

# STATE OF MINNESOTA

## Office of the State Auditor



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**LAKE COUNTY HOUSING AND  
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
TWO HARBORS, MINNESOTA**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

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The mission of the Office of the State Auditor is to oversee local government finances for Minnesota taxpayers by helping to ensure financial integrity and accountability in local governmental financial activities.

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**For the Year Ended December 31, 2014**



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ORGANIZATION  
DECEMBER 31, 2014

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Richard DeRosier	May 30, 2015
Bob Entzion	May 30, 2015
Paul Iverson	May 30, 2016
Gordon Klein	May 30, 2018
Tom Lovdahl	May 30, 2016

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners  
Lake County Housing and  
Redevelopment Authority  
Two Harbors, Minnesota

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, a component unit of Lake County, Minnesota, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority'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 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 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 Authority'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 Authority'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, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Other Matters***

***Required Supplementary Information***

Management has omitted the 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 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 Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 16, 2015, on our consideration of the Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority'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 Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*/s/Rebecca Otto*

REBECCA OTTO  
STATE AUDITOR

*/s/Greg Hierlinger*

GREG HIERLINGER, CPA  
DEPUTY STATE AUDITOR

September 16, 2015

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**LAKE COUNTY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
TWO HARBORS, MINNESOTA**

*EXHIBIT 1*

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	<b>Business-Type Activities</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b><u>Assets</u></b>			
Cash	\$ 695,026	\$ 91,008	\$ 786,034
Taxes receivable	12,274	-	12,274
Accounts receivable	118,851	4,511	123,362
Internal balances	3,638	(3,638)	-
Loans receivable - current	728	-	728
Loans receivable - long-term	8,593	-	8,593
Restricted assets			
Security deposits	-	15,015	15,015
Capital assets			
Depreciable - net of accumulated depreciation	264	1,072,556	1,072,820
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 839,374</b>	<b>\$ 1,179,452</b>	<b>\$ 2,018,826</b>
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>			
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ 3,497	\$ 3,497
Due to Lake County	196,189	-	196,189
Due to other governments	100,000	-	100,000
Liabilities payable from restricted assets			
Security deposits payable	-	15,015	15,015
Long-term liabilities			
Due within one year	-	50,000	50,000
Due in more than one year	-	670,369	670,369
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 296,189</b>	<b>\$ 738,881</b>	<b>\$ 1,035,070</b>
<b><u>Net Position</u></b>			
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 264	\$ 352,187	\$ 352,451
Unrestricted	542,921	88,384	631,305
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 543,185</b>	<b>\$ 440,571</b>	<b>\$ 983,756</b>

**LAKE COUNTY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
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*EXHIBIT 2*

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

		<b>Program Revenues</b>	<b>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</b>		
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Charges for Services</b>	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	<b>Business-Type Activities</b>	<b>Total</b>	
<b><u>Functions/Programs</u></b>					
<b>Governmental activities</b>					
Urban and economic development	\$ 110,485	\$ -	\$ (110,485)	\$ -	\$ (110,485)
<b>Business-type activities</b>					
Senior housing	178,872	186,033	-	7,161	7,161
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 289,357</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 186,033</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (110,485)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 7,161</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (103,324)</u></b>
<b>General Revenues</b>					
Property taxes		\$ 108,615	\$ -	\$ 108,615	
Intergovernmental		8,020	-	8,020	
Investment earnings		750	100	850	
Miscellaneous		1,039	6,149	7,188	
<b>Transfers</b>		<u>42,000</u>	<u>(42,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	
<b>Total general revenues and transfers</b>		<b><u>\$ 160,424</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (35,751)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 124,673</u></b>	
<b>Change in net position</b>		<b>\$ 49,939</b>	<b>\$ (28,590)</b>	<b>\$ 21,349</b>	
<b>Net Position - Beginning</b>		<b><u>493,246</u></b>	<b><u>469,161</u></b>	<b><u>962,407</u></b>	
<b>Net Position - Ending</b>		<b><u>\$ 543,185</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 440,571</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 983,756</u></b>	

## **FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

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**LAKE COUNTY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
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*EXHIBIT 3*

