

**REGION VII PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Year Ended June 30, 2018

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the
Region VII Planning and Development Council
Buckhannon, West Virginia

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Region VII Planning and Development Council (the Council), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Region VII Planning and Development Council as of June 30, 2018, 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 management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 7, and the budgetary comparison information, the schedules of the proportionate share of the Net Pension liability and Net OPEB liability, and schedules of contributions to the PERS and to the RHBT, and the notes to required supplementary information on pages 30 through 36 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.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 14, 2019, on our consideration of the Council'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 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 Council's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Brown, Edwards & Company, S. L. P.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Charleston, West Virginia
January 14, 2019

REGION VII PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Unaudited)
June 30, 2018

This section of the Region VII Planning and Development Council (the Council) annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the Council's financial performance during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2018. This section introduces the financial statements and provides an analytical overview of the Council's financial activities. Please read it in conjunction with the Council's financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS - PRIMARY GOVERNMENT

Net Position - The Council's total combined net position is \$462,843 as of the close of the fiscal year.

Changes in Net Position - During the year, the Council's net position increased by \$122,371 or 35.9%. Current year change in net position from operations was \$59,872. The remaining change of \$62,499, was due to the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle related to the implementation of GASB 75. In the prior year net position decreased by \$18,436 or 5.1%.

Revenues and Expenses - Total revenues increased by \$43,294 or 7.8%. Total expenses decreased \$35,014 or 6.1%. The increase in revenues can be attributed to a \$28,734 increase in charges for service, which is consistent with an overall increase in the number of projects managed, and an additional \$10,069 in Hazard Mitigation Grant funds. Expenses decreased due to staff turnover during the year and delays in filling those positions. Salaries and wages were down \$19,546 which fringe benefits were down \$18,413. The Council anticipates that those amounts will return to budgeted levels in the future.

Governmental Funds - Fund Balances - As of the close of the fiscal year 2018, the Council's governmental funds reported combined total fund equity of \$421,603, an increase of \$127,839 or 43.5% in comparison with the prior year balance. A cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle of \$138,910 is included in that change. The change in accounting principle relates to the implementation of GASB 75, Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) which are not recognized on the governmental fund financial statements.

OVERVIEW OF THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis serves as an introduction to the Council's financial statements. The Council's financial statements are comprised of three components: government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and notes to the financial statements.

Government-Wide Statements

Government-wide financial statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the Council's financial condition. Changes in the Council's financial position may be measured over time by increases and decreases in the Statement of Net Position. Information on how the Council's net position changed during the fiscal year is presented in the Statement of Activities.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements focus on the individual parts of the Council, reporting the Council's operations in more detail than the government-wide financial statements. Fund financial statements can include the statements for governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary funds and similar component units. The Council has only governmental funds.

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MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Unaudited)
June 30, 2018

OVERVIEW OF THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Notes to the Financial Statements

Notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to the full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Condensed Statement of Net Position

The following condensed financial information was derived from the government-wide statement of net position and summarizes the Council's net position as of June 30, 2018 and 2017.

Net Position as of June 30:

| | <u>2018</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Total current assets | \$ 618,212 | \$ 557,446 | 10.9% |
| Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation | <u>22,796</u> | <u>28,108</u> | (18.9)% |
| Total assets | <u>\$ 641,008</u> | <u>\$ 585,554</u> | 9.5% |
| Deferred outflows of resources | <u>\$ 67,943</u> | <u>\$ 100,340</u> | (32.3)% |
| Total liabilities | <u>\$ 219,200</u> | <u>\$ 331,262</u> | (33.8)% |
| Deferred inflows of resources | <u>\$ 26,908</u> | <u>\$ 14,160</u> | 90.0% |
| Net investment in capital assets | \$ 22,796 | \$ 28,108 | (18.9)% |
| Unrestricted | <u>440,047</u> | <u>312,364</u> | 40.9% |
| Total net position | <u>\$ 462,843</u> | <u>\$ 340,472</u> | 35.9% |

The significant decrease in liabilities is related to changes in accounting for OPEB liabilities, due to the implementation of GASB 75.

The change in deferred outflows and inflows of resources and total liabilities is due to the changes in pension and OPEB expense and the proportionate share of the net pension and OPEB liability of the cost sharing defined benefit plans. See the notes to the financial statements for a description of the pension and OPEB plan activity.

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REGION VII PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Unaudited)
June 30, 2018

CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Continued)

Condensed Statement of Net Position (Continued)

The Council's unrestricted net position can be used for the operations of the Council.

Condensed Statement of Activities

The following condensed financial information was derived from the government-wide statement of activities and reflects how the Council's net position changed during the fiscal year.

| | <u>2018</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Revenue: | | | |
| Local government assessments | \$ 149,452 | \$ 149,452 | 0% |
| Miscellaneous | <u>11,573</u> | <u>7,082</u> | 63.4% |
| Total general revenues | <u>161,025</u> | <u>156,534</u> | 2.9% |
| Charges for service | 227,283 | 198,549 | 14.5% |
| Operating grants | <u>208,648</u> | <u>198,579</u> | 5.1% |
| Total program revenues | <u>435,931</u> | <u>397,128</u> | 9.8% |
| Total revenues | <u>596,956</u> | <u>553,662</u> | 7.8% |
| Expenses: | | | |
| Economic development | <u>537,084</u> | <u>572,098</u> | (6.1)% |
| Total expenses | <u>537,084</u> | <u>572,098</u> | (6.1)% |
| Changes in net position | 59,872 | (18,436) | 424.8% |
| Net position, beginning of year | 340,472 | 358,908 | (5.1)% |
| Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle | <u>62,499</u> | <u>-</u> | 100% |
| Net position, beginning of year as restated | <u>402,971</u> | <u>358,908</u> | 12.3% |
| Net position, end of year | <u>\$ 462,843</u> | <u>\$ 340,472</u> | 35.9% |

Local government assessments did not increase from 2017 to 2018 and there are currently no other planned increases to this amount. The increase in miscellaneous revenues is due to an adjustment related to the implementation of GASB 75.

The charges for service increased due to the Council beginning to realize income from the newly formed GIS Department. Operating Grants increased due to additional grant receipts related to the Council's Hazard Mitigation Grant.

