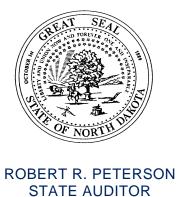
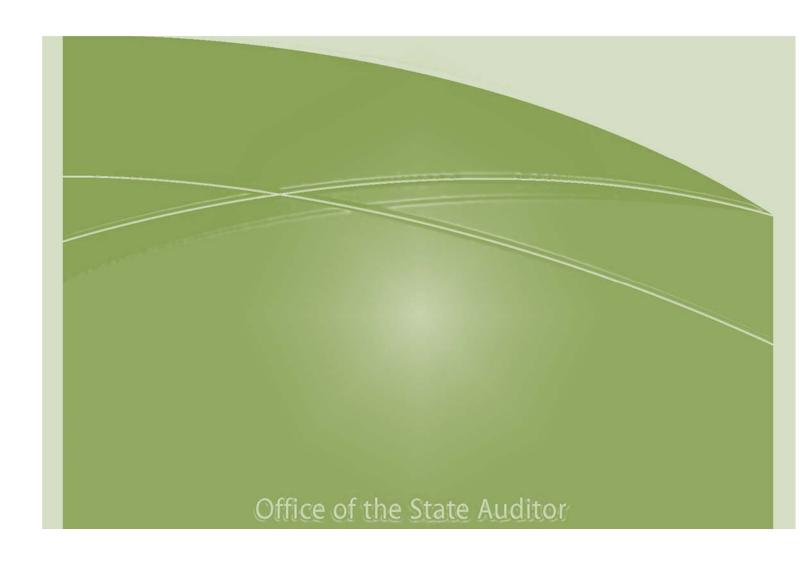
# Pembina County

Cavalier, North Dakota

# **Audit Report**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014





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### **COUNTY OFFICIALS**

# December 31, 2014

Hugh Ralston Commissioner - Chairperson

Hetty Walker Commissioner - Vice Chairperson

Laverne Doyle Commissioner
Nick Rutherford Commissioner
Gary Nilsson Commissioner

Linda Schlittenhard County Auditor/Treasurer/Supt. of Schools

Kay Braget County Clerk of Court/County Recorder

Brian Erovick Sheriff

Stephenie Davis State's Attorney
Julie Doyle Tax Director

Troy Kittelson Highway Superintendent
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# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR

STATE CAPITOL 600 E. BOULEVARD AVENUE - DEPT. 117 BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA 58505

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of County Commissioners Pembina County Cavalier, North Dakota

#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Pembina County, Cavalier, North Dakota, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County'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 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, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Pembina County, Cavalier, North Dakota, as of December 31, 2014, 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

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 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. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the *budgetary comparison information* on pages 26-30 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 Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Pembina County's basic financial statements. The schedule of fund activity arising from cash transactions and schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedule of fund activity arising from cash transactions and schedule of expenditures of federal awards is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of fund activity arising from cash transactions and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 5, 2015 on our consideration of Pembina County'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 Pembina County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Robert R. Peterson State Auditor