**BALANCE SHEET  
GENERAL FUND  
DECEMBER 31, 2014**

<u>Assets</u>	
Cash	\$ 684,200
Undistributed cash with primary government	10,826
Taxes receivable	12,274
Accounts receivable	118,851
Due from other fund	11,195
Loans receivable - current	728
Loans receivable - long-term	8,593
	<u>8,593</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ <u>846,667</u></b>
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Due to Silverpointe Enterprise Fund	\$ 7,557
Due to primary government	196,189
Due to other governments	100,000
	<u>100,000</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ <u>303,746</u></b>
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	
Unavailable revenue - taxes	\$ 11,229
Unavailable revenue - long-term receivables	118,851
	<u>118,851</u>
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>\$ <u>130,080</u></b>
<u>Fund Balance</u>	
Nonspendable for long-term loans	\$ 8,593
Unassigned	404,248
	<u>404,248</u>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ <u>412,841</u></b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ <u>846,667</u></b>

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*EXHIBIT 4*

**RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET TO  
THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION--GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES  
DECEMBER 31, 2014**

<b>Fund balance - governmental fund (Exhibit 3)</b>	<b>\$ 412,841</b>
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.	264
Long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the governmental funds.	<u>130,080</u>
<b>Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit 1)</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 543,185</u></u></b>

**LAKE COUNTY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
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*EXHIBIT 5*

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

<b>Revenues</b>	
Property taxes	\$ 112,594
Intergovernmental	8,020
Investment earnings	750
Miscellaneous	1,039
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<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 122,403</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
<b>Current</b>	
<b>Urban and economic development</b>	
Meetings	\$ 6,091
Administrative services	9,600
Accounting and auditing	13,279
Housing rehabilitation	79,054
Other	2,194
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<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 110,218</b>
<b>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 12,185</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	
Transfers in	42,000
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<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 54,185</b>
<b>Fund Balance - January 1</b>	<b>358,656</b>
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<b>Fund Balance - December 31</b>	<b>\$ 412,841</b>
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*EXHIBIT 6*

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE  
GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES--GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

<b>Net change in fund balance - governmental fund (Exhibit 5)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>54,185</b>
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

In the funds, under the modified accrual basis, receivables not available for expenditure are deferred. In the statement of activities, those revenues are recognized when earned. The adjustment to revenues between the fund statement and the statement of activities is the increase or decrease in revenue deferred as unavailable.

Deferred inflows of resources - December 31	\$ 130,080	
Deferred inflows of resources - January 1	<u>(134,059)</u>	(3,979)

Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

Current year depreciation		<u>(267)</u>
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<b>Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit 2)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>49,939</u></b>
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**PROPRIETARY FUND**

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*EXHIBIT 7*

**STATEMENT OF FUND NET POSITION  
SILVERPOINTE ENTERPRISE FUND  
DECEMBER 31, 2014**

**Assets**

**Current assets**

Cash	\$	91,008
Accounts receivable		4,511
Due from General Fund		7,557
		7,557

**Total current assets** **\$ 103,076**

**Restricted assets**

Cash		
Cash with management company for security deposits		15,015

**Noncurrent assets**

Capital assets		
Depreciable capital assets - net of accumulated depreciation		1,072,556
		1,072,556

**Total Assets** **\$ 1,190,647**

**Liabilities**

**Current liabilities**

Accounts payable	\$	3,497
Due to General Fund		11,195
General obligation bonds payable - current		50,000
		50,000

**Total current liabilities** **\$ 64,692**

**Current liabilities payable from restricted assets**

Security deposits payable	\$	15,015
		15,015

**Noncurrent liabilities**

General obligation bonds payable - long-term	\$	680,000
Less: unamortized bond premium (discount)		(9,631)
		(9,631)

**Total noncurrent liabilities** **\$ 670,369**

**Total Liabilities** **\$ 750,076**

**Net Position**

Net investment in capital assets	\$	352,187
Unrestricted		88,384
		88,384

**Total Net Position** **\$ 440,571**

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*EXHIBIT 8*

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION  
SILVERPOINTE ENTERPRISE FUND  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

<b>Operating Revenues</b>	
Rental	\$ 179,853
Parking	6,180
Miscellaneous	6,149
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<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 192,182</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
Other services and charges	
Human resources	\$ 17,647
Management fees	11,017
Real estate taxes	7,428
Telephone	480
Utilities	16,436
Advertising	6,525
Insurance	6,467
Repairs and maintenance	29,691
Sanitation	9,776
Miscellaneous	2,961
Supplies	205
Depreciation expense	49,524
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<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 158,157</b>
<b>Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 34,025</b>
<b>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</b>	
Interest income	\$ 100
Discount on issuance of bonds	(803)
Interest expense	(19,912)
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<b>Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</b>	<b>\$ (20,615)</b>
<b>Income (Loss) Before Transfers</b>	<b>\$ 13,410</b>
Transfers out	<hr/> (42,000)
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<b>\$ (28,590)</b>
<b>Net Position - January 1</b>	<hr/> <b>469,161</b>
<b>Net Position - December 31</b>	<hr/> <b>\$ 440,571</b>