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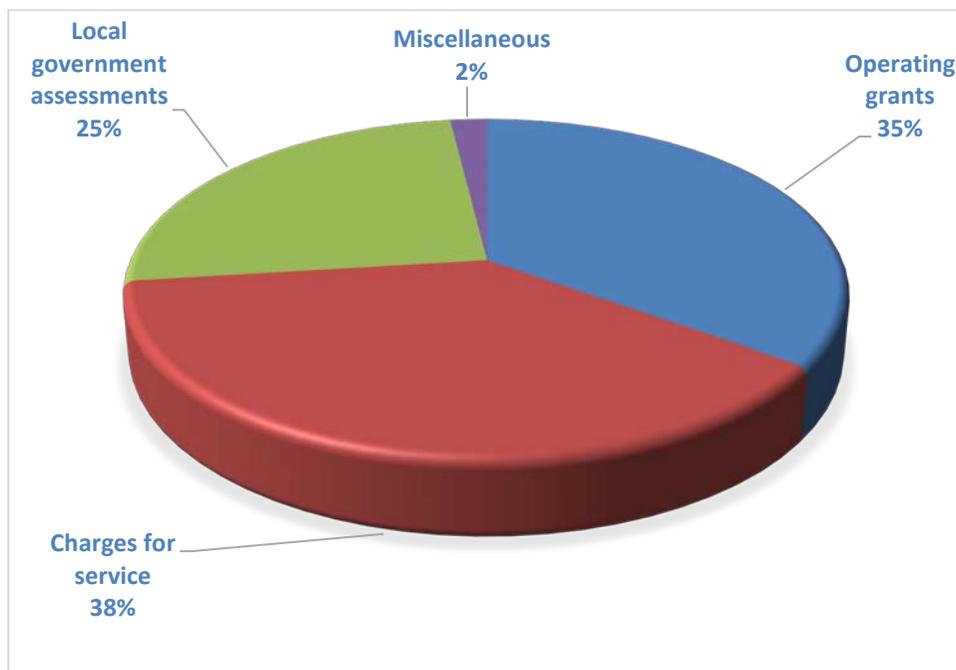
REGION VII PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Unaudited)
June 30, 2018

CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Continued)

Condensed Statement of Activities (Continued)

Over time, increases and decreases in net position measure whether the Council's financial position is improving or deteriorating. During the fiscal year, the net position of the governmental activities increased by \$122,371 or 35.9%.

The following chart depicts the revenues of the Council for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.



In the current year, charges for services increased due to revenue from the GIS Department while operating grants increased due to additional income from the Hazard Mitigation Grant. While operating grants continue to represent a large portion of total revenues for the Council, this revenue stream is offset by operating grant expenses. Local government assessments remain unchanged. While administrative grants from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA), Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), and the West Virginia Development Office remain consistent, other grant sources such as the Hazard Mitigation Grant continue to provide additional funding. The Council is not able to predict when grants such as the Hazard Mitigation Grant will be awarded and thus does not budget for them unless a grant agreement is in place.

Fees charged to member governments for project management services and charges for services, are contingent upon the continued utilization of the Council's services and the continued funding of community and economic development projects within the Council's seven county region.

The Council also relies on federal funds as a source of revenue. The federal aid is obtained in the form of operating grants and special project grants. The receipt of these grants is contingent upon continued funding of the federal awarding agencies.

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REGION VII PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Unaudited)
June 30, 2018

CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Continued)

Condensed Statement of Activities (Continued)

Miscellaneous revenue includes interest on the Council's interest-bearing accounts, event sponsorships, other refunds or rebates, and adjustments related to the implementation of GASB 75.

All of the Council's expenses are related to community and economic development activities.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE COUNCIL'S MAJOR FUNDS

The general fund is the Council's primary and only operating fund. At June 30, 2018, the Council reported a general fund balance of \$421,603. The entire balance is unassigned.

CAPITAL ASSETS

As of June 30, 2018, the Council had invested \$22,796, net of accumulated depreciation, in software, furniture, and equipment. Depreciation charges for this fiscal year totaled \$9,661.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide an overview of the finances of the Council for those with an interest in this organization. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Region VII Planning & Development Council, 99 Edmiston Way, Suite 225, Buckhannon, WV 26201.

REGION VII PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

June 30, 2018

| | Governmental Activities |
|---|------------------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u> | |
| Cash and cash equivalents (Note 7) | \$ 327,469 |
| Certificates of deposits (Note 7) | 87,070 |
| Grants receivable | 17,530 |
| Accounts receivable | 177,389 |
| Prepaid expenses | 8,754 |
| Capital assets, net (Note 8) | <u>22,796</u> |
| Total assets | <u><u>\$ 641,008</u></u> |
| <u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u> | |
| Deferred outflows related to pension amounts (Note 10) | \$ 43,575 |
| Deferred outflows related to other post employment benefits (Note 11) | <u>24,368</u> |
| Total deferred outflows of resources | <u><u>\$ 67,943</u></u> |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u> | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 9,000 |
| Accrued expenses | 13,190 |
| Compensated absences (Note 9) | 15,423 |
| Net pension liability (Note 10) | 78,402 |
| Net other post employment benefits liability (Note 11) | <u>103,185</u> |
| Total liabilities | <u><u>\$ 219,200</u></u> |
| <u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u> | |
| Deferred inflows related to pension amounts (Note 10) | \$ 24,916 |
| Deferred inflows related to other post employment benefits (Note 11) | <u>1,992</u> |
| Total deferred inflows of resources | <u><u>\$ 26,908</u></u> |
| <u>NET POSITION</u> | |
| Net investment in capital assets | \$ 22,796 |
| Unrestricted | <u>440,047</u> |
| Total net position (Note 6) | <u><u>\$ 462,843</u></u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

REGION VII PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year ended June 30, 2018

| Functions/Programs | Expenses | Program Services | | Net (Expenses) |
|--|------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | | Charges for Services | Operating Grants | Revenues and Changes in Net Position |
| | | | | Governmental Activities |
| Governmental activities: | | | | |
| Economic development | \$ 537,084 | \$ 227,283 | \$ 208,648 | \$ (101,153) |
| General revenues: | | | | |
| Local government assessments | | | | 149,452 |
| Miscellaneous | | | | 11,573 |
| Total general revenues | | | | 161,025 |
| Changes in net position (Note 6) | | | | 59,872 |
| Net position, beginning of year | | | | 340,472 |
| Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle (Note 5) | | | | 62,499 |
| Net position, beginning of year, as restated | | | | 402,971 |
| Net position, end of year (Note 6) | | | | \$ 462,843 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

REGION VII PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

June 30, 2018

| | General Fund |
|---|------------------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u> | |
| Cash and cash equivalents (Note 7) | \$ 327,469 |
| Certificates of deposits (Note 7) | 87,070 |
| Grants receivable | 17,530 |
| Accounts receivable | 177,389 |
| Prepaid expenses | <u>8,754</u> |
| Total assets | <u><u>\$ 618,212</u></u> |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u> | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 9,000 |
| Accrued expenses | <u>13,190</u> |
| Total liabilities | <u>22,190</u> |
| <u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u> | |
| Deferred administrative revenue | <u>174,419</u> |
| <u>FUND BALANCE</u> | |
| Unassigned (Note 6) | <u>421,603</u> |
| Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance | <u><u>\$ 618,212</u></u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

