In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under existing law and assuming compliance with certain covenants, interest on the Bonds is not includable in the gross income of the holders thereof under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and is exempt from Nebraska state income taxes. No opinion is expressed with respect to any other tax. See "LEGAL MATTERS—Tax Exemption" herein. Sanitary and Improvement District No. 501 of Douglas County, Nebraska (the "District") has designated the Bonds as "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

# \$1,210,000 SANITARY AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 501 OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA (Castle Creek) GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS SERIES 2020

Dated: March 5, 2020 Due: May 1, as shown below

Sanitary and Improvement District No. 501 of Douglas County, Nebraska (Castle Creek), a body corporate and politic and a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska (the "District"), is issuing the above-captioned bonds (the "Bonds") pursuant to its authority under Sections 10-615 and 31-727 et seq., Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended, and a resolution of the District's Board of Trustees (the "Resolution").

The District is issuing the Bonds in fully registered form which, when initially issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). DTC will serve as securities depository for the Bonds. Purchases of the Bonds will be made in book-entry-only form, in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, through brokers and dealers who are, or who act through, DTC participants. Beneficial owners of the Bonds will not receive physical delivery of bond certificates so long as DTC or a successor securities depository acts as the security depository with respect to the Bonds. See "THE BONDS — Book-Entry Only System" herein.

Interest is payable semiannually on May 1 and November 1 of each year, commencing May 1, 2020. So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of the Bonds, payments of the principal or redemption price of and interest on the Bonds will be made directly to DTC. Disbursement of such payments to DTC participants is the responsibility of DTC. UMB Bank, N.A., West Des Moines, Iowa will serve as paying agent and registrar (the "Paying Agent") for the Bonds. For terms relating to payments made to DTC or its nominee or in the event that the use of book-entry form is discontinued, see "THE BONDS — Book-Entry-Only System" herein.

The Bonds are subject to optional redemption prior to maturity at the option of the District, in whole or in part, at any time on or five years from the dated date of the Bonds at the principal amount thereof plus interest to the redemption date, all as described in this Official Statement.

The Bonds and the interest thereon constitute general obligations of the District, payable from ad valorem taxes, without limitation as to rate or amount, which will be sufficient to meet the punctual payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds as such principal and interest become due.

## MATURITY SCHEDULE

	Maturity					Maturity			
	Date	Principal	Interest			Date	Principal	Interest	
Type	(May 1)	Amount	Rate	Price	Type	(May 1)	Amount	Rate	Price
Serial	2023	\$5,000	2.00%	100%	Serial	2037	\$250,000	2.95%	100%
Serial	2035	200,000	2.85	100	Serial	2038	250,000	3.00	100
Serial	2036	250,000	2.90	100	Serial	2039	255,000	3.05	100

SEE "BONDHOLDERS' RISKS" HEREIN FOR A DISCUSSION OF CERTAIN RISK FACTORS THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED (IN ADDITION TO THE OTHER MATTERS SET FORTH HEREIN) IN EVALUATING THE INVESTMENT QUALITY OF THE BONDS.

This cover page contains information for quick reference only. It is not a summary of the issue. Investors must read the entire Official Statement to obtain information essential to the making of an informed investment decision.

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued, and received by the Underwriter subject to the approval of legality of the Bonds by Baird Holm LLP, Bond Counsel, and to certain other conditions. Kutak Rock LLP, Underwriter's Counsel, will provide certain legal advice to the Underwriter regarding this Official Statement. It is expected that the Bonds in definitive form will be available for delivery at DTC in New York, New York, on or about March 5, 2020.

#### AMERITAS INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC.

Dated: January 21, 2020

# SANITARY AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 501 OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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No dealer, broker, salesperson or other person has been authorized by the District or the Underwriter to give any information or to make any representations in connection with the Bonds or the matters described herein, 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 District or the Underwriter. 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 Bonds by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such offer, solicitation or sale. The information set forth herein has been obtained from the District and from other sources believed to be reliable, but it is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness. The information and expressions of opinion contained herein are subject to change, without notice, and 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 matters described herein since the date hereof. Statements contained in this Official Statement which involve estimates, forecasts or matters of opinion, whether or not expressly so described herein, are intended solely as such and are not to be construed as representations of fact. This Official Statement is submitted in connection with the sale of the Bonds referred to herein and may not be reproduced or used, in whole or in part, for any other purpose.

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THE UNDERWRITER INTENDS TO OFFER THE BONDS INITIALLY AT THE OFFERING PRICES SET FORTH ON THE COVER PAGE OF THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT, WHICH MAY SUBSEQUENTLY CHANGE WITHOUT ANY REQUIREMENT OF PRIOR NOTICE. IN CONNECTION WITH ITS REOFFERING OF THE BONDS, THE UNDERWRITER MAY OVERALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WHICH STABILIZE OR MAINTAIN MARKET PRICES OF THE BONDS AT LEVELS ABOVE THOSE WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE OPEN MARKET. SUCH STABILIZING, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME.

IN MAKING AN INVESTMENT DECISION, INVESTORS MUST RELY ON THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE DISTRICT AND THE TERMS OF THE OFFERING, INCLUDING THE MERITS AND RISKS INVOLVED. THE BONDS HAVE NOT BEEN RECOMMENDED BY ANY FEDERAL OR STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION OR REGULATORY AUTHORITY, AND THE BONDS HAVE NOT BEEN

REGISTERED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION BY REASON OF THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 3(a)(2) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED. THE FOREGOING AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT CONFIRMED THE ACCURACY OR DETERMINED THE ADEQUACY OF THIS DOCUMENT. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY MAY BE A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT CONTAINS "FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS" WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS. THESE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, STATEMENTS CONCERNING EXPECTATIONS, BELIEFS, OPINIONS, FUTURE PLANS AND STRATEGIES, ANTICIPATED EVENTS OR TRENDS AND SIMILAR EXPRESSIONS CONCERNING MATTERS THAT ARE NOT HISTORICAL FACTS. THE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT ARE SUBJECT TO RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES THAT COULD CAUSE ACTUAL RESULTS TO DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM THOSE EXPRESSED IN OR IMPLIED BY SUCH STATEMENTS. THE DISTRICT HAS NO DUTY OR OBLIGATION TO UPDATE ANY OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

#### OFFICIAL STATEMENT

# \$1,210,000 SANITARY AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 501 OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA (CASTLE CREEK) GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS SERIES 2020

## **INTRODUCTION**

This Official Statement has been prepared in connection with the offer for sale of \$1,210,000 in aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020 (the "Bonds") issued by Sanitary and Improvement District No. 501 of Douglas County, Nebraska (Castle Creek), a body corporate and politic and a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska (the "District").

Pursuant to Sections 10-615 and 31-727 et seq., Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended (the "Act"), a sanitary and improvement district may, finance or refinance the capital costs of public improvements and public infrastructure within the boundaries of such district. Once duly established, a sanitary and improvement district possesses certain powers, including, but not limited to, the authority to issue warrants and bonds for its authorized purposes, to assess special assessments and to levy ad valorem taxes to repay its indebtedness.

Brief descriptions of the Bonds, the security therefor and the District are included in this Official Statement together with summaries of certain provisions of the Bonds and the District's Resolution (as hereinafter defined) authorizing the issuance of the Bonds. Such descriptions do not purport to be comprehensive or definitive. All references herein to the Bonds and the Resolution are qualified in their entirety by reference to the complete documents, copies of which are available for inspection at the office of the Underwriter, Ameritas Investment Company, LLC, 5900 O Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68510, Attention: Ms. Jen Kobza, during normal business hours.

Prospective investors are advised to read carefully "BONDHOLDERS' RISKS" herein for a description of certain risk factors that should be considered (in addition to other matters set forth herein) in evaluating the investment quality of the Bonds.

## THE BONDS

# **General Description**

The Bonds will be dated March 5, 2020, and will bear interest from that date, payable May 1, 2020 and semiannually thereafter on May 1 and November 1 of each year (each an "Interest Payment Date"). The Bonds will mature on May 1 in the years and principal amounts and bear interest at the rates referred to on the cover page of this Official Statement.

Pursuant to the Resolution, the Bonds will be issued as fully registered bonds without coupons in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, not exceeding the amount of each maturity. Interest on the Bonds will be calculated based on twelve 30-day months and a 360-day year.

#### **Authority for Issuance and Use of Proceeds**

The District and the Board of Trustees of the District on April 4, 2014 commenced a proceeding in

the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nebraska, identified as case number BK 14-80658, under Chapter 9 of the United States Bankruptcy Code; the District proposed its Plan of Adjustment in such Bankruptcy Court Proceeding and the Plan of Adjustment was approved and confirmed by an Order of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nebraska dated August 26, 2014 (the said Plan of Adjustment and said Order, are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Plan").

The District is issuing the Bonds pursuant to and by authority of the Act, a Bond Resolution (the "Resolution") adopted by the District's Board of Trustees on January 21, 2020, authorizing the issuance and sale of the Bonds, and an order of the Douglas County District Court as required by the Act, approving the Resolution and the issuance of the Bonds.

In accordance with the Plan, the District exchanged all of its outstanding construction fund warrants (plus accrued interest) which the District used to pay the cost of installing public infrastructure in the District for its Certificates of Indebtedness in the original principal amount of \$7,426,875 (the "Certificates"). The Certificates are subject to redemption in whole or in part, prior to maturity at the option of the District any time, at the principal amount thereof, with no redemption premium. Pursuant to the Plan, principal distributions on the Certificates will be processed as a pro-rata pass-through distribution.

The District will use the proceeds of the Bonds to (i) refund on a current refunding basis on March 5, 2020 (the "Redemption Date") \$98,416.79 principal amount of Certificates (the "Refunded Certificates"), (ii) pay \$694,623.03 of accrued interest on the Certificates and (iii) fund capital construction projects in the District in the approximate amount of \$350,000 (collectively, the "Project"). The District's General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017 and its General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018 (collectively, the "Parity Bonds"), which are secured on parity with the Bonds, are outstanding in the aggregate principal amounts of \$1,530,000 and \$4,350,000, respectively.

# Registration, Transfer and Payment

The principal of the Bonds is payable upon presentation and surrender thereof at the principal corporate trust office of UMB Bank, N.A., West Des Moines, Iowa, as Paying Agent and Registrar (the "Paying Agent"). The interest on the Bonds will be payable by check or draft mailed to registered owners appearing on the books of the Paying Agent at the close of business fifteen days prior to the Interest Payment Date (the "Record Date").

The District and the Paying Agent may treat the registered owner of any Bond as the absolute owner of such Bond for the purpose of making payment thereof and for all other purposes and neither the District nor the Paying Agent shall be bound by any notice or knowledge to the contrary, whether such Bond shall be overdue or not. All payments of or on account of interest to any registered owner of any Bond and all payments of or on account of principal to the registered owner of any Bond, shall be valid and effectual and shall be a discharge of the District and the Paying Agent, in respect of the liability upon the Bond or claim for interest, as the case may be, to the extent of the sum or sums paid.

The District will cause books for the registration and transfer of the Bonds to be kept at the principal office of the Paying Agent at all times while any of such Bonds shall be outstanding. Any Bond may be transferred pursuant to its provisions at the principal office of the Paying Agent by surrender of such Bond for cancellation, accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in a form satisfactory to such Paying Agent, duly executed by the registered owner in person or by his duly authorized agent, and thereupon the Paying Agent will authenticate and deliver at the office of the Paying Agent (or send by registered mail to the owner thereof at such owner's expense), in the name of the transferee or transferees, a new Bond of the same series, interest rate, principal amount and maturity, dated so there shall result no gain or loss of interest as a result of such transfer. To the extent of denominations authorized for Bonds by the Resolution, one

Bond may be transferred for several other Bonds of the same series, interest rate and maturity, and for a like aggregate principal amount and several such Bonds may be transferred for one or several such Bonds, respectively, of the same series, interest rate and maturity and for a like aggregate principal amount. As a condition of any registration or transfer, the Paying Agent may at its option require the payment of a sum sufficient to reimburse it or the District for any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed thereon. The Paying Agent may charge reasonable fees for a transfer; provided, however, the District shall not pay any such fees.