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

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*EXHIBIT 9*

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
SILVERPOINTE ENTERPRISE FUND  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 30, 2014**

<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	
Cash received from customers	\$ 235,127
Cash paid to suppliers	<u>(173,712)</u>
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<b><u>\$ 61,415</u></b>
<b>Cash Flows to Noncapital Financing Activities</b>	
Transfers to General Fund	<u>\$ (42,000)</u>
<b>Cash Flows to Capital and Related Financing Activities</b>	
Capital asset additions	\$ (12,747)
Principal paid on long-term debt	(50,000)
Interest paid on long-term debt	<u>(19,912)</u>
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) capital and related financing activities</b>	<b><u>\$ (82,659)</u></b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>	
Interest Income	<u>\$ 100</u>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash</b>	<b>\$ (63,144)</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents - January 1</b>	<u>169,167</u>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents - December 31</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 106,023</u></u></b>
<b>Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities</b>	
Net operating income (loss)	<u>\$ 34,025</u>
<b>Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	
Depreciation expense	\$ 49,524
(Increase) decrease in receivables	42,945
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(62,853)
Increase (decrease) in unearned revenue	<u>(2,226)</u>
<b>Total adjustments</b>	<b><u>\$ 27,390</u></b>
<b>Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 61,415</u></u></b>
<b>Noncash Investing, Capital, and Financing Activities</b>	
Decrease in cash with management company for security deposits	\$ 326

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

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**LAKE COUNTY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority's financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for the year ended December 31, 2014. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (statements and interpretations). The Authority has not presented in the financial statements a Management's Discussion and Analysis that GASB has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements. The accounting policies of the Authority conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The more significant accounting policies established by GAAP and used by the Authority are discussed below.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority was established June 13, 1984, and became active in 1986, having all the powers and duties of a county housing and redevelopment authority under the provisions of Minn. Stat. §§ 469.001-.047. The Authority is governed by a five-member Board appointed by the Lake County Board of Commissioners. The Board is organized with a chair, vice chair, secretary, and treasurer, elected annually.

Component Unit

The Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority is considered to be a component unit of Lake County and is included in Lake County's annual financial report.

B. Basic Financial Statements

1. Government-Wide Statements

The government-wide financial statements (the statement of net position and the statement of activities) display information about the government. These statements include the financial activities of the overall Authority government.

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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

B. Basic Financial Statements

1. Government-Wide Statements (Continued)

Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges to external parties for support.

In the government-wide statement of net position, both the governmental and business-type activities columns: (a) are presented on a consolidated basis by column; and (b) are reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations.

The Authority's net position is reported in three parts: (1) net investment in capital assets, (2) restricted net position, and (3) unrestricted net position.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of each function of the Authority's governmental activities and business-type activities are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those clearly identifiable with a specific function or activity. Program revenues include: (1) fees, fines, and charges paid by the recipients of goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or activity; and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or activity. Revenues not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

2. Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide information about the Authority's funds. Separate statements for each fund--governmental and proprietary--are presented.

The Authority reports the following major governmental fund:

The General Fund is the Authority's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government not accounted for in other funds.

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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

B. Basic Financial Statements

2. Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

The Authority reports the following major enterprise fund:

The Silverpointe Enterprise Fund is used to account for the operations of a 25-unit senior housing facility in Silver Bay, Minnesota. The facility is owned by the Authority and was built to provide quality and affordable housing for senior citizens in Lake County. Silverpointe is operated similar to a business enterprise. The intent of the Authority is that the cost of providing housing services to the general public, on a continuing basis, is financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide and proprietary fund 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. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. The Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority considers all revenues as available if collected within 90 days after the end of the current period, except for taxes, which have a 60-day accrual period. Property and other taxes, licenses, and interest are all considered susceptible to accrual.

Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, and claims and judgments, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent that they have matured. Issuances of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Proprietary fund operating revenues, such as charges for services, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the fund. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Nonoperating revenues, such as subsidies and investment earnings, result from nonexchange transactions or incidental activities.