REGION VII PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
 BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND
 Year Ended June 30, 2018

| | General Fund |
|--|-----------------|
| REVENUES | |
| Grants | \$ 208,648 |
| Local government assessments | 149,452 |
| Administrative contracts | 157,350 |
| Interest | 357 |
| Miscellaneous | 4,710 |
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| Total revenues | 520,517 |
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| EXPENDITURES | |
| Salaries and wages | 244,003 |
| Fringe benefits | 101,680 |
| Contractual | 11,210 |
| Travel | 9,158 |
| Rent and utilities | 35,818 |
| Supplies | 1,684 |
| Postage | 575 |
| Telephone | 7,655 |
| Printing | 1,613 |
| Subscriptions | 963 |
| Advertising | 998 |
| Liability insurance | 7,088 |
| Legal fees | 759 |
| Consulting | 64,900 |
| Computers | 11,496 |
| Dues and memberships | 5,167 |
| IT services | 7,104 |
| Conferences and training | 10,273 |
| Meetings | 6,921 |
| Miscellaneous | 2,523 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total expenditures | 531,588 |
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| Net change in fund balance (Note 6) | (11,071) |
| Fund balance, beginning of year | 293,764 |
| Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle (Note 5) | 138,910 |
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| Fund balance, beginning of year, as restated | 432,674 |
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| Fund balance, end of year (Note 6) | \$ 421,603 |
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

REGION VII PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2018

Note 1. Description of Entity

The financial statements of Region VII Planning and Development Council (the Council) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government units as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

The Council is a political subdivision of the State of West Virginia and functions as an association of local governments organized as a regional planning and development body. The Council serves the counties of Barbour, Braxton, Gilmer, Lewis, Randolph, Tucker, and Upshur within the State of West Virginia, by promoting the social, economic, educational, environmental, and general welfare of the citizens of this region.

Management has considered all potential component units to be included in the Council's reporting entity by applying the criteria set forth in GAAP. These criteria include consideration of organizations for which the Council is financially accountable, or organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Council are such that exclusion would cause the Council's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Note 2. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the government and comprise the Council's *governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

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

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds.

Note 3. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Local government *assessments* are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

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REGION VII PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2018

Note 3. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, Statement Presentation (Continued)

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 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

The government's only major governmental fund is the *general fund* which represents the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government.

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

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

Note 4. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Use of Estimates

Certain estimates and assumptions are required by management in the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The significant estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the statement of net position date and revenues and expenses for the year then ended are those required in the depreciation of capitalized assets. Actual results in the near-term could differ from the estimates used to prepare these financial statements.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposit accounts as well as short-term investments which have maturity dates within three months of the date acquired by the Council and are readily convertible to known amounts of cash.

Certificates of Deposit

Certificates of deposits include deposits which have original maturity dates in excess of three months of the date of the Council's Statement of Net Position/Balance Sheet.

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REGION VII PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2018

Note 4. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are shown at their carrying or net realizable value which includes reductions by management of the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectable based on specific identification method as applicable. At June 30, 2018, management has determined that an allowance for doubtful accounts is not necessary and believes that all receivables recorded at year end will be collected.

Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The Council is required to legally adopt an annual budget for its general fund, in accordance with its bylaws and the laws of the State of West Virginia, to be submitted to the governmental units which contribute to the financing of the Council. The budget for the General Fund is prepared on a budgetary basis which is different from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for government units. The annual required contribution of postemployment benefits other than pension expense is not an outflow for budgetary purposes but is an expenditure for financial reporting purposes.

Compensated Absences

Employees of the Council earn annual leave based upon years of service. Annual leave policy permits up to 240 hours to be accumulated per year, subject to a 240 hour maximum that an employee, upon termination of employment, may be paid.

Sick leave policy permits the accumulation of 144 hours per year and unused balances can be carried over from year-to-year not to exceed 720 hours. Since employees are not compensated for unused sick leave upon termination, no provision has been made in the financial statements for unused sick leave upon termination.

Capital Assets

Purchases of equipment with a useful life of over one year and in an amount exceeding \$1,000, are subject to capitalization in the government-wide financial statements. Items are depreciated over their useful lives based on their category of use. Categories are as follows:

| | |
|---|------------|
| Furniture and equipment | 7-10 years |
| Computer and other electronic equipment | 3-5 years |

Fund Balances

In the governmental fund financial statements fund balance can be reported in five classifications.

Nonspendable - Represent fund balance amounts that are not in spendable form.

Restricted - Represent fund balance which is restricted when constraints are placed on its use either: (1) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or (2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions and/or enabling legislation.

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REGION VII PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2018

Note 4. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Fund Balances (Continued)

Committed - Represents fund balance that has been approved by the highest level of formal action of Region VII and does not lapse at year-end. Region VII does not have any committed fund balance at June 30, 2018.

Assigned - Represents amounts that are constrained by Region VII's intent to be used for a specific purpose, but are neither committed nor restricted. Assigned fund balance must be approved by formal action of Region VII. A modification to this amount requires action by Region VII; however this approval lapses at the end of the fiscal year.

Unassigned - Fund balance that has not been reported in any other classification.

Net Position

In the government-wide financial statements net position is the residual measure of the components of the statement of net position and is reported as net investment in capital assets or as unrestricted in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Deferred Outflows of Resources / Deferred Inflows of Resources

The statement of net position reports a separate financial statement element called *deferred outflows of resources*. This financial statement element represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until that time. The Council reports \$43,575 related to pensions and \$24,368 related to other postemployment benefits as deferred outflows of resources on the statement of net position.

The statement of net position and the balance sheet of the governmental fund report a separate financial statement element called *deferred inflows of resources*. This financial statement element represents an acquisition of net position or fund balance that applies to a future period and so will *not* be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Council reports \$24,916 related to pensions and \$1,992 related to other postemployment benefits as deferred inflows of resources on the statement of net position and deferred administrative revenue of \$174,419 related to receivables that are not available to pay current expenditures at year end as deferred inflows of resources on the balance sheet of the governmental fund.

Pension

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the West Virginia Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) and additions to/deductions from PERS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments of the PERS are reported at fair value.

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Note 4. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB).

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the West Virginia Retiree Health Benefit Trust OPEB Plan (RHBT) and additions to/deductions from RHBT's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by RHBT. For this purpose, RHBT recognizes benefit payments when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value, except for certain pooled investments, money market investments and participating interest-earning investment contracts that have a maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less, which are reported at amortized cost.