Fargo, North Dakota August 5, 2015

### STATEMENT OF NET POSITION December 31, 2014

		Primary							
		overnment	Component Units						
		vernmental Activities	Wa	ter Resource District		Development Authority			
ASSETS:									
Cash and Investments	\$	5,272,844	\$	819,413	\$	344,824			
Intergovernmental Receivable		467,038		3,404		3,404			
Accounts Receivable		33,605		-		-			
Special Assessments Receivable		-		2,122		-			
Road Accounts Receivable		17,567		-		-			
Taxes Receivable		83,266		4,558		2,606			
Job Development Loans Receivable (net of allowance)		-		-		332,559			
Capital Assets (not being depreciated):									
Land		4,900		<u>-</u>		-			
Construction in progress		-		5,834,109		-			
Capital Assets (being depreciated):									
Buildings		1,423,304		-		-			
Equipment and Vehicles		940,611		-		-			
Infrastructure	_	1,670,305		2,359,840	Ф.	-			
Total Capital Assets	_ \$	4,039,120	\$	8,193,949	\$	<u>-</u>			
Total Assets	\$	9,913,440	\$	9,023,446	\$	683,393			
LIABILITIES:									
Accounts Payable	\$	71,835	\$	724,414	\$	845			
Salaries Payable		11,161		5,911		-			
Grants Received in Advance		100,346		483,015		-			
Retainage Payable		-		43,603		-			
Long-Term Liabilities:									
Due Within One Year:									
Loan Payable		115,000		-		-			
Lines of Credit Payable		-		729,317		-			
Compensated Absences Payable		13,719		236		-			
Due After One Year:									
Warrants Payable		-		1,095,212		-			
Lines of credit payable		-		372,099		-			
Compensated Absences Payable		123,478		2,126		-			
Total Liabilities	\$	435,539	\$	3,455,933	\$	845			
NET POSITION:									
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$	4,039,120	\$	7,464,632	\$	-			
Restricted for:									
Debt Service		203,075		-		-			
Public Safety		58,501		-		-			
Highways and Bridges		3,213,230		-		-			
Health and Welfare		324,652		-		-			
Conservation of Natural Resources		193,181		-		-			
Emergencies		340,085		-		247 420			
Economic Development		-		-		347,430			
Loans Conoral Covernment & Other Burneses		140.007		-		335,118			
General Government & Other Purposes Unrestricted		148,087 957,970		- (1,897,119)		<u>-</u>			

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

		P	roar	am Revenu	es	,	xpense) Reven	
		Fees, Fines,	<u></u>	<u> </u>		Primary Government	Compor	_
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Forfeits and Charges for Services	G	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Water Resource District	Job evelopment Authority
Primary Government: General Government Public Safety Highways and Bridges Flood Repair Health and Welfare Conserv. of Natural Resources Economic Development Interest on Long Term Debt	\$ 2,227,000 1,124,856 4,937,331 357,700 1,466,457 266,472 27,436 624	\$ 139,451 237,723 616,961 - 80,819 5,186	\$	81,887 139,654 3,378,238 357,700 327,325 76,818	\$ - - - - - - -	\$ (2,005,662) (747,479) (942,132) - (1,058,313) (184,468) (27,436) (624)		
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 10,407,876	\$ 1,080,140	\$	4,361,622	\$ -	\$ (4,966,114)		
Component Units: Water Resource District Job Development Authority	\$ 3,717,875 131,349	\$ - 1,552	\$	1,597,372 -	\$ 3,196,412 -		\$ 1,075,909	\$ - (129,797)
Total Component Units	\$ 3,849,224	\$ 1,552	\$	1,597,372	\$ 3,196,412	:	\$ 1,075,909	\$ (129,797)
	Property taxe Property taxe	s; levied for ge s; levied for sp s; levied for de s; levied for dra ants not restric vestment Earn	ecia bt se ains/ ted t	I purposes ervice maintenanc o specific pi		\$ 924,215 2,767,302 79,955 - 954,327 19,711 276,685	\$ 203,749 - - 1,515,091 - 592 15,282	\$ 99,377 - - 14,523 -
	Total General I	Revenues				\$ 5,022,195	\$ 1,734,714	\$ 113,900
	Change in Net	Position				\$ 56,081	\$ 2,810,623	\$ (15,897)
	Net Position - C Prior Period Ac					\$ 9,421,820	\$ 2,627,951 128,939	\$ 688,445 10,000
	Net Position	January 1, as re	esta	ted		\$ 9,421,820	\$ 2,756,890	\$ 698,445
	Net Position - [	December 31				\$ 9,477,901	\$ 5,567,513	\$ 682,548

### BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS December 31, 2014

				County								Other		Total
	_		R	Road and		Highway		Social	_	Flood	G	overnmental	Go	overnmental
ASSETS		Seneral		Bridge		Funds		Services	EI	mergency		Funds		Funds
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	697,214	\$	700,731	\$	2,349,395	\$	_	¢	100,346	\$	1,425,158	\$	5,272,844
Intergovernmental Receivable	Ψ	231,210	Ψ	1,702	Ψ	144,420	Ψ	42,597	Ψ	100,040	Ψ	47,109	Ψ	467,038
Accounts Receivable		13,867		1,702		19,738		-2,557		_		47,105		33,605
Due from Other Funds		279,859		_		10,700		_		_		_		279,859
Road Accounts Receivable		-		17,567		_		_		_		_		17,567
Taxes Receivable		20,562		5,645		-		11,840		_		45,219		83,266
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Total Assets	\$ 1	1,242,712	\$	725,645	\$	2,513,553	\$	54,437	\$	100,346	\$	1,517,486	\$	6,154,179
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF														
RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES														
Liabilities:														
Accounts Payable	\$	27,253	\$	_	\$	18,927	\$	18,440	\$	-	\$	7,215	\$	71,835
Salaries Payable	·	160	·	-	·	10,775	·	, <u>-</u>	·	-	·	226		11,161
Grants Received in Advance		-		_		-		-		100,346		-		100,346
Due to Other Funds		-		-		-		259,612		-		20,247		279,859
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Total Liabilities	\$	27,413	\$	-	\$	29,702	\$	278,052	\$	100,346	\$	27,688	\$	463,201
Deferred Inflows of Resources:														
Road Receivable	\$	-	\$	17,567	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	17,567
Taxes Receivable		20,562		5,645		-		11,840		-		45,219		83,266
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Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$	20,562	\$	23,212	\$	-	\$	11,840	\$	-	\$	45,219	\$	100,833
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows														
of Resources	\$	47,975	\$	23,212	\$	29,702	\$	289,892	\$	100,346	\$	72,907	\$	564,034
				•		·						•		
Fund Balances:														
Restricted														
Debt Service	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	200,796	\$	200,796
Highways and Bridges		-		702,433		2,483,851		-		-		143,732		3,330,016
Health and Welfare		-		-		-		-		-		306,786		306,786
Public Safety		-		-		-		-		-		94,506		94,506
Conservation of Natural Resources		-		-		-		-		-		233,443		233,443
Emergencies		-		-		-		-		-		338,133		338,133
General Government & Other Purposes		-		-		-		(005 455)		-		149,057		149,057
<u>Unassigned:</u>	1	1,194,737		-		-		(235,455)		-		(21,874)		937,408
Total Fund Balances	\$ 1	1,194,737	\$	702,433	\$	2,483,851	\$	(235,455)	\$	-	\$	1,444,579	\$	5,590,145
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of														
Resources, and Fund Balances	\$ 1	1,242,712	\$	725,645	\$	2,513,553	\$	54,437	\$	100,346	\$	1,517,486	\$	6,154,179
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# RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION December 31, 2014

Total Fund Balances of Governmental Funds		\$ 5,590,145
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Cost of Capital Assets Less Accumulated Depreciation Net Capital Assets	\$ 59,543,391 (55,504,271)	4,039,120
Property taxes and road dept. receivables will be collected after year-end, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and, therefore, are reported as deferred revenues in the funds.		
Property Taxes Receivable Road Department Accounts Receivable	\$ 83,266 17,567	100,833
Long-term liabilities applicable to the county's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds, but rather is recognized as an expenditre when due. All liabilities-both current and long-term- are reported in the statement of net position. Balances at December 31, 2014 are:		
Lines of Credit Payable Compensated Absences Payable Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ (115,000) (137,197)	(252,197)
Net Position of Governmental Activities		\$ 9,477,901