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

D. Budget

The Authority does not prepare budgets for the General Fund operations. Expenditures are made in accordance with the tax increment financing plans for the tax increment financing districts. An estimated operating budget is prepared by the management company for the Silverpointe Enterprise Fund. The budget is prepared on an accrual basis. The budget is approved and can be adjusted by the Board.

E. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity

1. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Authority's cash and cash equivalents consist of savings and checking accounts, cash on hand, and certificates of deposit, and do not include restricted accounts.

2. Receivables and Payables

All outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds." Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

E. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity

2. Receivables and Payables (Continued)

Property taxes, including property taxes captured as tax increment, are levied as of January 1 on property values assessed as of the same date. The tax levy notice is mailed in March with the first half payment due May 15 and the second half payment due October 15. The Authority approved an annual levy for operating purposes. Property taxes, including tax increment, are collected by Lake County. Unpaid taxes at December 31 become liens on the respective property and are classified in the financial statements as taxes receivable.

3. Restricted Assets

Certain funds of the Authority are classified as restricted assets on the statement of net position because the restriction is either imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or imposed externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Therefore, their use is limited by applicable laws and regulations.

4. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, buildings and structures, and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$1,000 and have an expected life of at least five years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

Buildings and structures and equipment of the Authority are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Buildings and structures	25 - 40
Equipment	7

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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

E. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity  
(Continued)

5. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenditure/expense) until then. No deferred outflows of resources affect the governmental fund or governmental activities in the current year.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Authority has only one type of item that qualifies for reporting in this category, unavailable revenue, which is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. These amounts are recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

6. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position.

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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

E. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity  
(Continued)

7. Classification of Net Position

Net position in government-wide statements is classified in the following categories:

Net investment in capital assets - the amount of net position representing capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced by outstanding debt attributed to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of the assets.

Restricted net position - the amount of net position for which external restrictions have been imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments and restrictions imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position - the amount of net position that does not meet the definition of restricted or net investment in capital assets.

8. Classification of Fund Balances

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Authority is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable - amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, such as fund balance associated with inventories, prepaids, or permanent funds.

Restricted - amounts that are restricted by external parties such as creditors or imposed by grants, law, or legislation.

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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

E. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity

8. Classification of Fund Balances (Continued)

Committed - amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Authority's highest level of decision-making authority, which is the Authority's Board of Commissioners. Fund balance commitments are established, modified, or rescinded by Board action through a Board resolution.

Assigned - amounts intended to be used by the government for specific purposes that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the General Fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount of fund balance not restricted or committed.

Unassigned - the residual classification for the General Fund, it includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other fund balance classifications.

In circumstances where an expenditure is to be made for a purpose for which amounts are available in multiple fund balance classifications, the order in which resources will be expended is as follows: restricted, committed, and then assigned, unless the specific items have been identified in another classification.

The Authority applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

9. Use of Estimates

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

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2. Detailed Notes on All Funds

A. Assets

1. Deposits

The Authority's total deposits are reported as follows:

Government-wide statement of net position		
Governmental activities		
Cash	\$	695,026
Business-type activities		
Cash		91,008
Restricted assets		
Customer deposits		<u>15,015</u>
 Total Cash	 \$	 <u>801,049</u>

The Authority is authorized by Minn. Stat. §§ 118A.02 and 118A.04 to designate a depository for public funds and to invest in certificates of deposit. The Authority is required by Minn. Stat. § 118A.03 to protect Authority deposits with insurance, surety bond, or collateral. The market value of collateral pledged shall be at least ten percent more than the amount on deposit at the close of the financial institution's banking day, not covered by insurance or bonds.

Authorized collateral includes treasury bills, notes and bonds; issues of U.S. government agencies; general obligations rated "A" or better and revenue obligations rated "AA" or better; irrevocable standby letters of credit issued by the Federal Home Loan Bank; and certificates of deposit. Minnesota statutes require that securities pledged as collateral be held in safekeeping in a restricted account at the Federal Reserve Bank or in an account at a trust department of a commercial bank or other financial institution that is not owned or controlled by the financial institution furnishing the collateral.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a financial institution failure, the Authority's deposits may not be returned to it. The Authority does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of December 31, 2014, the Authority's deposits were not exposed to custodial credit risk.