Note 5. Cumulative Effect of Adoption of Accounting Principle

Effective July 1, 2017, the Council adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting For Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions* – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 45. The Council determined that it was not practical to restate all periods presented and has recorded the cumulative effect of the increase to beginning net position in the government-wide financial statements of implementing this change of \$62,499 as of July 1, 2017, which is the net OPEB liability of \$85,030 less deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB contributions of \$8,619 as of that date and the June 30, 2017, liability of \$138,910 for postemployment liabilities reported in accordance with GASB Statement No. 45, which is superseded by GASB Statement No. 75. The Council also restated beginning fund balance in the fund financial statements by \$138,910 to comply with GASB Statement No. 75. The Council further determined that it was not practical to determine the amounts of all other deferred inflows of resources and deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB as of July 1, 2017 and these amounts are not reported.

Note 6. Reconciliation of Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Amounts reported in the statement of net position differ from the governmental fund balance sheet because of the following:

| | |
|---|------------|
| Total fund balance on governmental fund balance sheet | \$ 421,603 |
| Compensated absences are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental fund balance sheet | (15,423) |
| Net pension liability is not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, is not reported in the governmental fund balance sheet | (78,402) |
| Net other postemployment benefits liability is not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, is not reported in the governmental fund balance sheet | (103,185) |

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Note 6. Reconciliation of Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Deferrals of resources related to pensions that represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period, and therefore, are reported as deferred inflows of resources on the statement of net position | (24,916) |
| Deferrals of resources related to other postemployment benefits that represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period, and therefore, are reported as deferred inflows of resources on the statement of net position | (1,992) |
| Unearned revenue related to receivables that are not available to pay current expenditures at year end, and therefore are reported as deferred inflows of resources in the governmental fund balance sheet | 174,419 |
| Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation used in governmental activities that are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental fund balance sheet | 22,796 |
| Deferrals of resources related to pensions that represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period, and therefore, is reported as deferred outflows of resources on the statement of net position | 43,575 |
| Deferrals of resources related to other post-employment benefits that represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period, and therefore, is reported as deferred outflows of resources on the statement of net position | <u>24,368</u> |
| Net position of governmental activities | <u>\$ 462,843</u> |

Amounts reported in the statement of activities differ from the statement of governmental fund revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance because of the following:

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Net change in fund balance - governmental fund | \$ (11,071) |
| Revenue that is not available at year end for expenditure and therefore, is not reported in the governmental funds | 69,933 |
| Depreciation expense related to capital assets which is not reported in the governmental funds because it does not effect current financial resources | (9,661) |
| Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while the cost of capital assets is allocated over their useful lives in the statement of activities | 4,349 |

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Note 6. Reconciliation of Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources, and therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. This is the amount of the increase in compensated absences of \$804 and the net decrease in pension and OPEB expense of \$618. (184)

Revenue that is not available for expenditure related to on behalf contributions by the State of West Virginia for other post-employment benefits. 6,506

Change in net position of governmental activities \$ 59,872

Note 7. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Certificates of Deposit

At June 30, 2018, the Council had deposits in financial institutions reported as cash and cash equivalents and certificates of deposit with carrying balances of \$414,539 and corresponding bank balances of \$431,135. Bank balances of up to \$250,000 are covered by federal depository insurance; bank balances in excess of \$250,000 are collateralized through an investment pledged by the Council's financial institution.

In accordance with the terms of grant agreements, when applicable, all federal programs maintain separate accounts with financial institutions.

Note 8. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2018, is as follows:

| | <u>Beginning Balance</u> | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Reductions</u> | <u>Ending Balance</u> |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Capital assets being depreciated: | | | | |
| Furniture and equipment | \$ 107,915 | \$ 4,349 | \$ (12,024) | \$ 100,240 |
| Less accumulated depreciation for: | | | | |
| Furniture and equipment | <u>(79,807)</u> | <u>(9,661)</u> | <u>12,024</u> | <u>(77,444)</u> |
| Capital assets, net | <u>\$ 28,108</u> | <u>\$ (5,312)</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 22,796</u> |

Note 9. Compensated Absences

The following is a summary of the long-term debt activity in the statement of net position for the year ended June 30, 2018:

| | <u>Balance July 1, 2017</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Decrease</u> | <u>Balance June 30, 2018</u> | <u>Due Within One Year</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Compensated absences | <u>\$ 14,619</u> | <u>\$ 804</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 15,423</u> | <u>\$ 15,423</u> |

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Note 10. Pension Plan

Plan Description

The Council contributes to the PERS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the West Virginia Consolidated Public Retirement Board (CPRB). PERS covers substantially all employees of the State and its component units, as well as employees of participating non-state governmental entities who are not participants of another state or municipal system. Benefits under PERS include retirement, death and disability benefits, and have been established and may be amended by action of the State Legislature. The CPRB issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements for PERS that may be obtained at www.wvretirement.com.

Benefits Provided

PERS provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits. Qualification for normal retirement is age 60 with five years of service or at least age 55 with age and service equal to 80 or greater. A member may retire with the pension reduced actuarially if the member is at least age 55 and has at least 10 years of contributory service, or at any age with 30 years of contributory service. For all employees hired after July 1, 2015, qualification for normal retirement is age 62 with 10 years of service.

A member hired after July 1, 2015 may retire with the pension reduced actuarially if the member is between ages 60 and 62 with at least ten years of contributory service, between the ages 57 and 62 with at least twenty years of contributory service, or between ages 55 and 62 with at least thirty years of contributory service. The straight-life annuity retirement benefit is equivalent to 2% of average salary multiplied by years of service. Average salary is the average of the highest annual compensation during any period of three consecutive years within the last fifteen years of earnings. For all employees hired after July 1, 2015, average salary is the average of the five consecutive highest annual earnings out of the last fifteen years of earnings. Terminated members with at least five years of contributory service who do not withdraw their accumulated contributions may elect to receive their retirement annuity beginning at age 62. For all employees hired after July 1, 2015, this age increases to 64 with at least ten years of contributory service, or age 63 with at least twenty years of contributory service.

Contributions

Although contributions are not actuarially determined, actuarial valuations are performed to assist the Legislature in establishing appropriate contribution rates. Current funding policy requires contributions, consisting of member contributions of 4.5% of covered payroll for members hired prior to July 1, 2015, and employer contributions of 11.0%, 12.0%, and 13.5% of covered payroll for the years ended June 30, 2018, 2017, and 2016, respectively. All members hired after July 1, 2015, will contribute 6% of covered payroll.