The Paying Agent shall not be required (a) to issue, transfer or exchange Bonds from the Record Date to the next Interest Payment Date; (b) to issue, register or transfer any Bonds for a period of 15 days immediately preceding any selection of Bonds for redemption or for a period of 15 days thereafter; or (c) to register, transfer or exchange any Bonds which have been designated for redemption within a period of 30 days immediately preceding the date fixed for redemption.

Transfer of interests by Beneficial Owners, so long as there is a securities depository serving, will be governed by the procedures described under "THE BONDS — Book-Entry-Only System" herein.

# **Book-Entry-Only System**

The Bonds initially are being issued solely in book-entry form to be held in the book-entry-only system maintained by The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. So long as such book-entry system is used, only DTC will receive or have the right to receive physical delivery of Bonds and Beneficial Owners (as hereinafter defined) will not be or be considered to be, and will not have any rights as, owners or holders of the Bonds under the Resolution. The following information about the book-entry-only system applicable to the Bonds has been supplied by DTC. Neither the District nor the Paying Agent makes any representations, warranties or guarantees with respect to its accuracy or completeness.

DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully-registered securities 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 Bond certificate will be issued for each maturity of the Bonds, each in the aggregate principal amount of 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 Securities 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 Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Bond ("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 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 Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Bonds is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds 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 Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not affect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such 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 Bonds may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Bonds, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Bond documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the 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 Paying Agent and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them. Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the 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 the Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the District, as issuer of the Bonds, 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 Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Principal and interest payments, redemption proceeds and distributions on the 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 District or the 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 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 District, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions, and interest payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the District 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.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the District or the Paying Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered to DTC. The District may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, 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 District believes to be reliable, but the District takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

NEITHER THE DISTRICT NOR THE PAYING AGENT WILL HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATION TO ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANT, INDIRECT PARTICIPANT OR ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER OR ANY OTHER PERSON NOT SHOWN ON THE REGISTRATION BOOKS OF THE PAYING AGENT AS BEING A HOLDER WITH RESPECT TO: (1) THE BONDS; (2) THE ACCURACY OF ANY RECORDS MAINTAINED BY DTC OR ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANT OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANT; (3) THE PAYMENT BY DTC OR ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANT OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANT OF ANY AMOUNT DUE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER IN RESPECT OF THE PRINCIPAL OR REDEMPTION PRICE OF OR INTEREST ON THE BONDS; (4) THE DELIVERY BY ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANT OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANT OF ANY NOTICE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER WHICH IS REQUIRED OR PERMITTED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE RESOLUTION TO BE GIVEN TO HOLDERS; (5) THE SELECTION OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS TO RECEIVE PAYMENT IN THE EVENT OF ANY PARTIAL REDEMPTION OF THE BONDS; OR (6) ANY CONSENT GIVEN OR OTHER ACTION TAKEN BY DTC AS HOLDER.

Each Beneficial Owner for whom a Direct Participant or Indirect Participant acquires an interest in the Bonds, as nominee, may desire to make arrangements with such Direct Participant or Indirect Participant to receive a credit balance in the records of such Direct Participant or Indirect Participant, to have all notices of redemption, elections to tender Bonds or other communications to or by DTC which may affect such Beneficial Owner forwarded in writing by such Direct Participant or Indirect Participant, and to have notification made of all debt service payments. Beneficial Owners may be charged a sum sufficient to cover any tax, fee, or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation to any transfer or exchange of their interests in the Bonds.

THE DISTRICT AND THE PAYING AGENT CANNOT AND DO NOT GIVE ANY ASSURANCES THAT THE DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR THE INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS WILL DISTRIBUTE TO THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE BONDS (i) PAYMENTS OF PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS, (ii) BONDS REPRESENTING AN OWNERSHIP INTEREST OR OTHER CONFIRMATION OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN THE BONDS OR (iii) REDEMPTION OR OTHER NOTICES SENT TO DTC OR CEDE & CO., ITS NOMINEE, AS THE REGISTERED OWNERS OF THE BONDS, OR THAT THEY WILL DO SO ON A TIMELY BASIS OR THAT DTC, DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS WILL SERVE AND ACT IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT. THE CURRENT "RULES" APPLICABLE TO DTC ARE ON FILE WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, AND THE CURRENT "PROCEDURES" OF DTC TO BE FOLLOWED IN DEALING WITH DIRECT PARTICIPANTS ARE ON FILE WITH DTC.

# **Optional Redemption**

The Bonds are subject to optional redemption prior to maturity at the option of the District, in whole or in part, at any time on or five years from the dated date of the Bonds at the principal amount thereof plus interest to the redemption date, with no redemption premium. The District may select the maturity of the Bonds so to be redeemed in its sole discretion.

## **Notice of Redemption**

Notice of redemption of any Bond or any portion thereof shall be given by first-class mail to the registered owner of such Bond, addressed to his or her registered address and placed in the mail not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption. Such notice shall specify the numbers of the Bonds called for redemption, the redemption date and the place where the redemption amount will be payable, and in the case of Bonds to be redeemed in part only, such notice shall specify the respective portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed. If the Paying Agent shall hold funds sufficient for such redemption on the date fixed for redemption and such notice shall have been given, the Bonds or the portion thereof thus called for redemption shall not bear interest after the date fixed for redemption. If less than all the Bonds of any maturity are to be redeemed, the Paying Agent shall determine, in its sole discretion, in any manner deemed by it to be fair and equitable, the particular Bonds or portions of Bonds of such maturity so to be redeemed. Any Bond shall be subject to redemption in part in a principal amount equal to \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof.

# **Security for Bonds**

Pursuant to the Resolution, the District irrevocably pledges its full faith, credit and resources and its taxing power for the prompt payment of the principal of and the interest on the Bonds and the Parity Bonds as the same become due. The District agrees that it will cause to be levied annually upon all the taxable property in the District an ad valorem tax which, together with collections of any special assessments or any other funds legally available for the purpose, will be sufficient to meet the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds, the Parity Bonds and any other bonds now or hereafter issued by the District, as such principal and interest become due. The Resolution does not limit such ad valorem tax as to rate or amount and it does not limit the ability or authority of the District to issue additional bonds in the future. See "APPENDIX A — Budget and Levy Limitations" thereunder for a discussion of challenges to Nebraska's property tax system. See also "BONDHOLDERS' RISKS — Parity Bonds."

# **Sources and Uses of Funds**

The District shall provide the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds (net of Underwriter's discount and other costs of issuance) to the County Treasurer of Douglas County, Nebraska, acting as the District's ex-officio treasurer, for deposit into the District's Bond Fund. The District will use the net proceeds of the Bonds to redeem the Refunded Certificates, pay accrued interest on the Certificates and fund the Project, all as set forth below:

#### **Sources:**

	Bond Proceeds (net of accrued interest, if any)	\$ <u>1,210,000.00</u>
	Total	<u>\$1,210,000.00</u>
Uses:		
	Principal Redemption of Refunded Certificates	\$98,416.79
	Accrued Interest on Certificates	694,623.03
	Deposit to Bond Fund for Project costs	351,870.18
	Cost of Issuance (including underwriter's discount)	65,090.00

Total .	 \$1	,210.	,000	.00

#### **BONDHOLDERS' RISKS**

# **Adverse Property Sale Conditions**

The development and sale of District properties are contingent upon numerous factors. Changes in general economic conditions, including fluctuations in the local real estate market, interest rates on construction loans, the availability of mortgage money, and other similar factors, may adversely affect the development of the District. Other factors influencing decisions to buy property in the District would include the overall tax levels, the convenience to local shopping and employment, accessibility to major highways and interstates, the proximity and reputation of schools and the availability and cost of utility services. Land development is subject to comprehensive federal, state and local regulations. There can be no assurance that future government policies will not adversely affect land development operations within the District. The ultimate consequence of such adverse conditions may be an inability by the District to pay its debts, including the Bonds.

# **Challenges to Property Tax System**

The levy and collection of ad valorem taxes by taxing jurisdictions in the State of Nebraska has been the object of legislative, judicial and electoral action. Ad valorem tax revenues are the primary source of payment of the Bonds; any diminution in the legal authority to levy and collect such taxes could adversely affect the timely payment of the Bonds. See "APPENDIX A — Budget and Levy Limitations."

# **Delinquent Special Assessments**

Even in the absence of adverse property development conditions, from time to time, the payment of special assessments with respect to various parcels of property in the District may be delinquent. A district may collect special assessments at the time of the sale of a developed lot with the sale price inclusive of the amount of the special assessments outstanding. Alternatively, a property owner may assume the obligation to repay special assessments in installments. Installments of special assessments are due and payable annually. Amounts available to the District from ad valorem tax revenues and other sources may not be sufficient to make up any special assessment shortfall.

# **Parity Bonds**

Other than the Parity Bonds, the District presently has no other bonds outstanding that are payable from or secured by the pledge of ad valorem taxes as permitted under the Act. However, neither the Act, nor the Resolution limits the ability or the authority of the District to issue additional bonds secured by a pledge of the revenues derived from such tax. No assurance can be given that the District will not elect to issue additional bonds payable from such tax levy prior to the final maturity of the Bonds.

#### **Bankruptcy of District**

The District filed for bankruptcy under Chapter 9 of the United States Bankruptcy Code pursuant to the previously defined Plan. The District issued the Certificates in exchange for the outstanding construction fund warrants of the District at the time of the filing of the Plan. The Plan will terminate by its terms in connection with the redemption of the Refunded Certificates. The Plan will have no application to the District going forward.

# **Bankruptcy of Property Owners**

The payment of property owners' taxes and special assessments and the ability of the District or Douglas County to foreclose the lien of a delinquent unpaid tax or assessment, as discussed under "Remedies for Delinquencies" in Appendix A, may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other laws generally affecting creditors' rights or by the laws of the State of Nebraska relating to judicial foreclosure or tax certificate sales. Bond Counsel's approving legal opinion will be qualified, as to the enforceability of the various legal instruments, by bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency or other similar laws affecting the rights of creditors generally.

Although personal bankruptcy proceedings would not extinguish the outstanding ad valorem taxes or special assessments, the bankruptcy of a property owner could result in a delay in prosecuting foreclosure proceedings. Such delay in prosecuting foreclosure proceedings would increase the likelihood of a delay or default in payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds and the possibility of partial or incomplete payments on delinquent installments of taxes or assessments. The dispersal of ownership of the property within the District to over two hundred property owners mitigates the potential risk of delay in the payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds due to a single District property owner filing for bankruptcy. See "APPENDIX A — District Development" and "APPENDIX B — Major Taxpayers".

## **No Investment Rating**

None of the Bonds, Parity Bonds, or any other debt obligation of the District is rated by a securities rating agency. The District has not applied, and does not intend to apply, for any such rating. The absence of an investment rating may adversely affect the marketability of the Bonds.

# No Secondary Market Maker

The Underwriter has not agreed to maintain a secondary market for the District's bonds, including the Bonds, and the District does not anticipate that such a market will exist. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should be prepared, therefore, to hold their Bonds until retired by the District.