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	General	County Road and Bridge	Highway Funds	Social Services	Flood Emergency	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues: Taxes Intergovernmental Charges for Services Licenses, Permits and Fees Interest Income	\$ 923,969 886,185 366,541 4,060 19,711	\$ 264,193 7,036 - -	\$ - 3,378,239 620,381 - -	\$ 516,031 300,978 77,447	\$ - 357,700 - - -	\$ 2,060,768 385,811 31,772	5,315,949 1,096,141 4,060 19,711
Miscellaneous  Total Revenues	128,316 \$ 2,328,782	\$ 271,229	\$ 4,060,090	3,166 \$ 897,622	\$ 357,700	\$ 2,562,084	276,685 \$10,477,507
Total Nevertues	Ψ 2,320,702	Ψ 211,229	φ 4,000,090	ψ 091,022	ψ 331,100	Ψ 2,302,004	ψ 10,477,307
Expenditures: Current:							
General Government Public Safety Highways and Bridges Flood Repair Health and Welfare	\$ 1,154,890 952,661 - - 202,861	\$ - 173,334 -	\$ - 3,766,830 -	\$ - - - 1,116,656	\$ - - 357,700	\$ 1,063,156 150,944 822,520 - 152,613	1,103,605 4,762,684 357,700
Conservation of Natural Resources Economic Development Debt Service:	27,436	-	-		-	253,218 -	253,218 27,436
Principal Interest and Fiscal Charges		-	-	-	-	105,000 624	105,000 624
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,337,848	\$ 173,334	\$ 3,766,830	\$1,116,656	\$ 357,700	\$ 2,548,075	\$10,300,443
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ (9,066)	\$ 97,895	\$ 293,260	\$ (219,034)	\$ -	\$ 14,009	\$ 177,064
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Loan Proceeds Transfers In Transfers Out	\$ - 573,220 (528,600)	\$ - - -	\$ 115,000 - -	\$ - - -	\$ - - -	\$ - 93,600 (138,220)	\$ 115,000 666,820 (666,820)
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	\$ 44,620	\$ -	\$ 115,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (44,620)	\$ 115,000
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$ 35,554	\$ 97,895	\$ 408,260	\$ (219,034)	\$ -	\$ (30,611)	\$ 292,064
Fund Balances - January 1	\$ 1,159,183	\$ 604,538	\$ 2,075,591	\$ (16,421)	\$ -	\$ 1,475,190	\$ 5,298,081
Fund Balances - December 31	\$ 1,194,737	\$ 702,433	\$ 2,483,851	\$ (235,455)	\$ -	\$ 1,444,579	\$ 5,590,145

# RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds		\$ 292,064
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays 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. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlays in the current year.		
Current Year Capital Outlay Current Year Depreciation Expense	\$ 86,508 (280,848)	(194,340)
In the Statement of Activities, the loss or gain on sale or disposal of capital assets is recognized. The fund financial statements recognize only the proceeds from these sales.		
Loss on Disposals of Capital Assets		(14,166)
The issuance of debt decreases long-term liabilities, while the repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. This is the amount by which debt issuance exceeded debt payments.		
Issuance of Debt - Loan Repayment of Debt	\$ (115,000) 105,000	(10,000)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. This consists of a net decrease in compensated absences.		(3,927)
Some revenues reported on the statement of activities are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds since they do not represent available resources to pay current expenditures. This consists of the following:		
Change in Taxes Receivable Change in Road Accounts Receivable	\$ 6,511 (20,061)	(13,550)
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities		\$ 56,081

# STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS & LIABILITIES AGENCY FUNDS December 31, 2014

	Agency Funds
Assets: Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 3,701,792
<u>Liabilities:</u> Due to Other Governments	\$ 3,701,792

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2014

# NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of Pembina County have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the county's accounting policies are described below.

## A. Reporting Entity

The accompanying financial statements present the activities of Pembina County. The county has considered all potential component units for which the county is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationships with the county such that exclusion would cause the county's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of Pembina County to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on Pembina County.

Based on these criteria, there are two discretely presented component units to be included within Pembina County as a reporting entity.