During the years ended June 30, 2018, 2017, and 2016 the Council's contributions to PERS required and made were approximately \$26,648, \$29,924, and \$31,867, respectively.

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Note 10. Pension Plan (Continued)

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

At June 30, 2018, the Council reported a liability of \$78,402 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability reported at June 30, 2018 was measured as of June 30, 2017, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2016, rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2017. The Council's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Council's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all employers participating in PERS for the year ended June 30, 2017. At June 30, 2017, the Council's proportion was 0.018164% percent, which was an increase of .001034 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2016.

For the years ended June 30, 2018, the Council recognized pension expense of \$15,278. At June 30, 2018, the Council reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

| | Deferred Outflows of Resources | Deferred Inflows of Resources |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments | \$ 6,977 | \$ 19,061 |
| Differences between expected and actual experience | - | 173 |
| Differences in assumptions | - | 4,067 |
| Changes in proportion and differences between the Council's contributions and proportionate share of contributions | 9,950 | 1,615 |
| The Council's contributions made subsequent to the measurement date of June 30, 2017 | 26,648 | - |
| Total | \$ 43,575 | \$ 24,916 |

The amount of \$26,648 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the Council's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2019. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30.

| | | |
|------|----|----------|
| 2019 | \$ | (4,898) |
| 2020 | | 11,596 |
| 2021 | | 1,599 |
| 2022 | | (16,286) |

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Note 10. Pension Plan (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2017 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| Inflation | 3.0 percent |
| Salary increases | 3.0 - 6.0 percent, average, including inflation |
| Investment rate of return | 7.5 percent, net of pension plan investment expense |

Mortality rates were based on 100% of RP-2000 Non-Annuitant, Scale AA fully generational for active employees, 110% of the RP-2000 Non-Annuitant, Scale AA fully generational for healthy males, 101% of RP-2000 Non-Annuitant, Scale AA fully generational for healthy females, 96% of RP-2000 Disabled Annuitant, Scale AA fully generational for disabled males, and 107% of RP-2000 Disabled Annuitant, Scale AA fully generational for disabled females.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2017 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

| Asset Class | Target Allocation | Long-term Expected Rate of Return | Weighted Average Expected Real Rate of Return |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| US equity | 27.5% | 7.0% | 1.92% |
| International equity | 27.5% | 7.7% | 2.12% |
| Core fixed income | 7.5% | 2.7% | 0.20% |
| High yield fixed income | 7.5% | 5.5% | 0.41% |
| Real estate | 10.0% | 7.0% | 0.70% |
| Private equity | 10.0% | 9.4% | 0.94% |
| Hedge funds | 10.0% | 4.7% | 0.47% |
| Total | 100.00% | | 6.76% |
| Inflation (CPI) | | | 1.90% |
| | | | 8.66% |

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Note 10. Pension Plan (Continued)

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.5 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will continue to be made at statutorily required rates, which are determined annually based on actuarial valuations. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. Although discount rates are subject to change between measurement dates, there were no changes in the discount rate in the current period.

Sensitivity of the Council's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.5 percent, as well as what the Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower or one-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

| | 1% Decrease (6.5%) | Current Discount Rate (7.5%) | 1% Increase (8.5%) |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) | \$ 217,057 | \$ 78,402 | \$ (38,826) |

Note 11. Other Postemployment Benefits

Plan description

The West Virginia Other Postemployment Benefit Plan (the OPEB Plan) is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit other post-employment benefit plan and covers the retirees of State agencies, colleges and universities, county boards of education, and other government entities as set forth in the West Virginia Code Section 5-16D-2 (the Code). The financial activities of the OPEB Plan are accounted for in the West Virginia Retiree Health Benefit Trust Fund (RHBT), a fiduciary fund of the State of West Virginia. The OPEB Plan is administered by a combination of the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA) and the RHBT staff. OPEB Plan benefits are established and revised by PEIA and the RHBT management with approval of their Finance Board. The PEIA issues a publically available financial report of the RHBT that can be obtained at www.peia.wv.gov or by writing to the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency, 601 57th Street, SE Suite 2, Charleston, WV 25304.

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Note 11. Other Postemployment Benefits (Continued)

Benefits provided

Council employees who retire are eligible for PEIA health and life benefits, provided they meet the minimum eligibility requirements of the PERS or meet certain other eligibility requirements of other CPRB sponsored retirement plans. RHBT provides medical and prescription drug insurance and life insurance benefits to those qualified participants. Life insurance is provided through a vendor and is fully funded by member contributions. The medical and prescription drug insurance is provided through two options; Self-Insured Preferred Provider Benefit Plan - primarily for non-Medicare-eligible retirees and spouses or External Managed Care Organizations - primarily for Medicare-eligible retirees and spouses.

The RHBT Medicare-eligible retired employees and their Medicare-eligible dependents receive medical and drug coverage from a Medicare Advantage Plan. Under this arrangement, the vendor assumes the financial risk of providing comprehensive medical and drug coverage with limited copayments. Non-Medicare retirees continue enrollment in PEIA's Preferred Provider Benefit or the Managed Care Option. The RHBT collects employer contributions for Managed Care Organization (MCO) participants and remits capitation payments to the MCO. Survivors of retirees have the option of purchasing the medical and prescription drug coverage.

Eligible participants hired after June 30, 2010, will be required to fully fund premium contributions upon retirement. The Plan is a closed plan to new entrants.

Contributions

West Virginia Code section 5-16D-6 assigns to the PEIA Finance Board the authority to establish and amend contribution requirements of the plan members and the participating employers. Participating employers are required by statute to contribute at a rate assessed each year by the RHBT. The annual contractually required rate is the same for all participating employers. Employer contributions represent what the employer was billed during the respective year for their portion of the pay as you go premiums, commonly referred to as paygo, retiree leave conversion billings, and other matters, including billing adjustments. The annual contractually required per active policyholder per month rates for State non-general funded agencies and other participating employers effective June 30, 2018, 2017, and 2016, respectively, were:

| | 2018 | 2017 | 2017 | 2016 |
|---------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | | 1/1/17 - 6/30/17 | 7/1/16-12/31/16 | |
| Paygo Premium | \$ 177 | \$ 135 | \$ 196 | \$ 163 |

Contributions to the OPEB plan from the Council were \$9,381, \$8,619 and \$5,736 for the years ended June 30, 2018, 2017, and 2016, respectively.

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Note 11. Other Postemployment Benefits (Continued)

Benefits provided (Continued)

Members retired before July 1, 1997, pay retiree healthcare contributions at the highest sponsor subsidized rate, regardless of their actual years of service. Members retired between July 1, 1997 and June 30, 2010, pay a subsidized rate depending on the member's years of service. Members hired on or after July 1, 2010, pay retiree healthcare contributions with no sponsor provided implicit or explicit subsidy.