# **ONGOING DISCLOSURE**

Subject to the provisions of a Dissemination Agent Agreement, by and between the District and UMB Bank, N.A., as dissemination agent, the District will provide a Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the "Undertaking") on behalf of the Bondholders and beneficial owners requiring the District to provide annually to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB"), in an electronic format accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB, (a) financial information about the District which the District customarily prepares and makes publicly available and (b) notices of the listed events specified by the Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Rule"). See "APPENDIX D—Form of Continuing Disclosure Undertaking."

A failure by the District to comply with the Undertaking will not constitute an event of default with respect to the Bonds, although any holder will have any available remedy at law or in equity, including seeking specific performance by court order, to cause the District to comply with its obligations under the Undertaking. The District inadvertently failed to properly indicate that filed financial information applied to all relevant existing undertakings associated with the District's Certificates during the past five years.

Pursuant to the Act, the District must annually file its independently audited financial statements with the Nebraska State Auditor of Public Accounts, where they are available as public records for inspection during normal business hours. See "FINANCIAL STATEMENTS."

#### **LEGAL MATTERS**

# **Legal Opinion**

The legal opinion of Baird Holm LLP, Omaha, Nebraska ("Bond Counsel"), approving the validity of the Bonds, will be provided to purchasers at the time of original delivery of the Bonds. Bond Counsel examined a transcript of the District's proceedings and relied thereon without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation. Bond Counsel has not reviewed, and undertakes no responsibility for, this Official Statement or any of the information contained herein, other than as it relates to its opinion. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriter by its Underwriter's Counsel, Kutak Rock LLP.

# **Tax Exemption**

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under existing laws and assuming compliance by the District with certain covenants:

- (a) The interest on the Bonds is not includable in the gross income of the holders thereof under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); and
  - (b) The Bonds are not "private activity bonds" as defined in the Code.

Bond Counsel also is of the opinion that the Bonds are not "arbitrage bonds" under Sections 103(b)(2) and 148 of the Code and regulations applicable thereto. Such opinion, however, is subject to qualification that certain intentional actions on the part of the District under the terms of the Code could result in the classification of the Bonds as arbitrage bonds.

No opinion is expressed by Bond Counsel with respect to the treatment of interest on the Bonds under the additional corporate minimum tax on "adjusted current earnings" as provided for in Sections 56(c) and (g) of the Code or with respect to any other tax based thereon or with respect to any other consequences affecting the federal income tax liability of a recipient of interest on the Bonds.

Under existing laws with respect to Nebraska state income taxes, such state income taxes are based upon the federal income taxes and federal taxable income and interest on the Bonds in the hands of the holders thereof will be subject to Nebraska state income taxes only to the extent that it may be subject to federal income taxes.

The opinions set forth above are subject to continuing compliance by the District with its covenants regarding federal tax laws in the Resolution. Failure to comply with such covenants could cause interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income retroactive to the date of issue of the Bonds.

The accrual or receipt of interest on the Bonds may otherwise affect the federal income tax liability of certain recipients such as banks, thrift institutions, property and casualty insurance companies, corporations (including S corporations and foreign corporations operating branches in the United States), Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefit recipients, taxpayers otherwise entitled to claim the earned income credit, or taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred (or continued) indebtedness to purchase or carry tax-exempt obligations, among others. The extent of these other tax consequences will depend upon the recipients' particular tax status or other items of income or deduction. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any such consequences and investors should consult their own tax advisors regarding the tax consequences of purchasing or holding the Bonds.

From time to time, there are legislative proposals in the Congress and in the states that, if enacted, could alter or amend the federal and state tax matters referred to above or adversely affect the market value of the Bonds. It cannot be predicted whether, or in what form, any such proposal might be enacted or whether if enacted it would apply to bonds issued prior to enactment. In addition, regulatory actions are from time to time announced or proposed and litigation is threatened or commenced which, if implemented or concluded in a particular manner, could adversely affect the market value of the Bonds. It cannot be predicted whether any such regulatory action will be implemented, how any particular litigation or judicial action will be resolved, or whether the Bonds or the market value thereof would be impacted thereby. Purchasers of the Bonds should consult their tax advisors regarding any pending or proposed legislation, regulatory initiatives or litigation. The opinions expressed by Bond Counsel are based upon existing legislation and regulations as interpreted by relevant judicial and regulatory authorities as of the date of issuance and delivery of the Bonds, and Bond Counsel has expressed no opinion as of any date subsequent thereto or with respect to any pending legislation, regulatory initiatives or litigation.

The District has designated the Bonds as its "qualified tax exempt obligations" under Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i)(III) of the Code and has covenanted and warranted that the District does not reasonably expect to issue warrants or bonds or other obligations aggregating in the principal amount of more than \$10,000,000 during the current calendar year. Financial institutions considering investing in the Bonds should consult with their tax advisors regarding the tax consequences of investing in the Bonds.

The rights of the holders of the Bonds and the priorities and enforceability thereof may be subject to valid bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, extension, compromise and other similar laws for the relief of debtors.

## **NO LITIGATION**

No litigation is pending or, to the knowledge of the District, threatened in any court to restrain or enjoin the issuance or delivery of any of the Bonds or in any way contesting or affecting the validity or tax-exempt status of the Bonds or the Resolution approving the Bonds or contesting the powers or authority of the District to issue the Bonds or to adopt such Resolution.

## **UNDERWRITING**

Ameritas Investment Company, LLC. is purchasing the Bonds from the District for resale at a purchase price of \$1,161,600 (principal amount of the Bonds, less an underwriting discount of \$48,400), plus accrued interest, if any. Ameritas Investment Company, LLC. shall make a public offering of the Bonds at not in excess of the public offering prices set forth on the cover page of this Official Statement. The Underwriter is obligated to purchase all of the Bonds if any of such Bonds are purchased. The Bonds may be offered and sold to certain dealers at prices lower than such public offering prices and the Underwriter may change such public offering prices from time to time.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited financial statements of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 are included in this Official Statement as Part Two of Appendix B and should be read in their entirety. Audited financial statements for the District for fiscal years ending prior to June 30, 2019 are available for inspection at the offices of the attorney for the District in Omaha, Nebraska and at the offices of the State Auditor of Public Accounts in Lincoln, Nebraska. Lutz & Company, P.C., as independent auditors, audited the financial statements of the District as of June 30, 2019 included in Appendix B of this Official Statement, as stated in their report appearing therein.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

The Chair of the Board of Trustees, on behalf of the District, executed and delivered this Official Statement. At the date of this Official Statement and at the date of delivery of the Bonds, (i) the information and statements, including financial statements, of or pertaining to the District, contained in this Official Statement were and are correct in all material respects; and (ii) insofar as the District and its affairs, including its financial affairs, are concerned, this Official Statement did not and does not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The District further confirms that insofar as the descriptions and statements, including financial data, contained in this Official Statement of or pertaining to nongovernmental bodies or governmental bodies other than the District are concerned, such descriptions, statements and data have been obtained from sources believed by the District to be reliable, and that the District has no reason to believe that they are untrue or incomplete in any material respect.

The information contained in this Official Statement has been obtained from the District and other sources believed to be reliable, but said information is not warranted or guaranteed, either expressly or impliedly, as to accuracy or completeness by the Underwriter.

Any statement in this Official Statement involving matter of opinion, whether or not expressly so stated, is intended as such and not as representations of fact. The appendices attached hereto are an integral part of this Official Statement, and should be read in conjunction with the foregoing material.

#### AUTHORIZATION OF OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The District hereby duly authorizes the delivery of this Official Statement.

SANITARY AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 501 OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

By /s/ John Allen Chair

#### APPENDIX A — GENERAL INFORMATION

# SANITARY AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 501 OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

(Castle Creek)

#### The District

The developer established Sanitary and Improvement District No. 501 of Douglas County, Nebraska (the "District"), commonly known as Castle Creek, on March 30, 2004 in accordance with Section 31-727 et seq., Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended (the "Act").

The District, the City of Omaha and the developer entered into a Subdivision Agreement pursuant to which the City of Omaha approved the zoning and platting of the District, and the District agreed to levy special assessments with respect to the District's public improvements and to levy ad valorem taxes. The City of Omaha provides sanitary sewer services to the District. The Metropolitan Utilities District and Omaha Public Power District provide the District and its residents with water and natural gas and electric utility services, respectively.

# **District Development**

The District consists of approximately 116 acres located southwest of 156<sup>th</sup> and State Streets, west of the city limits of Omaha, Nebraska. Installation of the public improvements in the District is complete. The District contains 319 platted single-family lots, townhome and villa lots. Built or under construction homes, townhomes and villas occupied 289 of such lots. Thirty residential lots remain available for additional home construction.

#### **Board of Trustees**

A five member Board of Trustees governs the District. The current members are as follows:

Name	Position
John Allen	Chair
Jeanne Knox	Clerk
Brett Vasek	Trustee
Christopher Fassero	Trustee
Judy Jacobsen	Trustee

Trustees Allen and Knox are associated with the developer of the District. All other trustees are resident property owners within the District. Thus, the control of the Board of Trustees has shifted from the developer of the District to the resident property owners. Under the Act, elections for members of the Board of Trustees occur every two years. The next Board of Trustees election is in September 2020.

# **Description of Budget Process**

As described below, budgets of sanitary and improvement districts in existence more than five years are subject to statutory budget limitations and the property tax levies of such districts are subject to tax levy limitations.

A sanitary and improvement district is required by state law to file its budget with the county clerk and state auditor on or before September 20 of each year. The District's accountant prepares a budget draft in July of each year based on actual expenses and revenues for the three preceding fiscal years and proposed expenses and revenues for the coming fiscal year. District budgets as proposed and adopted can frequently differ substantially from actual figures reviewed after the fact, especially in those years with major changes in tax rates or valuation. Such differences are principally due to the fact that while the fiscal year for a district begins on July 1, tax dollars generated by the budget are not received by the district until the following calendar year. The first half of such tax receipts is received during the spring of the following calendar year (April 1). The second half tax receipts are not received until the late summer of the following calendar year (August 1), several weeks into the ensuing fiscal year.

The proposed budget contains line items detailing, among other things, revenues and expenses in both the General Fund and the Bond Fund. Revenues in the General Fund cover noncapital items, i.e., operating expenses including insurance, streetlights, legal and accounting fees, and maintenance expenses. Revenues in the Bond Fund principally cover construction expenses (including associated professional fees), interest on registered construction fund warrants, principal redemption of registered construction fund warrants, and payments of principal and interest under outstanding bond issues. Revenues in the General Fund are generated primarily by ad valorem taxes, with a small amount coming from various state and local sources. Bond Fund revenues are generated in the same way, plus special assessments and interest thereon. The proposed budget compares total anticipated expenses with total anticipated revenues, other than those to be collected from property taxes, to arrive at a net amount that must be generated from ad valorem taxes.

The proposed budget is reviewed by the board of trustees of the district, in consultation with the district's attorney, accountant, and municipal advisor, if applicable. Prior to its adoption, a budget summary is published in a local legal newspaper one time at least five days prior to the budget meeting, with a copy of the meeting notice being given at least one week prior to the meeting. At the meeting, the budget is discussed in open and public session, after which it can be adopted as proposed or as modified at the meeting. If modified, a summary of the modifications must be published one time in a legal newspaper within 20 days of adoption of the budget.

While district budgets must "balance," that balance is often accomplished through the registration of warrants. Under the warrant registration process, a warrant drawn on the district is not paid when presented to the county treasurer if adequate funds are not then on hand in that particular district fund to pay the warrant. It is then registered with the date of presentment for payment determining the date when interest begins to accrue and determining the priority of payment. Warrants are paid in the order of registration.