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2. Detailed Notes on All Funds

A. Assets (Continued)

2. Loan Receivable

The Authority has a \$9,321 loan receivable from the Town of Crystal Bay for the Finland Coop roofing project, an unrelated organization. The loan has an interest rate of three percent with annual payments of \$1,007 due on January 10 of each year.

3. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2014, was as follows:

Governmental Activities

	Beginning Balance	Increase	Decrease	Ending Balance
Capital assets depreciated Equipment	\$ 1,866	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,866
Less: accumulated depreciation for Equipment	1,335	267	-	1,602
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 531</u>	<u>\$ (267)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 264</u>

Business-Type Activities

	Beginning Balance	Increase	Decrease	Ending Balance
Capital assets depreciated Buildings and structures	\$ 1,879,117	\$ 7,455	\$ -	\$ 1,886,572
Equipment	14,639	5,292	-	19,931
Total capital assets depreciated	<u>\$ 1,893,756</u>	<u>\$ 12,747</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,906,503</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation for Buildings and structures	\$ 779,045	\$ 48,466	\$ -	\$ 827,511
Equipment	5,378	1,058	-	6,436
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ 784,423</u>	<u>\$ 49,524</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 833,947</u>
Business-Type Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 1,109,333</u>	<u>\$ (36,777)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,072,556</u>

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2. Detailed Notes on All Funds

A. Assets

3. Capital Assets (Continued)

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental Activities	\$ 267
Urban and economic development	
Business-Type Activities	\$ 49,524
Senior housing	

B. Interfund Receivables, Payables, and Transfers

1. Due To/From Other Funds

The composition of interfund balances as of December 31, 2014, is as follows:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount	Purpose
General	Silverpointe	\$ 11,195	Reimbursement for services
Silverpointe	General	7,557	2012 bond proceeds
Total Due To/From Other Funds		\$ 18,752	

2. Interfund Transfers

Interfund transfers for the year ended December 31, 2014, consisted of the following:

Transfer to General Fund from Silverpointe Fund	\$ 42,000	To finance programs of the general government
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2. Detailed Notes on All Funds (Continued)

C. Liabilities

1. Due to Lake County

Due to Lake County comprises these amounts at December 31, 2014:

District Number 2	Blue Water/Superior Shores Project	\$ 106,088
District Number 3	Cove Point Project	90,101
Total Due to Lake County		\$ 196,189

Lake County has aided the Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority in making the bond payments on the Superior Shores and Cove Point tax increment bonds. For more information regarding the repayment of these bonds by Lake County, see Note 3.A.

2. Long-Term Debt

Business-Type Activities

Type of Indebtedness	Final Maturity	Installment Amounts	Interest Rate (%)	Original Issue Amount	Outstanding Balance December 31, 2014
2012 General Obligation Senior Housing Bonds	2028	Varies	1.0 - 3.5	\$ 860,000	\$ 730,000

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2. Detailed Notes on All Funds

C. Liabilities (Continued)

3. Debt Service Requirements

Debt service requirements at December 31, 2014, were as follows:

Business-Type Activities

Year Ending December 31	Revenue Bonds	
	Principal	Interest
2015	\$ 50,000	\$ 19,538
2016	55,000	18,788
2017	55,000	17,863
2018	55,000	16,763
2019	55,000	15,594
2020 - 2024	295,000	57,444
2025 - 2028	165,000	14,119
Total	<u>\$ 730,000</u>	<u>\$ 160,109</u>

4. Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

Business-Type Activities

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Bonds Payable					
General Obligation Senior Housing Bonds - 2012	\$ 780,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 730,000	\$ 50,000
Bond discount	(10,434)	-	(803)	(9,631)	-
Total	<u>\$ 769,566</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 49,197</u>	<u>\$ 720,369</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>

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3. Summary of Significant Contingencies and Other Items

A. Tax Increment Financing District

The Authority administers the following tax increment financing district established pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 469.174-.1791.

District Number 2

Blue Water/Superior Shores Project

The bonds for District Number 2 were general obligation bonds issued by Lake County and paid off in 2009. The tax increment financing district was decertified in 2013. The County collected and paid the debt service payments pursuant to the amended Tax Increment Pledge Agreement, and the Authority recognizes the tax increment revenues and tax increment distributions to Lake County in its financial statements.

Tax increment revenues were not sufficient to cover bond payments on the Cove Point and Superior Shores tax increment bonds. The Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority remains obligated to Lake County for these shortfalls. A liability has been set up on the Authority's financial statements in the amount of \$196,189.