Retiree leave conversion contributions from the employer depend on the retiree's date of hire and years of service at retirement as described below;

- Members hired before July 1, 1988, may convert accrued sick or leave days into 100% of the required retiree healthcare contribution.
- Members hired from July 1, 1988, to June 30, 2001, may convert accrued sick or leave days into 50% of the required retiree healthcare contribution.

The conversion rate is two days of unused sick and annual leave days per month for single healthcare coverage and three days of unused sick and annual leave days per month for family healthcare coverage.

Contributions by Nonemployer Contributing Entities in Special Funding Situations

The State of West Virginia is a nonemployer contributing entity that provides funding through SB 419, effective July 1, 2012, amended by West Virginia Code §11-21-96. The State provides a supplemental pre-funding source dedicating \$30 million annually to the RHBT Fund from annual collections of the Personal Income Tax Fund and dedicated for payment of the unfunded liability of the RHBT. The \$30 million transferred pursuant to this Code shall be transferred until the Governor certifies to the Legislature that an independent actuarial study has determined that the unfunded liability of RHBT has been provided for in its entirety or July 1, 2037, whichever date is later. This funding is to the advantage of all RHBT contributing employers.

The State is a nonemployer contributing entity that provides funding through West Virginia State Code §11B-2-32. The Financial Stability Fund is a plan to transfer an annual amount of \$5 million to the RHBT from special revenue funds to be used to lower retiree premiums, to help reduce benefit cuts, to help reduce premium increases or any combination thereof. The \$5 million transferred pursuant to this Code shall be transferred annually into the RHBT through June 30, 2020. This funding is to the advantage of all RHBT contributing employers.

The State is a nonemployer contributing entity that provides funding through SB 469 which was passed February 10, 2012, granting OPEB liability relief to the 55 County Boards of Education effective July 1, 2012. The public school support plan (PSSP) is a basic foundation allowance program that provides funding to the local school boards for "any amount of the employer's annual required contribution allocated and billed to the county boards for employees who are employed as professional employees, employees who are employed as service personnel and employees who are employed as professional student support personnel", within the limits authorized by the State Code. This special funding under the school aid formula subsidizes employer contributions of the county boards of education.

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Note 11. Other Postemployment Benefits (Continued)

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

At June 30, 2018, the Council reported a liability for its proportionate share of the RHBT net OPEB liability that reflected a reduction for State OPEB support provided to Council. The amount recognized by Council as its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, the related State support, and the total portion of the net OPEB liability that was associated with the Council was as follows:

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| The Council's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability | \$ 103,185 |
| State's special funding proportionate share of the net OPEB liability associated with the Council. | <u>21,194</u> |
| Total portion of net OPEB liability associated with the Council | <u>\$ 124,379</u> |

The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2017, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2016. The Council's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on its proportionate share of employer and non-employer contributions to the OPEB Plan for the fiscal year ended on the measurement date. At June 30, 2017, the Council's proportion was 0.0041962 percent, which is an increase of .000766 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2016.

For the year ended June 30, 2018, the Council recognized OPEB expense of \$20,132 and for support provided by the State under special funding situations revenue of \$6,506. At June 30, 2018, the Council reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

| | <u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u> | <u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u> |
|--|---|--|
| Differences between expected and actual experience | \$ - | \$ 346 |
| Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments | - | 1,646 |
| Changes in proportion and differences between the Council's contributions and proportionate share of contributions | 14,987 | - |
| The Council's contributions subsequent to the measurement date of June 30, 2017 | <u>9,381</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 24,368</u> | <u>\$ 1,992</u> |

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Note 11. Other Postemployment Benefits (Continued)

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

The amount of \$9,381 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from Council's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2019. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

| Year ended June 30: | |
|---------------------|---------|
| 2019 | \$3,530 |
| 2020 | 3,530 |
| 2021 | 3,530 |
| 2022 | 2,405 |

Actuarial assumptions

The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2016, rolled forward to June 30, 2017 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

| | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Inflation | 2.75% |
| Salary increases | Dependent upon pension system ranging from 3.00% to 6.50%, including inflation |
| Investment rate of return | 7.15%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation |
| Healthcare cost trend rates | Actual trend used for fiscal year 2017. For fiscal years on and after 2018, trend starts at 8.50% and 9.75% for pre and post-Medicare, respectively, and gradually decreases to an ultimate trend of 4.50%. Excess trend rate of 0.14% and 0.29% for pre and post-Medicare, respectively, is added to healthcare trend rates pertaining to per capita claims costs beginning in 2020 to account for the Excise Tax. |
| Actuarial cost method | Entry Age Normal Cost Method |
| Amortization method | Level percentage of payroll over a 21 year closed period |
| Remaining amortization period | 21 years closed as of June 30, 2016 |

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Note 11. Other Postemployment Benefits (Continued)

Actuarial assumptions (Continued)

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table projected with Scale AA on a fully generational basis for PERS and Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table projected to 2025 with scale BB for West Virginia Death, Disability, and Retirement Fund (Troopers A) and West Virginia State Police Retirement System (Troopers B). Pre-Retirement: RP-2000 Non-Annuitant Mortality Table projected with Scale AA on a fully generational basis for PERS and TRS. RP-2000 Non-Annuitant Mortality Table projected to 2020 with Scale BB for Troopers A and B.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2016 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2010- June 30, 2015.

The long-term expected rate of return of 7.15% on OPEB plan investments was determined by a combination of an expected long-term rate of return of 7.50% for long-term assets invested with the West Virginia Investment Management Board (WVIMB) and an expected short-term rate of return of 3.0% for assets invested with the WVBTI. Long-term pre-funding assets are invested with the WVIMB. The strategic asset allocation consists of 55% equity, 15% fixed income, 10% private equity, 10% hedge fund and 10% real estate invested. Short-term assets used to pay current year benefits and expenses are invested with the WVBTI.

The long-term rate of return on OPEB plan investments were determined using a building block method in which estimates of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of OPEB plan investment expense and inflation) was developed for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of long-term geometric rates are summarized in the following table:

| <u>Asset Class</u> | <u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u> |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Large Cap Domestic | 17.0% |
| Non-Large Cap Domestic | 22.0% |
| International Qualified | 24.6% |
| International Non-Qualified | 24.3% |
| International Equity | 26.2% |
| Short-Term Fixed | 0.5% |
| Total Return Fixed Income | 6.7% |
| Core Fixed Income | 0.1% |
| Hedge Fund | 5.7% |
| Private Equity | 19.6% |
| Real Estate | 8.3% |
| Opportunistic Income | 4.8% |
| Cash | 0.0% |

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Note 11. Other Postemployment Benefits (Continued)

Discount rate

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.15%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that RHBT contributions would be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rates, in accordance with prefunding and investment policies. Future pre-funding assumptions include a \$30 million annual contribution from the State through 2037. Based on those assumptions, and that the Plan is expected to be fully funded by fiscal year ended June 30, 2036, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability. Discount rates are subject to change between measurement dates. The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2016 is a 0.45% increase from the June 30, 2015 valuation.