# Ad valorem Taxes

Property taxes received by sanitary and improvement districts are levied and collected in the same manner as property taxes for other political subdivisions. Once all taxing authorities have submitted their budgets to the county in which they are located after any final adjustments have been made in the valuation of property within a district, the dollar requirements of each taxing authority are converted to a tax rate (based on cents per \$100 of actual taxable valuation) and total tax bills for the ensuing calendar year (not fiscal year) are compiled showing the breakdown of taxes attributable to each taxing authority and the total tax bill related to each parcel of property.

During December of each year, the Douglas County Treasurer sends a tax statement to each owner of property within the county, which states that the property taxes for such year are due on December 31 of that year. Half of such tax amount becomes delinquent April 1 of the subsequent year and the other half delinquent August 1. Taxes not paid before the date of delinquency draw interest at the rate of 14%.

If taxes are not paid within three years of the due date, the parcel of property to which the taxes appertain is subject to foreclosure by Douglas County, Nebraska. Prior to entry of a decree of foreclosure and sale for delinquent taxes, the county treasurer may conduct a tax certificate sale with respect to such parcel. See "Remedies for Delinquencies" below.

When the Douglas County Treasurer receives tax payments, they allocate the payments among the various taxing authorities levying taxes. The Douglas County Treasurer is the ex-officio treasurer for all sanitary and improvement districts within Douglas County, Nebraska, including the District. Those funds collected pursuant to a district's tax levy are then deposited into such district's General Fund and Bond Fund, as applicable. A district's claim for its share of general ad valorem taxes is of equal priority with the tax claims of other taxing authorities, and such taxes constitute a first lien against the property, superior to purchase money mortgages, special assessments and all other liens.

Bondholders are paid the principal of and the interest on bonds issued by sanitary and improvements districts generally from ad valorem taxes and special assessments. Individual bondholders do not enjoy a lien on the real property within a district. The remedies of a tax certificate sale and foreclosure available to the county and a district, as applicable, may accrue to the benefit of the bondholders, but are not directly available to bondholders. If the payment of bond principal has been in default for over 90 days, a majority of the bondholders may petition for the appointment of an administrator in lieu of the district board of trustees. The board of trustees or the new administrator, if any, may negotiate agreements to compromise the indebtedness, including the issuance of new bonds in conjunction with a workout. This effort can include a voluntary Chapter 9 bankruptcy filing by the district. See "BONDHOLDERS' RISKS — Bankruptcy of District."

# **Budget and Levy Limitations**

The Nebraska Legislature has imposed budget limitations and property tax restrictions on Nebraska political subdivisions, including sanitary and improvement districts, intended to reduce the level of property taxation and expenditures in the State of Nebraska (the "State"). State law prohibits governmental units, including sanitary and improvement districts in existence for more than five years, from adopting budgets in excess of 102.5% of the prior fiscal year's budget plus allowable growth (which includes increases in taxable valuation for such things as new construction and annexations). However, such budgetary limitations do not apply, among other things, to revenues pledged to retire bonded indebtedness, such as the Bonds, or budgeted for capital improvements. Provision also is made for a governmental unit to exceed the budget limit for a given fiscal year by up to an additional 1% upon the affirmative vote of at least 75% of the governing body or in such amount as is approved by a majority vote of the electorate. State law also limits the maximum rates that may be levied by each type of governmental unit. The General Fund levy of a sanitary and improvement district in existence for more than five years is limited to a maximum of 40¢ per \$100 of taxable valuation (districts in existence less than five years are not subject to any maximum General Fund levy until they reach their fifth anniversary). The levy limit does not apply to tax levies for bonded indebtedness, such as the Bonds, approved according to law and secured by a levy on property. Taxable value of motor vehicles no longer constitutes a portion of the ad valorem tax base of sanitary and improvement districts and districts do not receive motor vehicle taxes. Special assessments are not property taxes subject to the levy limitation. State law permits a political subdivision to exceed its levy limitation for a period of up to five years by majority vote of the electorate.

There can be no assurance that Nebraska's system of assessing and taxing real property will remain substantially unchanged. Such changes could materially and adversely affect the amount of property tax revenues the District could collect in future years. The District does not believe that the Nebraska Legislature, subject to constitutional restrictions, if any, would leave the District without adequate taxing

resources to pay for its programs and meet its financial obligations, including the repayment of its warrants, bonds and other obligations.

# **Special Assessments**

As of October 2019, the District has outstanding special assessments, including accrued interest in the amount of \$828,414. Under the Act, the District assesses against specially benefitted property, a portion of the costs of the work for which the District issues construction fund warrants. After the Board of Trustees of the District levies such assessments, the Douglas County Treasurer collects them on behalf of the District. Special assessments relating to the District's improvements constitute a lien in favor of the District on the assessed property, but do not constitute a personal or corporate indebtedness of the owners of property within the District. The lien of the District is inferior only to the general taxes levied by the State and its political subdivisions, including the District. Special assessments are due without interest 50 days after the date of levy, but if not so paid they shall bear interest thereafter on a per annum basis. Interest accrues on annual installments at the interest rate per annum of the greater of (a) the rate of interest accruing on the construction fund warrants registered against the District 60 days prior to the actual levy of the special assessments or (b) the average rate of interest accruing on the District's construction fund warrants issued to pay for the improvements for which the special assessments are to be levied adjusted to the next greater ½%. Such assessments shall become delinquent in equal annual installments over such periods of years (not exceeding 20 years and typically 10 years), as the Board of Trustees determines at the time of making the levy. Delinquent installments bear interest at the rate of 2% per annum above the rate set by the District on such installments before delinquency, subject to a 14% per annum ceiling (subject to adjustment from time to time by the Legislature). If three or more annual installments become delinquent, the Board of Trustees of the District may declare all remaining annual installments due and payable and increase to 14% per annum (subject to adjustment from time to time by the Legislature) the interest rate on all installments.

# **Remedies for Delinquencies**

Tax Certificate Sale and Tax Deed. Nebraska law provides two statutory schemes for clearing the tax liens of delinquent special assessment installments and ad valorem taxes. Both processes require several years to reach conclusion. The first method is the sale of tax certificates by the county in which the property in question is located. County treasurers are empowered to sell tax certificates for real estate on which taxes or assessments have not been paid as provided by law for an amount equal to all of the taxes and, if so requested by the levying district, special assessments. The county treasurer conducts tax certificate sales in March following three weekly notice publications in general circulation newspapers in the county. For the tax certificate sale to occur, the county treasurer must receive a sale price at least equal to the sum of the delinquent assessments, delinquent ad valorem taxes, if any, and certain statutory expenses. If a tax certificate is sold, the liens of the special assessments and any other taxes are transferred to the purchaser, and the county treasurer will distribute to the district that portion of sale price attributable to the delinquent special assessment installments and the district's share of unpaid ad valorem taxes. Subject to the priority of outstanding bonds, the district then may retire warrants in full in the order registered to the extent of the amount of the proceeds of the tax certificate sale. The owner of the property will have three years from the tax certificate sale date to redeem the tax certificates, after which time the purchaser of the tax certificates, if not so redeemed, may obtain a tax deed pursuant to Section 77-1837, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended, or foreclose on the tax lien via a sheriff's sale as discussed below. If the purchaser exercises its right to acquire a tax deed, the district's lien for special assessments, if not so included in the tax certificate sale, will remain and the tax deed will be subject to the lien of special assessments. In order to obtain a tax deed or a sheriff's deed, the tax certificate holder must act under either method within nine months of the end of the three-year redemption period. If a tax certificate is not sold, the owner retains the

property, but interest still will accrue as aforesaid. The county treasurer conducts the tax certificate sale and maintains the records.

Foreclosure Proceedings and Sheriff's Deed. The second statutory method for clearing liens of taxes or assessments is foreclosure against the property in question. Either the sanitary and improvement district or the county may exercise the right to foreclose; however, a district may only foreclose its tax lien in the case of delinquent special assessments.

Additionally, as mentioned above, the purchaser of a tax certificate may also obtain a sheriff's deed via the foreclosure proceedings. Upon exercising the remedy of foreclosure pursuant to its tax certificate lien, the county court may immediately confirm the sale and issue a sheriff's deed to the tax certificate purchaser.

The district's board of trustees may initiate foreclosure proceedings once special assessment installments are delinquent for three years running and may bid its tax lien in the amount of delinquent special assessments at the sheriff sale. The district will take the property if there are no other adequate bids and may resell the property, in which event the proceeds of the resale must be divided among the affected taxing jurisdictions, including the district, in proportion to their respective liens. However, the district is not entitled to any surplus unless the county treasurer has first offered the special assessments for sale via the tax certificate sale process describe above.

Alternatively, the county may foreclose the lien of delinquent taxes or special assessments against property within a district. If taxes or assessments are delinquent for three years or more, the county must foreclose in order to recapture anticipated proceeds from property taxes and special assessments. If the special assessments are not requested by a district to be included in the tax foreclosure proceeding and the county treasurer has not previously offered the delinquent special assessments for sale, then the district's special assessment lien will survive the foreclosure sale.

Confirmation of the sale of foreclosed property pursuant to a sheriff's sale is not available until the passage of a two—year redemption period (during which time the delinquent property owner may satisfy the delinquency and remove the outstanding lien of taxes or special assessments), running from the sale date. Thus, the winning bidder must wait two years before receiving clear title. However, the purchaser of a tax certificate may foreclose its lien at the conclusion of the three year redemption period specifically associated with the tax certificate sale and will not be subject to an additional two year redemption period. Under the foreclosure proceedings, there is no requirement that the auction price equal or exceed the special assessments and ad valorem taxes then owing; the recovery, if any, can be insufficient to make bondholders whole.

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# DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

The annual debt service requirements on the Bonds and the Parity Bonds are shown below.

For Year Ending December 31	Debt Service on Parity Bonds	Debt Service on Bonds	Total
2020	\$441,270.00	\$5,553.72	\$446,823.72
2021	440,810.00	35,702.50	476,512.50
2022	454,850.00	35,702.50	490,552.50
2023	457,970.00	40,702.50	498,672.50
2024	450,395.00	35,602.50	485,997.50
2025	447,495.00	35,602.50	483,097.50
2026	449,062.50	35,602.50	484,665.00
2027	444,917.50	35,602.50	480,520.00
2028	445,167.50	35,602.50	480,770.00
2029	439,697.50	35,602.50	475,300.00
2030	553,575.00	35,602.50	589,177.50
2031	546,765.00	35,602.50	582,367.50
2032	544,335.00	35,602.50	579,937.50
2033	541,065.00	35,602.50	576,667.50
2034	371,940.00	35,602.50	407,542.50
2035	368,740.00	235,602.50	604,342.50
2036	370,100.00	279,902.50	650,002.50
2037	370,800.00	272,652.50	643,452.50
2038	375,840.00	265,277.50	641,117.50
2039	0.00	262,777.50	262,777.50
TOTAL	\$8,514,795.00	<u>\$1,825,501.22</u>	\$10,340,296.22

# APPENDIX B — FINANCIAL INFORMATION & ANNUAL AUDIT

# SANITARY AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 501 OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA—

Part One

Selected District Financial Information

# SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

2019 Taxable Valuation	\$78,752,260
Outstanding District Bonded Debt (Including the Bonds)	\$7,090,000
Outstanding District Certificate of Indebtedness (Following issuance of the Bonds)	\$0
Total Outstanding District Debt (Following issuance of the Bonds)	\$7,090,000
Bond Fund Balance (Following issuance of the Bonds)	\$697,583
Outstanding Special Assessments with accrued interest (Oct 2019)	\$828,414
Total Net District Debt (Following issuance of the Bonds) (Net District Debt=Outstanding	
District Debt, less Bond Fund Cash and Uncollected Special Assessments)	\$5,564,003
Ratio of District Debt to 2019 Taxable Valuation	9.00%
Ratio of Net District Debt to 2019 Taxable Valuation	7.06%

