account, signed by an Authorized Officer. Such checks shall be issued in connection with the Project work for which the 2021 Series A Bonds are being issued, in order to make disbursements required to be made by the Agency pursuant to the terms and provisions of construction and acquisition contracts to which the Agency is a party relating to the Project. The Agency shall keep and maintain complete and detailed records with respect to the 2021 Series A Construction and Acquisition Account.

Upon the deposit of the proceeds of the 2021 Series A Bonds or other moneys in the manner prescribed in the 2021 Series A Construction and Acquisition Account, the Agency shall invest and reinvest the moneys in the 2021 Series A Construction and Acquisition Account in Investment Obligations so that the maturity date or date of redemption at the option of the holder of such Investment Obligations shall coincide as nearly as practicable with the times at which moneys are required by the Agency to be expended on account of construction and acquisition contracts in respect of the System. All Investment Obligations purchased shall be physically held in the custody of the depository and shall be deemed at all times to be part of such 2021 Series A Construction and Acquisition Account, and the depository shall deliver to the Agency a safekeeping certificate as to the identity and amount of all such investments. The Agency shall, by order signed by an Authorized Officer, sell at the best price obtainable, or present for redemption, any Investment Obligations purchased by it as an investment whenever it shall be necessary in order to provide moneys to meet any authorized payment from such 2021 Series A Construction and Acquisition Account.

The Agency shall from time to time pay out or permit the withdrawal of moneys from the 2021 Series A Construction and Acquisition Account for the purpose of making disbursements and payments to contractors, material suppliers, fabricators, and others rendering services for the Project, pursuant to the terms of contracts between the Agency and such persons upon issuance of a check or other bill of exchange drawn upon such 2021 Series A Construction and Acquisition Account signed by an Authorized Officer, accompanied by a written voucher executed by the Engineers for the Project, which voucher shall contain the following with respect to each payment or disbursement to be made:

- (a) the name of the person or party to whom the payment or disbursement is to be made;
- (b) the amount to be paid to such person or party;
- (c) the applicable construction, acquisition or service contract in respect of which the payment or disbursement is to be made;
- (d) that with respect to such requested payment or disbursement there has not been filed with or served upon the Agency notice of any lien or attachment upon, or claim affecting the right to receive, payment of any of the amounts requisitioned and payable to any of the persons, firms, or corporations named in such requisition which has not been released or will not be released simultaneously with such payment;
- (e) that such requisition for payment contains no item representing payment on account of any retained percentages of construction cost which the Agency is at the date of such requisition entitled to retain;
- (f) that in connection with such requisition for payment, the Agency has received such proofs as are properly required by the Agency to the effect that each obligation set forth in said requisition for payment has been

(i) properly incurred, and (ii) is then due and unpaid; and (iii) that insofar as such obligation was incurred for work, services materials, equipment or supplies, such work or services was actually performed, or such materials, equipment or supplies were actually installed in furtherance of the construction of the Project, or were delivered at the site or sites of the Project for such purposes.

All such written checks or bills of exchange (requisitions) of the Agency signed by an Authorized Officer and conforming to the requirements set forth above received by the depository may be relied upon by and shall be retained in the possession of the Bond Proceeds Depository, subject at all times to the inspection of the Agency and its officials.

At such times as all moneys due to be disbursed from the 2021 Series A Construction and Acquisition Account have been so disbursed and paid, and the depository has received (a) a Certificate executed by an Authorized Officer stating that completion of the designated opinion of the Project financed with the 2021 Series A Bonds has occurred, which Certificate shall be accompanied by (b) an opinion of legal counsel for the Agency stating that there are no uncalled mechanics', laborers', contractors' or materialmen's liens on file in any public office where the same should be filed in order to be valid liens against any part of the Project constructed by the Agency, and that in the opinion of said legal counsel the time within which such liens can be filed has expired, the balance in such 2021 Series A Construction and Acquisition Account shall thereupon be transferred by the depository to the Bond Payment Fund. Provided, however, that the Agency, by certificate executed by an Authorized Officer, may direct the depository to pay and transfer such remaining balance to any other construction and acquisition account created in connection with the System.

#### **Tax Covenants**

The Agency covenants that it will restrict the use of the proceeds of the 2021 Series A Bonds in such manner and to such extent, if any, and take such other action as may be necessary, after taking into account reasonable expectations at the time the debt is incurred, so that they will not constitute obligations the interest on which is subject to federal income taxation or "arbitrage bonds" under Sections 103(b)(2) and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and the regulations prescribed thereunder.

#### SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL BOND RESOLUTION

The General Bond Resolution (i) authorizes and provides for the issuance of Wastewater Revenue Bonds in series from time to time ranking on a parity with the 2021 Series A Bonds ("Parity Bonds," and together with the 2021 Series A Bonds, the "Bonds") pursuant to resolutions (each, a "Series Resolution") adopted by the Board of the Agency, (ii) authorizes the issuance of debt, not ranking on basis of equality and parity with the Bonds to pay for additions, betterments, extensions, or improvements to the System ("Subordinated Debt"), (iii) prescribes and imposes certain duties and obligations of the Agency, (iv) makes covenants with bondholders, and (v) provides generally for the collection and treatment of wastewater revenues of the Agency. Such Parity Bonds or Subordinated Debt may be issued to acquire, construct, and improve the System, which consists of the Agency's existing wastewater treatment and collection system and any and all additions and extensions thereto. The General Bond Resolution contains various covenants and security provisions, certain of which are summarized below. Reference is made to the General Bond Resolution for a full and complete statement of its provisions.

#### **General Application of Bond Proceeds Fund**

Under the General Bond Resolution, the Agency is required to establish within the Bond Proceeds Fund established by the General Bond Resolution a Cost of Issuance Account and a Construction and Acquisition Account for each series of Bonds outstanding. In addition, if Bond Proceeds are to be used in whole or in part for the payment or provision therefore of outstanding debt obligations, a Refunding Account may be established. From the proceeds of the sale of a series of Bonds, there will be deposited in the Cost of Issuance Account the costs of issuing the series of Bonds. Moneys received by the Agency from any other source, unless otherwise provided by the General Bond Resolution, may also be deposited in the Cost of Issuance Account. So much of the remainder of the Bond Proceeds as is required by the applicable series resolution (except for accrued and capitalized interest, if any, which shall be deposited in the Interest Account, amounts to be deposited in the Debt Service Reserve Fund, and any premium over the principal amount of the series, which is applied as provided in such series resolution) shall be deposited in the Construction and Acquisition Account. The Cost of Issuance Account and the Construction and Acquisition Account constitute all the Accounts within the Bond Proceeds Fund.

Moneys in the Cost of Issuance Account and the Construction and Acquisition Account shall be applied by the appropriate depository, upon issuance of a check or other bill of exchange signed by the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, or Executive Director of the Agency (an "Authorized Officer") only for the making of disbursements and payments required to be made by the Agency for paying issuance costs and pursuant to construction and acquisition contracts relating to the System. Pending their disbursements, the depository, upon direction of the Agency, shall invest moneys in the Construction and

Acquisition Account in Investment Obligations (see "SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL BOND RESOLUTION - Investment of Funds" below) having maturities consistent with the anticipated needs for such moneys.

#### Other Funds and Accounts

In addition to the Bond Proceeds Fund and accounts described above, the General Bond Resolution establishes the following special funds and accounts:

- (1) Wastewater Revenue Fund
- (2) Debt Service Fund
  - (a) Interest Account
  - (b) Principal Account
  - (c) Subordinated Debt Interest Account
  - (d) Subordinated Debt Principal Account
- (3) Debt Service Reserve Fund
- (4) Operation and Maintenance Fund
- (5) Improvement, Repair and Replacement Fund
- (6) Contingency Fund

#### **Wastewater Revenue Fund**

All moneys received by the Agency as Pledged Receipts, together with income from the Debt Service Reserve as provided in the General Bond Resolution, are required to be deposited promptly in the Wastewater Revenue Fund. Pledged Receipts are defined as the totality of (i) all wastewater service rates, rentals, and charges imposed by the Agency, (ii) all interest earned and gains realized on Investment Obligations, unless the General Bond Resolution specifically requires such interest earned or gains realized to remain in a particular fund or account, provided that any interest or gains on funds held in escrow by a Registrar and Paying Agent for the payment of previously outstanding Bonds shall not be included, and (iii) other income received by the Agency, if any, from any agency of government, both Federal and State, as representing income or operating subsidies, if any, as distinguished from capital grants, to the extent not otherwise required to be treated and applied.

The designated depository is required to make monthly transfers from the moneys in the Wastewater Revenue Fund to the following funds and accounts and in the following amounts and order of priority:

**Debt Service Fund-Interest Account**. An amount, which when added to the amount then on deposit in the Interest Account, will equal the interest on all outstanding Bonds accrued and unpaid in respect of the next interest payment date.

**Debt Service Fund-Principal Account.** An amount equal to the amount of the next principal installment on outstanding Bonds, divided by the number of months preceding the next principal installment date.

**Debt Service Fund-Subordinated Debt Interest Account**. An amount, which when added to the amount then on deposit in the Interest Account, will equal the interest on all outstanding Subordinated Debt accrued and unpaid in respect of the next interest payment date.

**Debt Service Fund-Subordinated Debt Principal Account**. An amount equal to the amount of the next principal installment on outstanding Subordinated Debt, divided by the number of months preceding the next principal installment date.

**Debt Service Reserve Fund**. An amount which, when added to sums then on deposit in the Debt Service Reserve Fund, will equal the Aggregate Debt Service Reserve Requirement (See "SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL BOND RESOLUTION - Debt Service Reserve Fund" herein); or if such amount is insufficient, all amounts remaining in the Wastewater Revenue Fund.

Operation and Maintenance Fund. The amount required before the tenth day of the next month to pay operating and maintenance costs of the Agency in accordance with its annual budget, together with such proportionate amounts as will, during the twenty-four months following the issuance of any series of Bonds, together with sums on deposit in such fund, equal operation and maintenance requirements for one month. Operation and maintenance costs include salaries, operating expenses, and all other expenses of administering the System, fees and expenses of the paying agents, and costs of issuance other than those paid from Bond proceeds.

Improvement, Repair, and Replacement Fund. If at any time the amount in the Improvement, Repair, and Replacement Fund is less than the Depreciation Reserve Requirement, there shall be deposited into the Improvement, Repair, and Replacement Fund, on no less than a monthly basis, an amount equal to  $1/24^{th}$  of such deficiency so that the balance in the Improvement, Repair, and Replacement Fund will equal the Depreciation Reserve Requirement in the month that is twenty-four months from the month such deficiency first existed. Thereafter such monthly payments may cease for so long as the required balance in the Improvement, Repair, and Replacement Fund is maintained and such monthly payments shall resume again if at any time said balance is less than the Depreciation Reserve Requirement and shall continue until said balance is established. The Depreciation Reserve Requirement is an amount determined by a firm of consulting engineers for repairs or replacements.

Contingency Fund. On a periodic basis, but no less frequently than annually, the revenues remaining in the Wastewater Revenue Fund at the end of the month, or, in the case of annual transfers, the preceding calendar year, after making the payments described above, including any balances to be accrued and maintained, may be transferred to the Contingency Fund.

#### **Debt Service Fund**

*Interest Account*. The Agency will cause the Registrar and Paying Agent to disburse moneys from the Interest Account for the purpose of paying interest on the Bonds when due and payable.

**Principal Account.** The Agency will cause the Registrar and Paying Agent to disburse moneys from the Principal Account for the purpose of paying the principal of the Bonds when due and payable. In addition, the Agency may, at its option, apply amounts accumulated in the Principal Account for each sinking fund installment (plus amounts accumulated in the Interest Account for interest on Bonds for which the sinking fund installment was established), before the forty-fifth day preceding the due date of such sinking fund installment.

**Subordinated Debt Interest Account.** The Agency will cause the Registrar and Paying Agent to disburse moneys from the Subordinated Debt Interest Account for the purpose of paying interest on Subordinated Debt when due and payable as well as interest on Subordinated Debt to be redeemed to the extent not otherwise provided for.

Subordinated Debt Principal Account. The Agency will cause the Registrar and Paying Agent to disburse moneys from the Subordinated Debt Principal Account for the purpose of paying the principal of Subordinated Debt when due and payable. In addition, the Agency may, at its option, apply amounts accumulated in the Subordinated Debt Principal Account for each sinking fund installment (plus amounts accumulated in the Interest Account for interest on Subordinated Debt for which the sinking fund installment was established), before the forty-fifth day preceding the due date of such sinking fund installment, to (i) the purchase of Subordinated Debt of the series and maturity for which the sinking fund was established at prices (including brokerage and other charges) not exceeding the redemption price payable from sinking fund installments for such Subordinated Debt when such Subordinated Debt is redeemable by application of such sinking fund installment plus unpaid interest accrued to the date of purchase, or (ii) to the redemption of such Subordinated Debt, if then redeemable by its terms at the redemption price referred to in clause (i). The Agency is required to pay from the Subordinated Debt Principal Account the amount required to redeem such Subordinated Debt as may be necessary (after taking into account Subordinated Debt purchased as aforesaid) to complete the retirement of the principal amounts specified by any resolution of the Agency for the sinking fund installments.

#### **Debt Service Reserve Fund**

The Debt Service Reserve Fund is required to be funded in an amount equal to the Aggregate Debt Service Reserve Requirement, which means the least of: (i) the maximum Annual Debt Service Requirement in any bond fiscal year (July 1 - June 30) of the Agency, or (ii) 125% of the average Annual Debt Service Requirement; provided that not more than 10% of the proceeds of any series of Bonds shall be required to be deposited in the Debt Service Reserve Fund. The Annual Debt Service Requirement is the maximum amount of principal and interest coming due on all Bonds outstanding in any bond fiscal year with regard to all outstanding Bonds of the Agency issued under the General Bond Resolution. In lieu of deposit of funds in the Debt Service Reserve the Agency may, subject to certain limitations, obtain a letter of credit, surety bond or similar arrangement, in the amount at least equal to the Aggregate Debt Service Reserve Requirement. Amounts deposited, pursuant to the provisions of the General Bond Resolution, in the Debt Service Reserve Fund are to be used for the payment of principal of and interest on Bonds as to which there would otherwise be a default in payment. Interest earned or sums realized as a result of investment of moneys in the Debt Service Reserve Fund shall accrue to and be a part of the Debt Service Reserve Fund; however, so long as the Debt Service Reserve Fund contains the Aggregate Debt Service Reserve Requirement, any such interest earned or sums realized shall be transferred, as received, to the Wastewater Revenue Fund.

#### **Operation and Maintenance Fund**

In addition to the amounts required to be transferred to the Operation and Maintenance Fund from the Wastewater Revenue Fund, there may be paid into the fund any moneys received by the Agency from any other source, unless otherwise provided by the Resolution. The Agency may withdraw moneys from the Operation and Maintenance Fund from time to time for the purpose of paying reasonable and necessary operation and maintenance costs, and moneys so withdrawn and paid are free and clear of the pledge created by the General Bond Resolution for the payment of the principal and redemption price of and interest on the Bonds and sinking fund installments. The Agency may also withdraw moneys from the Operation and Maintenance Fund for deposit to any other fund or account except the Improvement, Repair, and Replacement Fund. At the Agency's discretion, amounts in the Operation and Maintenance Fund may be invested in Investment Obligations, as described below, from time to time to provide funds when needed to pay operation and maintenance costs.

#### Improvement, Repair, and Replacement Fund

The Improvement, Repair, and Replacement Fund is available and is to be utilized to make repairs and replacements and to pay the cost of construction of additions, extensions, betterments, and improvements of the System which will either increase income and revenues or provide a higher degree of service. In addition to any amounts required by any Series Resolution and the General Bond Resolution to be set aside and deposited therein, there shall be transferred and deposited to the Improvement, Repair and Replacement Fund any other moneys (i) received by the Agency from any other source and duly ordered to be deposited therein (unless required to be otherwise applied), (ii) for which the Agency has exercised a discretion to so deposit or transfer as permitted in the Resolution, and (iii) ordered to be so deposited from the proceeds of any series of Bonds. All amounts in the Improvement, Repair, and Replacement Fund may be expended and applied by the depository upon written direction of the Agency only for (a) making up any deficiency in the Debt Service Fund and the Debt Service Reserve Fund, (b) redemption of Bonds, (c) payments of principal installments of or interest on Bonds when due, (d) transfer to the Wastewater Revenue Fund, or (e) investment in Investment Obligations. To the extent that other moneys are not available for payment of Principal Installments or interest on Bonds when due, all Investment Obligations credited to, and Investment Obligations in, the Improvement, Repair, and Replacement Fund shall be sold and the proceeds deposited in the Debt Service Fund.

#### **Contingency Fund**

Moneys deposited in the Contingency Fund may be used as follows: (i) to the extent necessary from time to time moneys in the Contingency Fund shall be transferred to the Debt Service Fund to permit payment of all obligations payable from such Fund without drawing on the Debt Service Reserve Fund; (ii) moneys in the Contingency Fund shall be used for payment of principal of and interest on any outstanding Bonds and Bonds issued by the Agency to pay for costs of improving or extending the System or may be transferred to the appropriate Fund or Account created under the General Bond Resolution or in any Series Resolution adopted pursuant to the Resolution to permit such payment; and (iii) moneys in the Contingency Fund otherwise may be used for any other lawful purpose of the Agency.

#### **Investment of Funds**

The General Bond Resolution requires or permits investments of moneys in each fund, consistent with the contemplated uses of such moneys, in Investment Obligations. Investment Obligations is defined as follows:

- (a) Obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, including obligations subject to repurchase agreements, if delivery of these obligations subject to repurchase agreements is taken either directly or through an authorized custodian. These investments may be accomplished through repurchase agreements reached with sources including without limitation national or state banks chartered in Kentucky;
- (b) Obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States or a United States governmental agency, including without limitation:
  - 1. United States Treasury;
  - 2. Export-Import Bank of the United States;
  - 3. Farmers Home Administration:
  - 4. Governmental National Mortgage corporation; and
  - 5. Merchant Marine bonds;
- (c) Obligations of any corporation of the United States government, including without limitation:

- 1. Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation;
- 2. Federal Farm Credit Banks;
- 3. Bank for Cooperatives;
- 4. Federal Intermediate Credit Banks;
- 5. Federal Land Banks;
- 6. Federal Home Loan Banks:
- 7. Federal National Mortgage Association; and
- 8. Tennessee Valley Authority;
- (d) Certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or similar entity or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligations permitted by KRS 41.240(d);
- (e) Uncollateralized certificates of deposit issued by any bank or savings and loan institutions rated in one of the three highest categories by a nationally recognized rating agency;
- (f) Bankers' acceptances for banks rated in one of the three highest categories by a nationally recognized rating agency;
- (g) Commercial paper rated in the highest category by a nationally recognized rating agency;
- (h) Bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state and of its agencies and instrumentalities;
- (i) Securities issued by a state or local government, or any instrumentality of agency thereof, in the United States, and rated in one of the three highest categories by a nationally recognized rating agency; and
- (j) Shares of mutual funds, each of which shall have the following characteristics;
  - 1. The mutual fund shall be an open-end diversified investment company registered under the Federal Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended;
  - The management company of the investment company shall have been in operation for at least five years; and
  - 3. All of the securities in the mutual fund shall be eligible investments pursuant to this item (j).

All funds and accounts are to be marked to market valuation conducted on a quarterly basis by the Registrar and Paying Agent.

Investment obligations are deemed to be part of the fund or account for which purchased, and income, interest, gains, and losses on an Investment Obligation are credited or charged to the fund or account for which such Investment Obligation was purchased, subject, in the case of the Debt Service Reserve Fund, that so long as the Aggregate Debt Service Reserve Requirement is being maintained, income and revenues from such Fund are to be transferred to the Wastewater Revenue Fund.

#### Issuance of Notes, Additional Bonds, and Subordinated Debt

The General Bond Resolution provides that the Agency may issue notes in anticipation of an authorized issuance of a series of Bonds in a principal amount not to exceed the principal amount of such series. Notes are payable from any moneys of the Agency available therefor and not pledged under the General Bond Resolution for the benefit of the Bonds and from the proceeds of the sale of any authorized series of Bonds in anticipation of which notes were issued. Such proceeds may be pledged for payment of the principal of the notes and such pledge will have priority over any pledge created by the General Bond Resolution. The General Bond Resolution provides that the Agency may issue notes and other obligations having such terms and secured by a pledge of such funds as the resolution authorizing the issue provides, but any pledge to the holders of such notes or other obligations of a fund or account created under the Series Resolution is required to be subordinated in all respects to the pledge created under the General Bond Resolution for the benefit of the holders of Bonds, except that proceeds of the sale of Bonds may be pledged for the payment of notes issued in anticipation thereof as aforesaid and additional series of Bonds may be issued on a parity with the initially issued Bond and secured equally by the revenues and assets pledged under the General Bond Resolution and payable equally therefrom, as herein described.

#### **Issuance of Parity Bonds**

The General Bond Resolution provides that from and after the issuance of any Bonds thereunder, the General Bond Resolution shall constitute the sole and exclusive method for the issuance of any further Bonds by the Agency.

The Agency reserves the right to issue additional series of Bonds payable from the Pledged Receipts of the System on a basis of parity and equality with all other Parity Bonds authorized to be issued by the General Bond Resolution in order to (a) reconstruct, repair, and improve the System, (b) make, acquire, construct and install additions, extensions, betterments or improvements thereto, (c) acquire existing Wastewater facilities and systems from any person, if said wastewater facilities and systems are revenue-producing, and (d) refund any outstanding Bonds. No such Parity Bonds shall be issued unless: (i) the facility or facilities to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed or improved from Parity Bond proceeds are made an integral part of the System and revenues therefrom are pledged as additional security for all outstanding Bonds and additional Parity Bonds, (ii) the Agency is in compliance with all covenants and undertakings in connection with all of its Bonds then outstanding and payable from the Pledged Receipts, (iii) the net annual income and revenues of the System for a period of twelve consecutive months of the eighteen months immediately before the issuance of said Parity Bonds are certified in writing by an independent firm of state-licensed certified public accountants to have been equal to at least 1.20 times the maximum annual debt service requirement coming due in any future twelve month period on all outstanding Bonds, together with the Parity Bonds to be issued and (iv) the net annual income and revenues of the System for a period of twelve months immediately before the issuance of said Parity Bonds are certified in writing by an independent firm of state-licensed Certified Public Accountants to have been equal to at least 1.10 times the maximum Annual Debt Service Requirement coming due in any future Bond Fiscal Year on all Bonds and Subordinated Debt outstanding payable from Pledged Receipts, together with the Parity Bonds then to be issued.

The net annual income and revenues of the System may be adjusted by a firm of independent certified public accountants to reflect, for the historical period being tested, any revision in the schedule of water rates, rentals and charges being actually imposed and billed by the Agency and approved by the City and the County, at the time of issuance of Parity Bonds. The net annual income and revenues may also be adjusted in writing by a consulting engineer of national recognition to take into account and reflect, for the historical period being tested, the amount of additional net income and revenues to be realized by the Agency (a) by virtue of the acquisition by the Agency of existing and operating wastewater facilities, and (b) by virtue of contractual relationships between the Agency and other municipal corporations or other entities where such income and revenues are historically determinable. A further adjustment to the net annual income and revenues may also be made by adding an estimate of a consulting engineer of the annual increase in operating revenues anticipated to be derived from the extensions, additions, replacements, and betterments to be financed by such additional Parity Bonds, less the engineer's estimate of any additional expenses of operation and maintenance.

If Parity Bonds are issued in the future, the Agency is required to (i) adjust the monthly deposits into the Debt Service Fund in the manner prescribed by the General Bond Resolution to reflect the annual debt service on the additional parity Bonds, and (ii) adjust the prescribed amount to be accumulated in the Debt Service Reserve in accordance with the provisions of the General Bond Resolution, as described above, and fund from such Parity Bonds the additional Debt Service Reserve Requirement.

#### **Issuance of Subordinated Debt**

The General Bond Resolution provides that from and after the issuance of any Bonds thereunder, the General Bond Resolution shall constitute the sole and exclusive method for the issuance of any Subordinated Debt by the Agency.