#### **COMPONENT UNITS**

In conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial statements of the component units have been included in the financial reporting entity as discretely presented component units.

<u>Discretely Presented Component Units</u>: The component unit columns in the basic financial statements include the financial data of the county's two component units. These units are reported in separate columns to emphasize that they are legally separate from the county.

<u>Pembina County Job Development Authority</u> - The County's governing board appoints a voting majority of the members of the Pembina County Job Development Authority. The county has the authority to approve or modify the Job Development Authority's operational and capital budgets. The county's governing board must approve the tax levy established by the Job Development Authority. The Job Development Authority has the authority to issue bonded debt.

<u>Pembina County Water Resource District</u> - The County's governing board appoints a voting majority of the members of the Pembina County Water Resource District Board. The county has the authority to approve or modify the Water Resource District operational and capital budgets. The county also must approve the tax levy established by the Water Resource District.

<u>Component Unit Financial Statements</u>: The financial statements of the discretely presented component units are presented in the County's basic financial statements. Complete financial statements of the component units can be obtained from the Pembina County Auditor/Treasurer, Pembina County, 301 Dakota Street West, Cavalier, North Dakota, 58220.

#### **B.** Basis of Presentation

Government-wide statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government, Pembina County and its component units. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made, when applicable, to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the County's and the component units governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including taxes, interest and non-restricted grants and contributions, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements: The fund financial statements provide information about the county's funds including its fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category-governmental and fiduciary-are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

The county reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund. This is the county's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

County Road and Bridge Fund. This fund accounts for repair and improvement of county roads and bridges that are legally restricted from taxes levied. The major sources of revenues are a restricted tax levy and State/Federal grants/reimbursements.

Highway Funds. This fund accounts for repair and improvement of highways that are legally restricted from state highway tax distribution. The major sources of revenues are a restricted tax levy and State/Federal grants/reimbursements.

Social Services Fund. This fund accounts for the costs of providing social service benefits and programs to needy residents of the county. The major sources of revenues are restricted State/Federal grants/reimbursements.

Flood Emergency Fund. This fund accounts for state and federal grants for flood disaster repairs and the related disbursements. The major primary source of revenue is restricted Federal and State grants/reimbursements for flood related repairs.

The County reports the following fund type:

Agency Funds. These funds account for assets by the County in a custodial capacity as an agent on behalf of others. The County's agency funds are used to account for property taxes collected on behalf of other governments.

### C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

Government-wide and Fiduciary Fund Financial Statements. The government-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The government-wide and fiduciary financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the County gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements. Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The County considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after year-end. All revenues are considered to be susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the County funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the County's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, and then by general revenues.

# D. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits, money market accounts and highly liquid short-term investments with original maturities of 3 months or less.

#### E. Capital Assets

#### **PRIMARY GOVERNMENT:**

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the governmental 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 \$5,000. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

General infrastructure assets acquired prior to January 1, 2004 consisting of various road and bridge network assets are not reported in the financial statements, as the County was required to prospectively report infrastructure assets beginning January 1, 2004 as a Phase III GASB 34 implementation entity. 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. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets is not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Assets	Years
Buildings	40
Machinery & Equipment	5 - 15
Vehicles	3 - 5
Office Equipment	3 - 5
Infrastructure	40

### **DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNIT:**

#### Pembina County Water Resource District:

Capital assets of the Pembina County Water Resource District, a discretely presented component unit of Pembina County, include equipment and infrastructure. Assets are reported in a discretely presented component unit column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more. Such assets are recorded at cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. 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. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets is not capitalized.