B. Risk Management

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors or omissions; or natural disasters. To manage these risks, the Authority has joined the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT). The Authority retains risk for the deductible portions of the insurance policies. The amounts of these deductibles are considered immaterial to the financial statements. There were no significant reductions in insurance from the prior year. The amount of settlements did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

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3. Summary of Significant Contingencies and Other Items

C. Related-Party Transactions - Lake County

The Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority is a discretely presented component unit of Lake County. The following is a related-party transaction:

Segog Property

In June 2005, the Authority's Board passed a resolution authorizing the Authority to enter into an agreement to purchase 70 acres of land from Lake County for \$250,000. The property will be used for a housing development to meet the County's housing needs and to assist in fostering economic development in the County. The purchase price of \$250,000 will be paid to the County as individual lots are sold in the development. This agreement has not been finalized as of December 31, 2014, and no cash payments have been made.

D. Conduit Debt

Health Care Facility Projects

In 2000, the Authority issued a fixed rate Health Care Facilities Revenue Bond, Series 2000, of \$5,000,000 to finance the construction of medical clinic facilities near the City of Proctor and the City of Two Harbors. The bond is secured by, among other things, a Pledge Agreement between the Authority and The Lake Bank, National Association (Holder), and by a Mortgage, Security Agreement and Fixture Financing Statement granted by First Plan of Minnesota (the Obligor) to the Authority and assigned to the Holder.

The County is not obligated in any manner for repayment of the bonds. Accordingly, the bonds are not reported as liabilities in the financial statements. The outstanding balance at December 31, 2013, is \$2,714,330, the most recent available information.

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3. Summary of Significant Contingencies and Other Items

D. Conduit Debt (Continued)

Lakeshore, Inc., and Ecumen Sunrise, LLC, Project

In 2012, the Authority issued Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2012, of \$9,140,000 to refinance and renovate the Scenic Shores Facility in Two Harbors which is owned by Ecumen Sunrise, LLC. In exchange for the issuance of the bonds, Ecumen Sunrise, LLC, agreed to pay the Authority an administrative fee of \$91,400, one percent of the stated principal amount of the Series 2012 Bonds.

The County is not obligated in any manner for repayment of the bonds. Accordingly, the bonds are not reported as liabilities in the financial statements.



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**LAKE COUNTY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

**I. FINDINGS RELATED TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDITED IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

INTERNAL CONTROL

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ITEMS NOT RESOLVED

Finding 1998-001

Internal Controls/Segregation of Duties

**Criteria:** Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control. This responsibility includes the internal control over the various accounting cycles, the fair presentation of the financial statements and related notes, and the accuracy and completeness of all financial records and related information. Also, management is responsible for controls over the period-end financial reporting process, including controls over procedures used to enter transaction totals in the general ledger; initiate, authorize, record, and process journal entries into the general ledger; and record recurring and nonrecurring adjustments to the financial statements. Adequate segregation of duties is a key internal control in an organization's accounting system.

**Condition:** Due to the limited number of personnel, segregation of accounting duties necessary to ensure adequate internal accounting control is not possible.

**Context:** The size of the Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority and its structure limits the internal control that management can design and implement into the organization. Without proper segregation of duties, errors or irregularities may not be detected timely.

**Effect:** Inadequate segregation of duties could adversely affect the Authority's ability to detect misstatements in a timely manner by personnel in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

**Cause:** The size of the Authority and its staffing limits the internal control that management can design and implement into the organization. Management has also requested that we prepare the annual financial statements and related notes. This arrangement is not unusual for an organization the size of the Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority. This decision was based on the availability of the Authority's contracted staff and the cost benefit of using our expertise.

**Recommendation:** Management should be aware that segregation of duties is not adequate from an internal control point of view. We recommend the Board of Commissioners and management be mindful that limited staffing causes inherent risks in safeguarding the Authority's assets and the proper reporting of its financial activity. We recommend the Board of Commissioners and management continue to implement oversight procedures and monitor those procedures to determine if they are still effective internal controls.

Client's Response:

*A Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board Member will review the trial balance and journal entries as provided by the Executive Director on a quarterly basis.*

Finding 2011-002

Audit Adjustments

**Criteria:** A deficiency in internal control over financial reporting exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or personnel in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements of the financial statements on a timely basis. Auditing standards define a material weakness as a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Authority's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

**Condition:** During our audit, we identified several material adjustments that resulted in significant changes to the Authority's financial statements.