The Agency reserves the right to issue Subordinated Debt payable from the Pledged Receipts of the System and not ranking on a basis of parity and equality with all other Parity Bonds authorized to be issued by the General Bond Resolution in order to (a) reconstruct, repair and improve the System, (b) make, acquire, construct, and install additions, extensions, betterments, or improvements thereto and (c) acquire existing wastewater facilities and systems from any person, if said wastewater facilities and systems are revenue-producing. No such Subordinated Debt shall be issued unless: (i) the facility or facilities to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed, or improved from Subordinated Debt proceeds are made an integral part of the System and revenues therefrom are pledged as additional security for all Outstanding Bonds and Subordinated Debt, (ii) the Agency is in compliance with all covenants and undertakings in connection with all of its Bonds then outstanding and payable from the Pledged Receipts and (iii) the net annual income and revenues of the System for a period of twelve consecutive months of the eighteen months immediately before the issuance of said Subordinated Debt are certified in writing by an independent firm of state-licensed certified public accountants to have been equal to at least 1.00 times the maximum annual debt service requirement coming due in any future twelve month period on all Outstanding Bonds and Subordinated Debt, together with the Subordinated Debt to be issued.

The net annual income and revenues of the System may be adjusted by a firm of independent certified public accountants to reflect, for the historical period being tested, any revision in the schedule of water rates, rentals, and charges being actually imposed and billed by the Agency and approved by the City and the County, at the time of issuance of Subordinated Debt. The net annual income and revenues may also be adjusted in writing by a consulting engineer of national recognition to take into account and reflect, for the historical period being tested, the amount of additional net income and revenues to be realized by the Agency (a) by virtue of the acquisition by the Agency of existing and operating wastewater facilities, and (b) by virtue of contractual relationships between the Agency and other municipal corporations or other entities where such income and revenues are historically determinable. A further adjustment to the net annual income and revenues may also be made by adding an estimate of a consulting engineer of the annual increase in operating revenues anticipated to be derived from the extensions, additions, replacements, and betterments to be financed by such Subordinated Debt, less the engineer's estimate of any additional expenses of operation and maintenance.

If Subordinated Debt is issued in the future, the Agency is required to adjust the monthly deposits into the Debt Service Fund in the manner prescribed by the General Bond Resolution to reflect the annual debt service on the Subordinated Debt.

### Modifications of Resolution, Adoption of Series Resolutions, and Requirement for Consent of Holders of Outstanding Bonds

The General Bond Resolution provides procedures whereby the Agency may amend the General Bond Resolution by adoption of a supplemental resolution. Amendments that may be made without the consent of the Bondholders must be for purposes of further securing the Bonds, imposing further limitations on or surrendering rights of the Agency or curing ambiguities. Series Resolutions may be adopted from time to time pursuant to compliance with the conditions of the General Bond Resolution to provide for the issuance of one or more series of Bonds and to prescribe the terms and conditions thereof.

Amendments of the respective rights and obligations of the Agency and the Bondholders may be made with the written consent of the holders of not less than 66-2/3% in principal amount of the outstanding Bonds affected by such amendment. No such amendment shall permit a change in the terms of redemption or maturity of the principal of any outstanding bond or any installment of interest thereon or a reduction in the amount of redemption price thereof or the rate of interest thereon, without the consent of the affected holder, or reduce the percentages or otherwise affect the classes of Bonds the consent of the holders of which is required to effect such amendment.

#### **Certain Covenants of the Agency**

Among other covenants made by the Agency in the Resolution are those related to the following matters:

Tax Covenant. The Agency has covenanted that it will not take any action, or fail to take any action, if any such action or failure to take action would adversely affect the exclusions from gross income of the interest on the Bonds under Section 103(a) of the Code. The Agency shall not permit at any time or times any of the proceeds of the Bonds or other funds of the Agency to be used directly or indirectly to acquire any securities or obligations the acquisition of which would cause any Bond to be an "arbitrage bond" with the meaning of Sections 103(b)(2) and 148 of the Code to that end, the Agency will comply with all requirements of Sections 103(b)(2) and 148 of the Code to the extent applicable to the Bonds.

In order to assure compliance with such covenant, the Agency, from the date of adoption of the General Bond Resolution, has covenanted that it shall not (i) make any investment in connection with the System that produces a yield in excess of such applicable maximum yield as may be permitted by the Code, and (i) invest or direct any depository to invest moneys in any such fund or account in Investment Obligations that produce a yield in excess of such applicable maximum yield as may be permitted by the Code.

The Agency further covenants that before the issuance of any series of Bonds the Agency shall certify by issuance of a certificate that on the basis of the facts, estimates and circumstances in existence on the date of issue of such series it is not expected that the proceeds thereof will be used in a manner that would cause such obligations to be arbitrage Bonds.

Accounts and Reports. The Agency shall keep complete and accurate books of record and account relating to the System, and all funds and accounts established by the General Bond Resolution, which are subject at reasonable times to the inspection of the holders of an aggregate of not less than five percent in principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding or their representatives duly authorized in writing.

*General Compliance*. The Agency has covenanted to faithfully and punctually perform all duties with reference to the System required by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, including Chapter 76, of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, and by the terms and provisions of the General Bond Resolution.

System Not to be Disposed of or Sold. The Agency has covenanted and agreed that so long as any Bonds are outstanding, it will not sell, issue, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of or surrender control of any of the facilities of the System, except as provided in the General Bond Resolution.

**Budgets**. On or before the first day of each fiscal year of the Agency, so long as any Bonds authorized or permitted to be issued by the General Bond Resolution are outstanding, the Agency shall adopt an annual budget of current expenses for the System covering its fiscal operations for the ensuing fiscal year and will promptly file a copy of each such budget, and any amendments thereto, in the office of the Secretary of the Agency. Copies of same shall be furnished to any bondholder upon request. The Agency may file amendments of the annual budget for the remainder of the fiscal year. The Agency shall not incur current expenses in excess of the amounts provided therefor in the annual budget as originally prepared or as amended, except upon resolution duly adopted by the Board determining that such expenses are necessary in order to operate and maintain the System.

**No Decrease in Rates, Rentals and Charges.** The Agency has covenanted that it will not at any time make any reduction in any prevailing schedule of rates, rentals and charges without first obtaining the written determination of a consulting engineer of national recognition that any such proposed reduction will not materially affect the ability of the Agency to meet all the requirements of the General Bond Resolution.

Annual Audit. The Agency has covenanted that it will, within sixty days after the end of each fiscal year cause an audit to be made of the books of record and account pertinent to the System, and a report to be issued by an independent certified public accountant reflecting in reasonable detail the financial condition and results of operations of the System, including the status of the several funds created by the General Bond Resolution, the status of required insurance and fidelity bonding as provided by the General Bond Resolution, all in accordance with generally accepted governmental accounting principles. A copy of such audit must be submitted to the Board of the Agency, and a copy of same shall be filed in the office of the Agency where it will be available for public inspection.

Insurance of Facilities and Fidelity Bonding of Personnel. The Agency has covenanted to keep all buildings, machinery and equipment constituting any part of the System insured as provided in the General Bond Resolution, and to cause each officer or other person having custody of any moneys administered under the provisions of the General Bond Resolution to be bonded at all times in an amount at least equal to \$25,000. The Agency has further covenanted to carry public liability, vehicular insurance, and property damage insurance.

Waiver of Laws. The Agency has covenanted not to insist upon or plead in any manner whatsoever, or claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay or extension law nor or at any time hereafter in force which may affect the covenants and agreements contained in the General Bond Resolution or in any Series Resolution or supplemental Resolution or in the Bonds, and all benefit or advantage of such law or laws has been expressly waived by the Agency.

**Termination of Water Services to Delinquent Users**. The Agency has covenanted that pursuant to KRS 76.090 and any other applicable provisions of law, it will, to the maximum extent authorized by law, enforce and collect the schedule of rates, rentals, and charges imposed upon users of the Agency's works and facilities constituting the System, and will promptly cause water service to be discontinued to any premises where such Agency bill is not paid in full.

#### **Defaults and Remedies**

The General Bond Resolution declares each of the following events to be an "Event of Default":

- (1) default by the Agency in the payment of any principal installment or redemption price, if any, on any Bond when due;
- (2) default by the Agency in the payment of any installment of interest on the Bonds when due;
- (3) failure or refusal by the Agency to comply with the Act pursuant to which the Agency was created, or default in the performance or observance of any other of the covenants, agreements, or conditions contained in the General Bond Resolution, any Series Resolution, any supplemental Resolution or the Bonds, and such failure, refusal or default shall continue for a period of forty-five days after written notice thereof by the holder of not less than five percent in principal amount of the outstanding Bonds.

The General Bond Resolution provides that upon the happening and continuance of any Event of Default, the holders of not less than twenty-five percent in principal amount of the outstanding Bonds may proceed, in their own name, subject to certain provisions in the General Bond Resolution, to protect and enforce the rights of the Bondholders by such of the following remedies as such Bondholders, being advised by counsel, shall deem most effectual.

- (a) enforce by mandamus or other suit, action or proceedings at law or in equity all rights of the Bondholders, including the right to require the Agency to enforce, collect, and receive water rates, rentals, and charges adequate to carry out the covenants and agreements of the Agency as to production of income, and to require the Agency to carry out any other covenant or agreement with Bondholders and to perform its duties under the Act;
- (b) bring suit upon the Bonds;
- (c) require the Agency by action or suit to account as if it were the Registrar and Paying Agent of an express trust for the holders of the Bonds;
- (d) enjoin by action or suit any act or things which may be unlawful or in violation of the rights of the holders of the Bonds;
- (e) by action or suit in equity, seek the appointment of a receiver who shall take charge of and administer the affairs of the Agency;
- (f) declare all Bonds due and payable, and if all default shall be made good (excepting acceleration provisions), then with the written consent of not less than twenty-five percent in principal amount of the holders of outstanding Bonds, to annul such declaration and its consequences; and
- (g) if all Bonds are declared due and payable, and a receiver is appointed, to sell all Investment Obligations and all other assets of the Agency (to the extent not theretofore set aside for redemption of Bonds for which call has been made), and to cause the receiver to take over the System and operate same in the name of the Agency for the use and benefit of the Bondholders.

#### No Individual Liability

All covenants, stipulations, promises, agreements, and obligations of the Agency in the General Bond Resolution shall be deemed to be the covenants, stipulations, promises, agreements, and obligations of the Agency and not of any member, officer, director, or employee of the Agency in his individual capacity, and no recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal or redemption price of or interest on the Bonds or for any claims based thereon or on the General Bond Resolution against any member, officer, director, or employee of the Agency or any natural person executing the Bonds.

#### **Defeasance**

The General Bond Resolution provides that the Agency may defease Bonds by paying or causing to be paid to the holders of Bonds all of the principal and interest and redemption price, if any, to become due thereon. All outstanding Bonds shall be deemed paid before their maturity or redemption date thereof if (i) for Bonds to be redeemed before their maturity the Agency has given notice of redemption and (ii) moneys or direct obligations of or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America sufficient to pay the principal or redemption price and interest on the Bonds on the redemption date or maturity thereof, have been deposited with the Paying Agents. Upon such defeasance, the General Bond Resolution shall cease, determine, and become null and void and the covenants, agreements, and other obligations of the Agency under the General Bond Resolution and governing Series Resolution shall be satisfied and discharged, and the fiduciaries shall pay to the Agency all moneys held by them which are required for the payment or redemption of Bonds.

#### **LEGAL MATTERS**

#### **General Information**

Legal matters incident to the issuance of the 2021 Series A Bonds and with regard to the tax-exempt status thereof are subject to the approving legal opinion of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, Bond Counsel. Upon delivery of the 2021 Series A Bonds of the Agency to the successful bidder therefor, the 2021 Series A Bonds will be accompanied by an approving opinion dated the date of such delivery, rendered by Dinsmore & Shohl LLP. A draft of such legal opinion for the 2021 Series A Bonds is attached as "Appendix E - Form of Bond Counsel Opinion."

Bond Counsel has performed certain functions to assist the Agency in the preparation of this Official Statement. However, Bond Counsel assumes no responsibility for, and will express no opinion regarding the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement or any other information relating to the Agency or the 2021 Series A Bonds that may be made available by the Agency or others to the bidders or holders of the 2021 Series A Bonds or others. The engagement of Bond Counsel is limited to the preparation of certain of the documents contained in the transcript of proceedings with regard to the 2021 Series A Bonds and an examination of such transcript proceedings incident to rendering its legal opinion. In its capacity as Bond Counsel, Bond Counsel has reviewed the information in this Official Statement under the Sections entitled "INTRODUCTION," "THE 2021 SERIES A BONDS," "SECURITY AND SOURCE OF PAYMENT FOR 2021 SERIES A BONDS," "TAX TREATMENT" as to legal matters, which review did not include any independent verification of financial statements and statistical data included therein, if any.

#### **Transcript and Closing Certificates**

A complete transcript of proceedings, a no-litigation certificate and other appropriate closing documents will be delivered by the Agency when the 2021 Series A Bonds are delivered to the original purchaser. The Agency will also provide to the original purchaser, at the time of such delivery, a certificate from the Agency's Executive Director or Secretary addressed to such purchaser relating to the accuracy and completeness of this Official Statement.

#### Litigation

To the knowledge of the Agency, no litigation or administrative action or proceeding is pending or threatened directly affecting the 2021 Series A Bonds, the security for the 2021 Series A Bonds, or the improvements being refinanced from the proceeds of the 2021 Series A Bonds. A No-Litigation Certificate to that effect will be delivered to the purchaser at the time of the delivery of the 2021 Series A Bonds.

#### TAX TREATMENT

#### General

In the opinion of Bond Counsel for the 2021 Series A Bonds, based upon an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings, and court decisions, interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds is excludable from gross income for Federal income tax purposes. Bond Counsel is also of the opinion that interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds is not a specific item of tax preference under Section 57 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 ("the Code") for purposes of the Federal alternative minimum tax. Furthermore, Bond Counsel is of the opinion that interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds is exempt from taxation, including personal income taxation by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and its political subdivisions.

A copy of the form of opinion of Bond Counsel for the 2021 Series A Bonds is set forth in APPENDIX E, attached hereto.

The Code imposes various restrictions, conditions, and requirements relating to the exclusion from gross income for Federal income tax purposes of interest on obligations such as the 2021 Series A Bonds. The Agency has covenanted to comply with certain restrictions designed to ensure that interest on the related issues of 2021 Series A Bonds will not be includable in gross income for Federal income tax purposes. Failure to comply with these covenants could result in interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds being includable in income for Federal income tax purposes and such inclusion could be required retroactively to the date of issuance of the 2021 Series A Bonds. The opinion of Bond Counsel assumes compliance with these covenants. However, Bond Counsel has not undertaken to determine (or to inform any person) whether any actions taken (or not taken) or events occurring (or not occurring) after the date of issuance of the 2021 Series A Bonds may adversely affect the tax status of the interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds.

Certain requirements and procedures contained or referred to in the 2021 Series A Bond documents and other relevant documents may be changed and certain actions (including without limitation defeasance of the 2021 Series A Bonds) may be taken or omitted under the circumstances and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in such documents. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to any Bonds or the interest thereon if any such change occurs or action is taken or omitted upon the advice or approval of bond counsel other than Dinsmore & Shohl LLP.

Although Bond Counsel for the 2021 Series A Bonds is of the opinion that interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds will be excludible from gross income for Federal and Kentucky income tax purposes, the ownership or disposition of, or the accrual or receipt of interest on, the 2021 Series A Bonds may otherwise affect a Bondholder's Federal, state, or local tax liabilities. The nature and extent of these other tax consequences may depend upon the particular tax status of the Bondholder or the Bondholder's other items of income or deduction. Bond Counsel expresses no opinions regarding any tax consequences

other than what is set forth in its opinion and each Bondholder or potential Bondholder is urged to consult with tax counsel with respect to the effects of purchasing, holding, or disposing the Bonds on the tax liabilities of the individual or entity.

Receipt of tax-exempt interest, ownership, or disposition of the 2021 Series A Bonds may result in other collateral Federal, state, or local tax consequence for certain taxpayers, including without limitation increasing the federal tax liability of certain foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax imposed by Section 884 of the Code, increasing the federal tax liability and affecting the status of certain insurance companies under Section 832 of the Code, increasing the federal tax liability and affecting the status of certain S Corporations subject to Sections 1362 and 1375 of the Code, increasing the federal tax liability of certain individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits under Section 86 of the Code, and limiting the use of the Earned Income Credit under Section 32 of the Code that might otherwise be available. Ownership of any 2021 Series A Bonds may also result in the limitation of interest and certain other deductions for financial institutions and certain other taxpayers, pursuant to Section 265 of the Code. Finally, residence of the holder of 2021 Series A Bonds in a state other than Kentucky or being subject to tax in a state other than Kentucky, may result in income or other tax liabilities being imposed by such states or their political subdivisions based on the interest or other income from the 2021 Series A Bonds.

Neither the City nor the County has designated the 2021 Series A Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" under Section 265 of the Code.

#### **Original Issue Premium**

"Acquisition Premium" is the excess of the cost of a bond over the stated redemption price of such bond at maturity or, for bonds that have one or more earlier call dates, the amount payable at the next earliest call date. The 2021 Series A Bonds that bear an interest rate that is higher than the yield (as shown on the cover page hereof), are being initially offered and sold to the public at an Acquisition Premium (the "Premium Bonds"). For federal income tax purposes, the amount of Acquisition Premium on each bond the interest on which is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes ("tax-exempt bonds") must be amortized and will reduce the bondholder's adjusted basis in that bond. However, no amount of amortized Acquisition Premium on tax-exempt bonds may be deducted in determining bondholder's taxable income for federal income tax purposes. The amount of any Acquisition Premium paid on the Premium Bonds, or on any of the 2021 Series A Bonds, that must be amortized during any period will be based on the "constant yield" method, using the original bondholder's basis in such bonds and compounding semiannually. This amount is amortized ratably over that semiannual period on a daily basis.

Holders of any 2021 Series A Bonds, including any Premium Bonds, purchased at an Acquisition Premium should consult their own tax advisors as to the actual effect of such Acquisition Premium with respect to their own tax situation and as to the treatment of Acquisition Premium for state tax purposes.

#### **Original Issue Discount**

The 2021 Series A Bonds that bear an interest rate that is lower than the yield (as shown on the cover page hereof) are being offered and sold to the public at an original issue discount ("OID") from the amounts payable at maturity thereon (the "Discount Bonds"). OID is the excess of the stated redemption price of a bond at maturity (the face amount) over the "issue price" of such bond. The issue price is the initial offering price to the public (other than to bond houses, brokers or similar persons acting in the capacity of underwriters or wholesalers) at which a substantial amount of bonds of the same maturity are sold pursuant to that initial offering. For federal income tax purposes, OID on each bond will accrue over the term of the bond, and for the Discount Bonds, the amount of accretion will be based on a single rate of interest, compounded semiannually (the "yield to maturity"). The amount of OID that accrues during each semi-annual period will do so ratably over that period on a daily basis. With respect to an initial purchaser of a Discount Bond at its issue price, the portion of OID that accrues during the period that such purchaser owns the Discount Bond is added to such purchaser's tax basis for purposes of determining gain or loss at the maturity, redemption, sale, or other disposition of that Discount Bond and thus, in practical effect, is treated as stated interest, which is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

Holders of Discount Bonds should consult their own tax advisors as to the treatment of OID and the tax consequences of the purchase of such Discount Bonds other than at the issue price duri.ng the initial public offering and as to the treatment of OID for state tax purposes.

#### **Legislative Proposals**

There are or may be pending in the Congress of the United States legislative proposals, including some that carry retroactive effective dates, that, if enacted, could alter or amend the federal tax matters described above or affect the market value of the 2021 Series A Bonds. It cannot be predicted whether or in what form these proposals might be enacted or whether, if enacted, it would apply to bonds issued before enactment. Prospective purchasers of the 2021 Series A Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding pending or proposed federal tax legislation.

#### RATING

As noted on the cover page of this Official Statement, S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") has assigned its municipal bond rating of "A+", to this issue of 2021 Series A Bonds. Such rating reflects only the view of S&P. Any explanation of the significance of such rating may only be obtained from S&P, at the following address: S&P Global Ratings, 200 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10281, (212) 235-2500.

There can be no assurance that a rating when assigned will continue for any given period of time or that it will not be lowered or withdrawn entirely by the rating agency if in its judgment circumstances so warrant. Any such downward change in or withdrawal of a rating may have an adverse effect on the marketability and/or market price of the 2021 Series A Bonds.

The Agency presently expects to furnish such rating agency with information and material that it may request on future bond issues. However, the Agency assumes no obligation to furnish requested information and materials, and may issue debt for which a rating is not requested. Failure to furnish requested information and materials, or the issuance of debt for which a rating is not requested, may result in the suspension or withdrawal of the rating agency's ratings on outstanding bonds.

#### CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

In accordance with the Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule") and so long as the 2021 Series A Bonds are outstanding, the Agency agrees pursuant to an Undertaking (the "Disclosure Undertaking"), to cause the following information to be provided:

- (i) to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB"), for each fiscal year of the Agency, (a) the operating data of the Agency for such fiscal year that is included within this Official Statement generally consistent with the information contained in APPENDIX B; and (b) audited financial statements and supplemental information prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental units, generally consistent with the information contained in "APPENDIX D" of this Official Statement; all such information shall be provided no later than 210 days following the fiscal year ending on the preceding June 30, commencing with the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, provided that the audited financial statements may not be available by such date, but will be made available immediately upon delivery thereof by the auditor to the Agency;
- (ii) to the MSRB through EMMA, in a timely manner, not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event, notice of the occurrence of the following events with respect to the 2021 Series A Bonds:
  - (a) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
  - (b) Non-payment related defaults, if material;
  - (c) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
  - (d) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
  - (e) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
  - (f) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the security, or other material events affecting the tax-exempt status of the security;
  - (g) Modifications to rights of security holders, if material;
  - (h) 2021 Series A Bond calls, if material, and tender offers (except for mandatory scheduled redemptions not otherwise contingent upon the occurrence of an event);
  - (i) Defeasances;
  - (j) Release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the securities, if material;
  - (k) Rating changes;

- (1) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Agency (Note: For the purposes of this event, the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: The appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for an obligated person in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Agency, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Agency);
- (m) The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Agency or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Agency, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (n) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- (o) Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Agency, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the Agency, any of which affect security holders, if material; and
- (p) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the Agency, any of which reflect financial difficulties.
- (iii) in a timely manner, to the MSRB through EMMA, notice of a failure (of which the Agency has knowledge) of the Agency to provide the required Annual Financial Information on or before the date specified in the Disclosure Agreement.

"Financial Obligation" shall mean (a) a debt obligation, (b) a derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation, or (c) a guarantee of either (a) or (b). The term Financial Obligation shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

The Disclosure Undertaking provides bondholders, including beneficial owners of the 2021 Series A Bonds, with certain enforcement rights in the event of a failure by the Agency to comply with the terms thereof; however, a default under the Disclosure Undertaking does not constitute an event of default under the Resolution. The Disclosure Undertaking may also be amended or terminated under certain circumstances in accordance with the Rule, accompanied with an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, as more fully described therein.

For purposes of this transaction with respect to events as set forth in the Rule:

- (a) there are no credit enhancements applicable to the 2021 Series A Bonds;
- (b) there are no liquidity providers applicable to the 2021 Series A Bonds; and
- (c) there is no property securing the repayment of the 2021 Series A Bonds.

The Agency has entered into previous disclosure undertakings regarding its general obligation debt under the Rule. To the best of the Agency's knowledge, the Agency has been in compliance with its continuing disclosure undertakings for the past five years.

#### UNDERWRITING

The 2021 Series A Bonds are being purchased for reoffering by [\_\_\_\_] (the "Underwriter"). The Underwriter has agreed to purchase the 2021 Series A Bonds at an aggregate purchase price of \$[\_\_\_\_] (reflecting the par amount of the 2021 Series A Bonds, [plus/minus original issue premium/original issue discount of \$[\_\_\_\_]], less underwriter's discount of \$[\_\_\_\_]). The initial public offering prices which produce the yields set forth on the cover page of this Official Statement may be changed by the Underwriter and the Underwriter may offer and sell the 2021 Series A Bonds to certain dealers (including dealers depositing 2021 Series A Bonds into investment trusts) and others at prices lower than the offering prices which produce the yields set forth on the cover page.

#### FINANCIAL ADVISOR

The 2021 Series A Bonds will be sold by the solicitation and receipt of competitive bids. First Kentucky Securities Corporation, Lexington, Kentucky, is Financial Advisor to the Agency, and will receive a fee, subject to sale and delivery of the 2021 Series A Bonds, for its advisory services.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

To the extent any statements made in this Official Statement involve matters of opinion or estimates, whether or not expressly stated to be such, such statements are made as such and not as representations of fact or certainty, and no representation is made that any of such statements will be realized. Information herein has been derived by the Agency from official and other sources and is believed by the Agency to be reliable, but such information other than that obtained from official records of the Agency has not been independently confirmed or verified by the Agency and its accuracy is not guaranteed. Neither this Official Statement nor any statement which may have been made orally or in writing is to be construed as a contract with the holders of the 2021 Series A Bonds.