General infrastructure assets acquired prior to January 1, 2004 consisting of various drain and dam projects are not reported in the financial statements, as the District was required to prospectively report infrastructure assets beginning January 1, 2004 as a Phase III GASB 34 implementation entity. The District reported various infrastructure projects in progress at December 31, 2004 as construction in progress.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Assets	Years
Infrastructure	20
Equipment	5 - 7

#### F. Compensated Absences

Vacation leave is earned at the rate of one to two days per month depending on years of service. Employees are allowed to accrue a maximum of 30 days of vacation. Upon termination of employment, employees will be paid for vacation benefits that have accrued through the last day of the week. Sick leave benefits are earned at the rate of one day per month regardless of the years of service. An unlimited number of sick leave hours may be carried over. Employees that reach the Rule of 85 are paid accumulated sick leave, but terminated employees are not paid for accumulated sick leave. A liability for the vested portion of compensated absences for governmental funds is reported in the government-wide statement of net position.

Years of Service	Hours per Month
1 through 3 years	8
4 through 7 years	10
8 through 12 years	12
13 through 18 years	14
19 years and above	16

### G. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities statement of net position for the primary government and the Pembina County Water Resource District, a discretely presented component unit. Bond premiums, discounts and issuance costs, when applicable, are recognized in the current period since the amounts are not material.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums, discounts and issuance costs in the current period. The face amount of the debt is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

#### H. Fund Balances / Net Position

GASB Statement No. 54 established new fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints (restrictions or limitations) imposed upon the use of the resources reported in governmental funds.

## Fund Balance Spending Policy:

It is the policy of Pembina County to spend restricted resources first, followed by unrestricted resources. It is also the policy of the Board to spend unrestricted resources of funds in the following order: committed, assigned and then unassigned.

# Major Special Revenue Fund Purposes & Revenue Sources:

Purposes and major revenue sources of the major special revenue funds (highway funds, farm to market, social services, social services levy, and flood emergency fund) are disclosed in more detail in Note 1B.

#### GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions

GASB 54 requires the fund balance amounts to be properly reported within one of the fund balance categories listed on the next page.

CLASSIFICATION	DEFINITION	EXAMPLES
Nonspendable	Amounts that cannot be spent because they are either	Inventories, prepaid amounts
	(a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually	(expenses), long-term receivables,
	required to be maintained intact.	endowment funds.
Restricted	Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints	Funds restricted by State Statute,
	are placed on the use of resources that are either	unspent bond proceeds, grants
	(a) Externally imposed by creditors (such as through	earned but not spent, debt
	debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or	covenants, taxes raised for a
	regulations of other governments.	specific purpose.
	(b) Imposed by law through constitutional provisions or	
	enabling legislation.	
Committed	A committed fund balance includes amounts that can	By board action, construction,
	only be used for specific purposes pursuant to	claims and judgments, retirements
	constraints imposed by formal action of the government's	of loans and notes payable, capital
	highest level of decision-making authority, the governing	expenditures and self-insurance.
	board. Formal action is required to be taken to establish,	
	modify or rescind a fund balance commitment.	

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CLASSIFICATION	DEFINITION	EXAMPLES
Assigned	Assigned fund balances are amounts that are constrained by the government's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are under the direction of the board and the business manager.	By board action, construction, claims and judgments, retirements of loans and notes payable, capital expenditures and self-insurance.
Unassigned	Unassigned fund balance is the lowest classification for the General Fund. This is fund balance that has not been reported in any other classification.  (a) The General Fund is the only fund that can report a positive unassigned fund balance.  (b) A negative unassigned fund balance may be reported in other governmental funds, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes.	Available for any remaining general fund expenditure.

Pembina County only has restricted and unassigned fund balances at December 31, 2014.

Restricted Fund Balances – consist of the following items at December 31, 2014:

Restricted fund balances are shown by primary function on the balance sheet for debt service, public safety, highways & bridges, health and welfare, conservation of natural resources, emergencies, and general government and other purposes (reported in the other governmental funds). Restricted fund balances are restricted by enabling legislation (primarily state law for tax levies) and by outside 3<sup>rd</sup> parties (State & Federal governments for various grants & reimbursements).