**Context:** The inability to make accrual adjustments or to detect significant misstatements in the financial statements increases the likelihood that the financial statements would not be fairly presented.

**Effect:** The following audit adjustments were reviewed and approved by the appropriate Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority staff and are reflected in the financial statements:

- General Fund
  - Assets increased by \$23,421, liabilities increased by \$203,746, deferred inflows increased by \$134,059, and fund balance decreased by \$314,384 for prior year book entries not made.
  
- Silverpointe Enterprise Fund
  - Assets decreased by \$36,651, liabilities increased by \$91,486, and net position decreased by \$128,137 to record a prior year book entry.
  
  - Assets decreased by \$49,524 and expenses increased by \$49,524 to record current year depreciation.
  
  - Assets decreased by \$47,456, liabilities decreased by \$46,134, and revenues decreased by \$1,322 to record the 2013 insurance claim paid and received during 2014.
  
- Government-Wide Financial Statements
  - Audit adjustments were made to adjust the modified accrual financial statements to the accrual basis for the government-wide financial statements. The total effects of all the adjustments on the government-wide financial statements caused total assets to decrease by \$7,293, liabilities to decrease by \$7,557, deferred inflows to decrease by \$130,080, revenues to increase by \$3,979, expenses to increase by \$267, and net position to increase by \$134,590.

**Cause:** The Authority provides cash basis financial statements and prepares some of the modified accrual information necessary to adjust the cash basis financial statements to the modified accrual basis. However, the Authority personnel do not have the time nor the technical expertise to ensure that all material adjustments have been made.

**Recommendation:** We recommend that Authority personnel review the trial balances and journal entries in detail to ensure all transactions have been properly recorded to be presented in the financial statements.

Client's Response:

*A Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board Member will review the trial balance and journal entries as provided by the Executive Director on a quarterly basis.*

## II. OTHER FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

#### PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ITEM NOT RESOLVED

Finding 2006-002

#### Collection of Accounts Receivable

**Criteria:** Receivables should be presented only if it is reasonably certain that they will be collected in the future.

**Condition:** The Authority has an outstanding receivable from a developer who has not made any payments to date.

**Context:** The receivable from the developer is for \$118,851.

**Effect:** The Authority may have a receivable on its financial statements that is not collectible and may have to be written off.

**Cause:** Delay in collecting this receivable has made it more difficult to pursue collection in the current year.

**Recommendation:** We recommend the Board make attempts to collect this receivable. A bill should be sent out for this receivable that has not yet been billed. If it is determined by the Board that this receivable is not collectible, the receivable should be written off.

#### Client's Response:

*The Lake County Board of Commissioners has taken on the responsibility of this collection. The Lake County HRA will state this officially in the minutes at the next meeting.*



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## **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***

### Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Commissioners  
Lake County Housing and  
Redevelopment Authority  
Two Harbors, Minnesota

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, a component unit of Lake County, Minnesota, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 16, 2015.

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

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority's internal control over financial reporting 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 Authority's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as

described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Recommendations, we identified a deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be a material weakness and an item that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

A deficiency in internal control over financial reporting exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Authority's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Recommendations as item 2011-002 to be a material weakness.

A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Recommendations as item 1998-001 to be a significant deficiency.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority'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*.

### **Minnesota Legal Compliance**

The *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Political Subdivisions*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 6.65, contains six categories of compliance to be tested in connection with the audit of the Authority's financial statements: contracting and bidding, deposits and investments, conflicts of interest, public indebtedness, claims and disbursements, and miscellaneous provisions. Our audit considered all of the listed categories, except that we did not test for compliance with the provisions for contracting and bidding because there were no new contracts in 2014.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority failed to comply with the provisions of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Political Subdivisions*. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the Authority's noncompliance with the above referenced provisions.

### **Other Matters**

Also included in the Schedule of Findings and Recommendations is a management practices comment. We believe this recommendation to be of benefit to the Authority, and it is reported for that purpose.

### **Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority's Response to Findings**

Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority's responses to the internal control and management practices findings identified in our audit have been included in the Schedule of Findings and Recommendations. The Authority's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

### **Purpose of This Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting, compliance, and the provisions of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Political Subdivisions* and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*/s/Rebecca Otto*

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September 16, 2015