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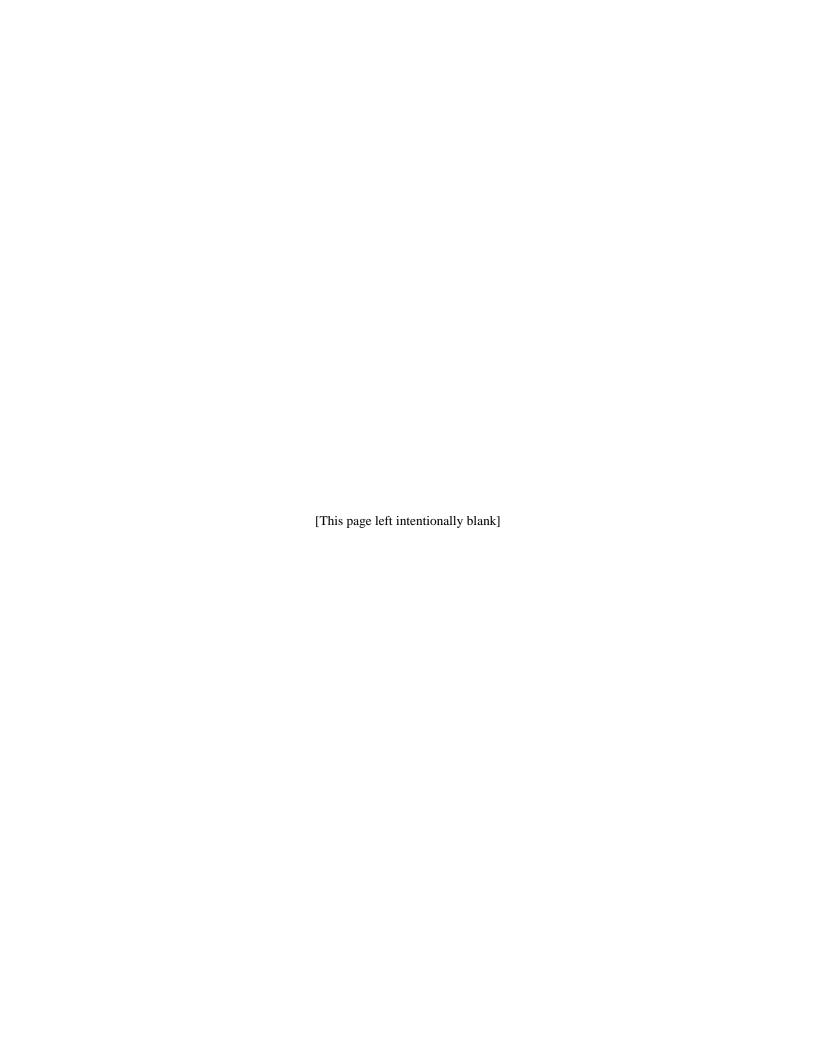
#### SIGNATURE PAGE TO OFFICIAL STATEMENT

This Official Statement has been duly executed and delivered for and on behalf of the Agency by its Chair.

OWENSBORO-DAVIESS COUNTY REGIONAL WATER RESOURCE AGENCY

By: <u>/s/</u>	
Chair	

# APPENDIX A OWENSBORO-DAVIESS COUNTY, KENTUCKY REGIONAL WATER RESOURCE AGENCY WASTEWATER REVENUE BONDS 2021 SERIES A Debt Service Requirements for the 2021 Series A Bonds



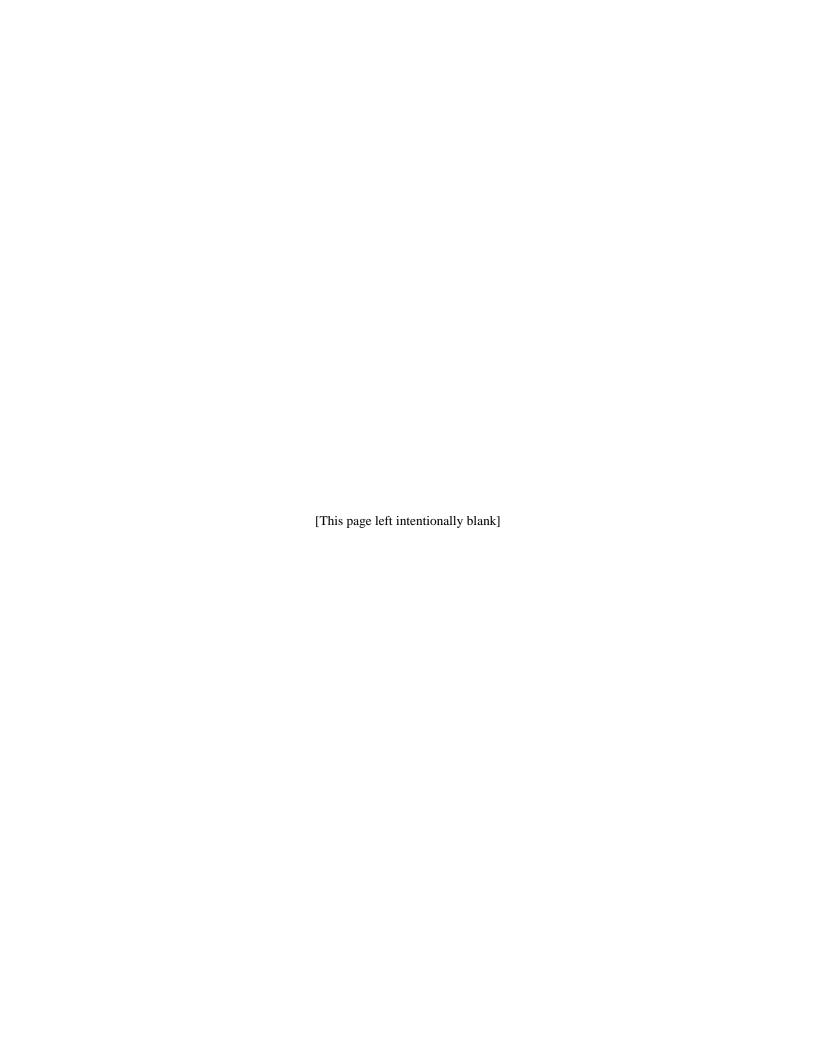
#### OWENSBORO-DAVIESS COUNTY REGIONAL WATER RESOURCE AGENCY WASTEWATER REVENUE BONDS SERIES 2021A

### Estimated Debt Service Requirements

Maturity Date	Principal	Interest	Total P&I Paymt	Fiscal Yr Total
6/1/22				
12/1/22	660,000			
6/1/23				
12/1/23	665,000			
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6/1/35				
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6/1/36				
12/1/36	785,000			
6/1/37				
12/1/37	800,000			
6/1/38				
12/1/38	815,000			
6/1/39				
12/1/39	835,000			
6/1/40				
12/1/40	855,000			
6/1/41				
12/1/41	875,000			
6/1/42				
Totals	14,755,000			

Source: First Kentucky Securities Corp.

# APPENDIX B OWENSBORO-DAVIESS COUNTY, KENTUCKY REGIONAL WATER RESOURCE AGENCY WASTEWATER REVENUE BONDS 2021 SERIES A Additional Information Regarding the Agency



#### Description

The Regional Water Resource Agency (the "Agency") is a joint city-county sewer agency established in February, 1995, pursuant to KRS 76.231.

The Agency is the regional provider of public comprehensive wastewater services for Owensboro and Daviess County, Kentucky; excluding the facilities planning boundary for the City of Whitesville. The Agency was created by identical enabling ordinances of the City of Owensboro and Daviess County Fiscal Court, which incorporated the general powers granted under KRS Chapter 76.

The Agency has two (2) wastewater treatment facilities with design capabilities of 15.0 MGD and 6.8 MGD. Since the Agency's inception, all expansions and/or improvements constructed (or to be constructed) are designed for, and include, capacity for future development within the community.

The Agency currently has eight divisions and employs 81 people. The Agency also provides contract stormwater/drainage maintenance services for the City of Owensboro.

#### Largest Users of the Sewer System for Fiscal Year 2021

	<u>Average</u>	
	Monthly Usage	
Name	in gallons	Percentage of Use
Mizkan America	21,199,170	9.84%
Dart Polymers	10,704,091	4.97
Specialty Foods Group	8,319,333	3.86
Owensboro Grain	6,841,363	3.17
Sazerac North America-Glenmore	5,194,860	2.41
Owensboro Health Regional Hospital	2,792,917	1.30
Owensboro Housing Authority	2,516,272	1.17
Swedish Match	1,659,163	0.77
Daviess County Fiscal Court	1,529,847	0.71
Metalsa	1,449,375	0.67

Source: Regional Water Resource Agency

#### Billed Water for Sewer Customers

June	e 2021	Usage in gallons		
<u>Customers</u>	Number of Customers	Average Monthly (1)	Annual (2)	
Residential	29,118	3,778	1,306,805	
Non-Residential (3)	2,989	35,833	1,279,118	

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on July 2020 through June 2021 data from OMU and Water Districts.

Source: Regional Water Resource Agency

#### **Customer Service Charge**

A monthly Customer Service Charge is charged to all RWRA Customers dependent on the size of the meter providing service, with the 1" meter being considered as the base with a charge of \$17.35. Customers with a meter larger than 1" are billed based on the comparison of the square of the meter size to a typical 1" meter, with any meters larger than 6" being billed at the rate for a 6" meter.

<sup>(2) 1,000</sup> gallons

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes twenty industrial customers which have sewage flow meters.

#### Wastewater User Charges

The current Wastewater user charge is \$4.39 per 1,000 gallons of water usage for all Agency customers (i.e., industrial, commercial, residential, etc.).

#### Environmental Improvement Fee

A monthly fee for community environmental improvements is charged to all RWRA customers in the amount of \$8.75.

For non-residential customers whose monthly billable volume exceeds 15,000 gallons, a volume surcharge in the amount of \$.49 per 1,000 gallons is charged on the volume above 15,000 gallons.

#### Quality Surcharge

Commercial/Industrial customers with high-strength waste above the RWRA discharge limits will be assessed quality surcharges. Biochemical Oxygen Demand (B.O.D.) and Total Suspended Solids (T.S.S.) are \$0.220 and \$0.212 per pound, respectively, for strength exceeding 265mg/l. Quality surcharges for customers exceeding 100 mg/l of Fats, Oils and Grease (F.O.G.) are \$.221 per pound.

#### Capacity Fee

A monthly fee charged to all RWRA customers to be used for system capacity improvements as determined by the RWRA Board. A monthly Capacity Fee of \$0.53 is charged to all RWRA customers with a 1" meter or less. Those with a meter larger than 1" are billed based on the comparison of the square of the meter size to a typical 1" meter, with any meters larger than 6" being billed at the rate for a 6" meter.

#### System Development Fee

"System Development" relates to the costs to provide sewer service to a general area. System Development Fees are levied on all properties that receive service-directly or indirectly-through System Development constructed facilities (major interceptors, lift stations, force mains, etc.). The System Development Fee for each original ERU in the pre-2000 service areas was \$1,053. Qualified existing users are allowed to pay this fee in 240 monthly installments of \$4.95/month. Between 2000 and 2013, users were charged a System Development Fee of \$1,320.00 and qualified existing users are allowed to pay this fee in 240 monthly installments of \$6.21/month. Current developing areas have a System Development Fee per ERU of \$2,178.00. Qualified existing users are allowed to pay this amount in 240 monthly installments of \$13.78/month. All customers requiring a permit for new construction shall be assessed the applicable System Development Fee as a part of the permit application process.

#### Assessment Fees

When RWRA constructs necessary wastewater facilities in unsewered areas, all costs associated with the capital construction (i.e., construction, engineering, easement acquisition, etc.) are assessed on a pro-rata basis to all benefited properties within an assessment zone. RWRA notifies property owners and they can elect to pay the related costs in a lump sum or may finance the assessment amount over a 20-year period. Owners choosing to finance their assessment shall have an apportionment warrant (lien) filed on the benefited property.

#### Connection Fee

The Connection Fee is a one-time charge, per connection to the Agency system. This fee may range from \$300 per residential unit up to \$1,000 per unit for commercial, industrial and institutional.

#### Tap Fee

A Tap fee is a charge assessed by the Agency to recover the cost associated with constructing a physical sewer connection for a facility, from the property line or right-of-way, to the Agency system. The base fee is \$500; but commercial, industrial and institutional may vary based on applicable factors.

#### Disposal of Transported Waste

The Agency assesses a fee for the treatment and proper disposal of acceptable waste transported to an Agency facility. The applicable wastewater user charges and surcharges will be applied to determine the transported waste charge to be used for a specific waste discharged at RWRA facilities. The base fee for domestic waste is \$5.41 per 100 gallons, and the calculated charge for non-domestic waste (i.e., industrial, commercial, etc.) varies depending on the nature, origin and strength of the waste. The disposal charges for yellow and brown grease are \$0.1040 and \$0.0728 per gallon, respectively, for waste collected and delivered from within Daviess County. For all waste types collected and delivered to RWRA from outside Daviess County, the disposal charge is doubled. In addition, qualified haulers pay an annual \$200 fee for a disposal permit.

#### **Industrial Monitoring**

Industries that require or request RWRA to perform a sample or test on their discharge reimburses the Agency for the laboratory testing costs.

#### Senior Debt Service Coverage

Gross Revenues

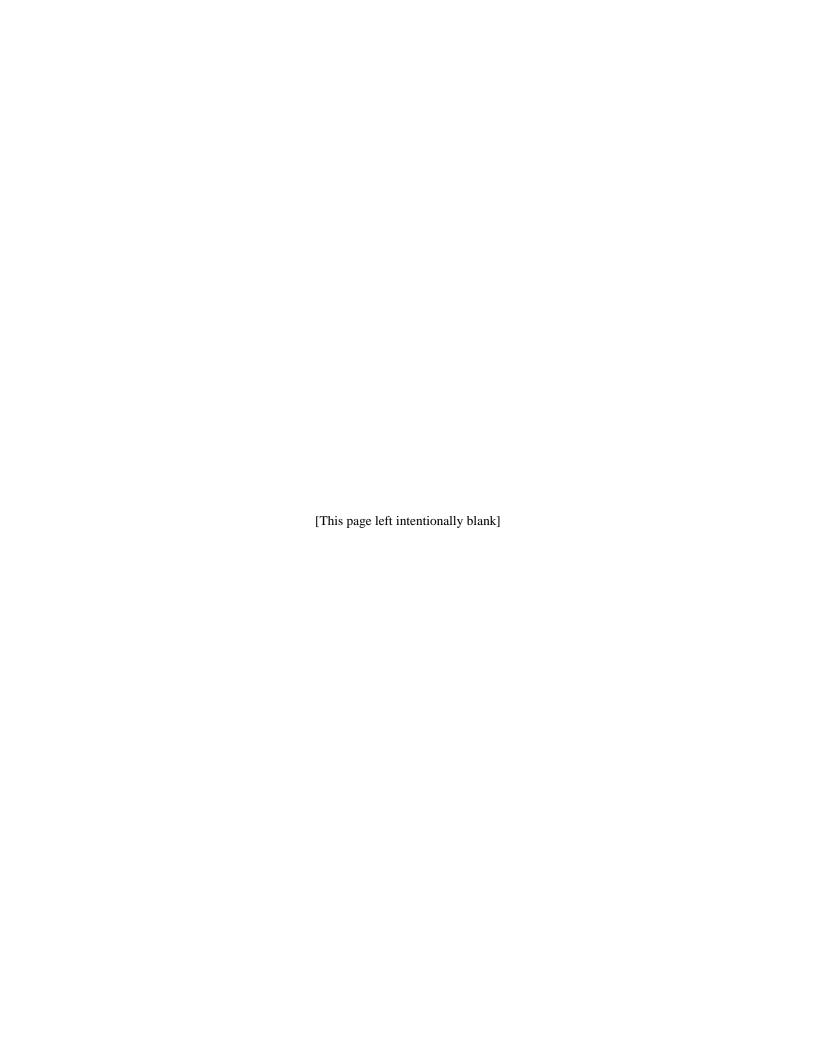
Following is the calculation of estimated coverage of maximum debt service by net revenues (based on audited financials), after issuance of the 2021 Series A Bonds, using amounts for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021:

\$25,639,492

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	Operating Expenses Less Depreciation Net Operating Expenses	\$21,192,917 (5,748,243)	\$15,444,674
	Net Operating Revenues		\$10,194,818
	Debt Service - Estimated Maximum Principal and Interest		\$1,150,464
	Debt Service Covered		8.86 x
Total Debt Servic	e Coverage		
	<b>o</b>		
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# APPENDIX C OWENSBORO-DAVIESS COUNTY, KENTUCKY REGIONAL WATER RESOURCE AGENCY WASTEWATER REVENUE BONDS 2021 SERIES A

General Information Regarding the Owensboro-Daviess County Area



#### City of Owensboro

#### **General Information**

Owensboro, originally known as "Yellowbanks" in reference to the color of the soil along the Ohio River banks, was first settled in 1797. By 1810, David Morton had opened a general store and population of the settlement grew to 100 by 1815. An 1817 Act of the Kentucky Legislature incorporated the town as "Owensborough", later shortened to "Owensboro." The Owensboro area has grown steadily, while retaining the "small town quality" of a friendly city of warm-hearted and hospitable people. Owensboro ranks as Kentucky's fourth largest city in terms of population and is the industrial and cultural capital of western Kentucky.

In August 2019, 24/7 Wall Street reported Daviess County the best place to retire in Kentucky. In 2015, SmartAsset.com said Kentucky was best state for early retirees to call home.

A 2017 USA Today article ranked Owensboro #11 in the country for percentage of new mortgages being closed by millennials, citing our recent downtown makeover as one of the factors attracting this demographic.

Owensboro received the Great River Cup in 2018 from Site Selection Magazine, based on corporate facility location and expansion activity along the Ohio River Corridor.

In 2017 Owensboro ranked 17<sup>th</sup> in The Best Places to Work in Manufacturing by SmartAsset.com. This is based on manufacturing as a percent of workforce, job growth, income growth, and income after housing.

In 2016 Milken Institute named Owensboro as one of the **Best-Performing Cities in the U.S.** by how well they are creating and sustaining jobs and economic growth. The components include job, wage and salary, and technology growth.

In 2013, Owensboro was named an All-America City by the National Civic League, one of only ten communities selected nationwide. Forbes Magazine ranked Owensboro #6 on their 2013 "Best Small Cities for Jobs" rankings and #62 "Best Small Places for Business and Careers," including a #24 in job growth and #37 ranking for "Low Cost of Doing Business." Other recent national recognitions include being named Kentucky's representative on Money Magazine #93 ranking on their Top 100 list of "America's Best Places to Live."

#### **Location & Transportation**





Owensboro lies on the southern banks of the Ohio River, one of the nation's major waterways, in the western Kentucky coal field region. It is situated 32 miles southeast of Evansville, IN; 123 miles north of Nashville, TN; and 109 miles southwest of Louisville, KY and has direct access via highway, rail, river and air. The William H. Natcher Bridge connects to the four-lane route north, Interstate 64 in Indiana, where work is continuing on the I-69 spur. The William Natcher Parkway South has recently been redesignated I-165, linking Owensboro to I-65. The Owensboro–Daviess County Regional Airport serves access to the national air transportation system and has recently positioned itself to receive \$1 million in Federal Aviation Administration funding. Owensboro Riverport Authority is the highest-volume public authority of the eight public ports in Kentucky.

#### **Education**

Quality education is a priority and education facilities in the area abound. The Owensboro Independent and Daviess County public school districts, and the parochial school system provide elementary, middle and secondary school students with a

quality education. The average student-teacher ratio for the public schools is 20-and 25-to-1. In 2018, Owensboro Independent had a graduation rate of 85.7% and an in-state college-going rate of 51%. In 2018, Daviess County had a graduation rate of 92.8% and an in-state college-going rate of 64%.



Brescia University and Kentucky Wesleyan College are four-year education institutions offering Bachelor of Science and Arts degrees. Both schools made the 2020 U.S. News & World Report's Best Regional Colleges in the South list. The University of Louisville School of Nursing facilitates a BSN (Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing) and a MEPN (Master's Entry into Professional Nursing) program locally in conjunction with Owensboro Health System. Owensboro Community and Technical College offers two-year Associate of Arts and Science degrees, and several doctoral degree programs via telecommunications. Graduate programs are offered through Brescia, Western Kentucky University and Murray State University. Western Kentucky University-Owensboro offers a host of undergraduate and graduate degree programs on their recently expanded Owensboro campus. These programs provide area residents with the opportunity to earn post-graduate degrees without leaving the city.

#### **Medical Facilities**



Owensboro Health is a nonprofit health system with a mission to heal the sick and to improve the health of the communities it serves in 18 Kentucky and Indiana counties. The system includes Owensboro Health Regional Hospital, nationally recognized for design, architecture and engineering and the only hospital in the world to be designated a Signature Sanctuary by Audubon International; Owensboro Health Muhlenberg Community Hospital; the Owensboro Health Medical Group comprised of over 200 providers at more than 20 locations; three outpatient Healthplex facilities, a certified medical fitness

facility, the Healthpark; a surgical weight loss center and program, and the Mitchell Memorial Cancer Center. The \$385 million, 477 -bed state-of-the-art hospital facility opened June 1, 2013. OHRH leads two key initiatives for cancer research in the Owensboro region, and is accredited by the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons as a Comprehensive Cancer Center. For more information, visit OwensboroHealth.org.

#### **Arts, Entertainment & Recreation**

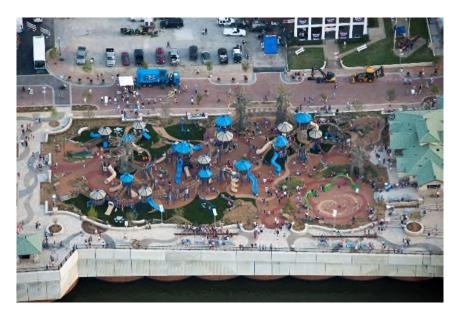
Owensboro offers a wide range of cultural and recreational activities. The City has everything from live performances of the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra to fishing on a nearby lake. Cultural activities play a major role in the everyday lives of Owensboro residents and visitors. The Owensboro RiverPark Center, a performing arts civic center boasts a 1,500 seat multipurpose auditorium, and experimental theatre, a riverfront plaza, and an open-air courtyard, meeting/reception rooms. The City is also home to the Owensboro Museum of Fine Arts and the Owensboro Museum of Science and History, as well as the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra.

The City, in partnership with the International Bluegrass Music Museum, Inc., constructed a \$13.4 million, 47,000 square foot museum and entertainment venue that opened in October 2018 as the **new Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame and Museum.** The City of Owensboro was officially designated the Bluegrass Music Capital of the World on November 12, 2021 after more than a year of effort by the City and the Bluegrass Hall of Fame and Museum. This tourism and educational venue will serve as an iconic tribute to the bluegrass genre along with many other music styles of historic significance. The 485-seat theatre will become the home of the International Bluegrass Opera. Bluegrass is among the fastest growing music interests in the world. This hall of fame and museum will become a focal point of our tourism industry for not only our region but the entire country, for years to come. The debt the City incurred for this project is being reimbursed by the Downtown TIF funds.



The City offers a wide range of recreational activities, including hiking and biking trails, golfing at one of the two municipal golf courses, playing tennis at the City's new Tennis Facility that has indoor and outdoor courts, ice-skating in the only year-round municipal ice arena in Kentucky, softball, football and soccer. The City maintains two swimming pools and 3 sprayparks.

The City has twenty-four parks. Two are especially notable: Smothers Park and Legion Park. Smothers Park was built as part of the City's downtown revitalization and includes the Lazy Dayz Children's Playground, **named the #1 playground in the world by the Landscape Architects Network in 2013.** Legion Park recently received new playground equipment, a zipline and dog park, enhancements to a beautiful park that features basketball courts, a walking trail, playground equipment, and covered shelters.



Owensboro hosts many local, state, regional and national softball and baseball tournaments at the softball complex located at Jack C. Fisher Park, which was renovated in 2019.

#### **Economic Development**

Over the years, the City has been proactive in annexing land into the city corporate boundaries through incentive programs. The city annexed over 338 acres for three large commercial developments that are all performing well. Of recent, an 81-acre residential development has been annexed. The city is currently in the process of executing several smaller annexations.

The City has also has two incentive agreements with the State of Kentucky. The State has approved two Tax Increment Financing Districts (TIFs) for the City; the Gateway Commons TIF on highway 54 and the Downtown Riverfront TIF. A TIF district reallocates funds from property taxes to encourage investment within the district. The State will be reimbursing the City for taxes (sales tax, payroll withholding and property tax) generated in the TIF designated areas. The City is slated to receive up to \$20.5 million for the Gateway Commons TIF and up to \$24.5 million for the Downtown Riverfront TIF.