# STATEMENT OF DIRECT DEBT

# **Direct Debt**

General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017		\$1,530,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018		4,350,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020		1,210,000
	Total Direct Debt	\$7,090,000

Source: Douglas County Treasurer; Douglas County Assessor & Nebraska State Auditor Website

# **OVERLAPPING DEBT**

	2019 Taxable Valuation	Net Bonded Debt	Net Bonded Debt Applicable to S.I.D. No. 501
Douglas County	\$47,399,345,255	\$75,065,000	\$124,718
Omaha/Douglas Bldg. Commission	\$47,399,345,255	\$38,890,000	64,614
Omaha Public School District	\$23,750,647,812	\$613,391,563	2,033,880
Bennington Rural Fire District #7	\$2,126,470,186	\$7,630,000	<u>282,571</u>
<b>Total Overlapping Debt</b>			\$2,505,784
Total Direct Debt of District			\$7,090,000
Total Direct and Overlapping General Ob	\$9,595,784		
2019 Taxable Valuation			\$78,752,260
Ratio of Direct & Overlapping Debt to 20	12.18%		

Source: Douglas County Assessor & Nebraska State Auditor Website

# TOTAL PROPERTY TAX LEVIES

# Sanitary and Improvement District No. 501 Of Douglas County, Nebraska

(Levy rates are dollars per \$100 of actual valuation)

	2019/2020	2018/2019	2017/2018
SID No. 501 Tax Levy			
General Fund	0.30000	0.30000	0.40000
Bond Fund	0.60000	0.60000	0.50000
Total	0.90000	0.90000	0.90000
Other Taxing Entities			
Douglas County	0.29559	0.28059	0.28059
Omaha/Douglas Public Building			
Commission	0.01700	0.01700	0.01500
Omaha Public School District	1.24665	1.24501	1.25739
Papio NRD	0.03738	0.03759	0.03780
Educational Service Unit No. 19	0.01500	0.01500	0.01500
Metro. Community College	0.09500	0.09500	0.09500
Bennington Rural Fire District	0.06155	0.05777	0.08748
Learning Community	0.01605	0.01625	0.01625
Douglas County Library	0.02085	0.02789	0.02671
	1.80507	1.79210	1.83122
Total Levy SID No. 501	2.70507	2.69210	2.73122

Source: Douglas County Clerk

# PROPERTY VALUATIONS Sanitary and Improvement District No. 501

Year	Taxable
	Valuation
2019	\$78,752,260
2018	\$70,201,110
2017	\$60,307,500
2016	\$47,113,100
2015	\$40,655,800

Source: Douglas County Assessor

# PROPERTY TAX COLLECTIONS

# Sanitary and Improvement District No. 501 of Douglas County, Nebraska

				Percent		
<b>Year</b>	<u>Due *</u>	<b>Levied</b>	Collected	Collected		
2018/2019	12/31/2018	\$708,770	\$708,770	100.00%		
2017/2018	12/31/2017	\$631,810	\$631,810	100.00%		
2016/2017	12/31/2016	\$542,768	\$542,768	100.00%		

<sup>\*</sup> Taxes are due on December 31 of the year levied but may be paid in two equal installments due April 1 and August 1 of the following year. The taxes for the 2018/2019 year, accordingly, were due on December 31, 2018, but the first installment of such taxes did not become delinquent until April 1, 2019 and the second installment did not become delinquent until August 1, 2019. Thus, the amount of taxes collected in the current fiscal year will be reported upon preparation of the District's 2020 audited financial statements.

Source: Douglas County Treasurer

# **MAJOR TAXPAYERS**

No property owner in the District owns property with a taxable valuation in excess of 5.00% of the District's 2019 taxable valuation.

Source: Douglas County Assessor

# DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT

	<b>Built or Under</b>		Percent
District Build Out	<b>Construction Homes</b>	<b>Platted Lots</b>	<b>Complete</b>
Single Family/Townhome/Villa Lots	289	319	90.60%

# Part Two of Appendix B

Independent Auditor's Report and Combined Financial Statements fiscal year ending June 30, 2019

Basic Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report

June 30, 2019



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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

Board of Trustees

Sanitary and Improvement District No. 501 of Douglas County, Nebraska

#### **Report on Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Sanitary and Improvement District No. 501 of Douglas County, Nebraska, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the index.

## 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.

#### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit 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 of 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 auditors' 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 auditors consider 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 governmental activities and each major fund of Sanitary and Improvement District No. 501 of Douglas County, Nebraska, as of June 30, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Other Matters

## **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information included in Schedules 1 and 2 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a required part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

#### Other Information

We were engaged to audit the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying other supplementary information included in Schedules 3 and 4 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management. The information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements. Accordingly, it is inappropriate to and we do not express an opinion on the other supplementary information referred to above.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 13, 2019, on our consideration of Sanitary and Improvement District No. 501 of Douglas County, Nebraska'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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Lutz & Company, P.C.

**Governmental Funds Balance Sheet/Statement of Net Position** 

June 30, 2019

ASSETS	(	General <u>Fund</u>	De	ebt Service <u>Fund</u>		<u>Total</u>	Re	<u>conciliation</u>		itatement Net Position
Cash on Deposit  County Treasurer	\$	17,503	\$	550,960	\$	568,463	\$	_	\$	568,463
Receivables			т.	/	-	,			,	,
Property Taxes		93,183		181,691		274,874		1-		274,874
Special Assessments		-		383,331		383,331		-		383,331
Sewer Connection Fees		-		74,792		74,792		-		74,792
Accrued Interest Receivable						STATES AND SHOP IN				
Special Assessments		-		433,611		433,611		=		433,611
Capital Assets, Net of								2 447 005		2 447 005
Accumulated Depreciation	Ś	110 606	Ś	1 624 205	ć.	1 725 071	Ś	3,417,895	ċ	3,417,895
TOTAL ASSETS	>	110,686	\$	1,624,385	\$.	L,735,071	\$	3,417,895	\$	5,152,966
LIABILITIES										
Accounts Payable	\$	104,481	\$	_	\$	104,481	Ś	-	\$	104,481
Warrants Payable	,	505,928	7	-	-	505,928	7	-	7	505,928
Certificates of Indebtedness		-		-		, <u>-</u>		98,417		98,417
Accrued Interest on										
Warrants		52,617		-		52,617		-		52,617
Bonds		_		36,892		36,892		-		36,892
Certificates of Indebtedness		-		-		-		692,174		692,174
Bonds Payable								245 000		245 000
Due Within One Year		-		-		-		215,000		215,000
Due After One Year Total Liabilities		663,026		36,892		699,918		5,665,000 6,670,591		5,665,000 7,370,509
Total Liabilities		003,020		30,632		033,318		0,070,391		7,370,309
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		-				-		274,874		274,874
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES										
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT)/NET POSITION Unassigned, Reported in	UN	ı								
General Fund		(552,340)		_		(552,340)		552,340		
Restricted, Debt Service Fund		(332,340)		1,587,493	,	1,587,493		(1,587,493)		_
Total Fund Balance (Deficit)		(552,340)		1,587,493		1,035,153		(1,035,153)		-
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED							•			
INFLOWS OF RESOURCES,										
AND FUND BALANCE	\$	110,686	\$	1,624,385	\$1	L,735,071				
NET DOSITION							-3			
NET POSITION Invested in Capital Assets, Net of										
Related Debt								(3,252,696)		(3,252,696)
Unrestricted								(645,523)		(645,523)
Restricted for Debt Service								1,405,802		1,405,802
TOTAL NET POSITION							\$	(2,492,417)	\$	(2,492,417)

Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances/Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2019

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total	Reconciliation	Statement of Activities
REVENUES/RECEIPTS					
Property Taxes	\$ 210,604	\$ 421,207	\$ 631,811	\$ (59,581)	\$ 572,230
Interest on					
Property Taxes	171	223	394	-	394
Special Assessments	-	44,379	44,379	-	44,379
State Motor Vehicle Tax Allocation	530	908	1,438	-	1,438
Collection in District	-	3,350	3,350	-	3,350
Total Revenue/Receipts	211,305	470,067	681,372	(59,581)	621,791
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES					
Current:					
Collection Fees- County Treasurer	4,189	13,704	17,893	-	17,893
Clerk Fees	1,400	-	1,400	=	1,400
Depreciation	-	-	-	126,760	126,760
Engineering	21,982	-	21,982	=	21,982
Insurance	1,198	-	1,198	-	1,198
Interest on Warrants	37,759	-	37,759	-	37,759
Maintenance	78,290	1-	78,290	-	78,290
Professional Fees	26,102	-	26,102	-	26,102
Fiscal Agent Fees	6,790		6,790	-	6,790
Utilities	71,234	-	71,234	_	71,234
Certificate of Indebtedness	•		,		-
Principal	-	402,674	402,674	(402,674)	-
Bond Maintenance Costs	1,800	2,500	4,300	-	4,300
Bonds Payable		,			-
Principal Principal	-	140,000	140,000	(140,000)	_
Interest	-	234,080	234,080	-	234,080
Certificate of Indebtedness		,	,		,
Interest	_	-	-	692,174	692,174
Total Expenditures/Expenses	250,744	792,958	1,043,702	276,260	1,319,962
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues/Receip	ts				
Over Expenditures/Expenses	(39,439)	(322,891)	(362,330)	(335,841)	(698,171)
Change in Net Position				(698,171)	(698,171)
Fund Balance (Deficit)/Net Position,					
Beginning of Year	(512,901)	1,910,384	1,397,483	_	(1,794,246)
Fund Balance (Deficit)/Net Position,					
End of Year	\$ (552,340)	\$ 1,587,493	\$ 1,035,153	\$ -	\$ (2,492,417)

#### **Notes to Basic Financial Statements**

June 30, 2019

# 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of Sanitary and Improvement District No. 501 of Douglas County, Nebraska conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the District's significant policies.

# Reporting Entity

Sanitary and Improvement District No. 501 of Douglas County, Nebraska (the District), formed on March 29, 2004, is a governmental subdivision authorized under the statutes of the State of Nebraska. The District operates under an elected Board of Trustees which governs all activities related to streets, utility systems, and other public improvements within the jurisdiction of the District. The accompanying basic financial statements present the District's primary government unit and no component units because the District does not have any component units.

#### **Basic Financial Statements**

The basic financial statements include the government-wide and fund financial statements and provide reports on the financial condition and results of operations for the District. The government-wide financial statements are based on the District as a whole, while the fund financial statements provide information about the District's individual funds.

The District's government-wide financial statements include a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position. The accompanying Statement of Net Position presents all of the assets and deferred inflows over liabilities and deferred outflows. The Statement of Activities presents changes in net position from governmental activities. Governmental activities include programs supported primarily by taxes, special assessments and other intergovernmental revenues. The District has no fiduciary activities or business type activities that rely, to a significant extent, on fees and charges for support.

The District's governmental fund financial statements include the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. The District reports the two major governmental funds' financial condition and results of operations in separate columns.

#### **Fund Accounting**

The District used funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The District only used governmental funds.

#### **Notes to Basic Financial Statements**

June 30, 2019

#### **Governmental Funds**

Governmental funds are those through which most general governmental functions of the District are financed. The measurement focus is upon determination of changes in financial position, rather than upon net income determination. Only current assets and liabilities are included on the balance sheets, and the operating statements present sources and uses of available financial resources during a given period. The following major governmental funds are used by the District:

#### General Fund

The general fund is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

#### Debt Service Fund

The debt service fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, long-term debt principal, interest and related costs anticipated to be settled during the next fiscal year.

#### Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide financial statements are presented using the *economic resources* measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned while expenses are recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources* measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within thirty-one days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

# Net Position/Fund Balances

The net position of the District is classified as follows:

# Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt

This category consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the current balances of any outstanding borrowings used to finance the purchase or construction of those assets as well as deferred outflows or inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

#### **Notes to Basic Financial Statements**

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#### Restricted

This category consists of noncapital assets that must be used for a particular purpose, as specified by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws and regulations external to the District. The District's restricted net position presents amounts restricted for the repayment of principal and interest on long-term debt and related costs.

#### Unrestricted

This category consists of remaining net assets that do not meet the definitions of net position invested in capital assets, net of related debt or restricted net position as described above.

The governmental funds report up to five categories of fund balances as described below:

# Nonspendable Fund Balance

Nonspendable fund balances consist of amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The District had no nonspendable fund balance as of June 30, 2019.

#### Restricted Fund Balance

Restricted fund balances consist of amounts that are constrained by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws and regulations of other governments, or limitations that are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

#### - Committed Fund Balance

Committed fund balances consist of amounts that are only to be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by the highest level of decision making, which is the Board of Trustees. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government removes the restrictions through resolution. The District had no committed fund balance as of June 30, 2019.

#### - Assigned Fund Balance

Assigned fund balances consist of amounts that are constrained by the government intended to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. The authority for making the assignment is not required to be the government's highest decision making authority and the nature of the actions necessary to remove or modify the assignment is not as prescriptive as it is with regards to committed fund balances. The District had no assigned fund balance as of June 30, 2019.

# - Unassigned Fund Balance

Unassigned fund balances consist of the residual classification for the general fund.

#### **Notes to Basic Financial Statements**

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The District first applies restricted resources when an expense/expenditure is incurred for a purpose for which both restricted and unrestricted resources are available.

# **Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

The District is required to adopt an annual operating budget for all the funds over which the District controls. The budget is adopted using a cash basis of accounting which differs significantly from generally accepted accounting principles. Under the cash basis of accounting, revenues and expenditures are recorded when cash is received or paid, respectively. Payment is deemed to have been made when warrants are issued.

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

- (1) In September of each year, the District submits a proposed operating budget for all funds to the real estate owners of the District.
- (2) Notice of place and time of public hearings must be published prior to the public hearings.
- (3) Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comment.
- (4) After publication and hearing, the budget is legally adopted by majority vote of the Board. The District is required to file a copy of the adopted budget with the County Clerk and the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts in accordance with the Nebraska Budget Act.
- (5) The budget is adopted on a per-fund basis and budgetary control is exercised at the fund level.
- (6) The Board of Trustees may authorize supplementary appropriations during the year. (No such appropriations were made during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.)

## Investments

Excess funds may be invested by the District in accordance with the statutes of the State of Nebraska. Allowable investments generally include U.S. government obligations, certificates of deposit, and time deposits. The District does not have a formal investment policy but all investments have consisted of short-term U.S. Treasury bills.

All investment activities are conducted through the County Treasurer. Treasury bills are bought and held in safekeeping by the County Treasurer in the District's name. The District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk beyond compliance with state statutes.

The District had no investments at June 30, 2019.

GASB Statement No. 72 on Fair Value Measurements establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements).

#### **Notes to Basic Financial Statements**

#### June 30, 2019

U.S. government obligations are liquid and have quoted market prices. Fair value of U.S. government obligations is based on live trading data. U.S. government obligations are categorized in level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

#### **Property Taxes**

Property taxes receivable are recorded when a legal and enforceable claim is assessed against the property. Delinquent taxes are considered fully collectible; therefore, no allowance for uncollectible taxes is provided.

# Special Assessments and Sewer Connection Fees

Revenue on special assessments and sewer connection fees is recognized when the specials and fees are assessed. Special assessments and sewer connection fees are considered fully collectible; therefore, no allowance for uncollectible assessments or fees are provided.

## Capital Assets

Capital assets are stated at cost in accordance with construction contracts and other costs applicable thereto in the government-wide financial statements. Interest accrued on warrants issued for the construction of improvements is capitalized during the period of construction. Capital assets are classified as construction in progress until construction is complete or special assessments are levied. No depreciation expense is reported for capital assets classified as construction in progress. The costs of improvements disposed and the related accumulated depreciation are eliminated from the accounts in the year of disposal. Gains or losses from property disposals are recognized in the year of disposal. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

	Years
Storm and Sanitary Sewer Systems	50
Street Improvements	20
Park Improvements	15

# Credit Risk

The District's credit risk relates to receivables for property taxes, special assessments and sewer connection fees which are due from property owners within the boundaries of the District and cash on deposit with the Douglas County Treasurer. The District's investments are also exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risk.

#### **Notes to Basic Financial Statements**

June 30, 2019

### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of basic financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the District's Trustees to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the basic financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## Subsequent Events

Subsequent events are events or transactions that occur after the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet/Statement on Net Assets date, but before the financial statements are available to be issued and may require potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. Management has considered such events or transactions through December 13, 2019, noting no items requiring disclosure.

## 2. Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied in September and attached as an enforceable lien on the assessed property as of December 31. The first half payment becomes delinquent April 1 of the following year and the second half payment becomes delinquent August 1 of the following year. The Douglas County Treasurer bills and collects all property taxes for the District.

For 2018-2019, the District levied taxes at the rate of \$0.90 (\$.30 in the general fund and \$.60 in the debt service fund) per \$100 for the general fund based on a property valuation of \$70,201,110.

## 3. Special Assessments Receivable

Special assessments in the amount of \$3,273,340 were levied against certain properties within the District with the construction of improvements. The assessments are due in ten annual installments and bear interest at 7.5% per annum until delinquent and 9.5% per annum thereafter until paid.

# 4. Sewer Connection Fees Receivable

Sewer connection fees in the cumulative amount of \$299,252 were levied against certain properties within the District in connection with the construction of the District's sewers. The sewer connection fees are due on each lot prior to connection of the lot to the District's sewers.

**Notes to Basic Financial Statements** 

June 30, 2019

# 5. Capital Assets

Capital assets at June 30, 2019 consists of the following:

	Jui	Costs at ne 30, 2018	А	dditions	Deletions	Costs at ne 30, 2019
Sanitary Sewer System	\$	1,443,632	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 1,443,632
Storm Sewer System		2,823,301		-	-	2,823,301
Street Improvements		730,002		-	-	730,002
Park Improvements		73,821		=	 _	73,821
	\$	5,070,756	\$	_	\$ _	5,070,756
Less Accumulated Depre	ciation	ſ				 1,652,861
Capital Assets, Net of Accu	mulate	ed Depreciatio	n			\$ 3,417,895

# 6. Warrants Payable

Warrants registered with Douglas County accrue interest from the date of registration to the date they are called for payment.

General fund warrants are due 3 years from the date of issuance. Debt service fund warrants are due 5 years from the date of issuance.

The following is a summary of warrant transactions during the year ended June 30, 2019:

	General	D	ebt
	<u>Fund</u>	Servi	e Fund
Balance, June 30, 2018	\$ 552,238	\$	-
Warrants Issued	142,591		-
Warrants Retired	 (188,901)		-
Balance, June 30, 2019	\$ 505,928	\$	

Aggregate maturities of warrants outstanding during the next five years are as follows:

	General	Fund	Deb	t Servi	ce Fund
Year Ending	Amount	Interest	Amou	nt	Interest
June 30:	of Warrants	Rate	of Warra	ants	Rate
2020	\$ 136,599	7%	\$	-	
2021	226,738	7%		-	
2022	142,591	7%		-	
2023	-			-	
2024					
	\$ 505,928		\$	-	

**Notes to Basic Financial Statements** 

June 30, 2019

## 7. Certificates of Indebtedness

On March 1, 2015, outstanding debt service fund warrant principal and accrued interest through March 1, 2015, was exchanged for certificates of indebtedness as outlined in the Plan of Adjustment approved by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nebraska. See Note 10 for a description of the Chapter 9 bankruptcy proceedings.

The certificates totaling \$7,426,875 issued on March 1, 2015 with a balance of \$98,417 at June 30, 2019, are registered with Douglas County and bear interest at 4.00%. Each year through 2034 the District will make payments equal to the amount of funds available for distribution as determined by the District's fiscal agent. Payments will first be applied to outstanding principal then to accrued interest. Accrued interest outstanding at June 30, 2019 totaled \$692,174. Any unpaid principal and interest on the certificates at November 24, 2034 will be discharged. The certificates are subordinated to the District's general obligation bonds (see Note 8).

The following is a summary of certificate of indebtedness transactions for the year ended June 30, 2019:

Balance, June 30, 2018	\$ 501,091
Certificates of Indebtedness Principal Payments	(402,674)
Balance, June 30, 2019	\$ 98,417

#### 8. Long-Term Debt

The District's long-term debt consists of general obligation bonds which are reflected in the debt service fund.

General obligation refunding bonds totaling \$1,730,000 issued on September 15, 2017, with a balance of \$1,530,000 at June 30, 2019, are due serially beginning May 1, 2018 through May 1, 2029. Interest is payable semi-annually on this issue at 2.40% to 3.85% per annum.

General obligation refunding bonds totaling \$4,400,000 issued on April 16, 2018, with a balance of \$4,350,000 at June 30, 2019, are due serially beginning May 1, 2019 through May 1, 2038. Interest is payable semi-annually on this issue at 2.70% to 4.40% per annum.

The following is a summary of bonds payable transactions of the District for the year ended June 30, 2019:

Bonds Outstanding, June 30, 2018	\$ 6,020,000
Bonds Retired	(140,000)
Bonds Outstanding, June 30, 2019	\$ 5,880,000

# **Notes to Basic Financial Statements**

June 30, 2019

Aggregate maturities of long-term debt and interest due on long-term debt are as follows:

Year Ending June 30:	<u>Prin</u>	cipal	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2020	\$	215,000	\$ 226,270	\$ 441,270
2021		220,000	220,810	440,810
2022		240,000	214,850	454,850
2023		250,000	207,970	457,970
2024		250,000	200,395	450,395
2025-2029	1,	355,000	871,340	2,226,340
2030-2034	2,	015,000	542,680	2,557,680
2035-2038	1,	335,000	150,480	1,485,480
	\$ 5,	880,000	\$ 2,634,795	\$ 8,514,795

# 9. Reconciliation of Net Position and Changes in Net Position

Net Position Total fund balance per balance sheet	\$ 1,035,153
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	3,417,895
Some liabilities, including certificates of indebtedness, accrued interest on certificates of indebtedness, and bonds payable are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	(6,670,591)
Property tax revenue not yet earned at year end is reported as deferred inflows of resources.	(274,874)
Net position of governmental activities	\$ (2,492,417)

#### **Notes to Basic Financial Statements**

#### June 30, 2019

Changes in Net Position Net change in fund balance	\$ (362,330)
Current year property tax levy not yet earned at year end.	(59,581)
Certain expenses do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the funds.	(126,760)
Repayment of bond and certificates of indebtedness principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.	542,674
Interest on Certificates of indebtedness does not require the use of current financial resources and therefore is not reported as an expenditure in governmental funds.	(692,174)
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ (698,171)

#### 10. Commitments and Contingencies

The District has entered into various contracts and agreements related to the construction of streets, utility systems and other public improvements as well as general maintenance and other operating expenses related to the District. These contracts and agreements will be completed in the future. All expenditures are initially funded by the issuance of warrants. Maturities of warrants payable are primarily funded by the issuance of bonds payable and cash flow generated from special assessments, sewer connection fees and annual property tax levies. Special assessments and sewer connection fees are levied on a per lot basis. The generation of property taxes is dependent upon the growth of the valuation base as lots are developed. In addition, the District's ability to issue bonds is dependent upon an acceptable level of valuation for the District. The District's ability to fund its obligations in the future is contingent upon the increase in valuation, success of future lot sales and the development within the District.