Other key assumptions

The projection assumes that the capped subsidy aggregate contribution limit of \$150 million for 2017 would increase by \$10 million per year on and after 2018. Additionally, the per member subsidy is projected to increase by at least 3.0% per year but no more than the healthcare trend inflation assumption such that the product of the projected subsidy and projected members is less than the projected aggregated capped costs; and the member's share of plan costs is expected remain stable as a percentage of total costs following the year that the program is fully funded. After 2035, the program is projected to be fully funded and the sponsor is assumed to contribute the residual portion of normal cost and operational expenses needed to maintain a funded ratio of 100% in future years. In addition, after 2035, the member's share of total plan costs is assumed to remain stable at approximately 61% of total plan costs. These assumptions produced per member annual capped subsidy increases of 3.0% per year from 2018 to 2023 and 4.5% per year after 2023.

Members hired on or after July 1, 2010, are required to pay 100% of expected cost of coverage, resulting in no implicit or explicit employer cost. Consequently, these members are excluded from the actuarial valuation.

Sensitivity of the Council's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate

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

| | <u>1% Decrease (6.15%)</u> | <u>Current Discount Rate (7.15%)</u> | <u>1% Increase (8.15%)</u> |
|---|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| The Council's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability | \$ 120,147 | \$ 103,185 | \$ 89,085 |

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Note 11. Other Postemployment Benefits (Continued)

Sensitivity of the Council's proportionate share of net OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates.

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

| | 1% Decrease | Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rates | 1% Increase |
|---|--------------------|--|--------------------|
| The Council's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability | \$ 86,677 | \$ 103,185 | \$ 123,375 |

Note 12. Leases

The Council leases office space under an operating lease agreement which expires June 2019. Future minimum payments under this operating lease agreement are \$33,027.

Note 13. Risk Management

The Council is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to and illnesses of employees; and natural disasters.

The Council carries workers compensation insurance coverage through a commercial insurance carrier. The commercial insurance carrier is paid a quarterly rated premium and in exchange has transferred the Council's risk to the carrier to provide compensation for injuries sustained in the course of employment.

The Council, for an annual premium, has transferred its risk through insurance coverage for general liability, property damage, business interruption, errors and omissions, and natural disasters to the West Virginia Counties Risk Pool, a self-insured risk pool entity insuring local government entities within the state of West Virginia. Liability coverage under the policy is limited to \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

There have been no changes in coverage and no claims in excess of coverage regarding any of the Council's policies.

Note 14. New Accounting Pronouncements

The GASB has issued Statement No. 87, *Leases*, which improves accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. This Statement increases the usefulness of government's financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financing of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this Statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources. The requirements of this statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019. Council management has not determined the effect this statement will have on its financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

REGION VII PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS) - GENERAL FUND
 Year Ended June 30, 2018

| | Budgeted Amounts | | Actual Amounts |
|------------------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| | Original | Final | |
| REVENUES | | | |
| Grants | \$ 175,435 | \$ 175,435 | \$ 208,648 |
| Local government assessments | 149,452 | 149,452 | 149,452 |
| Administrative contracts | 359,113 | 359,113 | 157,350 |
| Interest | - | - | 357 |
| Miscellaneous | - | - | 4,710 |
| In-kind | - | - | - |
| | <u>684,000</u> | <u>684,000</u> | <u>520,517</u> |
| Total revenues | | | |
| EXPENDITURES | | | |
| Salaries and wages | 336,190 | 336,190 | 244,003 |
| Fringe benefits | 131,257 | 131,257 | 101,680 |
| Contractual | 13,000 | 13,000 | 11,210 |
| Travel | 12,000 | 12,000 | 9,158 |
| Rent and utilities | 35,000 | 35,000 | 35,818 |
| Equipment rental | 1,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Supplies | 3,000 | 3,000 | 1,684 |
| Postage | 2,500 | 2,500 | 575 |
| Telephone | 9,000 | 9,000 | 7,655 |
| Printing | 3,000 | 3,000 | 1,613 |
| Subscriptions | 1,500 | 1,500 | 963 |
| Advertising | 1,500 | 1,500 | 998 |
| Liability insurance | 10,000 | 10,000 | 7,088 |
| Legal fees | 2,000 | 2,000 | 759 |
| Consulting | 55,500 | 55,500 | 64,900 |
| Computers | 25,000 | 25,000 | 11,496 |
| Dues and memberships | 6,500 | 6,500 | 5,167 |
| IT services | 7,500 | 7,500 | 7,104 |
| Conferences and training | 18,000 | 18,000 | 10,273 |
| Meetings | 10,000 | 10,000 | 6,921 |
| Miscellaneous | 553 | 553 | 2,523 |
| In-kind | - | - | - |
| | <u>684,000</u> | <u>684,000</u> | <u>531,588</u> |
| Total expenditures | | | |
| Net change in fund balance | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ (11,071)</u> |

See Independent Auditor's Report and Notes to Required Supplementary Information.

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SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY

Public Employee Retirement System Plan

| | Year Ended June 30 | | | |
|---|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| The Council's proportion (percentage) of the net pension liability | 0.018164% | 0.017130% | 0.015502% | 0.015718% |
| The Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability | \$ 78,402 | \$ 157,447 | \$ 86,564 | \$ 58,010 |
| The Council's covered payroll | \$ 249,367 | \$ 236,052 | \$ 217,357 | \$ 210,480 |
| The Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll | 31.44% | 66.70% | 39.83% | 27.56% |
| Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability | 93.67% | 86.11% | 91.29% | 93.98% |

Note: All amounts presented are as of the measurement date,

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SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PERS

| | Years Ended June 30 | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
| Statutorily required contribution | \$ 26,648 | \$ 29,924 | \$ 31,867 | \$ 30,430 | \$ 30,520 | \$ 33,370 |
| Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution | <u>26,648</u> | <u>29,924</u> | <u>31,867</u> | <u>30,430</u> | <u>30,520</u> | <u>33,370</u> |
| Contribution deficiency (excess) | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |
| | | | | | | |
| The Council's covered payroll | \$ 242,253 | \$ 249,367 | \$ 236,052 | \$ 217,357 | \$ 210,480 | \$ 238,357 |
| Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll | 11.00% | 12.00% | 13.50% | 14.00% | 14.50% | 14.00% |

See Independent Auditor's Report and Notes to Required Supplementary Information.