Owensboro received national recognition for being the only metropolitan area in the country to have decreased its year-over-year unemployment rate of 4.4% at June 2019 to 4.2% at June 2020 amid the coronavirus pandemic.

#### **Demographics**

**Total Population** 

	2014	2016	2017	2020
Daviess County	98,416	99,674	100,374	103,312
Owensboro	58,512	59,273	59,404	60,183

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Annual Estimates.

# **Population Projections**

	2025	2030	2035	2040
Daviess County	104,517	106,676	108,502	110,129

Source: Kentucky State Data Center, University of Louisville.

#### **Median Household Income 2019**

Daviess County	\$51,673
Owensboro	\$43,369
Kentucky	\$50,589

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

# **Educational Attainment 2019**

Daviess County	High School diploma 90.0%	Bachelor's Degree 22.9%
Owensboro	High School diploma 88.4%	Bachelor's Degree 23.0%
Kentucky	High School diploma 86.2%	Bachelor's Degree 24.2%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census

# **Population in Civilian Labor Force 2019**

Daviess County 61.8% Owensboro 60.0% Kentucky 59.0%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census

#### **Civilian Labor Force**

	<b>Daviess County</b>		Labor Marke	et Area
	2018	Apr. 2019	2018	Apr. 2019
Civilian Labor Force	48,018	47,816	243,650	244,121
Employed	46,121	46,170	234,618	236,415
Unemployed	1,897	1,646	9,032	7,706
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	3.4	3.7	3.2

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

# **Business & Industry**

# **Summary of Recent Locations and Expansions, 2016-2019**

	Reported			
	Companies	Jobs	Investment	
Manufacturing Location	1	10	\$8,100,000	
Manufacturing Expansion	18	420	\$219,662,271	
Service & Technology Location	1	830	\$6,400,000	
Service & Technology Expansion	4	42	\$13,665,000	

Note: Totals include announced locations and expansions. Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development (September 04, 2019).

# Employment by Major Industry by Place of Work, 2017

	<b>Daviess County</b>		Labor Marke	abor Market Area	
	<b>Employment</b>	Percent	<b>Employment</b>	Percent	
Total All Industries	49,503	100.0	238,157	100.0	
Total Private Industries	41,180	83.2	196,510	82.5	
Natural Resources and Mining	317	0.6	2,679	1.1	
Construction	2,116	4.3	12,594	5.3	
Manufacturing	6,641	13.4	35,047	14.7	
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	9,327	18.8	42,583	17.9	
Information	297	0.6	1,990	0.8	
Financial Activities	3,597	7.3	9,080	3.8	
Professional and Business Services	3,913	7.9	22,930	9.6	
Education and Health Services	8,839	17.9	39,300	16.5	
Leisure and Hospitality	4,910	9.9	23,333	9.8	
Other Services and Unclassified	1,223	2.5	6,966	2.9	

Source: JobsEQ, Chmura Economics.

# **Top 20 Firms by Employment**

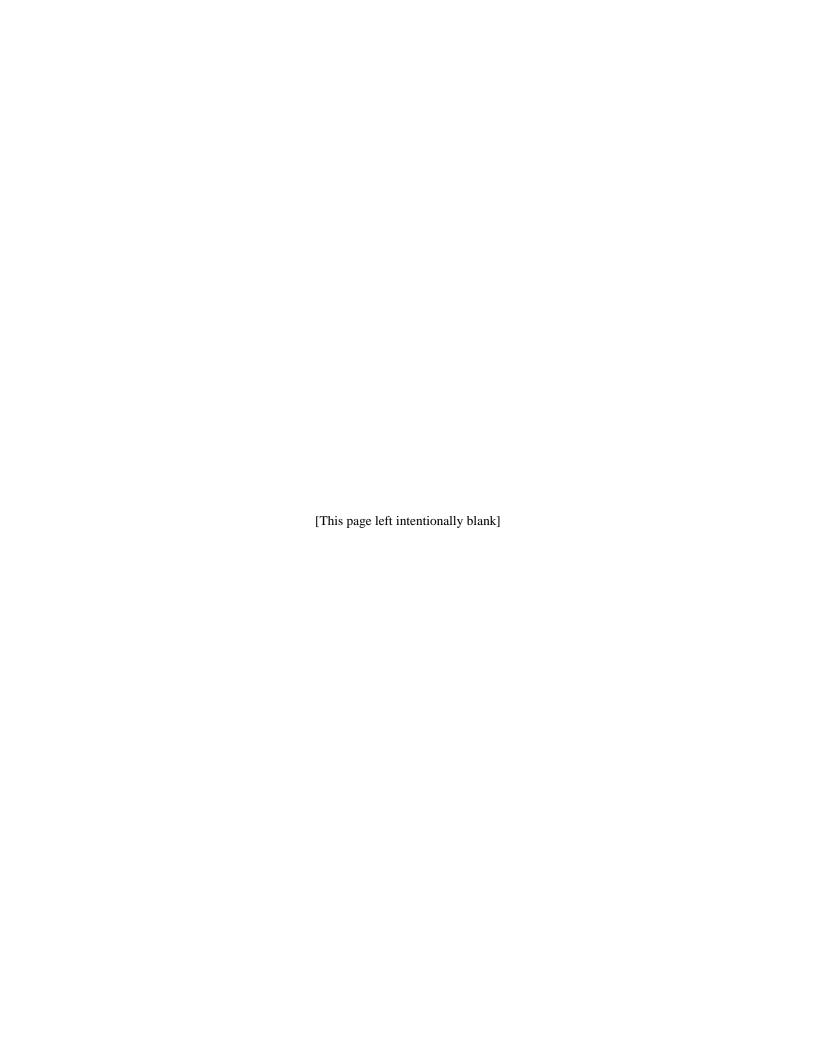
<u>Firm</u>	Number of Employees 2021
Owensboro Health Regional Hospital	4,274
US Bank Home Mortgage	1,499
Owensboro Independent School District	833
Toyotetsu Mid-America	682
Sazerac Distillers	543
Specialty Food Group	513
Mizkan America Inc.	451
City of Owensboro	434
Unifirst Corp	405
Metalsa Structural Products, Inc.	396
Wendell Foster Organization	358
Audubon Area Community Services	349
Independence Bank	220
Texas Gas	210
Kentucky Wesleyan College	201
Yager Material	200
Acumen (RiverValley Behavioral)	184
MPD, Inc.	175
Owensboro Municipal Utilities	171
Owensboro Catholic Schools	146

# APPENDIX D

# OWENSBORO-DAVIESS COUNTY, KENTUCKY REGIONAL WATER RESOURCE AGENCY WASTEWATER REVENUE BONDS 2021 SERIES A

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The Agency's Audited Financial Statements and Supplementary Information for Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020



# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

(With Independent Auditor's Report Thereon)

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors Regional Water Resource Agency

#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the Regional Water Resource Agency (RWRA) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the business-type activities and the fiduciary activities of RWRA as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which comprise RWRA's financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

# Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

# Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of the Regional Water Resource Agency as of June 30, 2021, and the business-type activities and fiduciary activities of RWRA as of June 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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#### **Other Matters**

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3-9 and the pension and other postemployment benefits schedules on pages 42-46 be presented to supplement the financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the 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 methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the 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.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated November 12, 2021, on our consideration of the Regional Water Resource Agency's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of RWRA's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Governmental Auditing Standards in considering the Regional Water Resource Agency's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Owensboro, Kentucky November 12, 2021 Rightams of CPASPSC

As management of the Regional Water Resource Agency, (RWRA), we offer readers of our financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of RWRA for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with our financial statements, which begin on page 10.

# **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The assets of RWRA exceeded its liabilities at the close of the current fiscal year by \$75.99 million (net position). Of this amount, \$14.3 million (unrestricted net position) may be used to meet RWRA's ongoing obligations to customers and creditors.
- RWRA's total net position increased by \$4.9 million in 2021. This represents a 7% change from the 2020 balance.
- The operating revenues of RWRA increased by \$709,131 to \$25.9 million at the close of the current fiscal year. This represents a 2.8% change from 2020.
- The operating expenses excluding depreciation increased by \$337,756 to \$17.1 million at the close of the current fiscal year. This represents a 2% change from 2020.

# **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to RWRA's basic financial statements. RWRA's basic financial statements are comprised of two components: 1) enterprise fund financial statements and 2) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Enterprise Fund Financial Statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of RWRA's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

- Statement of Net Position This financial statement presents information on RWRA's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of RWRA is improving or deteriorating.
- Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position This financial statement identifies the revenues generated and the expenses incurred presenting how RWRA's net position changed during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the cash flows; thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods, (e.g. earned but unused vacation leave).

# Overview of the Financial Statements, Continued

• Statement of Cash Flows – This financial statement provides information relating to RWRA's cash receipts and cash expenditures during the fiscal year. The statement reports cash receipts, cash payments, and net changes in cash resulting from operations, investing, and financing activities and provides answers to such questions as where did cash come from, what was cash used for, and what was the change in the cash balance during the fiscal year.

The enterprise fund financial statements can be found on pages 10 through 14 of this report.

Notes to financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 15 through 37 of this report.

# Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of financial position. In the case of RWRA, assets exceeded liabilities by \$75,990,268 at the close of the current fiscal year.

The largest portion of RWRA's net position (78%) reflects its investment in capital assets, net of related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. RWRA uses these capital assets to provide services to its customers; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although RWRA's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

Condensed Statements

	of Net Position		
	<u>2021</u>		2020
Current and other assets	\$ 35,003,418	-\$	34,100,090
Capital assets	95,964,923		91,925,479
Deferred outflows of resources	4,406,463		4,160,828
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	135,374,804	_	130,186,397
Long-term liabilities	53,149,448		52,452,617
Other liabilities	5,472,009		5,285,724
Deferred inflows of resources	763,079	. <u>-</u>	1,366,435
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	59,384,536	_	59,104,776
Net position:			
Net investment in capital assets	58,935,796		52,956,583
Restricted	2,787,567		2,787,549
Unrestricted	14,266,905	_	15,337,489
Total net position	\$ 75,990,268	\$_	71,081,621

# Financial Analysis, Continued

	Condensed Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position			penses and
		<u>2021</u>		2020
Revenues:				
Operating revenues	\$	25,855,761	\$	25,146,630
Investment earnings		354,270		706,093
Capital contributions		1,601,867		2,005,653
Other revenues	_	333,854		633,253
Total revenues		28,145,752		28,491,629
Expenses:				
Operating expenses (excluding				
depreciation)		17,118,625		16,780,869
Depreciation expense		5,748,243		4,962,725
Interest expense		658,469		598,869
Other	-	(288,232)	-	(272,234)
Total expenses	_	23,237,105	_	22,070,229
Change in net position	9	4,908,647		6,421,400
Net position – beginning of year	_	71,081,621		64,660,221
Net position – end of year	\$_	75,990,268	\$_	71,081,621

RWRA's net position increased by \$4,908,647 during the current year. Operating revenues increased by \$709,131 while operating expenses and depreciation increased \$1,123,274 from fiscal year 2020 levels. Key elements of these changes are explained in greater detail under the Review of Operations section.

# **Capital Asset and Debt Administration**

Capital Assets – RWRA's investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2021, amounts to \$95,964,923 (net of accumulated depreciation). Investment in capital assets increased by approximately 4% during the year. Below is a comparison of the items that make up capital assets as of June 30, 2021, with that of June 30, 2020.

		<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Land and Improvements	\$	2,165,678	\$ 2,165,678
Sewage Treatment Plants		11,875,649	12,919,148
Sewers		58,535,140	54,506,851
Equipment		22,146,553	12,476,206
Construction in Progress	_	1,241,903	9,857,596
Total capital assets	\$_	95,964,923	\$ 91,925,479

Major capital asset activity for the current fiscal year included:

Current Year Projects, begun in a prior year, completed during the fiscal year:	
MRP Sludge Process Improvements (\$1,456,698.57 total)	\$ 1,179,451
Southwest Master Pump Station (\$8,160,124.00 total)	1,014,978
Tunnel Repl., Lining, and Repair-Center St. (Breckenridge) (\$1,916,687.04 total)	909,305
Cured In Place Pipe Rehab F/Y 20-1 (\$1,019,036.21 total)	575,647
Cured In Place Pipe Rehab F/Y 20-2 (\$389,240.75 total)	368,998
Manhole Rehab F/Y20-1 (\$231,769.58 total)	220,134
DHP N. Clarifier Center Pier Rehab & Trough Epoxy Coat (\$155,044.86 total)	150,088
DHP Generator Replacement (\$313,575.00 total)	106,000
MRP PLC Upgrades (Ethernet) (\$581,628.93 total)	98,547
MRP Clarifier #1 Center Pier Rehab & Trough Epoxy Coat (\$88,737.46 total)	83,560
Thompson Land Development-Saddle Pointe Upsizing/Ext. (\$144,217.51 total)	14,412
The Shoppes at 3800 Frederica St. Upsizing/Extension (\$118,205 total)	0
Current Year Projects, begun and completed during the fiscal year:	
Ragu Pump Station Upgrades	\$ 1,970,317
Cues 2021 Camera/Grout Truck	498,650
Replacement/Repairs of Various Pumps	222,927
Replacement Vehicles for Operations (5) & Engineering (1)	212,843
Carlton Drive Sewer Repair 2021-28	120,337
2022 Freightliner Tandem Axle Dump Truck Model M2-106	111,876

# Capital Asset and Debt Administration, Continued

2020 E50 R2-Series Bobcat Compact Excavator	72,232
MRP Gearbox Repair-Aerator Reducer Rebuild-Oil Pump Adder	65,476
DHP Boardroom AV-Audio Microphone System Upgrades	37,294
Manhole Grouting F/Y 21-1	33,639
2020 Carrier 10 ton HVAC RTU for MRP MCC/Generator Building	9,482
Variable Frequency Drive (VFD #93)	6,402
Spectrophotometer DR3900 with RFIDI DRB200 Digital Reactor Block	6,310

# Current Year Projects, begun during the fiscal year, not completed at year end:

Southtown Manhole Collapse Repair 2021-26	\$ 538,569
Facilities/Compliance-DHP Design Ph 1	238,000
Facilities/Compliance-MRP Design Ph 1	195,113
Baybrook Interceptor/Separation Project	79,415
DHP S. Clarifier Center Pier Rehab & Trough Epoxy	67,194
Cured In Place Pipe Rehab F/Y 21-1	55,290
Manhole Rehab F/Y21-1	47,320
Ravine Sewer Upgrade	14,250
Towne Square North Manhole Repair 2021-29	2,590
Lafayette Drive Pump Station Upgrade	413

# Current Year Projects, begun during a prior fiscal year, not completed at year end:

Central Tunnel Sewer Manhole Rehab (\$3,750 to date)

More detailed information on RWRA's capital assets is presented in Note 4 of the notes to the financial statements.

<u>Long-Term Debt</u> - At the end of the current fiscal year, RWRA had \$37,067,792 in bonds, loans, and notes payable outstanding versus \$38,990,318 last year, a decrease of 5%.

RWRA has one bond issue outstanding, one note payable to the City of Owensboro, and one note payable to the Daviess County Fiscal Court. Other long-term obligations of RWRA include net pension and OPEB liabilities, accrued compensated absences and loans from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority. Note 6 of the notes to the financial statements include additional information regarding RWRA's pension and OPEB plan. More detailed information on RWRA's long-term liabilities is presented in Note 5 of the notes to the financial statements.

# **Review of Operations**

Operational Revenues – Sewer Service Charges include six elements: the Wastewater User Charge, the Customer Service Charge, an Environmental Improvement Monthly Fee, an Environmental Improvement Volume Charge, a Capacity Fee, and Transported Waste.

Effective July 1, 2020, the Customer Service Charge which is dependent on the size of the meter providing service, with the 1" meter being considered as the base, increased to \$17.35. Customers with a meter larger than 1" were billed based on the comparison of the square of the meter size to a typical 1" meter, with any meters larger than 6" being billed at the rate for a 6" meter. The Customer Service Charge saw a \$566,814 increase from fiscal year 2020 to 2021. The Wastewater User Charge remained at \$4.39 per 1,000 gallons per month. Revenue received from the Wastewater User Charge, the primary operational revenue source, saw a \$116,421 decrease from the previous year from \$11,465,739 in fiscal year 2020 to \$11,349,318 in fiscal year 2021, a 1% decrease.

The Environmental Improvement Monthly Charge increased from \$7.55/month to \$8.75/month flat amount charged to all metered customers, effective July 1, 2020. In fiscal year 2021, this amounted to \$3,289,348; a \$502,557 or 18% increase from the prior year. A Volume Charge for all non-residential customers was charged for usage in excess of 15,000 gallons/month; the charge increased from \$0.49/1,000 gallons to \$0.56/1,000 gallons, effective July 1, 2020. In fiscal year 2021, revenue from this source was \$616,073; a \$40,007 or 7% increase from the prior year.

The Capacity Fee is charged to every customer of RWRA that is connected to the system. A monthly Capacity Fee of \$0.53 was charged to all RWRA customers with a 1" water meter or less. Those with a meter larger than 1" were billed based on the comparison of the square of the meter size to a typical 1" meter. Revenue from this source was \$216,745 in fiscal year 2021.

Also included in the Sewer Service Charge total is Transported Waste, which is wastewater brought to the treatment plants from various domestic and commercial sources. Revenue from Transported Waste decreased from \$1,148,795 in fiscal year 2020 to \$962,262 in fiscal year 2021, a decrease of \$186,533, or 16%.

The total revenue from the six components of Sewer Service Charge increased from \$22,701,929 in fiscal year 2020 to \$23,475,161 in fiscal year 2021, an increase of 3%.

Operational Expenses – Total operational expenses, excluding depreciation, increased from \$16,780,869 in fiscal year 2020 to \$17,118,625 in fiscal year 2021, an increase of \$337,756, or 2%.

# **Long-Term Trends**

<u>Capital Program</u> – RWRA is undertaking several projects in the approved Long-Term Control Plan (LTCP) which is associated with the Clean Water Act's Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) initiative. Projects continuing for this coming year include a key component for environmental improvement which is the Parkway Drive Interceptor Project and the Ravine Sewer Upgrades.

RWRA remains committed to maintaining and upgrading the existing infrastructure. Major capital rehabilitation projects include, Pump Station Upgrades and Cured-in-Place-Pipe Lining.

RWRA also remains committed to investing in technological and communication improvements in order to more efficiently monitor and control the treatment plants and the various lift stations in the RWRA collection system.

<u>Long-Term Debt</u> – Projects budgeted for plant upgrades and Clean Water Act improvements in the amount of \$14,750,000 will be financed by borrowing. We will continue to look for opportunities that offer savings on restructuring RWRA's debt in the future.

<u>Cash and Reserves</u> – The RWRA Board has maintained designated reserves for a number of years. As a part of the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) loan agreements, \$2,500,000 has been designated as a reserve. RWRA's one bond issue outstanding also maintains designated reserves in the amount of \$287,567 in fiscal year 2021. In previous years, the Board had also designated \$2,000,000 as an emergency capital reserve, \$1,000,000 as an operating reserve, and \$500,000 for renewal and replacement. It is intended to stay at or above these levels of reserve.

# **Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide readers with a general overview of RWRA's finances and to show RWRA's accountability for the receipts and uses of funds. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Director of Finance, at 1722 Pleasant Valley Road, Owensboro, Kentucky, 42303.

# STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION

June 30, 2021 and 2020

ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		2021		2020
Current assets:		76-7		
Cash	\$	350	\$	350
Equity in external investment pool		26,862,765		25,871,844
Due from Owensboro Municipal Utilities Due from related party		2,821,519 4,473		2,142,245 6,602
Accounts receivable		1,960,212		2,712,471
Grant receivable		.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		75,000
Prepaid supplies		300,527		229,223
Other current assets		266,005	_	274,806
Total current assets	_	32,215,851	_	31,312,541
Noncurrent assets:			1	
Restricted assets		2,787,567		2,787,549
Capital assets, net	_	95,964,923	_	91,925,479
Total noncurrent assets	_	98,752,490	_	94,713,028
Total assets	_	130,968,341	_	126,025,569
Deferred outflows of resources:				
Deferred charges on refunding		49,940		57,930
Pension deferred outflows		2,376,530		2,857,684
Other postemployment benefits deferred outflows	_	1,979,993	_	1,245,214
Total deferred outflows of resources	_	4,406,463	_	4,160,828
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$_	135,374,804	\$_	130,186,397
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	1,558,818	\$	1,045,827
Accrued liabilities		227,873		177,325
Compensated absences Current maturities of long-term debt		48,314 3,617,671		65,407 3,523,203
Contracts and retainage payable		19,333		450,532
Unearned revenue		-		23,430
Total current liabilities		5,472,009		5,285,724
Noncurrent liabilities:				
Compensated absences		1,083,725		899,028
Net pension liability		14,150,614		12,971,888
Net other postemployment benefits liability		4,453,713		3,101,508
Long-term debt	_	33,461,396	_	35,480,193
Total noncurrent liabilities	_	53,149,448	_	52,452,617
Total liabilities	_	58,621,457	-	57,738,341
Deferred inflows of resources:				
Pension deferred inflows		-		281,674
Other postemployment benefits deferred inflows	_	763,079	_	1,084,761
Total deferred inflows of resources	-	763,079	_	1,366,435
Net position:				
Net investment in capital assets		58,935,796		52,956,583
Restricted for maintenance and equipment replacement Restricted for debt service		2,500,000		2,500,000
Unrestricted		287,567 14,266,905		287,549 15,337,489
Total net position	٦ =	75,990,268	_	71,081,621
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position	s –	135,374,804	\$	130,186,397
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# STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

	<u>2021</u>	2020
Operating revenues:	2021	2020
	\$ 23,475,161	\$ 22,701,929
Industrial surcharge	1,218,506	1,262,639
Sewer taps	132,675	120,600
Storm water	710,851	617,843
Other	318,568	443,619
Total operating revenues	25,855,761	25,146,630
Total operating revenues	23,033,701	23,140,030
Operating expenses:		
Field operations:		
Salaries, wages and benefits	3,242,613	2,939,124
Maintenance	1,110,174	1,021,568
Utilities	11,242	11,059
Supplies	90,250	92,938
Other	90,205	45,875
	4,544,484	4,110,564
Treatment plant operations:	4,544,404	4,110,504
Salaries, wages and benefits	1,168,687	1,165,441
Maintenance	7,220	43,621
Utilities	1,591,046	1,605,976
Supplies	187,995	209,873
Other	797,087	676,021
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Maintenance operations:		
Salaries, wages and benefits	1,519,903	1,389,463
Maintenance	140,349	177,066
Utilities	519,760	578,372
Supplies	61,306	74,968
Other	31,165	14,183
	2,272,483	2,234,052
Agency administration:	2,212,405	2,234,032
Salaries, wages and benefits	1,524,731	1,546,292
Maintenance	24,862	15,051
Utilities	25,869	44,206
Supplies	53,215	51,641
Other	1,111,256	1,059,279
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Operations administration:	2,739,933	2,716,469
Salaries, wages and benefits	511,999	488,339
Maintenance	56,073	45,442
Utilities	38,397	35,980
Supplies	50,284	26,659
	656,753	596,420

# STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION, Concluded

On anothing auronase Continued	2021	2020
Operating expenses, Continued: Engineering:		
Salaries, wages and benefits	1,677,283	1,718,882
Maintenance	25,477	22,859
Utilities	9,637	7,818
Supplies	41,291	30,031
Other	285,453	535,555
Communication	2,039,141	2,315,145
Contractual services: Salaries, wages and benefits	410,937	391,338
Maintenance	36,367	48,948
Utilities	1,439	1,829
Supplies	40,589	39,868
Other	624,464	625,304
	1,113,796	1,107,287
Depreciation	5,748,243	4,962,725
Total operating expenses	22,866,868	21,743,594
Operating income	2,988,893	3,403,036
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):		
Gain (loss) on sale of capital assets	250,625	_
Investment earnings	354,270	706,093
Grant revenue	-	515,964
Miscellaneous revenue	27,065	12,534
Tax increment financing revenue	56,164	6,602
Interest expense	(658,469)	(598,869)
Distributions from fiduciary funds	•	98,153
Other income (expense)	288,232	272,234
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	317,887	1,012,711
Income before capital contributions	3,306,780	4,415,747
Capital contributions	1,601,867	2,005,653
Change in net position	4,908,647	6,421,400
Net position, beginning of year	71,081,621	64,660,221
Net position, end of year	\$ 75,990,268	\$ 71,081,621

# STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

		<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:  Receipts from customers	ø	26,004,046	Φ	24.020.400
Receipts from interfund services provided	\$	26,004,945	\$	, ,
Other receipts (payments)		315,297		5,748
Payments to suppliers for goods or services				382,921
Payments to or on behalf of employees		(7,043,183) (8,164,051)		(7,792,955)
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Net cash provided by operating activities	_	11,113,008		9,505,702
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:				
Principal payments on long-term debt		(3,371,032)		(2,771,986)
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt		1,448,506		5,795,157
Interest paid		(652,282)		(592,682)
Change in restricted assets		(18)		(4,323)
Gain (loss) on sale of capital assets		250,625		- '
Acquisition and construction of capital assets		(9,332,150)		(11,244,303)
Capital grants		-		515,964
Tax increment financing revenue		56,164		6,602
Capital contributions	_	1,123,830		1,769,986
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	-	(10,476,357)		(6,525,585)
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Investment income		354,270		706,093
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Net cash provided by investing activities	-	354,270		706,093
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		990,921		3,686,210
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		25,872,194		22,185,984
	_		•	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$_	26,863,115	\$_	25,872,194
Included in the following statement of net position captions:				
Reconciliation to cash and cash equivalents:  Cash	•	252	•	4.50
	\$	350	\$	350
Equity in external investment pool	_	26,862,765	-	25,871,844
	\$_	26,863,115	\$_	25,872,194
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# STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS, Concluded

And the second s		2021	2020
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash		<del></del>	
provided by operating activities:			
Operating income	3	2,988,893	\$ 3,403,036
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to		, ,	, ,
net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation		5,748,243	4,962,725
Other nonoperating income (expense)		315,297	382,921
Change in assets and liabilities:		,	,-
Decrease (increase) in assets and deferred outflows:			
Due from Owensboro Municipal Utilities		(679,274)	2,434
Due from related party		2,129	(6,602)
Accounts receivable		752,259	(247,202)
Due from fiduciary funds			105,038
Grant receivable		75,000	(75,000)
Prepaid supplies		(71,304)	(24,850)
Other current assets		8,801	(178,674)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities and deferred inflows:		s a	, , ,
Accounts payable		512,991	(24,713)
Accrued liabilities		50,548	45,364
Compensated absences		167,604	28,967
Contracts and retainage payable		(431,199)	(422,728)
Unearned revenue		(930)	930
Net pension liability and deferrals		1,378,206	1,473,053
Net other postemployment benefits liability and deferrals	_	295,744	 81,003
Net cash provided by operating activities	S_	11,113,008	\$ 9,505,702
Noncash investing and capital activities:			
Unrealized gain (loss) on equity in external investment pool			
and the revenue bond debt service reserve		(123,789)	\$ 99,009
Contributed sewers		478,037	\$ 235,667
Debt forgiveness	3	e =	\$ 250,000

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

# 1. Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

# The Financial Reporting Entity

The Regional Water Resource Agency (RWRA) was created by the enactment of identical ordinances by the City of Owensboro (City) and Daviess County Fiscal Court (County) in 1994 for the purpose of managing, controlling and operating regional comprehensive wastewater facilities within Daviess County.