#### **Chapter 9 Bankruptcy**

Slower than anticipated building activity has resulted in continued financial challenges for the District due to the lack of property valuation and special assessment collection. In April 2014, the District commenced proceedings to propose a Plan of Adjustment in the United States Bankruptcy Court under Chapter 9 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. The Plan outlines the exchange of all outstanding debt service fund warrants for certificates of indebtedness that bear interest at 4% and for a transfer of funds totaling not more than \$175,000 from the debt service fund to the general fund in an amount sufficient to retire certain outstanding general fund warrants and accrued interest (see Note 6). The Plan of Adjustment also specifies certain requirements related to property taxes and the issuance of general obligation bonds as well as restrictions on expenditures through November 2034. The Plan was confirmed by the United States Bankruptcy Court on August 26, 2014. The District's Plan of Adjustment is available at the Douglas County courthouse.

# **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

Schedule of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance-Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis) – General Fund

Schedule of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance-Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis) – Debt Service Fund

# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Information Required by Section 31-740, Nebraska Revised Statutes

**District Trustees and Related Bonds** 

Independent Auditors' 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

Schedule of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis) – General Fund

Schedule 1

Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Actual on GAAP Basis	to Bu		Actual on Budgetary Basis	Original and Final Budget	Fa	ariance- vorable avorable)
REVENUES/RECEIPTS	24515	_	<del>- 4515</del>	24313	Duagos	10	avoluble
Property Taxes	\$ 210,604	\$	3,181	\$ 213,785	\$ 206,474	\$	7,311
Interest on	φ 210,00 <sup>-</sup>	Y	5,101	7 213,703	7 200,174	7	7,511
Property Taxes	171		_	171	140		31
State Motor Vehicle Tax Allocation	530			530	490		40
Total Revenues/Receipts	211,305		3,181	214,486	207,104		7,382
Total Neverlues/ Necelpts	211,303		3,101	214,400	207,104		7,302
EXPENDITURES/DISBURSEMENTS							
Collection Fees- County Treasurer	4,189		_	4,189	7-		(4,189)
Clerk Fees	1,400		(200)	1,200	1,200		-
Engineering	21,982		(9,915)	12,067	19,000		6,933
Insurance	1,198		-	1,198	1,500		302
Interest on Warrants	37,759		(2,705)	35,054	35,000		(54)
Maintenance	78,290		(27,727)	50,563	110,000		59,437
Professional Fees	26,102		(1,988)	24,114	22,500		(1,614)
Fiscal Agent Fees	6,790		-	6,790	10,000		3,210
Title Search Fees	-		_	-	1,500		1,500
Traffic Safety	_			_	175		175
Utilities	71,234		(25,625)	45,609	50,000		4,391
Bond Maintenance Costs	1,800		(750)	1,050	50,000		(1,050)
Total Expenditures/Disbursements	250,744		(68,910)	181,834	250,875		69,041
Total Experiences esperiences			(00)010)				
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues/Receipts							
over Expenditures/Disbursements	(39,439)		72,091	32,652	(43,771)		76,423
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OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Warrants Issued	-		142,591	142,591	215,875		(73,284)
Warrants Retired	-	(:	188,901)	(188,901)	(202,000)		13,099
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-		(46,310)	(46,310)	13,875		(60,185)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES/							
RECEIPTS AND OTHER SOURCES							
OVER EXPENDITURES/DISBURSEMENTS							
AND OTHER USES	(39,439)		25,781	(13,658)	\$ (29,896)	\$	16,238
Fund Balance (Deficit), Beginning of Year	(512,901)	!	544,062	31,161			
Fund Balance (Deficit), End of Year	\$ (552,340)	\$ 5	569,843	\$ 17,503			

Schedule of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis) – Debt Service Fund

Schedule 2

Year Ended June 30, 2019

REVENUES/RECEIPTS	Actual on GAAP <u>Basis</u>	Adjustments to Budgetary <u>Basis</u>	Actual on Budgetary <u>Basis</u>	Original and Final <u>Budget</u>	Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)
Property Taxes	\$ 421,207	\$ (62,763)	\$ 358,444	\$ 412,948	\$ (54,504)
Interest on	, ,,_,	ψ (σΞ).σσ)	φ σσσ,	<i>τ</i> /υ .υ	ψ (0.)00 i/
Property Taxes	223	_	223	165	58
Special Assessments	44,379	130,000	174,379	300,000	(125,621)
Special Assessments	- 1,575	160,609	160,609	320,000	(159,391)
Sewer Connection Fees	_	3,788	3,788	19,000	(15,212)
State Motor Vehicle Tax Allocation	908	-	908	600	308
Collection in District	3,350	_	3,350	-	3,350
Total Revenues/Receipts	470,067	231,634	701,701	1,052,713	(351,012)
EXPENDITURES/DISBURSEMENTS Collection Fees- County Treasurer COI Principal Payment Bond Maintenance Costs Bonds Payable Principal Interest Total Expenditures/Disbursements  Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues/Receipts over Expenditures/Disbursements	13,704 402,674 2,500 140,000 234,080 792,958	- - - 2,975 2,975 228,659	13,704 402,674 2,500 140,000 237,055 795,933	12,400 - - 140,000 237,055 389,455	(1,304) (402,674) (2,500) - - - (406,478)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES/ RECEIPTS AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES/DISBURSEMENTS AND OTHER USES  Fund Balance (Deficit), Beginning of Year	(322,891) 1,910,384	228,659 (1,265,192)	(94,232) 645,192	\$ 663,258	\$ (757,490)
Fund Balance (Deficit), End of Year	\$ 1,587,493	\$ (1,036,533)	\$ 550,960		

Information Required by Section 31-740 Nebraska Revised Statutes

Schedule 3

June 30, 2019

Total Receipts From All Sources	\$ 916,187
Amount Spent for Sewage Disposal	None
Amount Expended on Water System	None
Gross Amount of Sewage Processed	None
Cost Per Thousand Gallons of Processing Sewage	None
Amount Expended For Maintenance and Repair New Equipment New Construction Work Property Purchased	\$ 78,290 None None None
Number of Employees	None
Total Amount of Taxes Levied Upon the Property Within the District	\$ 631,811

**District Trustees and Related Bonds** 

Schedule 4

June 30, 2019

Trustees		Bonds		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Insurer</u>	Am	nount
John Allen	Chairman	Western Surety Company	\$	5,000
Jeanne Knox	Clerk	Western Surety Company	\$	20,000
Judy Jacobsen	Trustee			
Christopher Fassero	Trustee			
Brett Vasek	Trustee			



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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 Trustees Sanitary and Improvement District No. 501 of Douglas County, Nebraska

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Sanitary and Improvement District No. 501 of Douglas County, Nebraska, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, which collectively comprise Sanitary and Improvement District No. 501 of Douglas County, Nebraska's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 13, 2019. We conducted our audit 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.

# **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Sanitary and Improvement District No. 501 of Douglas County, Nebraska's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Sanitary and Improvement District No. 501 of Douglas County, Nebraska's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Sanitary and Improvement District No. 501 of Douglas County, Nebraska's internal control over financial reporting.

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 a 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 over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above. However, as summarized below, we identified a deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

## **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Sanitary and Improvement District No. 501 of Douglas County, Nebraska's financial statements are free of 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 determination of financial statement amounts. 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 certain instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, summarized below.

# Findings and Responses

## Significant Deficiency Identified:

#### Criteria

Internal controls should be in place that provide reasonable assurance of the District's ability to report financial information reliably in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Condition

The Board of Trustees has engaged the outside audit firm to prepare the financial statements and related footnotes in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Cause

The District has a limited number of administrative personnel available to prepare the financial statements and related footnotes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Effect**

The District does not on its own comply with regulatory requirements to prepare annual financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Recommendation

We recommend the District have a heightened awareness of the required oversight and monitoring of the transactions being reported.

# Response

This is not an uncommon situation for a governmental entity of the District's size. The Board of Trustees has determined it would not be cost-beneficial to establish a system of internal controls that would allow the District to prepare its own financial statements. Accordingly, the District engaged the audit firm to assist in the preparation of the statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Board of Trustees will oversee and monitor the transactions being reported and will accept responsibility for the financial statements prepared by the audit firm.

#### Instances of Noncompliance Identified:

### Criteria

Internal controls should be in place that monitor the District's activities for consistency with budgeted amounts.

## Condition

The District exceeded budgeted expenditures/expenses by approximately \$398,000.

#### Cause

Due to unanticipated events that occurred subsequent to the adoption of the budget, the District exceeded the budgeted amount of expenditures/expenses.

### **Effect**

The District did not amend the budget to account for the exceeded expenditures/expenses.

#### Recommendation

We recommend the Board of Trustees monitor the District's activities for consistency with budgeted amounts.

#### Responses

The District's activities were not consistent with budgeted amounts due to unanticipated circumstances. The Board of Trustees will monitor the District's activities in order to effectively budget in the future.

We did not audit and accordingly, we express no opinion on the District's responses to the findings identified above.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees, management, the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts and other audit agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Lutz & Company, P.C.

December 13, 2019



# APPENDIX C — DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA INFORMATION

#### **General Information**

Douglas County is a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska (the "State"). Its governmental responsibilities include general social welfare, operation of a long term care facility and community health center, operation of correctional facilities, maintenance of streets and highways not within any incorporated city, village or sanitary and improvement district, legal court related activities, licensing, recording, assessment of real property, tax collection for all State public entities within the County, conducting elections, law enforcement and sanitary landfill and solid waste disposal. The County is governed by a seven-person Board of Commissioners who are elected by district on a political ballot for staggered four-year terms (the "Board"). One commissioner is chosen by the others to be Chairperson of the Board. The Board is responsible for fixing the property levy for the County. It prepares a county budget and sets salaries of county employees and hears and makes decisions on complaints or petitions of county citizens. The Board controls matters concerning bridges, public works and all County institutions, and approves or denies all liquor licenses outside of city and village limits. The Board meets as a Board of Equalization to determine fairness of property valuations within the County.

The area of Douglas County lies on the eastern border of the State with the Missouri River as its eastern boundary. Douglas County is the most populous of the 93 counties of the State. The County covers an area of approximately 331 square miles or 0.43% of the land area of the State. Most residents of the County reside in Omaha; however, the County also encompasses the first-class city of Ralston, the second-class cities of Bennington and Valley, and the villages of Waterloo and Boys Town. In addition, the fire districts of Ralston, Boys Town, Bennington, Elkhorn, Irvington, Millard, Ponca Hills, Valley and Waterloo are located in the County. Residents of the County participate in the election of 14 of the 49 members of the State Legislature. The County seat is located in Omaha, Nebraska. The County is bordered by Dodge County on the northwest, Washington County on the north, Sarpy County on the south, Saunders County on the west, and by Pottawattamie County, Iowa on the east. Major highways serving the County area include Interstates 80 and 29 and U.S. Highways 275, 75 and 6. The Union Pacific, Burlington Northern, and Chicago Northwestern Railroads provide rail facilities to the area. Two public airports are located in Omaha. The rural portion of the County is mainly agricultural with the principal crops being corn and soybeans, along with livestock operations in such portion of the County.