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SCHEDULE OF THE PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY

Retiree Health Benefit Trust

| | Year Ended June 30 2018 |
|---|----------------------------|
| The Council's proportionate (percentage) of the net OPEB liability | 0.0041962% |
| The Council's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability | \$ 103,185 |
| West Virginia special funding proportionate share of the net OPEB liability associated with the Council | \$ 21,194 |
| Total portion of the net OPEB liability associated with the Council | \$ 124,379 |
| The Council's covered employee payroll | \$ 249,367 |
| The Council's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered employee payroll | 41.38% |
| Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability | 25.10% |

Note: All amounts presented are as of the measurement date, which is one year prior to the fiscal year end date.

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SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RHBT

| | Year Ended June 30 | |
|--|--------------------|--------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| Required contribution | \$ 9,381 | \$ 8,619 |
| Contributions in relation to the required contribution | <u>9,381</u> | <u>8,619</u> |
| Contribution deficiency (excess) | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |
| | | |
| The Council's covered employee payroll | \$ 242,253 | \$ 249,367 |
| Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll | 3.87% | 3.46% |

See Independent Auditor's Report and Notes to Required Supplementary Information.

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NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

June 30, 2018

Note 1. Reconciliation of Budget Information

The change in fund balance in accordance with GAAP for the year ending June 30, 2018, agrees to the change in fund balance on the budgeting basis of accounting.

Note 2. Trend Information Presented

The accompanying schedules of the Council's proportionate share of the net pension and net OPEB liability and contributions to the PERS and the RHBT are required supplementary information to be presented for 10 years. However, until a full 10 year trend is compiled, information is presented in the schedules for those years for which information is available.

Note 3. Pension Plan Amendments

The PERS was amended to make changes which apply to benefits earned by new employees hired July 1, 2015 and later as follows:

- For employees hired prior to July 1, 2015, qualification for normal retirement is age 60 with five years of service or at least age 55 with age and service equal to 80 or greater. A member may retire with the pension reduced actuarially if the member is at least age 55 and has at least 10 years of contributory service, or at any age with 30 years of contributory service. For employees hired July 1, 2015 and later, qualification for normal retirement is 62 with 10 years of service between ages 57 and 62 with at least twenty years of contributory service or between ages 55 and 62 with at least thirty years of contributory service.
- The straight life annuity retirement benefit is equivalent to 2% of average salary multiplied by years of service. For employees hired prior to July 1, 2015, average salary is the average of the three consecutive highest annual earnings out of the last fifteen years of earnings. For all employees hired July 1, 2015 and later, average salary is the average of the five consecutive highest annual earnings out of the last fifteen years of earnings.
- For employees hired prior to July 1, 2015, terminated members with at least five years of contributory service who do not withdraw their accumulated contributions may elect to receive their retirement annuity beginning at age 62. For all employees hired July 1, 2015 and later, this age increases to 64 with at least ten years of contributory service, or age 63 with at least twenty years of contributory service.
- For all employees hired prior to July 1, 2015, employees are required to contribute 4.5% of annual earnings. All employees hired July 1, 2015 and later, are required to contribute 6% of annual earnings.

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June 30, 2018

Note 4. Changes in OPEB Plan Assumptions

Below are changes in the assumptions between the 2016 and 2015 valuations:

Certain economic and behavioral assumptions are unique to healthcare benefits. These assumptions include the healthcare trend, per capita claims costs, the likelihood that a member selects healthcare coverage and the likelihood that a retiree selects one-person, two person or family coverage. These assumptions were updated based on a recent experience study performed by the RHBT actuaries using five-year experience data through June 30, 2015. The updated per capita claims costs were also based on recent claims, enrollment and premium information as of the valuation date.

For the June 30, 2016 valuation, the retiree healthcare participation assumption for each retirement plan is slightly higher than the previous assumption used in the June 30, 2015 OPEB valuation. More members who were covered as actives will be assumed to participate as retirees.

The 2016 and 2015 valuations include consideration of the \$30 million annual appropriations under Senate Bill 419, through July 1, 2037, or if earlier, the year the benefit obligation is fully funded. Additionally, the presentation of covered payroll was changed for the June 30, 2015, actuarial valuation. Participating employees hired before July 1, 2010, pay retiree premiums that are subsidized based on years of service at retirement. Participating employees hired on or after July 1, 2010, are required to fully fund premium contributions upon retirement. Consequently, beginning June 30, 2015, actuarial valuation covered payroll represents only the payroll for those OPEB eligible participating employees that were hired before July 1, 2010, allowing a better representation of the UAAL as a percentage of covered payroll, whereas, for the prior years, covered payroll is in total for all participating employees.

Note 5. Pension Related Assumptions

An experience study, which was based on the years 2009 through 2014, was completed prior to the 2015 actuarial valuation. As a result, assumptions were changed for the actuarial valuation as follows:

| | 2015-2017 | 2014 |
|-----------------------------|---|---|
| Projected salary increases: | | |
| State | 3.0-4.6% | 4.25-6.0% |
| Nonstate | 3.35-6.0% | 4.25-6.0% |
| Inflation rate | 1.9% (2015) 3.0% (2016-2017) | 2.2% |
| | Active – RP – 2000 | |
| | Non-Annuitant tables, | |
| | Scale AA fully generational | |
| Mortality rates | Healthy males - 110% of RP-2000 Non-Annuitant, Scale AA fully generational | Healthy males - 1983 GAM Healthy females - 1971 GAM |
| | Healthy females - 101% of RP-2000 Non-Annuitant, Scale AA fully generational | Disabled males - 1971 GAM Disabled females – Revenue ruling 96-7 |
| | Disabled males - 96% of RP-2000 Disabled Annuitant, Scale AA fully generational | |
| | Disabled females -107% of RP-2000 Disabled Annuitant, Scale AA fully generational | |
| Withdrawal rates | | |
| State | 1.75-35.1% | 1 - 26% |
| Non-state | 2-35.8% | 2 - 31.2% |
| Disability rates | 0 - .675% | 0 - .8% |



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

To the Members of the
Region VII Planning and Development Council
Buckhannon, West Virginia

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Region VII Planning and Development Council (the Council) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 14, 2019.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Council's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or 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 was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Council's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

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

Brown, Edwards & Company, L.L.P.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Charleston, West Virginia
January 14, 2019