In 1995, the City of Owensboro Municipal Sewer System transferred all existing assets, liabilities, easements, personnel, control, management, and authority to RWRA. RWRA is a related organization of the City and the County.

The financial statements of RWRA have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

To determine the appropriate reporting entity for RWRA, its relationship with the City and County was considered in terms of financial accountability as defined in GASB Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity*. Based on the application of these criteria, RWRA is not a component unit of the City or County and all governmental entities operating within the City and County are excluded from RWRA's financial statements. Although four of the seven members of RWRA's Board of Directors are appointed by the City of Owensboro, the City is not financially accountable for RWRA. In addition, there is no potential for RWRA to provide specific financial benefit to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the City or County, and RWRA is not fiscally dependent on the City or County.

RWRA also reports two fiduciary funds for Cedar Hills Sanitation Disposal Corporation and Friendly Park Development Co. The reporting focus for fiduciary funds is on net position and changes in net position, using accounting principles similar to proprietary funds. The activity of the corporations is not available to support RWRA's operations, and therefore is reported in these agency funds under receivership agreements, as disclosed in Note 12.

# **Basis of Accounting**

RWRA is accounted for as a proprietary (enterprise) fund and uses a flow of economic resources measurement focus and the full accrual basis of accounting.

RWRA considers wastewater treatment and sewer construction/engineering revenues and costs that are directly related to these services to be operating revenues and expenses. Revenues and expenses related to financing and other activities are reflected as nonoperating.

The fiduciary funds are accounted for using the economic resources measurement focus and the full accrual basis of accounting.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

# 1. Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

# Revenue Recognition

RWRA recognizes revenues as services are rendered to customers.

# Cash and Cash Equivalents

RWRA's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand and the unrestricted equity in the external investment pool.

# <u>Customer Accounts Receivable</u>

Customer accounts receivable included in Due from Owensboro Municipal Utilities and other receivables on the statements of net position are stated at face value, less an allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$2,750 at June 30, 2021 and 2020.

# **Prepaid Supplies**

Prepaid supplies consist of expendable supplies held for consumption and are valued at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out) or net realizable value. The cost is recorded as an asset at the time individual inventory items are purchased and as an expenditure when used (consumption method).

#### Restricted Assets

Certain assets are restricted as required by long-term debt agreements.

# Capital Assets

All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual cost is not available. RWRA has established a threshold of \$5,000 for capitalization of depreciable assets.

Maintenance and repairs of property are charged to maintenance expense when incurred; replacements and betterments are capitalized.

Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Buildings 30 years
New sewers 50 years
Equipment 3-10 years

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

# 1. Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

# Bonds and Related Premiums, Discounts, and Issuance Costs

Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method, as are deferred charges on refunding. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premiums or discounts. Bond issuance costs are expensed when bonds are issued.

# Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits

For purposes of measuring the net liabilities, the deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources, and expense related to pensions and other postemployment benefits (OPEB), information about the fiduciary net position of the pension/OPEB plans, and additions to/deductions from the pension/OPEB plans' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension/OPEB plans. For this purpose, revenues are recognized when earned. Contributions are recognized when due, pursuant to legal (or statutory) requirements. Benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Plan investments are reported at fair value.

# Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position reports a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until that time.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

# Compensated Absences

Compensated absences obligations arise from amounts due to RWRA employees for vested amounts of vacation pay and sick pay, which will be payable in the future.

#### **Net Position**

RWRA classifies net position in the financial statements as follows:

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

# 1. Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

# Net Position, Continued

Net investment in capital assets includes RWRA's capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation) reduced by the outstanding balances of bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted net position includes assets that have third-party (statutory, bond covenant, or granting agency) limitations on their use. RWRA typically uses restricted assets first, as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively defer the use until a future project.

Unrestricted net position typically includes unrestricted liquid assets. The Board of Directors has the authority to revisit or alter this designation.

# **Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could vary from those estimates.

# 2. Deposits and Investments

#### **External Investment Pool**

RWRA participates in an external investment pool sponsored by the City. The equity position of RWRA in the pool is determined by the fair value per share of the pool's underlying portfolio. The pool is not registered with the SEC and is not subject to regulatory oversight. Investments are valued at the market quotation on the last business day of the fiscal year, obtained from brokers or available published services. Investment income is allocated to RWRA by the City based on RWRA's average equity position. Participants' shares sold and redeemed are determined using specific identification of the participants' cost basis equity position in the investment pool.

RWRA follows the investment policies of the City. Information regarding the authorized investments, deposit and investment policies, investment classifications, average interest rates and maturities, interest rate risk, credit risk, custodial credit risk, fair values, and collateralizations of the City's external investment pool may be obtained from the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

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# 2. Deposits and Investments, Continued

# External Investment Pool, Continued

RWRA's equity in the pool is reflected in the statement of net position as follows at June 30:

	_	2021	2020
Current assets: Equity in external investment pool	\$	26,862,765	\$ 25,871,844
Noncurrent assets:  Restricted assets		2,500,000	2,500,000
	\$_	29,362,765	\$ 28,371,844

Investment earnings consisted of the following for the years ended June 30:

	8	External Investment Pool	_	Revenue Bond Debt Service Reserve	8	Total
	_			2021		
Interest and dividends Unrealized gain (loss)	\$	478,041 (123,790)	\$_	18	\$	478,059 (123,789)
	\$ _	354,251	\$_	19	\$.	354,270
	_			2020		18
Interest and dividends Unrealized gain (loss)	\$	603,083 98,687	\$_	4,001 322	\$	607,084 99,009
	\$	701,770	\$_	4,323	\$	706,093

# 3. Restricted Assets

Assets are restricted for the following purposes at June 30:

	 2021		2020
Revenue bond debt service reserve: Cash with trustee	\$ 287,567	\$	287,549
Maintenance and replacement reserve - KIA:			
Equity in external investment pool	 2,500,000	_	2,500,000
	\$ 2,787,567	\$_	2,787,549

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# 4. Capital Assets

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2021, was as follows:

Construction in progress 9,857,596 1,238,154 (9,853,847) 1,241  Total capital assets, not	Balance June 30, 2021	
Construction in progress         9,857,596         1,238,154         (9,853,847)         1,241           Total capital assets, not being depreciated         10,562,243         1,238,154         (9,853,847)         1,946		
being depreciated 10,562,243 1,238,154 (9,853,847) 1,946	,647 ,903	
being depreciated 10,562,243 1,238,154 (9,853,847) 1,946		
Capital assets, being	,550	
depreciated:		
Land improvements 1,461,031 - 1,461	,031	
Sewers 87,203,409 6,421,488 - 93,624	,897	
Equipment 22,496,478 11,755,519 (654,654) 33,597	,343	
Sewage treatment plant 50,123,968 243,782 - 50,367	,750	
Total capital assets, being		
depreciated <u>161,284,886</u> <u>18,420,789</u> <u>(654,654)</u> <u>179,051</u>	<u>,021</u>	
Less accumulated depreciation:		
Sewers (32,696,558) (2,393,199) - (35,089	,757)	
Equipment (10,020,272) (2,067,763) 637,245 (11,450	,790)	
Sewage treatment plant (37,204,820) (1,287,281) - (38,492	,101)	
Total accumulated		
depreciation (79,921,650) (5,748,243) 637,245 (85,032)	<u>,648)</u>	
Total capital assets, being		
depreciated, net 81,363,236 12,672,546 (17,409) 94,018	,373	
Capital assets, net \$ 91,925,479 \$ 13,910,700 \$ (9,871,256) \$ 95,964	,923	

Depreciation expense totaled \$5,748,243 and \$4,962,725 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Additions to sewers reflected above includes capital contributions recorded in the statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position totaling \$478,037 and \$235,667 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

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# 5. Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt at June 30 consisted of the following:

Wastewater Revenue Bonds:

	Interest	Maturity		
	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
2016 A Series	2.0 - 2.125%	2027	\$ 1,455,000 \$	1,685,000

Kentucky Infrastructure Authority Federally Assisted Wastewater Revolving Loans for various sewer system improvements due in semi-annual principal and interest payments:

Loan <u>Number</u>	Interest <u>Rate</u>	Maturity <u>Date</u>		
A99-04	1.0%	2023	2,903,061	4,333,017
A06-02	1.0%	2028	2,505,759	2,877,043
A07-08	1.0%	2029	568,135	640,726
A10-13	1.0%	2035	4,205,881	4,495,475
A12-14	2.0%	2036	270,923	286,881
A12-15	1.0%	2037	1,850,960	1,960,834
A13-017	1.75%	2038	729,050	766,858
A13-028	1.75%	2038	760,792	798,910
A14-008	1.75%	2036	268,541	284,678
A15-002	1.75%	2041	7,840,156	7,522,522
A15-027	1.75%	2040	937,790	979,067
A15-099	1.75%	2038	2,671,260	2,805,099
A18-007	1.75%	2040	1,951,507	2,037,403
A18-026	1.75%	2040	5,035,472	5,257,108
A19-024	2.00%	2041	1,827,346	901,976
B17-014	1.75%	2040	242,275	253,277
B17-015	1.75%	2039	372,558	390,608
Note payable, related party		2040	130,835	137,550
Note payable, related party		2035	540,491	576,286
Total long-term debt			37,067,792	38,990,318
Less current maturities			(3,617,671)	(3,523,203)
Plus unamortized bond pres	niums		11,275	13,078
			\$ 33,461,396 \$	35,480,193

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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# 5. Long-Term Debt, Continued

The following is a summary of long-term debt activity for the year ended June 30, 2021:

Davienus Davida	Balance June 30, <u>2020</u>		Additions		<u>Deductions</u>	Balance June 30, <u>2021</u>		Due Within One Year
Revenue Bonds: 2016 Series A	\$ 1,685,000	\$	-	\$	(230,000) \$	1,455,000	\$	230,000
KIA Loans:								
A99-04	4,333,016				(1,429,955)	2,903,061		1,444,291
A06-02	2,877,043		-		(371,284)	2,505,759		375,006
A07-08	640,726		-		(72,591)	568,135		73,318
A10-13	4,495,475		-		(289,594)	4,205,881		292,497
A12-14	286,881		T		(15,958)	270,923		16,279
A12-15	1,960,834		-		(109,874)	1,850,960		110,975
A13-017	766,857		-		(37,807)	729,050		38,472
A13-028	798,910		-		(38,118)	760,792		38,788
A14-008	284,679				(16,138)	268,541		16,422
A15-002	7,522,522		484,977		(167,343)	7,840,156		340,575
A15-027	979,067		-		(41,277)	937,790		42,002
A15-099	2,805,099		-		(133,839)	2,671,260		136,191
A18-007	2,037,403				(85,896)	1,951,507		87,405
A18-026	5,257,109		-		(221,637)	5,035,472		225,531
A19-024	901,976		963,529		(38,159)	1,827,346		77,469
B17-014	253,277		_		(11,002)	242,275		11,196
B17-015	390,608		5		(18,050)	372,558		18,368
Note payable,								
related party	137,550				(6,715)	130,835		6,732
Note payable,					50			
related party	576,286	_	<u>-</u>	_	(35,795)	540,491	_	36,154
	38,990,318		1,448,506		(3,371,032)	37,067,792		3,617,671
Deferred amounts:								
For issuance premiums	13,078		_		(1,803)	11,275		
promuns	13,076	-		-	(1,003)	11,2/3	-	
	\$_39,003,396_	\$_	1,448,506	\$_	(3,372,835) \$	37,079,067	\$_	3,617,671

The bonds may be called prior to maturity and are secured by and payable solely from the pledged receipts derived from the collection of rates, rentals and charges for the services rendered by RWRA. In addition, RWRA is subject to certain covenants relating to rates, reserves, and debt service coverage. In the event of default, bondholders may take action they deem most effectual as listed in the bond statement.

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### 5. Long-Term Debt, Continued

In fiscal year 2017, RWRA defeased a prior bond issue by placing the proceeds of the 2016 Series A bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liability relating to the defeased bonds are not included in RWRA's financial statements. On June 30, 2021, \$1,745,000 of bonds outstanding are considered defeased.

The KIA loans are the primary source of funding for various sewer maintenance, extension and replacement projects. The loans are secured by and payable solely from the pledged receipts derived from the collection of rates, rentals and charges for the services rendered by RWRA. In the event of default, KIA may take whatever legal action necessary to enforce its rights under the agreements.

The note payable, related party totaling \$540,491 is due to the City of Owensboro for RWRA's contribution towards certain joint sewer system improvements payable in semi-annual installments of \$20,734, including interest at 1%, through June, 2035.

The note payable, related party totaling \$130,835 is due to the Daviess County Fiscal Court for RWRA's contribution towards certain sewer system extensions payable in semi-annual installments of \$3,528, including interest at .25%, through June, 2040.

Annual debt service requirements are as follows:

Year ending <u>June 30,</u>		Principal		Interest		Total
2022	\$	3,617,671	\$	548,878	\$	4,166,549
2023	Ψ	3,664,738	Ψ	502,162	Φ	4,166,900
2024		2,238,977		458,452		2,697,429
2025		2,272,417		425,163		2,697,580
2026		2,301,291		391,389		2,692,680
2027-2031		9,373,237		1,494,058		10,867,295
2032-2036		8,493,029		816,832		9,309,861
2037-2041		5,106,432		205,775		5,312,207
Total	\$.	37,067,792	\$	4,842,709	\$	41,910,501

The amount of interest expense on long-term debt totaled \$658,469 and \$598,869, respectively, for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

### 6. Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits

### Plan Description

RWRA contributes to the County Employees Retirement System (CERS), which is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension/OPEB plan administered by the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority (KPPA) that covers members employed in positions of each participating county, city, and school board, and any additional eligible local agencies electing to participate in CERS. Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) Section 61.645 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the Board of Trustees of KPPA (Board). KPPA issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at <a href="https://www.kyret.ky.gov">www.kyret.ky.gov</a>.

### **Benefits Provided**

CERS provides for retirement, disability, and death benefits to system members through its Pension Fund, as well as other postemployment benefits (OPEB) for hospital and medical insurance through its Insurance Fund.

Retirement benefits may be extended to beneficiaries of members under certain circumstances. Retirement benefits are determined using a formula which considers the member's final compensation; benefit factors set by statute which vary depending upon the type/amount of service, participation date, and retirement date; and years of service. Plan members with a participation date prior to September 1, 2008, are eligible to retire with full benefits at any time with 27 or more years of service credit, or at age 65 with at least 4 years of service credit. Plan members with a participation date on or after September 1, 2008, are eligible to retire with full benefits at age 57 if the member's age and years of service equal 87, or at age 65 with at least 5 years of service credit.

Other postemployment benefits provided by CERS consist of prescribed contributions for whole or partial payments of required premiums to purchase hospital and medical insurance.

### **Contributions**

State statute requires active members to contribute 5% of creditable compensation. For members participating on or after September 1, 2008, an additional 1% of creditable compensation is required. This amount is credited to the Insurance Fund and is non-refundable to the member. Employers contribute at the rate determined by the KPPA Board to be necessary for the actuarial soundness of the systems, as required by KRS 61.565 and KRS 61.752.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

### 6. Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits, Continued

### Contributions, Continued

RWRA's actuarially determined contribution rates and contribution amounts, based on annual creditable compensation for the year ended June 30, 2021, were as follows:

	Contribution Rates		Contributions
Pension	19.30%	\$	940,350
OPEB	4.76		231,920
Total	24.06%	\$_	1,172,270

<u>Liabilities, Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
<u>Related to Pensions and OPEB</u>

The net pension and OPEB liabilities reported as of June 30, 2021, were measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total pension and OPEB liabilities used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2019. RWRA's proportion of the liabilities was based on a projection of RWRA's long-term share of contributions to the plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined. Changes in RWRA's pension and OPEB proportions as of the measurement dates were as follows:

	<u>Pension</u>	OPEB OPEB
June 30, 2019	0.184442%	0.184399%
Increase	0.000053	0.000043
June 30, 2020	0.184495%	0.184442%

RWRA's pension and OPEB liabilities and expense as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, were as follows:

		Net Pension Liability	- 1	Net OPEB Liability		
Proportionate Share	\$_	14,150,614	_ \$_	4,453,713		
Pension/OPEB Expense	\$_	2,328,775	_ \$_	530,185		

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 6. Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits, Continued

<u>Liabilities, Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources</u> Related to Pensions and OPEB, Continued

At June 30, 2021, RWRA reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB from the following sources:

	ė.	Pensio	n			OPEB	
		Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources		Deferred Outflows of Resources	72	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	352,872 \$	-	\$	744,122	\$	744,703
Changes of assumptions		552,558			774,683		4,711
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments		354,102	-		148,031		22
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions		176,648			81,237		13,665
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	-	940,350	· <u>-</u>	_	231,920	_	-
Total	\$ _	2,376,530 \$	-	\$_	1,979,993	\$	763,079

The \$940,350 and \$231,920 of deferred outflows of resources resulting from RWRA's pension and OPEB contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension and OPEB liabilities in the year ending June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in pension and OPEB expense as follows:

		Pension			OPEB		
•	Year ending June 30,						
	2022	\$	698,790	\$	261,305		
	2023		422,152		305,113		
	2024		173,022		221,145		
	2025		142,216		205,109		
	2026	10	-		(7,678)		
		\$_	1,436,180	\$_	984,994		

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### Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits, Continued 6.

### **Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension/OPEB liabilities in the June 30, 2019, actuarial valuation were determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation

2.30%

Healthcare payroll

growth rate

2.00%

Salary increases

3.30% to 10.30%, varies by service

Net investment rate 6.25%

Healthcare cost

trend rates (OPEB)

Pre-65: Initial trend starting at 6.40% at January 1, 2022, and gradually decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 4.05% over a period of 14 years. Post-65: Initial trend starting at 2.90% at January 1, 2022, and increasing to 6.30% in 2023, then gradually decreasing to

an ultimate trend rate of 4.05% over a period of 14 years.

Pension: The mortality table used for active members was a Pub-2010 General Mortality table, projected with the ultimate rates from the MP-2014 mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2010. The mortality table used for healthy retired members was a systemspecific mortality table based on mortality experience from 2013-2018, projected with the ultimate rates from MP-2014 mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2019. The mortality table used for the disabled members was PUB-2010 Disabled Mortality table, with a 4-year set-forward for both male and female rates, projected with the ultimate rates from the MP-2014 mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2010.

OPEB: The mortality table used for active members is RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table projected with Scale BB to 2013 (multiplied by 50% for males and 30% for females). For healthy retired members and beneficiaries, the mortality table used is the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table projected with Scale BB to 2013 (set-back one year for females). For disabled members, the RP-2000 Combined Disabled Mortality Table projected with Scale BB to 2013 (set-back four years for males) is used for the period after disability retirement.

The long-term expected rate of return was determined by using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rate of returns are developed for each asset class. The ranges are combined by weighting the expected future real rate of return by the target asset allocation percentage. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rate of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

### 6. Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits, Continued

### Actuarial Assumptions, Continued

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Growth		
US equity	18.75%	4.50%
Non US equity	18.75	5.25%
Private equity	10.00	6.65%
Specialty credit/high yield	15.00	3.90%
	62.50	
Liquidity	12	
Core bonds	13.50	(0.25)%
Cash	1.00	(0.75)%
111 8	14.50	*
Diversifying strategies		
Real estate	5.00	5.30%
Opportunistic	3.00	2.25%
Real return	15.00	3.95%
	23.00	
Total	100.00%	

### **Discount Rate**

The discount rates used to measure the total pension/OPEB liabilities at the measurement dates and changes since the prior year were as follows:

	Pension	OPEB
Discount rate, June 30, 2019	6.25%	5.68%
Increase (decrease)	- "	(0.34)
Discount rate, June 30, 2020	6.25%	5.34%

The discount rate of 6.25% used to measure the total pension liability was based on the expected rate of return on pension plan investments. The discount rate of 5.34% used to measure the total OPEB liability was based on the expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments of 6.25% and a municipal bond rate of 2.45% as reported in Fidelity Index's "20-Year Municipal GO AA Index" as of June 30, 2020.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

### 6. Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits, Continued

### Discount Rate, Continued

The projection of cash flows used to determine the pension discount rate assumed that the funds would receive the required employer contributions in each future year, as determined by the current funding policy established in Statute last amended by House Bill 362 (passed in 2018). The projection of cash flows used to determine the OPEB discount rate assumed that employers would contribute the actuarially determined contribution rate of projected compensation in accordance with the current funding policy, as most recently revised by Kentucky Senate Bill 249.

### <u>Sensitivity of RWRA's Proportionate Share of the Liabilities to Changes in the Discount Rate</u>

The following presents RWRA's proportionate share of the net pension/OPEB liabilities, as well as what RWRA's proportionate share of the net pension/OPEB liabilities would be if they were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

10 <sup>2</sup>	RWRA's Proportionate Share						
_	Discount Net Pension Rate Liability		Discount Rate	_	Net OPEB Liability		
1% decrease	5.25%	\$	17,450,786	4.34%	\$	5,721,714	
Current discount rate	6.25%	\$	14,150,614	5.34%	\$	4,453,713	
1% increase	7.25%	\$	11,417,946	6.34%	\$	3,412,262	

### <u>Sensitivity of RWRA's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates</u>

The following presents RWRA's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, as well as what RWRA's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 6. Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits, Continued

Sensitivity of RWRA's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates, Continued

	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	RWRA's Proportionate Share of Net OPEB Liability
1% decrease	5.40% Pre-65 or 1.90% Post-65	\$ 3,448,287
Current healthcare cost trend rates	6.40% Pre-65 or 2.90% Post-65	\$ 4,453,713
1% increase	7.40% Pre-65 or 3.90% Post-65	\$ 5,673,822

### Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the CERS fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued KPPA Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

### Payables to the Pension/OPEB Plans

RWRA reported the following payables for the outstanding amount of pension/OPEB contributions due to CERS for the year ended June 30, 2021.