#### Special Revenue Funds – Restricted & Committed Fund Balances:

- (a) Restricted by specified tax levies and/or restricted Federal & State grants/reimbursements:
  - Restricted tax levies includes fund balances for various tax levies other than the general fund.
  - Restricted grants/reimbursements primarily includes FEMA funds, other grant funds, and highway tax distribution.

#### **Net Position:**

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

Net investment in capital assets is reported for capital assets less accumulated depreciation, and less any related debt to purchase/finance the construction of those capital assets. These assets are not available for future spending.

Restrictions of net position shown in the statement of net position are due to restricted tax levies and restricted Federal & State grants/reimbursements.

Restrictions of net position in the statement of net position is shown by primary function and are restricted for debt service, public safety, highways & bridges, health & welfare, culture & recreation, conservation of natural resources, emergencies, economic development, loans, and other general government purposes (health insurance, insurance reserve, veteran's service officer, and social security).

Unrestricted net position is primarily unrestricted amounts related to the general fund, as well as amounts shown for negative funds (sheriff's grants and state reimbursements). The unrestricted net position is available to meet the district's ongoing obligations.

# I. Interfund Transactions

In the governmental fund statements, transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures in the fund that is reimbursed.

All other interfund transactions, except reimbursements, are reported as transfers.

In the government-wide financial statements, interfund transactions have been eliminated.

# NOTE 2: LEGAL COMPLIANCE - BUDGETS

### **BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

The board of county commissioners amended the county budget for 2014 as follows:

	EXPENDITURES			
	Original	Budget	Amended	
	Budget	Amendment	Budget	
Major Funds:				
General Fund	\$2,550,622	\$ 130,031	\$2,680,653	
Highway Funds	1,776,600	1,976,949	3,753,549	
Social Services	1,162,519	(6,792)	1,155,727	
Flood Emergency	150,000	207,700	357,700	
Nonmajor Funds:				
Special Revenue Funds:				
Comprehensive Health	437,750	2,012	439,762	
County Loan	101,100	4,524	105,624	
WIC	33,500	4,681	38,181	
Correctional Center Levy	71,000	3,751	74,751	
Sheriff Special Trust	5,000	32,894	37,894	
Document Preservation	5,100	2,293	7,393	
County Agent Special Trust	-	5,423	5,423	
County Nurse Special Trust	200	151	351	
Tobacco Fund	55,258	713	55,971	

### NOTE 3: DEPOSITS

In accordance with North Dakota Statutes, Pembina County maintains deposits at the depository banks designated by the governing board. All depositories are members of the Federal Reserve System.

Deposits must either be deposited with the Bank of North Dakota or in other financial institution situated and doing business within the state. Deposits, other than with the Bank of North Dakota, must be fully insured or bonded. In lieu of a bond, a financial institution may provide a pledge of securities equal to 110% of the deposits not covered by insurance or bonds.

Authorized collateral includes bills, notes, or bonds issued by the United States government, its agencies or instrumentalities, all bonds and notes guaranteed by the United States government, Federal land bank bonds, bonds, notes, warrants, certificates of indebtedness, insured certificates of deposit, shares of investment companies registered under the Investment Companies Act of 1940, and all other forms of securities issued by the State of North Dakota, its boards, agencies or instrumentalities or by any county, city, township, school district, park district, or other political subdivision of the state of North Dakota. Whether payable from special revenues or supported by the full faith and credit of the issuing body and bonds issued by any other state of the United States or such other securities approved by the banking board.

At year ended December 31, 2014, the county's carrying amount of deposits was \$8,932,603 and the bank balances totaled \$8,645,300. Of the bank balances, \$1,219,653 was deposited at the Bank of North Dakota, and \$1,500,000 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance. The remaining bank balances totaling \$5,925,647 were collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's agent in the government's name. At year ended December 31, 2014, the water resource district's carrying amount of deposits was \$819,413 and the bank balances totaled \$915,958. Of the bank balances, \$362,983 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance. The remaining bank balances totaling \$552,975 were collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's agent in the government's name.