## Ten Largest Employers (2019)

Company	No. of Employees
1. CHI	5,000 +
2. Methodist Health System	5,000 +
3. First Data	2,500 - 4,999
4. Children's Hospital	2,500 - 4,999
5. Nebraska Medicine	2,500 - 4,999
6. University of Nebraska Medical Center	2,500 - 4,999
7. First National Bank	2,500 - 4,999
8. Union Pacific Railroad	2,500 - 4,999
9. Mutual of Omaha	2,500 - 4,999
10. Omaha Public Power District	1,000 - 2,499

Source: Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce

# **Employment History**

Year	Labor Force	Employment	Douglas Co. Unemployment Rate	Nebraska Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted)	U.S. Unemployment Rate (Civilian Noninstitutional Population)
2018	293,923	284,929	3.1%	2.8%	3.9%
2017	290,535	281,448	3.1	2.9	4.4
2016	287,729	278,212	3.3	3.1	4.9
2015	286,637	277,160	3.3	3.0	5.3
2014	286,124	275,745	3.6	3.3	6.2

Source: Nebraska Department of Labor (NE Works)

# Demographic and Economic Statistics Calendar Years 2013-2017

Year	Population	Personal Income (000's)	Per Capita Personal Income	Median Age	High School Graduate or Higher	Bachelor's Degree or Higher	School Enrollment
2017	561,620	\$33,378,563	\$58,640	34.3	89.7	37.9	151,104
2016	554,168	\$32,778,766	\$59,061	34.1	89.4	37.6	152,512
2015	549,168	\$30,920,092	\$57,850	34.3	86.9	37.1	152,870
2014	543,312	\$30,879,187	\$57,126	34.2	89.3	36.6	153,534
2013	537,438	\$27,840,309	\$51,798	34.0	89.5	36.4	153,146

Source: Population – U.S. Census Bureau/ Population Division

Personal Income – U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis iTable

Per Capita Personal Income – U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis iTable Median Age – U.S. Census Bureau -2012 – 2016 American Community Survey

Education – Level in Years of Schooling – U.S. Census Bureau - 2012 – 2016 American Community Survey School Enrollment – U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey - 2012 – 2016 American Community Survey

#### **School Enrollment**

	2010 Census	ACS 2016	ACS 2017
Nursery School, Preschool	9,529	9,913	9,582
Kindergarten	7,153	7,903	8,106
Elementary School (1-8)	55,468	60,629	60,849
Secondary School (9-12)	29,776	29,560	29,406
College or Graduate School	43,070	44,508	43,161

Source: 2010 U.S. Census Bureau: American Community Survey 2016, 2017

# TOTAL POPULATION (2014-2018)

# **Change From Preceding Period**

Year	Population	Number	Percent (Rounded to Nearest 0.1)
2018	566,880*	5,260	1.0
2017	561,620	6,625	1.2
2016	554,995	5,827	1.1
2015	549,168	5,856	1.1
2014	543,312	5,829	1.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division (\* Based on Census Bureau Vintage 2018 Population Estimate)

# Population by Age and Sex (2017)

General Demographic Characteristics Total population	<b>Estimate</b> 549,709*
Sex and Age	
Male	270,917
Female	278,789
Under five years	41,820
5-9 years	39,884
10-14 years	38,100
15-19 years	36,341
20-24 years	36,724
25-34 years	87,468
35-44 years	71,513
45-54 years	68,407
55-59 years	33,910
60-64 years	29,894
65-74 years	38,279
75-84 years	18,603
85 years and over	8,763

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey 2016 (\*Note the population number in this table is an estimate only for purposes of these statistics)

# Principal Property Taxpayers (2018)

OWNER NAME	TAXABLE VALUE REAL ESTATE
First National Bank of Omaha	\$229,706,350
SFI LTD Partnership	170,274,200
East Campus Realty LLC	104,099,600
Westroads Mall LLC	92,748,100
168 <sup>th</sup> and Dodge LP	90,866,500
Conagra	89,512,670
Wal-Mart	89,703,400
City of Omaha	87,752,900
TD Ameritrade Service Co	87,466,500
Riverfront Campus Developers	84,225,900
Oak View Mall LLC	80,440,300
Quadtech LLC	77,130,600
First Data	75,955,600
Nebraska Furniture Mart	67,434,100
Target Corporation	59,989,600

Source: Douglas County Assessor's Records

# **Taxable Valuation and Tax Levies**

Tax Year	Levy (¢/\$100 Taxable Value)	County-Wide Taxable Value*
2018-19	28.059	\$44,225,933,115
2017-18	28.059	42,036,416,590
2016-17	28.059	40,268,944,370
2015-16	28.059	39,038,137,635
2014-15	28.059	37,585,330,630

<sup>\*</sup>Does not include motor vehicle valuations.

Source: Douglas County (2018-2019 Adopted Budget)

# Net Taxable Sales – Based on Sales Tax (Sales in Thousands of Dollars)

Year	Douglas County
2018	\$10,023,420
2017	9,351,531
2016	9,152,773
2015	8,925,845
2014	8,897,828

Source: Nebraska Department of Revenue

# New Privately Owned Housing Units Authorized in Permit Issuing Places

Year	Units
2017	3,402
2016	2,703
2015	2,788
2014	2,572
2013	2,657

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (quickfacts)

#### APPENDIX D — FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

Following is the form of Continuing Disclosure Certificate that will be entered into by the District pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12(d)(2).

This Continuing Disclosure Certificate, dated on or about March 5, 2020 is executed and delivered by Sanitary and Improvement District No. 501 of Douglas County, Nebraska (the "District") in connection with the issuance by the District of \$1,210,000 in aggregate principal amount of its General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020 (the "Bonds"). The Bonds are being issued pursuant to a resolution dated January 21, 2020 (the "Resolution") authorizing the issuance of the Bond and authorizing the District to enter into this Undertaking. In consideration of the purchase of such Bonds by the owners thereof, the District hereby covenants and agrees as follows:

- (a) The District does hereby covenant and agree and enters into this written undertaking (the "Undertaking") for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds required by Section (d)(2) of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 C.F.R. § 240.15c2-12) (the "Rule"). Capitalized terms used in this Undertaking and not otherwise defined in this Undertaking shall have the meanings assigned such terms in subsection (f) hereof. It being the intention of the District that there be full and complete compliance with the Rule, this Undertaking shall be construed in accordance with the written interpretative guidance and no-action letters published from time to time by the Securities and Exchange Commission and its staff with respect to the Rule.
- (b) The District represents and warrants that the aggregate amount of its outstanding municipal securities, including the Bonds, does not exceed \$10,000,000.
- (c) The District undertakes to provide, on or before the Record Date, Financial Information about the District to the MSRB, via UMB Bank, NA, as Dissemination Agent pursuant to a Dissemination Agent Agreement between the District and UMB Bank, NA (the "Dissemination Agent"), in an electronic format accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB, to the extent that the District customarily prepares such Financial Information and makes it publicly available. The District shall provide any information or notice required by this Undertaking to the Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent will not be responsible for compiling any of the information required to be provided by this Undertaking.
- (d) The District designates as the person from whom its Financial Information and Listed Event Notices can be obtained: Ms. Minda Barr, UMB Bank, NA, as Dissemination Agent, 7155 Lake Drive, West Des Moines, IA 50265.
- (e) If a Listed Event occurs while any Bonds are outstanding, the District, through the Dissemination Agent, shall provide a Listed Event Notice in a timely manner, not in excess of 10 business days after the occurrence of the event, to the MSRB. Each Listed Event Notice shall be so captioned and shall prominently state the date and title of the Bonds.
- (f) The following are the definitions of the capitalized terms used in this Undertaking and not otherwise defined in this Undertaking:
  - (1) "Financial Information" means the financial information or operating data with respect to the District presented in the Official Statement related to the Bonds, which is customarily prepared by the District and is publicly available. The District

customarily prepares and makes publicly available its Audited Financial Statements. In connection with its issues of warrants and bonds, the District from time to time prepares and makes publicly available its offering documents containing, among other things, financial information and operating data about the District.

- (2) "Audited Financial Statements" means the District's annual financial statements, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") for governmental units as prescribed by the Government Accounting Standards Board ("GASB"), which financial statements shall have been audited by such auditor as shall then be required or permitted by the laws of the State of Nebraska.
- (3) "Listed Event" means any of the following events with respect to the Bonds:
  - (i) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
  - (ii) Non-payment related defaults, if material;
  - (iii) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
  - (iv) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
  - (v) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
  - (vi) 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 Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
  - (vii) Modifications to rights of Bondholders, if material;
  - (viii) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
  - (ix) Defeasances;
  - (x) Release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
  - (xi) Rating changes;
  - (xii) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the District;
  - (xiii) The consummation of a merger, consolidation or acquisition involving the District or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the District, 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;
  - (xiv) Appointment of a successor or additional paying agent or the change of name of a paying agent, if material;
  - (xv) Incurrence of a financial obligation of the District, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms

- of a financial obligation of the District, any of which affect security holders, if material: and
- (xvi) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the District, any of which reflect financial difficulties.
- (4) "Listed Event Notice" means an electronic notice of a Listed Event.
- (5) "MSRB" means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. As of July 1, 2009, the MSRB is the sole repository to which the District must electronically submit Financial Information, Audited Financial Statements, if any, and Listed Event Notices pursuant to this Undertaking. Reference is made to Commission Release No. 34-59062, December 8, 2008 (the "Release") relating to the MSRB's Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system for municipal securities disclosure that became effective on July 1, 2009. To the extent applicable to its Undertakings, the District shall comply with the Release and with EMMA.
- (6) "Record Date" means March 31 of each year, or such later date as the information comprising the Financial Information is customarily prepared and made publicly available.
- (g) The continuing obligation hereunder of the District to provide Financial Information, Audited Financial Statements, if any, and Listed Event Notices shall terminate immediately once the Bonds no longer are outstanding. This Undertaking, or any provision hereof, shall be null and void in the event that the District obtains an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel to the effect that those portions of the Rule which require this Undertaking, or any such provision, are invalid, have been repealed retroactively or otherwise do not apply to the Bonds, provided that the District shall have provided notice of such delivery and the cancellation of this Undertaking to the MSRB.
- (h) This Undertaking may be amended, without the consent of the Bondholders, but only upon the District obtaining an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel to the effect that such amendment, and giving effect thereto, will not adversely affect the compliance of this Undertaking with the Rule, provided that the District shall have provided notice of such delivery and of the amendment to the MSRB. Any such amendment shall satisfy, unless otherwise permitted by the Rule, the following conditions:
  - (1) The amendment may only be made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, change in law or change in the identity, nature or status of the District or type of business conducted;
  - (2) This Undertaking, as amended, would have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of the primary offering, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances; and
  - (3) The amendment either (i) is approved by the Bondholders in the same manner as provided in the Resolution for amendments thereto with the consent of Bondholders, or (ii) does not, in the opinion of the Dissemination Agent or nationally recognized bond counsel, materially impair the interests of the Bondholders.

- (i) The initial Financial Information after the amendment shall explain, in narrative form, the reasons for the amendment and the effect of the change, if any, in the type of financial information being provided.
- (j) Any failure by the District to perform in accordance with this Undertaking shall not constitute an event of default with respect to the Bonds. If the District fails to comply herewith, any Bondholder or beneficial owner may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking specific performance by court order, to cause the District to comply with its obligations hereunder.

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# THIS CERTIFICATE IS EXECUTED AND DATED March 5, 2020

SANITARY AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 501 OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA
By: Chair, Board of Trustees