 Pension	_	OPEB_			
\$ 35,783	\$	8,825	_		

### 7. Deferred Compensation

RWRA offers its employees participation in a deferred compensation program administered by the Kentucky Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Authority. This program offers a plan authorized by Section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code and a plan authorized by Section 404(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. Both plans are available to all employees and permit them to defer up to 25% of their compensation (subject to limits) until future years. RWRA makes no contributions to these plans.

### 8. Rate Structure

RWRA's rate structure is approved by a Rate Review Board comprised of the elected officials of the Owensboro City Commission and the Daviess County Fiscal Court, sitting as a single body. The Rate Review Board was established for the sole purpose of approving any rates, rentals, charges and borrowings recommended to them by the Regional Water Resource Agency Board of Directors. The following rates were effective during fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

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### 8. Rate Structure, Continued

### Customer Service Charge

A monthly Customer Service Charge of \$17.35 was charged to all RWRA customers with a 1" water meter or less. Those with a meter larger than 1" were billed based on the comparison of the square of the meter size to a typical 1" meter.

### Wastewater User Charges

The Wastewater User Charge was \$4.39 per 1,000 gallons of water usage for all Agency customers (i.e., industrial, commercial, residential, etc.).

### Environmental Improvement Fee

A monthly fee for community environmental improvements was charged to all RWRA customers in the amount of \$8.75.

For non-residential and non-single-family-residential customers whose monthly billable volume exceeded 15,000 gallons, a volume surcharge in the amount of \$0.56 per 1,000 gallons was charged on the volume above 15,000 gallons.

### Quality Surcharge

Commercial/industrial customers with high-strength waste above RWRA discharge limits were assessed quality surcharges. Biochemical Oxygen Demand (B.O.D.) and Total Suspended Solids (T.S.S.) were \$0.220 and \$0.212 per pound, respectively, for strength exceeding 265mg/l. Quality surcharges for customers exceeding 100 mg/l of Fats, Oils and Grease (F.O.G.) was \$.221 per pound.

### Capacity Fee

The Capacity Fee was revised to be charged to every customer of RWRA that is connected to the system. A monthly Capacity Fee of \$0.53 was charged to all RWRA customers with a 1" water meter or less. Those with a meter larger than 1" were billed based on the comparison of the square of the meter size to a typical 1" meter.

### System Development Fee

The System Development Fee for each original ERU in the pre-2000 service areas was \$1,053. Qualified existing users are allowed to pay this fee in 240 monthly installments of \$4.95/month. Between 2000 and 2013, users were charged a System Development Fee of

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

### 8. Rate Structure, Continued

### System Development Fee, Continued

\$1,320 and qualified existing users were allowed to pay this fee in 240 monthly installments of \$6.21/month. Current developing areas have a System Development Fee per ERU of \$2,178. Qualified existing users are allowed to pay this amount in 240 monthly installments of \$13.78/month. All customers requiring a permit for new construction were assessed the applicable System Development Fee as a part of the permit application process.

### Assessment Fees

When RWRA constructs necessary wastewater facilities in unsewered areas, all costs associated with the capital construction (i.e., construction, engineering, easement acquisition, etc.) are assessed on a pro-rata basis to all benefited properties within an assessment zone. RWRA notifies property owners and they can elect to pay the related costs in a lump sum or may finance the assessment amount over a 20-year period. Owners choosing to finance their assessment shall have an apportionment warrant (lien) filed on the benefited property.

### Connection Fee

The Connection Fee is a one-time charge, per connection to the RWRA system. This fee may range from \$300 per residential unit up to \$1,000 per unit for commercial, industrial and institutional.

### Disposal of Transported Waste

RWRA assesses a fee for the treatment and proper disposal of acceptable waste transported to an RWRA facility. The applicable wastewater user charges and surcharges are applied to determine the transported waste charge to be used for a specific waste discharged at RWRA facilities. The base fee for domestic waste was \$5.41 per 100 gallons, beginning July 1, 2020. The calculated charge for non-domestic waste (i.e., industrial, commercial, etc.) varies depending on the nature, origin and strength of the waste. The disposal charges for yellow and brown grease were \$0.1040 and \$0.0728 per gallon, respectively, for waste collected and delivered from within Daviess County. For all waste types collected and delivered to RWRA from outside Daviess County, the disposal charge is doubled. In addition, qualified haulers pay an annual \$200 fee for a disposal permit.

### **Industrial Monitoring**

Industries that are required to test, or request RWRA to perform a test on a sample of their discharge, reimburses RWRA for the laboratory testing costs.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

### 9. Risk Management

RWRA is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters for which RWRA carries commercial insurance.

RWRA has established a self-insurance plan through a third-party administrator for its employees' health insurance coverage. The plan provides for specific claims coverage up to \$45,000 per employee, lasers at \$100,000, and maximum aggregate claims and administrative costs, excluding run-in claims incurred in the prior year, up to \$1,525,906 and \$1,636,616, for plan years ending October 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively. RWRA purchases reinsurance through the administrator for claims in excess of those limits. Premiums are established by the administrator to cover administrative costs, claims costs, and reinsurance costs. Claims are paid weekly; therefore, a claims liability has not been reflected in the financial statements. Total claims and administrative expenses totaled \$1,493,091 and \$1,484,615 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. Settled claims have not exceeded insurance coverage for 2021 or 2020, nor has there been any reduction in insurance coverage from the prior year.

### 10. Related Party Transactions

RWRA has entered into an agreement for financial management, IT, sanitation, and GIS services with the City. Fees paid for these services in the normal course of business were \$354,642 and \$329,527 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, of which none was payable at each fiscal year end.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) has partially funded the David Hawes Plant UV Project and a portion of the Ragu Pump Station upgrades. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was reached between RWRA, the City of Owensboro, and GW Developers on August 18, 2020. While the MOA specifies the percentage of the TIF Revenue that RWRA shall receive, neither the schedule nor the total amount is guaranteed. The amounts received from the City totaled \$56,164 and \$6,602 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, of which \$4,473 and \$6,602 was receivable at each fiscal year end.

Amounts paid to the County for landfill services for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, totaled \$465,630 and \$412,927, of which \$36,125 and \$44,930 was payable at each fiscal year end, respectively.

RWRA also has notes payable to the City and the County as described in Note 5.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

### 11. Interfund Transactions

Interfund transactions related to the fiduciary funds were as follows:

	=	Cedar Hills		Friendly Park	_	Total
Due from fiduciary funds:						
Cash advances	\$	50,000	\$	50,000	\$	100,000
Interest charged on cash advances	_	2,519		2,519		5,038
Balance, June 30, 2019		52,519		52,519		105,038
Interest charged on cash advances		653		256		909
Repayment to RWRA	_	(53,172)	)	(52,775)	) .	(105,947)
Balance, June 30, 2020	\$_	-	\$		\$	-
Charges for maintenance and operations costs:						
Year end June 30, 2018	\$	25,318	\$	8,694	\$	34,012
Year end June 30, 2019	\$	12,851	\$	2,228	\$	15,079
Year end June 30, 2020	\$	5,269	\$	479	\$	5,748

During fiscal year 2020, the fiduciary operation and maintenance activities were concluded and the funds were closed as discussed in Note 12 to the financial statements.

### 12. Commitments and Contingencies

### Long-Term Control Plan

On July 22, 2016, the Kentucky Division of Water issued a letter approving RWRA's revised Long-Term Control Plan (LTCP) which, when fully implemented, will cost the community approximately \$30 million. On July 28, 2016, the Environmental Protection Agency issued a letter accepting RWRA's revised Long-Term Control Plan and rescinded its previously issued Administrative Order. An Order was entered by the Franklin Circuit Court on September 12, 2016, accepting RWRA's Long-Term Control Plan for attachment to its Consent Judgment.

As required in the approved LTCP, RWRA is currently working on projects to obtain the goals agreed upon.

RWRA neither admits nor denies the alleged violations but acknowledges that CSO discharges occur and accepts the obligations imposed by the Consent Judgment. The enforcement actions initiated by the Cabinet and EPA are typical of communities that have combined sewers and the potential for combined sewer overflows. In the opinion of RWRA, the resolution of any violations and the implementation of the LTCP will not result in a material adverse effect on the operations, property or finances of RWRA.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

### 12. Commitments and Contingencies, Continued

### **Construction Contracts**

RWRA has entered into construction contracts totaling \$5,119,710 for various projects. Remaining commitments under these contracts totaled \$2,866,113 at June 30, 2021, of which \$628,022 was included in accounts payable.

### **Package Plants**

On March 30, 2015, both Cedar Hills Sanitation Disposal Corporation and Friendly Park Development, Inc. filed a Motion to Abandon their respective package plants with the Public Service Commission (PSC). Through subsequent negotiations between RWRA, Daviess County Fiscal Court (DCFC), PSC, and the Kentucky Division of Water (KDOW), it was agreed upon that RWRA would extend its existing collector system out to both plants, and decommission the failing plants once connected. RWRA was appointed the receiver of both entities (package plants and the respective collector systems) on January 1, 2017. RWRA immediately began the process of design of the extensions. Under the receivership agreements, RWRA became responsible for the operation and management of both plants with a combination of RWRA personnel and contractor services, until such time as the communities could become part of the RWRA system.

The trunk line for the Friendly Park Package Plant was designed and bid in early 2018. Construction was completed in October of 2019 at a cost of \$1.37 million.

The trunk line for the Cedar Hills Package Plant was designed and bid in early summer of 2016. Construction was completed in fiscal year 2020 at a cost of \$2.1 million.

The cost of these projects was funded in part by federal grants and loans obtained by the Daviess County Fiscal Court and RWRA. The balance of the cost will be passed on to the residents of Friendly Park and Cedar Hills.

The Friendly Park and Cedar Hills receiverships were dissolved by Order of the Franklin Circuit Court on September 28, 2020. On December 1, 2020, the Owensboro-Daviess County Rate Review Board approved the current rates for the Cedar Hills Construction Sub-District fee of \$49.94 per month.

### Litigation

RWRA was a defendant in a lawsuit relating to a Kentucky Transportation Cabinet contractor. The trial of this matter concluded in October 2018, and judgement was rendered in favor of RWRA in August of 2019. An appeal was filed by the Plaintiff to the Kentucky Court of Appeals. On May 7, 2021, the Kentucky Court of Appeals upheld the decision of the Franklin Circuit Court and found RWRA was not liable for any damages. There were no further appeals filed in this matter.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

### 12. Commitments and Contingencies, Continued

### Burlington Civil, Inc.

On November 1, 2017, RWRA entered into a contract with Burlington Civil, Inc. (BCI) for \$2,557,902 to construct a pump station and force main and related appurtenances as part of the Southwest Master Pump Station project. On July 12, 2019, BCI informed RWRA that BCI was declaring bankruptcy and ceasing all operations, at which time BCI was approximately 80% complete on the contract. RWRA worked with the bonding company to hire a completion contractor to finish the project. The project was rebid and Ragle, Inc. was awarded the project. Ragle immediately began work to complete the unfinished project. The work completed in February 2021. RWRA does not believe that any legal action, nor any adverse effect to RWRA, will result from the bankruptcy.

### 13. Accounting Standard Effective in Future Period

The following recently issued accounting standard may impact the financial statements of RWRA in future periods:

GASBS No. 96 Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements

In May 2020, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements. The Statement was issued to provide guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). This Statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset—an intangible asset—and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. To the extent relevant, the standards for SBITAs are based on the standards established in Statement No. 87, Leases, as amended. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022, and all reporting periods thereafter. Assets and liabilities resulting from SBITAs should be recognized and measured using the facts and circumstances that existed at the beginning of the fiscal year in which this Statement is implemented. RWRA is currently evaluating the impact that the Statement may have on its financial statements.

### 14. Impact of COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic developed rapidly in 2020 and again in 2021, with a significant number of local infections. Various measures taken by government to contain the virus have impacted economic activity. RWRA has taken a number of measures to monitor and mitigate the effects of COVID-19, including safety and health measures for our staff such as social distancing and dynamic staffing, and secured the supply of materials that are essential for continuity of wastewater service to our customers.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

### 14. Impact of COVID-19, Continued

At this stage, the impact on our business and service has not been severe and based on our experience to date, we expect this to remain the case. We will continue to follow government policies and advice while adjusting appropriately to provide uninterrupted service as safely as possible without jeopardizing the health of our staff and families.

### 15. Subsequent Event

In October 2021, the Board approved a resolution to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$15 million to finance the Ravine and Parkway Drive Sewer Projects.

### STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION CEDAR HILLS SANITATION DISPOSAL CORPORATION

June 30, 2020

2 H		_	Custodial Fund
ASSETS			
Cash		\$_	-
Total assets		ш_	-
LIABILITIES			
Due to RWRA Accounts payable			= <u>:</u>
Total liabilities			
NET POSITION			
Held in trust for receivers	hip	\$_	-
Note: Fund was closed at June	e 30, 2020.		

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION CEDAR HILLS SANITATION DISPOSAL CORPORATION

### June 30, 2020

		_	Custodial Fund
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Additions:			
Sewer service charges		\$	53,240
Interest income		_	1,097
Total additions:			54,337
Deductions:			
Maintenance			139
Supplies			1,691
Utilities non-City			3,748
Utilities communications			664
Contractual services			20,116
Billing expenses			1,059
Professional services			4,766
Interest expense			653
Distribution to RWRA			26,942
Total deductions		_	59,778
Change in net position			(5,441)
Net position (deficit), beginning of year	8 g 2	_	5,441
Net position, end of year		\$ =	<u>-</u>

Note: Fund was closed at June 30, 2020.

### STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FRIENDLY PARK DEVELOPMENT CO.

June 30, 2020

			Custodial Fund
			e
ASSETS			
Cash		\$	_
		•	
Total assets			-
		•	
LIABILITIES			
Due to RWRA			
Accounts payable			_
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Total liabilities			-
NET POSITION			
		•	
Held in trust for receivership		\$_	-
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Note: Fund was closed at June 30,	2020.		

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FRIENDLY PARK DEVELOPMENT CO.

### June 30, 2020

			. · ·	Custodial Fund
Additions:				
Sewer service charges			\$	23,935
Interest income			Ψ	1,112
miorest moome			-	1,112
Total additions			_	25,047
Deductions:				
Supplies Supplies				378
Utilities non-City				1,250
Utilities communications	3			291
Contractual services	5 5			5,641
Billing expenses				376
Professional services				4,412
Interest expense				256
Distribution to RWRA				71,211
			-	
Total deductions			_	83,815
Change in net position				(58,768)
Net position, beginning of year	nr		¥ 0	58,768
Net position, end of year		я	\$ =	= ± ± =

Note: Fund was closed at June 30, 2020.

# SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM PENSION FUND

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2015	0.168806%	5,477,000	3,881,975	141	99
	%	<del>69</del>	€9	%	%
2016	0.173786%	7,471,95	4,074,36	183.39%	%26.65
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2017	0.178239%	\$ 8,775,811 \$ 7,471,958 \$	\$ 4,129,449 \$ 4,074,363 \$	212.52%	55.50%
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2018	0.175010%	\$ 10,243,873	4,282,024	239.23%	55.30%
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2019	0.179597%	10,938,005	4,421,311	247.39%	53.54%
		69	<b>∽</b>		
2020	0.184442%	12,971,888	4,652,530	278.81%	50.45%
		<b>\$</b>	69		
2021	0.184495%	14,150,614	4,725,824 \$	299.43%	47.81%
		S	S		
	net pension liability	RWRA's proportionate share of the net pension liability		RWRA's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	as a percentage of the
	RWRA's proportion of the net pension liability	RWRA's proportionate shar	RWRA's covered payroll	RWRA's proportionate share of the net pe as a percentage of its covered payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability

<sup>\*</sup> Presented for those years for which the information is available.

## SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM PENSION FUND

2021 2020 2019	\$ 940,350 \$ 912,084 \$ 754,640	(940,350) (912,084) (754,640)	S	\$ 4,872,304 \$ 4,725,824 \$ 4,652,530 \$ 4,421,311	19.30% 19.30% 16.22%
	Contractually required contributions	Contributions in relation to the contractually required contributions	Contribution deficiency (excess)	RWRA's covered payroll	Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll

<sup>\*</sup> Presented for those years for which the information is available.

### SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM INSURANCE FUND

$\frac{2021}{2019}$	bility 0.184442% 0.184399% 0.179590%	OPEB liability \$ 4,453,713 \$ 3,101,508 \$ 3,188,585 \$ 3,518,300	\$ 4,725,824 \$ 4,652,530 \$ 4,421,311 \$ 4,282,024	OPEB liability 94.24% 66.66%	ge of the 51.67% 60.44%
	RWRA's proportion of the net OPEB liability	RWRA's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	RWRA's covered payroll	RWRA's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability

<sup>\*</sup> Presented for those years for which the information is available.

## SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM INSURANCE FUND

	Contractually required contributions	Contributions in relation to the contractually required contributions	Contribution deficiency (excess)	RWRA's covered payroll	Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll
2021	231,920 \$	(231,920)	<i>∽</i>	4,872,304 \$	4.76%
2020	224,949 \$	(224,949)	\$	4,725,824 \$	4.76%
<u>2019</u>	244,723 \$	(244,723)	\$	4,652,530 \$	5.26%
2018	207,802	(207,802)	t	4,421,311	4.70%

<sup>\*</sup> Presented for those years for which the information is available.

### NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Year Ended June 30, 2021

Change	es of Benefi	it Terms
	2021	None
	2020	None
	2019	None
	2018	None
	2017	None
	2016	None

### **Changes of Assumptions**

2021 OPEB:

The single discount rate changed from 5.68% to 5.34%.

2020 Pension and OPEB:

The salary increases assumption was changed from 3.05% to 3.30% - 10.30%.

OPEB:

The single discount rate changed from 5.85% to 5.68%.

2019 Pension and OPEB:

The salary increases assumption was changed from 2.00% to 3.05%.

OPEB:

The single discount rate changed from 5.84% to 5.85%.

2018 Pension and OPEB:

The assumed investment return was changed from 7.50% to 6.25%.

The price inflation assumption was changed from 3.25% to 2.30%, which also resulted in a 0.95% decrease in the salary increase assumption at all years of service.

The payroll growth assumption (applicable for the amortization of unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities) was changed from 4.00% to 2.00%.

OPEB:

The single discount rate changed from 6.89% to 5.84%.

2017 None

2016 Pension:

The assumed investment rate of return was decreased from 7.75% to 7.50%.

The assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.50% to 3.25%.

The assumed rate of wage inflation was reduced from 1.00% to 0.75%.

Payroll growth assumption was reduced from 4.50% to 4.00%.

The assumed rates of Retirement, Withdrawal and Disability were updated to more accurately reflect experience.



### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Directors Regional Water Resource Agency

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Regional Water Resource Agency as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 12, 2021.

### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Regional Water Resource Agency's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances 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 Regional Water Resource Agency's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Regional Water Resource Agency's internal control.

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. 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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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### **Compliance and Other Matters**

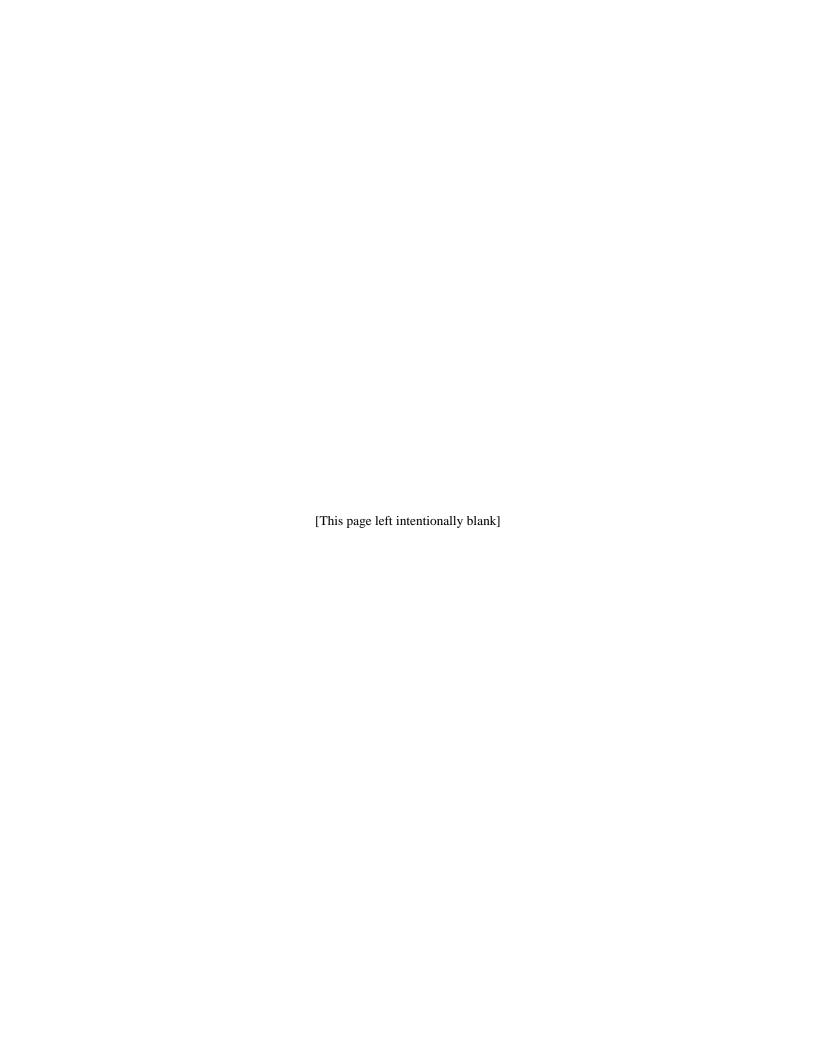
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Regional Water Resource Agency's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Owensboro, Kentucky November 12, 2021 Ring Hamos CARREC

### APPENDIX E OWENSBORO-DAVIESS COUNTY, KENTUCKY REGIONAL WATER RESOURCE AGENCY WASTEWATER REVENUE BONDS 2021 SERIES A Form of Bond Counsel Opinion



The form of the legal approving opinion of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, bond counsel, is set forth below. The actual opinion will be delivered on the date of delivery of the 2021 Series A Bonds referred to therein and may vary from the form set forth to reflect circumstances both factual and legal at the time of its delivery. Recirculation of the Final Official Statement shall create no implication that Dinsmore & Shohl LLP has reviewed any of the matters set forth in the opinion after the date of the opinion.

[Date of Delivery]

Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Water Resource Agency Owensboro, Kentucky

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as bond counsel in connection with the authorization, sale, and issuance by the Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Water Resource Agency, Owensboro, Kentucky (the "Agency"), a joint sewer agency of the City of Owensboro, Kentucky (the "City") and the County of Daviess, Kentucky (the "County"), acting by and through its Board as its duly authorized governing body, of \$14,755,000\* principal amount of Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series 2021, dated December 21, 2021 (the "2021 Series A Bonds").

The 2021 Series A Bonds have been authorized and issued pursuant to Chapter 76 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes (the "Act"), a certain General Bond Resolution adopted by the Agency on December 18, 1995 (the "General Bond Resolution") and a certain Series Resolution authorizing the 2021 Series A Bonds adopted on October 18, 2021 (the "Series Resolution" and together with the General Bond Resolution, the "Resolution"). Pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and the Series Resolution, the Agency has authorized the issuance of the 2021 Series A Bonds for the purpose of paying certain costs of constructing certain facilities and equipment, paying the costs of issuance of the 2021 Series A Bonds, and funding the debt service reserve fund in accordance with the Resolution.

We have examined such portions of the Constitution and Statutes of the United States, the Constitution and Statutes of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and such applicable court decisions, regulations, rulings, and opinions as we have deemed necessary or relevant for the purposes of the opinions set forth below. We have also examined records, and the transcript of proceedings relating to the authorization and issuance of the 2021 Series A Bonds, including a specimen bond, and other relevant matters. We have also made such investigation as we have deemed necessary for the purposes of such opinions, and relied upon certificates of officials of the Agency as to certain factual matters.

Based upon the foregoing, we advise you that in our opinion under existing law:

- 1. The 2021 Series A Bonds have been duly authorized, executed, and issued by the Agency in accordance with the Constitution and Statutes of the Commonwealth, including the Act, and, in accordance with the Resolution and the Series Resolution, and constitute valid and binding special and limited obligations of the Agency, payable as to principal, interest, and premium, if any, from and secured by a pledge of (i) the Pledged Receipts, as defined in the Resolution, (ii) the proceeds of the sale of the 2021 Series A Bonds, (iii) Investment Obligations, as defined in the Resolution and (iv) all funds established by the Resolution, including accounts thereof and monies and securities therein, subject only to the provisions of the Resolution permitting the use and application thereof for or to the purposes and on the terms and conditions set forth in the Resolution.
- 2. Neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the Agency, the City, the County, the Commonwealth, or any other political subdivision thereof, nor the faith and credit of the Agency is pledged to the payment of the principal of or interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds, or to the payment of premium, if any. The Agency has no taxing power.
- 3. Interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds is exempt from income taxation by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and the 2021 Series A Bonds are exempt from ad valorem taxation by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and any of its political subdivisions.
- 4. Under the laws, regulations, rulings, and judicial decisions in effect as of the date hereof, interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds is excludible from gross income for Federal income tax purposes, pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Furthermore, interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds will not be treated as a specific item of tax preference, under§ 57(a)(5) of the Code, in computing the alternative minimum tax. In rendering the opinions in this paragraph, we have assumed continuing compliance with certain covenants designed to meet the requirements of § 103

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary, subject to change.

of the Code. We express no other opinion as to the federal tax consequences of purchasing, holding, or disposing of the 2021 Series A Bonds.

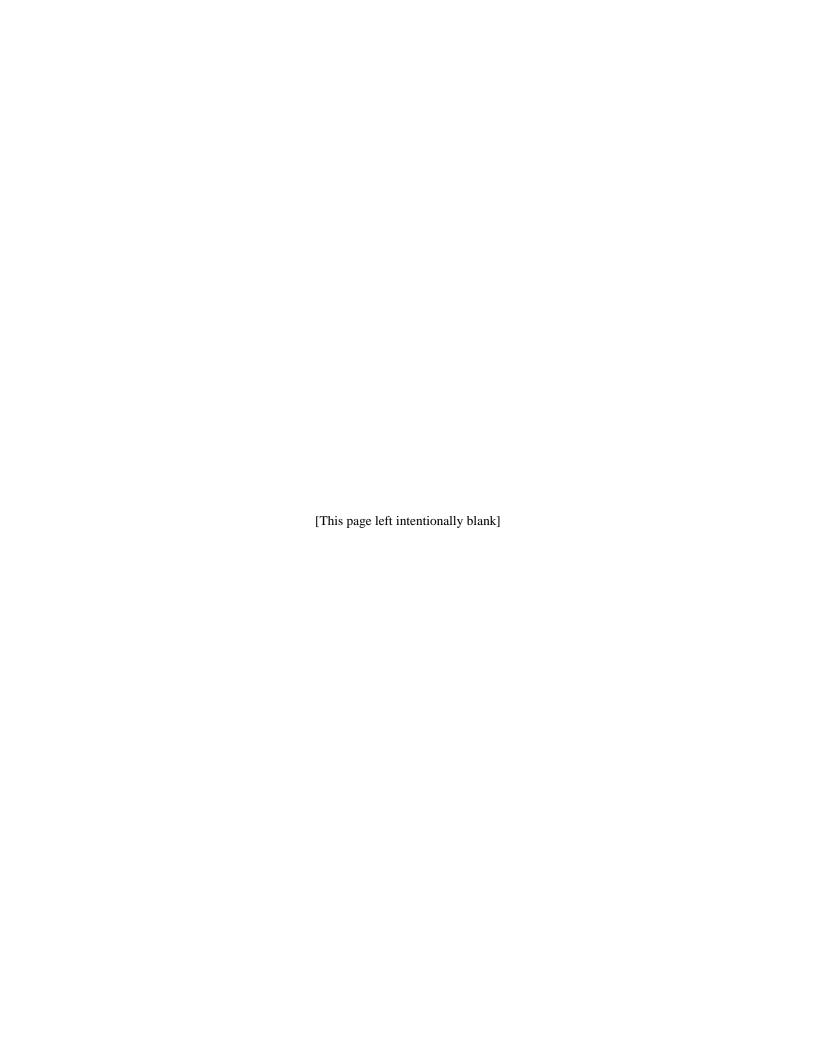
5. The City and the County have not designated the 2021 Series A Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" under Section 265 of the Code.

Our opinions set forth above is subject to the qualification that the enforceability of the Resolution, the 2021 Series A Bonds, and agreements relating thereto may be limited by bankruptcy, reorganization, moratorium, insolvency, or other similar laws relating to or affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights or by general equitable principles.

Without having undertaken to determine independently or to verify the accuracy or completeness of the statements contained in the Official Statement issued with respect to the 2021 Series A Bonds, and expressing no opinion as to the financial statements or any other financial or statistical data contained therein, nothing has come to our attention in the course of our professional engagement as Bond Counsel which would lead us to believe that the Official Statement contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements contained therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

Very truly yours,

### APPENDIX F OWENSBORO-DAVIESS COUNTY, KENTUCKY REGIONAL WATER RESOURCE AGENCY WASTEWATER REVENUE BONDS 2021 SERIES A Book-Entry System



### **BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM**

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, NY, will act as 2021 Series A Bonds depository for the 2021 Series A Bonds. The 2021 Series A Bonds will be issued as fully-registered 2021 Series A Bonds registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered Security certificate will be issued for each maturity of the 2021 Series A Bonds, each in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the 2021 Series A Bonds Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has a Standard & Poor's rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

Purchases of 2021 Series A Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the securities on DTC 's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each 2021 Series A Bond (a "Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the 2021 Series A Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in 2021 Series A Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the 2021 Series A Bonds is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all securities deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of 2021 Series A Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the 2021 Series A Bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such 2021 Series A Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial Owners of 2021 Series A Bonds may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the 2021 Series A Bonds, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the 2021 Series A Bond documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of 2021 Series A Bonds may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the 2021 Series A Bonds for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the 2021 Series A Bonds within an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to 2021 Series A Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to Issuer as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts 2021 Series A Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments on the 2021 Series A Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the Agency or Paying Agent, on payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with 2021 Series A Bonds held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, the Paying Agent, or the Agency, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the Agency or the Paying Agent, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

A Beneficial Owner shall give notice to elect to have its 2021 Series A Bonds purchased or tendered, through its Participant, to the Paying Agent, and shall effect delivery of such 2021 Series A Bonds by causing the Direct Participant to transfer the Participant's interest in the 2021 Series A Bonds, on DTC's records, to Paying Agent. The requirement for physical delivery of 2021 Series A Bonds in connection with an optional tender or a mandatory purchase will be deemed satisfied when the ownership rights in the 2021 Series A Bonds are transferred by Direct Participants on DTC's records and followed by a book-entry credit of tendered 2021 Series A Bonds to Paying Agent's DTC account.

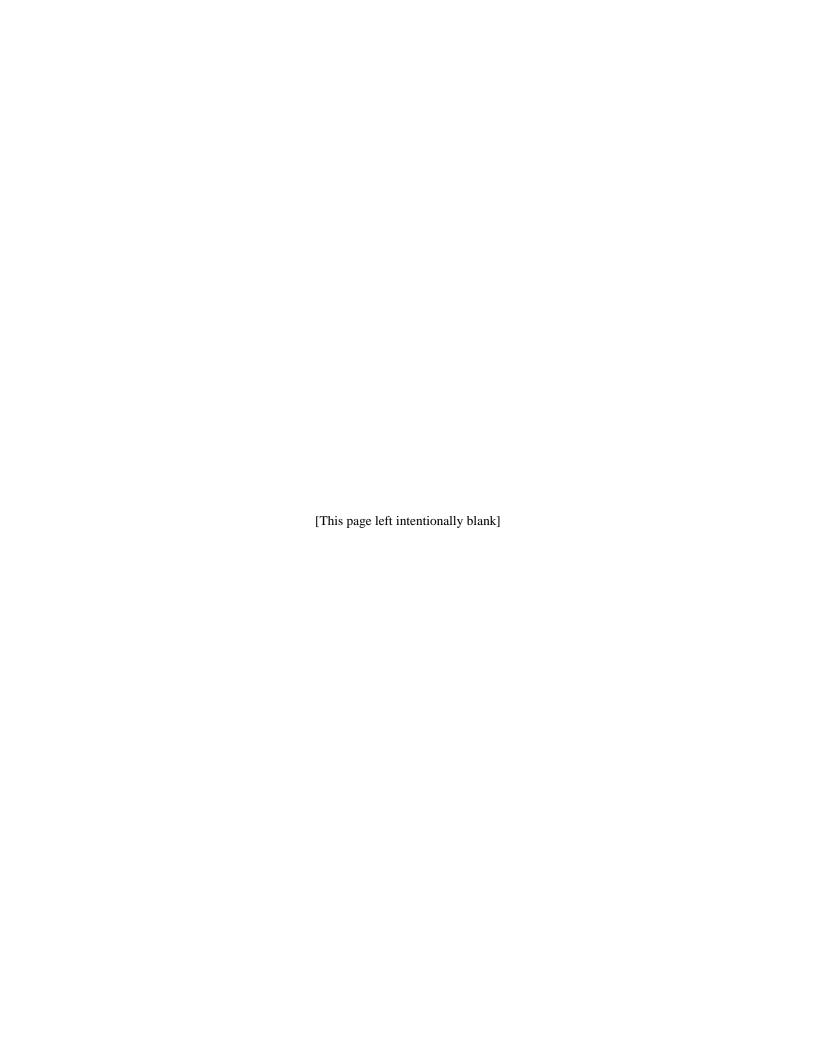
DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the 2021 Series A Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Agency or the Paying Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Security certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

The Agency may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor 2021 Series A Bonds depository). In that event, 2021 Series A Bond certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the Agency believes to be reliable, but the Agency takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

### APPENDIX G OWENSBORO-DAVIESS COUNTY, KENTUCKY REGIONAL WATER RESOURCE AGENCY WASTEWATER REVENUE BONDS 2021 SERIES A

Official Terms and Conditions of Bond Sale



#### OFFICIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF BOND SALE

# \$14,755,000\* OWENSBORO-DAVIESS COUNTY, KENTUCKY REGIONAL WATER RESOURCE AGENCY WASTEWATER REVENUE BONDS 2021 SERIES A

Notice is hereby given that electronic bids will be received by the Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Water Resource Agency (the "Agency"), until 11:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time on December 2, 2021, (or at such later time and date announced at least forty-eight hours in advance via the BiDCOMP<sup>TM</sup>/PARITY<sup>TM</sup> system) for the purchase of approximately \$14,755,000\* of the Agency's Wastewater Revenue Bonds, 2021 Series A (the "2021 Series A Bonds"). Alternatively, written sealed or facsimile bids for the 2021 Series A Bonds by the designated time will be received by Executive Director of the Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Water Resource Agency, 1722 Pleasant Valley Road, Owensboro, Kentucky 42302 (Fax: (270) 687-8444). Electronic bids must be submitted through BiDCOMP<sup>TM</sup>/PARITY<sup>TM</sup> as described herein and no other provider of electronic bidding services will be accepted. Bids will be opened and acted upon later that same day.

# STATUTORY AUTHORITY, PURPOSE OF ISSUE, AND SECURITY

These 2021 Series A Bonds are authorized pursuant to Chapter 76 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes and are being issued pursuant to the Agency's General Bond Resolution dated December 18, 1995 (the "General Bond Resolution") and a Series Bond Resolution adopted by the Joint Sewer Agency Board (the "Board") of the Agency on October 18, 2021 (the "Series Bond Resolution," and together with the General Bond Resolution, the "Resolution"). The Agency is a joint sewer agency of the City of Owensboro, Kentucky (the "City") and the County of Daviess, Kentucky (the "County"), created pursuant to Chapter 76 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, an ordinance of the City adopted on October 18, 1994, as amended on November 19, 1996, and an ordinance of the County adopted on October 5, 1994, as amended on October 30, 1996.

The 2021 Series A Bonds are being issued to pay the costs, not otherwise provided, for (i) the construction of new projects, consisting of (a) revitalization and rehabilitation projects, (b) new System development, and (c) assessment extension projects (collectively, the "Project"), (ii) the funding of the Debt Service Reserve Fund, and (iii) the costs of issuing the 2021 Series A Bonds.

The 2021 Series A Bonds are secured by a pledge of the Pledged Receipts, defined to include all wastewater service rates, rentals, and charges imposed, enforced, and collected by the Agency, together with any income or operating subsidies (as distinguished from capital grants) received from any unit of government, either federal or state, by the Agency. Pledged Receipts also include all interest earned and gains realized on investment obligations acquired by any fund or account of the Agency unless the General Resolution specifically requires such interest earned or gains realized to remain in a particular fund or account, provided that any interest or gains on the funds held in escrow by a trustee for the payment of previously outstanding bonds are not included. The Agency has not pledged the revenues of any separately maintained drainage system.

# BOND MATURITIES, PRIOR REDEMPTION PROVISIONS AND PAYING AGENT

The 2021 Series A Bonds will be dated their date of initial issuance and delivery, bearing interest from such date, payable on the first day of each December and June, commencing June 1, 2022.

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<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary, subject to change.

The 2021 Series A Bonds are scheduled to mature in each of the years as follows:

Maturities		Maturities	
December 1	Amount*	December 1	Amount*
2022	\$660,000	2032	\$725,000
2023	665,000	2033	735,000
2024	665,000	2034	750,000
2025	670,000	2035	765,000
2026	675,000	2036	785,000
2027	680,000	2037	800,000
2028	685,000	2038	815,000
2029	695,000	2039	835,000
2030	705,000	2040	855,000
2031	715,000	2041	875,000

The 2021 Series A Bonds maturing on and after December 1, 2029 are subject to optional redemption on any date on and after December 1, 2028 in whole or in part, in such order of maturity as shall be designated in writing by the Agency and by lot within any maturity, at the election of the Agency at a redemption price equal to the par amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

At least thirty days before the redemption date of any 2021 Series A Bonds, the Registrar and Paying Agent shall cause a notice of such redemption either in whole or in part, signed by the Registrar and Paying Agent, to be mailed, first class, postage prepaid, to all registered owners of the 2021 Series A Bonds to be redeemed at their addresses as they appear on the registration books kept by the Registrar and Paying Agent, but failure to mail any such notice shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for such redemption of 2021 Series A Bonds for which such notice has been sent. Each such notice shall set forth the date fixed for redemption, the redemption price to be paid and, if less than all of the 2021 Series A Bonds being payable by their terms on a single date then outstanding shall be called for redemption, the distinctive number or letters, if any, of such 2021 Series A Bonds to be redeemed.

U.S. Bank National Association, Louisville, Kentucky, has been appointed Registrar and Paying Agent for the 2021 Series A Bonds.

# BIDDING CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

The terms and conditions of the sale of the 2021 Series A Bonds are as follows:

- Electronic bids for the 2021 Series A Bonds must be submitted through BiDCOMP<sup>TM</sup>/PARITY<sup>TM</sup> system and no other provider of electronic bidding services will be accepted. Subscription to the BiDCOMP<sup>TM</sup>/PARITY<sup>TM</sup> Competitive Bidding System is required in order to submit an electronic bid. The Agency will neither confirm any subscription nor be responsible for the failure of any prospective bidders to subscribe. For the purposes of the bidding process, the time as maintained by BiDCOMP<sup>TM</sup>/PARITY<sup>TM</sup> shall constitute the official time with respect to all bids whether in electronic or written form. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in BiDCOMPTM/PARITYTM conflict with the terms of the Official Terms and Conditions of 2021 Series A Bond Sale, this Official Terms and Conditions of 2021 Series A Bond Sale shall prevail. Electronic bids made through the facilities of BiDCOMP<sup>TM</sup>/PARITY<sup>TM</sup> shall be deemed an offer to purchase in response to the Notice of Bond Sale and shall be binding upon the bidders as if made by signed, sealed written bids delivered to the Agency. The Agency shall not be responsible for any malfunction or mistake made by or as a result of the use of the electronic bidding facilities provided and maintained by BiDCOMPTM/PARITYTM. The use of BiDCOMPTM/PARITYTM facilities are at the sole risk of the prospective bidders. Notwithstanding the foregoing non-electronic bids may be submitted via facsimile or by hand delivery utilizing the Official Bid Form. Written sealed bids (in a sealed envelope marked "Official Bid for 2021 Series A Bonds") or facsimile bids for the 2021 Series A Bonds by the designated time will be received by the Executive Director, 1722 Pleasant Valley Road, Owensboro, Kentucky 42302 (Fax: (270) 687-8444).
- 2. Bidders are required to bid for the entire issue of 2021 Series A Bonds at a minimum price of not less than \$14,459,900 (98% of par) and a maximum price of \$15,492,750 (105% of par), PAYABLE IN IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FUNDS.

- 3. Interest rates for the 2021 Series A Bonds must be in multiples of one-eighth of one percent (0.125%) and/or one-twentieth of one percent (0.05%) and all 2021 Series A Bonds of the same maturity and series shall bear the same and a single interest rate from the date thereof to maturity. There is no limit on the number of different interest rates; however the maximum interest rate on any maturity of the 2021 Series A Bonds shall not exceed 6.0%.
- 4. The determination of the best purchase bid for the 2021 Series A Bonds shall be made on the basis of all bids submitted for exactly \$14,755,000 principal amount of 2021 Series A Bonds offered for sale hereunder; but the Agency may adjust the principal amount of 2021 Series A Bonds which may be awarded to such best bidder upward by \$245,000 or downward by any amount (the "Permitted Adjustment"). In the event of such Permitted Adjustment, no rebidding or recalculation of a submitted bid will be required or permitted. The price of which such adjusted principal amount of 2021 Series A Bonds will be sold will be the same price per \$1,000 of 2021 Series A Bonds as the price per \$1,000 for the 2021 Series A Bonds bid.
- 5. Bidders have the option of specifying that all the 2021 Series A Bonds maturing in any two or more consecutive years may, in lieu of maturing in each of such years, be combined to comprise one or more maturities of 2021 Series A Bonds scheduled to mature in the latest of such year and be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at par in each of the years and in the principal amounts of such term 2021 Series A Bonds scheduled in the year of maturity of the term 2021 Series A Bonds, which principal amount shall mature in that year.
- 6. CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the 2021 Series A Bonds at the expense of the Agency. Improper imprintation or the failure to imprint CUSIP numbers shall not constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the purchaser to accept delivery of and pay for the 2021 Series A Bonds in accordance with the terms of any accepted proposal for the purchase of the 2021 Series A Bonds.
- 7. An electronic copy of the Official Statement will be supplied to the Purchaser.
- 8. Bids need not be accompanied by a certified or bank cashier's good faith check, but the successful bidder will be required to wire transfer to the order of the Agency an amount equal to 2% of the amount of the principal amount of 2021 Series A Bonds awarded by the close of business on the day following the award. Said good faith amount will be forfeited as liquidated damages in the event of a failure of the successful bidder to take delivery of such 2021 Series A Bonds when ready. The good-faith amount will be applied (without interest) to the purchase price upon delivery of the 2021 Series A Bonds. The successful bidder shall not be required to take delivery and pay for the 2021 Series A Bonds unless delivery is made within 45 days from the date the bid is accepted.
- 9. Unless the successful bidder notifies the Agency in writing within twenty-four hours of the award of the 2021 Series A Bonds that it has elected (at such purchaser's expense) to take physical delivery of the 2021 Series A Bonds, The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, will act as securities depository for the 2021 Series A Bonds. They will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee). One fully registered 2021 Series A Bond certificate will be issued for each maturity of the 2021 Series A Bonds of each series, each in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity, and will be deposited with DTC. Purchases of the 2021 Series A Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations (the "Direct Participants"), which will receive a credit for the 2021 Series A Bonds on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each 2021 Series A Bond (a "Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the records of Direct Participants or securities brokers and dealers, banks, and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant (the "Indirect Participants"). Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase, but Beneficial Owners are expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the 2021 Series A Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the 2021 Series A Bonds, except in the event that use of the bookentry system for the 2021 Series A Bonds is discontinued.

- 10. The Agency reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informality in any bid. The 2021 Series A Bonds are offered for sale subject to the principal and interest not being subject to Federal or Kentucky income taxation or Kentucky ad valorem taxation on the date of their delivery to the successful bidder, in accordance with the final approving legal opinion of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, Louisville, Kentucky, which opinion will be qualified in accordance with the section hereof on TAX TREATMENT.
- 11. Bidders are advised that First Kentucky Securities Corporation has been employed as Financial Advisor in connection with the issuance of the 2021 Series A Bonds. Their fee for services rendered with respect to the sale of the 2021 Series A Bonds is contingent upon the issuance and delivery thereof. They may submit a bid for the purchase of the 2021 Series A Bonds at the time of the advertised public sale, either individually or as a member of a syndicate organized to submit a bid for the purchase of the 2021 Series A Bonds.
- 12. As required by the Code, the purchasers of the 2021 Series A Bonds will be required to certify to the Agency as to certain of their activities regarding any reoffering to the public of the 2021 Series A Bonds, including any reoffering prices. This information from the purchasers of the 2021 Series A Bonds shall also be made available to the Financial Advisor immediately after the sale of the 2021 Series A Bonds.
- 13. The Agency has provided information to prospective bond insurance companies in order to qualify the 2021 Series A Bonds under their respective optional bidding programs. If the successful bidder for the 2021 Series A Bonds desires to purchase a municipal bond insurance policy insuring payment of all or a portion of the debt service payable on the 2021 Series A Bonds, the successful bidder does so at its own risk and expense and the obligation of the successful bidder to pay for the 2021 Series A Bonds shall not be conditioned on the issuance of a municipal bond insurance policy. The Agency will cooperate with the successful bidder in obtaining such insurance, but the Agency will not enter into any additional agreements with a bond insurer. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the successful bidder will be responsible for all costs, expenses, and charges associated with the issuance of such insurance, including without limitation the premium for the insurance policy, taxes, if any, and excluding only the fees of S&P Global Ratings that will be paid by the Agency.
- 14. Unless bids for the 2021 Series A Bonds are rejected, the 2021 Series A Bonds will be awarded on an all or none basis on the sale date to the bidder whose bid result in the lowest true interest rate for the 2021 Series A Bonds to be calculated as that rate (or yield) that, when used in computing the present worth of all payments of principal and interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds (compounded semi-annually from the date of the 2021 Series A Bonds), produces an amount equal to the purchase price of the 2021 Series A Bonds, exclusive of accrued interest. For purposes of calculating the true interest cost, the principal amount of any term 2021 Series A Bonds scheduled for mandatory sinking fund redemption as part of the term 2021 Series A Bond shall be treated as a serial maturity in such year for the 2021 Series A Bonds. In the event that two or more bidders offer to purchase the 2021 Series A Bonds at the same lowest true interest rate, the Chair, upon the advice of the Agency's Financial Advisor shall determine (in his sole discretion) which of the bidders shall be awarded the 2021 Series A Bonds.
- 15. The winning bidder for the 2021 Series A Bonds shall assist the Agency in establishing the issue price of the 2021 Series A Bonds and shall execute and deliver to the Agency at Closing an "issue price" or similar certificate setting forth the reasonably expected initial offering price to the public or the sales price or prices of the 2021 Series A Bonds, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A-1, with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary, in the reasonable judgment of the winning bidder, the Agency and 2021 Series A Bond Counsel. All actions to be taken by the Agency under these Official Terms and Conditions of 2021 Series A Bond Sale to establish the issue price of the 2021 Series A Bonds may be taken on behalf of the Agency by the Agency's financial advisor identified herein and any notice or report to be provided to the Agency shall be provided to the Agency's Financial Advisor.

The Agency intends that the provisions of Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) (defining "competitive sale" for purposes of establishing the issue price of the Series 2021 Series A Bonds) will apply to the initial sale of each of the 2021 Series A Bonds (the "competitive sale requirements") because:

(1) the Agency shall disseminate these Official Terms and Conditions of 2021 Series A Bond Sale to potential underwriters in a manner that is reasonably designed to reach potential underwriters;

- (2) all bidders shall have an equal opportunity to bid;
- (3) the Agency may receive bids from at least three underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds; and
- (4) the Agency anticipates awarding the 2021 Series A Bonds to the bidder who submits a firm offer to purchase the 2021 Series A Bonds at the lowest true interest cost, as set forth in these Official Terms and Conditions of 2021 Series A Bond Sale.

Any bid submitted pursuant to this these Official Terms and Conditions of 2021 Series A Bond Sale shall be considered a firm offer for the purchase of the 2021 Series A Bonds, as specified in the bid.

If the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied, the Agency shall so advise the applicable winning bidder. The Agency will treat the initial offering price to the public as of the sale date of any maturity of the 2021 Series A Bonds as the issue price of that maturity (the "hold-the-offering-price rule"), in each case applied on a maturity-by-maturity basis (and if different interest rates apply within a maturity, to each separate CUSIP number within that maturity). Bids will not be subject to cancellation in the event that the Agency determines to apply the hold-the-offering-price rule to any maturity of the 2021 Series A Bonds. Bidders should prepare their bids on the assumption that some or all of the maturities of the 2021 Series A Bonds will be subject to the hold-the-offering-price rule in order to establish the issue price of the 2021 Series A Bonds.

If the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied, the winning bidder for the 2021 Series A Bonds shall assist the Agency in establishing the issue price of the 2021 Series A Bonds and shall execute and deliver to the Agency at Closing an "issue price" or similar certificate setting forth the hold-the-offering-price rule as the issue price of that maturity, in each case applied on a maturity-by-maturity basis (and if different interest rates apply within a maturity, to each separate CUSIP number within that maturity) substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A-2, with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary, in the reasonable judgment of the winning bidder, the Agency and 2021 Series A Bond Counsel.

The Agency acknowledges that, in making the representations set forth above, the winning bidder will rely on (i) the agreement of each underwriter to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, as set forth in an agreement among underwriters and the related pricing wires, (ii) in the event a selling group has been created in connection with the initial sale of the 2021 Series A Bonds to the public, the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, as set forth in a selling group agreement and the related pricing wires, and (iii) in the event that an underwriter is a party to a retail distribution agreement that was employed in connection with the initial sale of the 2021 Series A Bonds to the public, the agreement of each broker-dealer that is a party to such agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, as set forth in the retail distribution agreement and the related pricing wires. The Agency further acknowledges that each underwriter shall be solely liable for its failure to comply with its agreement regarding the hold-the-offering-price rule and that no underwriter shall be liable for the failure of any other underwriter, or of any dealer who is a member of a selling group, or of any broker-dealer that is a party to a retail distribution agreement to comply with its corresponding agreement regarding the hold-the-offering-price rule as applicable to the 2021 Series A Bonds.

By submitting a bid, each bidder confirms that: (i) any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each retail distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the 2021 Series A Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement, as applicable, to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, in each case if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder and as set forth in the related pricing wires, and (ii) any agreement among underwriters relating to the initial sale of the 2021 Series A Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter that is a party to a retail distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the 2021 Series A Bonds to the public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, in each case if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder or such underwriter and as set forth in the related pricing wires.

- 16. At the election and cost of the purchaser of the 2021 Series A Bonds, one or more maturities of the 2021 Series A Bonds may be insured under a municipal bond insurance policy. In such event, the Agency agrees to cooperate with the purchaser to qualify the 2021 Series A Bonds for bond insurance; however the Agency will not assume any of the expenses incident to the issuance of such a bond insurance policy, other than the costs for securing a rating of the 2021 Series A Bonds.
- Additional information, including the Preliminary Official Statement, the Official Terms and Conditions of 2021 Series A Bond Sale and the Official Bid Form, may be obtained from the Agency's Financial Advisor, First Kentucky Securities Corporation; 1500 Leestown Road, Suite 330, Lexington, Kentucky 40511, telephone (859) 425-1100, Attention: Stan Kramer. Further information regarding BiDCOMP<sup>TM</sup>/PARITY<sup>TM</sup> may be obtained from BiDCOMP<sup>TM</sup>/PARITY<sup>TM</sup>, 1359 Broadway- 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10018, Telephone: (800) 850-7422.

# CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

In accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12, as amended (the "Rule") the Agency will agree pursuant to a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking dated as of the date of issuance and delivery of the 2021 Series A Bonds (the "Disclosure Undertaking"), to cause the following information to be provided:

- (i) to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB"), for each fiscal year of the Agency, (a) the operating data of the Agency for such fiscal year that is included within the Official Statement as APPENDIX B; and (b) audited financial statements and supplemental information prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental units, generally consistent with the information contained in APPENDIX D of the Official Statement; all such information shall be provided within 210 days after the fiscal year ending on the preceding June 30, commencing with the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, provided that the audited financial statements may not be available by such date, but will be made available immediately upon delivery thereof by the auditor to the Agency; and
- (ii) to the MSRB, notice of the occurrence of the following events, if material, with respect to the 2021 Series A Bonds:
  - (a) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
  - (b) Non-payment related defaults;
  - (c) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
  - (d) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
  - (e) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
  - (f) Adverse tax opinions or events affecting the tax-exempt status of the security;
  - (g) Modifications to rights of security holders;
  - (h) 2021 Series A Bond calls, except for mandatory scheduled redemptions not otherwise contingent upon the occurrence of an event;
  - (i) Defeasances;
  - (j) Release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the securities;
  - (k) Rating changes; and
  - (1) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Agency (Note: For the purposes of this event, the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: The appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for the Agency in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Agency, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Agency);
  - (m) The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Agency or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Agency, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
  - (n) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material; and

- (o) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the Agency, any of which reflect financial difficulties.
- (iii) in a timely manner, to the MSRB, notice of a failure (of which the Agency has knowledge) of the Agency to provide the required Annual Financial Information on or before the date specified in the Disclosure Undertaking.

"Financial Obligation" shall mean (a) a debt obligation, (b) a derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation, or (c) a guarantee of either (a) or (b). The term Financial Obligation shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

The Disclosure Undertaking provides bondholders, including beneficial owners of the 2021 Series A Bonds, with certain enforcement rights in the event of a failure by the Agency to comply with the terms thereof; however, a default under the Disclosure Undertaking does not constitute an event of default under the Resolution. The Disclosure Undertaking may also be amended or terminated under certain circumstances in accordance with the Rule as more fully described therein.

For purposes of this transaction with respect to material events as defined under the Rule:

- (a) there are no credit enhancements applicable to the 2021 Series A Bonds;
- (b) there are no liquidity providers applicable to the 2021 Series A Bonds; and
- (c) there is no property securing the 2021 Series A Bonds.

## TAX TREATMENT

In the opinion of 2021 Series A Bond Counsel for the 2021 Series A Bonds, based upon an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings and court decisions, interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds will be excludible from gross income for Federal income tax purposes. 2021 Series A Bond Counsel for the 2021 Series A Bonds is also of the opinion that interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds will not be a specific item of tax preference under Section 57 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code") for purposes of the Federal minimum tax. Furthermore, 2021 Series A Bond Counsel for the 2021 Series A Bonds is of the opinion that interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds is exempt from income taxation and the 2021 Series A Bonds are exempt from ad valorem taxation by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and any of its political subdivisions.

The Code imposes various restrictions, conditions, and requirements relating to the exclusion from gross income for Federal income tax purposes of interest on obligations such as the 2021 Series A Bonds. The Agency has covenanted to comply with certain restrictions designed to ensure that interest on the related issues of 2021 Series A Bonds will not be includable in gross income for Federal income tax purposes. Failure to comply with these covenants could result in interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds being includable in income for Federal income tax purposes and such inclusion could be required retroactively to the date of issuance of the 2021 Series A Bonds. The opinion of 2021 Series A Bond Counsel assumes compliance with these covenants. However, 2021 Series A Bond Counsel has not undertaken to determine (or to inform any person) whether any actions taken (or not taken) or events occurring (or not occurring) after the date of issuance of the 2021 Series A Bonds may adversely affect the tax status of the interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds.

Certain requirements and procedures contained or referred to in the 2021 Series A Bond documents and other relevant documents may be changed and certain actions (including, without limitation, defeasance of the 2021 Series A Bonds) may be taken or omitted under the circumstances and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in such documents. 2021 Series A Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to any 2021 Series A Bonds or the interest thereon if any such change occurs or action is taken or omitted upon the advice or approval of bond counsel other than Dinsmore & Shohl LLP.

Although 2021 Series A Bond Counsel for the 2021 Series A Bonds is of the opinion that interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds will be excludible from gross income for Federal income tax purposes and that interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds is excludible from gross income for Kentucky income tax purposes, the ownership or disposition of, or the accrual or receipt of interest on, the 2021 Series A Bonds may otherwise affect a 2021 Series A Bondholder's Federal, state, or local tax liabilities. The nature and extent of these other tax consequences may depend upon the particular tax status of the 2021 Series A Bondholder or the 2021 Series A Bondholder's other items of income or deduction. Bond Counsel expresses no opinions regarding any tax consequences other than what is set forth in its opinion and each Bondholder or potential Bondholder is urged to consult with tax counsel with respect to the effects of purchasing, holding or disposing the 2021 Series A Bonds on the tax liabilities of the individual or entity.

Receipt of tax-exempt interest, ownership, or disposition of the 2021 Series A Bonds may result in other collateral federal, state, or local tax consequences for certain taxpayers. Such effects may include, without limitation, increasing the federal tax liability of certain foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax imposed by Section 884 of the Code, increasing the federal tax liability of certain insurance companies, under Section 832 of the Code, increasing the federal tax liability and affecting the status of certain S Corporations subject to Sections 1362 and 1375 of the Code, increasing the federal tax liability of certain individual recipients of Social Security or the Railroad Retirement benefits under Section 86 of the Code and limiting the amount of the Earned Income Credit under Section 32 of the Code that might otherwise be available. Ownership of any of the 2021 Series A Bonds may also result in the limitation of interest and certain other deductions for financial institutions and certain other taxpayers, pursuant to Section 265 of the Code. Finally, residence of the holder of the 2021 Series A Bonds in a state other than Kentucky or being subject to tax in a state other than Kentucky may result in income or other tax liabilities being imposed by such states or their political subdivisions based on the interest or other income from the 2021 Series A Bonds.

The City and the County have not designated the 2007 Series A Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265 of the Code.

/s/ Tom Mischel

Chair, Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Water Resource Agency

#### EXHIBIT A-1

# FORM OF ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE

[In case of receipt of at least three qualified bids for the 2021 Series A Bonds]

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# ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE

# \$14,755,000\* Owensboro-Daviess County, Kentucky Regional Water Resource Agency Wastewater Revenue Bonds, 2021 Series A

The undersigned, on behalf of [Name of Underwriter] ("[Short Name of Underwriter]"), hereby certifies as set forth below with respect to the sale of the above-captioned obligations (the "2021 Series A Bonds").

# 1. Reasonably Expected Initial Offering Price.

- (a) As of the Sale Date, the reasonably expected initial offering prices of the 2021 Series A Bonds to the Public by [Short Name of Underwriter] are the prices listed in Schedule A (the "Expected Offering Prices"). The Expected Offering Prices are the prices for the Maturities of the 2021 Series A Bonds used by [Short Name of Underwriter] in formulating its bid to purchase the 2021 Series A Bonds. Attached as Schedule B is a true and correct copy of the bid provided by [Short Name of Underwriter] to purchase the 2021 Series A Bonds.
- (b) [Short Name of Underwriter] was not given the opportunity to review other bids before submitting its bid.
- (c) The bid submitted by [Short Name of Underwriter] constituted a firm offer to purchase the 2021 Series A Bonds.
- **2. CUSIP Number.** The CUSIP number assigned to the final maturity of the 2021 Series A Bonds is [CUSIP Number].
- 3. Yield on the 2021 Series A Bonds. It computed the yield on the 2021 Series A Bonds, [Yield%], as that yield (determined on the basis of semiannual compounding) which, when used in computing the present worth of all payments of principal and interest to be made with respect to particular obligations, produces an amount equal to their purchase price, which, in the case of the 2021 Series A Bonds is the Expected Offering Prices, determined without taking into account issuance expenses and Underwriter's discount.
- **4. Weighted Average Maturity.** The "weighted average maturity" of the 2021 Series A Bonds has been calculated to be [\_\_\_\_] years. The weighted average maturity is the sum of the products of the respective Expected Offering Price of each Maturity and the number of years to maturity (determined separately for each Maturity and by taking into account mandatory redemptions), divided by the aggregate Expected Offering Prices of the 2021 Series A Bonds as of the date hereof.

## 5. Defined Terms.

- (a) "Agency" means the Owensboro-Daviess County, Kentucky Regional Water Resource Agency.
- (b) "Maturity" means 2021 Series A Bonds with the same credit and payment terms. 2021 Series A Bonds with different maturity dates, or 2021 Series A Bonds with the same maturity date but different stated interest rates, are treated as separate Maturities.
- (c) "Public" means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a related party to an Underwriter. The term "related party" for purposes of this certificate generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50 percent common ownership, directly or indirectly.

- (d) "Sale Date" means the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale of a Maturity of the 2021 Series A Bonds. The Sale Date of the Bonds is December 2, 2021.
- (e) "Underwriter" means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Agency (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the 2021 Series A Bonds to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the 2021 Series A Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the 2021 Series A Bonds to the Public).

The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents [Short Name of Underwriter]'s interpretation of any laws, including specifically Sections 103 and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations thereunder. The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the Agency with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the foregoing tax certificate and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the 2021 Series A Bonds, and by Dinsmore & Shohl LLP in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G and other federal income tax advice that it may give to the Agency from time to time relating to the 2021 Series A Bonds.

[NAME OF UNDERWRITER]

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Dated: December 21, 2021

# SCHEDULE A TO ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE

# EXPECTED OFFERING PRICES

(Attached)

# SCHEDULE B TO ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE

# **COPY OF BID**

(Attached)

#### **EXHIBIT A-2**

# FORM OF ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE

[In case of receipt of less than three qualified bids for the 2021 Series A Bonds]

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# ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE

# \$14,755,000\* Owensboro-Daviess County, Kentucky Regional Water Resource Agency Wastewater Revenue Bonds, 2021 Series A

The undersigned, on behalf of [Name of Underwriter] (["[Short Name of Underwriter]")][, on behalf of itself and [Names of other Underwriters] (together, the "Underwriting Group"),] hereby certifies as set forth below with respect to the sale and issuance of the above-captioned obligations (the "2021 Series A Bonds").

1. Sale of the General Rule Maturities. As of the date of this certificate, for each Maturity of the General Rule Maturities, the first price at which at least 10% of such Maturity was sold to the Public is the respective price listed in Schedule A.

# 2. Initial Offering Price of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities.

- (a) [Short Name of Underwriter][The Underwriting Group] offered the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities to the Public for purchase at the respective initial offering prices listed in Schedule A (the "Initial Offering Prices") on or before the Sale Date. A copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication for the 2021 Series A Bonds is attached to this certificate as Schedule B.
- (b) As set forth in the Official Terms and Conditions of Bond Sale, [Short Name of Underwriter] has agreed in writing that, (i) for each Maturity of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities, it would neither offer nor sell any of the 2021 Series A Bonds of such Maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the Initial Offering Price for such Maturity during the Holding Period for such Maturity (the "hold-the-offering-price rule"), and (ii) any selling group agreement shall contain the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and any retail distribution agreement shall contain the agreement of each broker-dealer who is a party to the retail distribution agreement, to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule. Pursuant to such agreement, no Underwriter (as defined below) has offered or sold any Maturity of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities at a price that is higher than the respective Initial Offering Price for that Maturity of the 2021 Series A Bonds during the Holding Period.
- 3. **CUSIP Number.** The CUSIP number assigned to the final maturity of the 2021 Series A Bonds is [CUSIP Number].
- **4. Yield on the Bonds.** It computed the yield on the 2021 Series A Bonds, [Yield%], as that yield (determined on the basis of semiannual compounding) which, when used in computing the present worth of all payments of principal and interest to be made with respect to particular obligations, produces an amount equal to their purchase price, which, in the case of the 2021 Series A Bonds is the Initial Offering Prices, determined without taking into account issuance expenses and Underwriter's discount.
- **5. Weighted Average Maturity.** The "weighted average maturity" of the 2021 Series A Bonds has been calculated to be [\_\_\_\_] years. The weighted average maturity is the sum of the products of the respective Initial Offering Price of each Maturity and the number of years to maturity (determined separately for each Maturity and by taking into account mandatory redemptions), divided by the aggregate Initial Offering Prices of the 2021 Series A Bonds as of the date hereof.

# 6. Defined Terms.

(a) "General Rule Maturities" means those Maturities of the 2021 Series A Bonds listed in Schedule A hereto as the "General Rule Maturities."

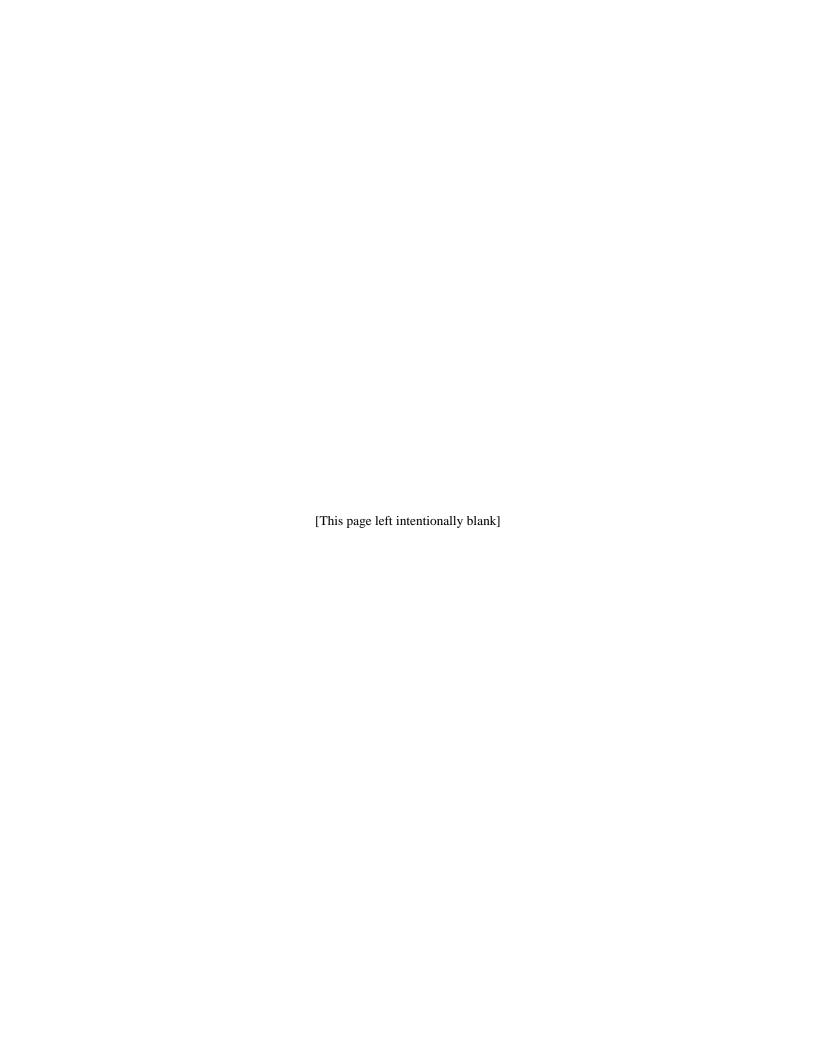
- (b) "Hold-the-Offering-Price" Maturities means those Maturities of the 2021 Series A Bonds listed in Schedule A hereto as the "Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities."
- (c) "Holding Period" means, with respect to a Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity, the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of (i) the close of the fifth business day after the Sale Date ([\_\_\_\_], 2021), or (ii) the date on which [Short Name of Underwriter][the Underwriting Group] [has][have] sold at least 10% of such Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity to the Public at prices that are no higher than the Initial Offering Price for such Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity.
  - (d) "Agency" means the Owensboro-Daviess County, Kentucky Regional Water Resource Agency.
- (e) "Maturity" means 2021 Series A Bonds with the same credit and payment terms. 2021 Series A Bonds with different maturity dates, or 2021 Series A Bonds with the same maturity date but different stated interest rates, are treated as separate maturities.
- (f) "Public" means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a related party to an Underwriter. The term "related party" for purposes of this certificate generally means any two or more persons who have greater than fifty percent common ownership, directly or indirectly.
- (g) "Sale Date" means the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale of a Maturity of the 2021 Series A Bonds. The Sale Date of the 2021 Series A Bonds is December 2, 2021.
- (h) "Underwriter" means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Agency (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the 2021 Series A Bonds to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the 2021 Series A Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the 2021 Series A Bonds to the Public).

The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents [Short Name of Underwriter]'s interpretation of any laws, including specifically Sections 103 and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations thereunder. The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the Agency with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the foregoing tax certificate and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the 2021 Series A Bonds, and by Dinsmore & Shohl LLP in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G and other federal income tax advice that it may give to the Agency from time to time relating to the 2021 Series A Bonds.

[NAME OF UNDERWRITER][as Representative of the Underwriter Group]

Ву:	
Name:	
Dated: December 21 2021	

# APPENDIX H OWENSBORO-DAVIESS COUNTY, KENTUCKY REGIONAL WATER RESOURCE AGENCY WASTEWATER REVENUE BONDS 2021 SERIES A Official Bid Form



## **OFFICIAL BID FORM**

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Official Terms and Conditions of Bond Sale for \$14,755,000\* of Wastewater Revenue Bonds, 2021 Series A, dated December 21, 2021 (the "2021 Series A Bonds") offered for sale by the Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Water Resource Agency (the "Agency") in accordance with the Preliminary Official Statement dated November 23, 2021, to all of which the undersigned agrees, the undersigned hereby submits the following offer to purchase the 2021 Series A Bonds.

We hereby bid for the \$14,755,000\* principal amount of the 2021 Series A Bonds maturing on December 1, 2022, and each December 1 thereafter of the years and in the amounts set forth below, the total sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not less than \$14,459,900 (98% of par) and not more than \$15,492,750 (105% of par), at the following annual rate(s), payable semiannually, commencing June 1, 2022 (number of interest rates unlimited):

Maturity	Amount*	Interest Rate	Maturity	Amount*	Interest Rate
December 1, 2022	\$660,000	%	December 1, 2032	\$725,000	%
December 1, 2023	665,000	%	December 1, 2033	735,000	%
December 1, 2024	665,000	%	December 1, 2034	750,000	%
December 1, 2025	670,000	%	December 1, 2035	765,000	%
December 1, 2026	675,000	%	December 1, 2036	785,000	%
December 1, 2027	680,000	%	December 1, 2037	800,000	%
December 1, 2028	685,000	%	December 1, 2038	815,000	%
December 1, 2029	695,000	%	December 1, 2039	835,000	%
December 1, 2030	705,000	%	December 1, 2040	855,000	%
December 1, 2031	715,000	%	December 1, 2041	875,000	%

PURCHASER'S OPTION - The Purchaser of the 2021 Series A Bonds may specify to the Agency that any 2021 Series A Bonds may be combined with immediately succeeding sequential maturities into a term bond or term bonds, bearing a single rate of interest, with the maturities set forth above (or as such may be adjusted as provided herein) comprising mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts for such term bond(s).

The amounts indicated above maturing in the following years:amounts for term bonds due	are sinking	fund r	edemption
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Neither the Agency nor the Financial Advisor assumes any responsibility whatsoever with regard to the receipt of bids, or that adequate personnel and/or equipment are available to accept all telephonic transfers of bids before the appointed date and time of sale. Bidders have the sole responsibility of assuring that their bids have been received. Bids must be submitted electronically via PARITY® pursuant to this Notice until the appointed date and time, but no bid will be received after such time.

It is understood that the Agency will furnish the final, approving Legal Opinion of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, Bond Counsel to the Agency. We understand that no certified or bank cashier's check will be required to accompany the bid, but that if we are the successful bidder, we shall be required to wire transfer an amount equal to two percent (2.0%) of the amount of 2021 Series A Bonds awarded by the close of business on the day following the award. The amount will be applied (without interest) to the purchase price when the 2021 Series A Bonds are tendered to us for delivery.

If we are the successful bidder, we agree to accept and make payment for the 2021 Series A Bonds in immediately available funds within forty-five days from the date of sale in accordance with the terms of the sale.

	Respectfully s	submitted,	
		Bidder	
		Address	
	Ву:	Signature	
Total interest cost from December 21, 2021, to final maturity	\$		
Plus discount or less premium, if any	\$		
True interest cost (i.e. TIC)	\$		
True interest rate (%)			%

The above computation of true interest cost and of true interest rate or cost is submitted for information only and is not a part of this Bid.

Accepted this December 2, 2021 by the Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Water Resource Agency, as follows:

Maturity	Amount	Interest Rate	Maturity	Amount	Interest Rate
December 1, 2022	\$	%	December 1, 2032	\$	%
December 1, 2023	\$	%	December 1, 2033	\$	%
December 1, 2024	\$	%	December 1, 2034	\$	%
December 1, 2025	\$	%	December 1, 2035	\$	%
December 1, 2026	\$	%	December 1, 2036	\$	%
December 1, 2027	\$	%	December 1, 2037	\$	%
December 1, 2028	\$	%	December 1, 2038	\$	%
December 1, 2029	\$	%	December 1, 2039	\$	%
December 1, 2030	\$	%	December 1, 2040	\$	%
December 1, 2031	\$	%	December 1, 2041	\$	%

Chair Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Water Resource Agency