#### Credit Risk:

The county may invest idle funds as authorized in North Dakota Statutes, as follows:

- (a) Bonds, treasury bills and notes, or other securities that are a direct obligation insured or guaranteed by, the treasury of the United States, or its agencies, instrumentalities, or organizations created by an act of congress.
- (b) Securities sold under agreements to repurchase written by a financial institution in which the underlying securities for the agreement to repurchase are the type listed above.
- (c) Certificates of Deposit fully insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation.
- (d) Obligations of the state.

As of December 31, 2014, the county had certificates of deposit totaling \$1,065,000, all of which were considered deposits.

#### Concentration of Credit Risk:

The county does not have a limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer.

#### NOTE 4: TAXES RECEIVABLE

The taxes receivable represents the past three years of delinquent uncollected taxes. No allowance has been established for uncollectible taxes receivable because any defaults will be covered by enforcement of the liens.

The county treasurer acts as an agent to collect property taxes levied in the county for all taxing authorities. Any material collections are distributed after the end of the month.

Property taxes are levied as of January 1. The property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property on January 1. The tax levy may be paid in two installments: the first installment includes one-half of the real estate taxes and all the special assessments; the second installment is the balance of the real estate taxes. The first installment is due by March 1 and the second installment is due by October 15. A 5% discount is allowed if all taxes and special assessments are paid by February 15. After the due dates, the bill becomes delinquent and penalties are assessed.

Most property owners choose to pay property taxes on or before February 15 and receive the 5% discount on the property taxes.

# NOTE 5: DUE TO / FROM OTHER FUNDS

The due to other funds reported in the other governmental funds represent the amount of negative cash at year-end that was covered by the general fund (\$279,859) in the social service fund (\$259,612), WIC fund (\$3,034), correctional center levy fund (\$16,042), and homeland security fund (\$1,171).

# NOTE 6: ROAD ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Road accounts receivable consist of amounts due for road work for townships, cities and private citizens.

# NOTE 7: INTERGOVERNMENTAL RECEIVABLE

Intergovernmental receivables consist of amounts due from the state for the state and federal share of various social service programs, highway tax distribution, state revenue sharing, and other state and federal grants.

# NOTE 8: JOB DEVELOPMENT LOANS RECEIVABLE

The Job Development Authority, a discretely presented component unit of Pembina County, provides loans to businesses for either start-up costs or expansion costs. The Development Authority receives applications from various businesses within the community and either approves or denies the applications based on majority board decision. The Authority had the following activity in loans outstanding for the year ended December 31, 2014.

	Beginning				Ending
	Balance		New Loans/		Balance
Name/Business	January 1	Adjustments	Additions	Payments	December 31
Northern Valley Growers	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000
Main Street Café	274	-	-	-	274
QMAS	8,736	-	-	-	8,736
Tarnel USA	1,297	-	-	-	1,297
John Carpenter	1,187	-	-	1,187	-
Barber Business Properties	1,485	-	-	-	1,485
Border Town Wire Products	3,224	-	-	-	3,224
Valley Crete Products	25,275	-	-	-	25,275
La Tea Da	2,892	-	-	1,566	1,326
On Prairie Software	-	-	36,000	-	36,000
Harvest Fuel - Food First	-	-	11,356	-	11,356
Walhalla Ag Service - Equipment	-	-	5,292	-	5,292
Walhalls Ag Service - Hangers	-	-	7,209	-	7,209
Hank's Corner Hardware	-	-	-	-	-
Dakota Valley Growers, LLP	7,266	-	-	3,078	4,188
Pete Marciniak Enterprises	18,844	-	-	1,945	16,899
HBS of ND LLC	78,847	-	-	-	78,847
Sweet Pro Feeds	11,000	-	-	-	11,000
Walhalla Farmers Grain	12,500	-	-	-	12,500
J&B Holdings - Woodside Industries	42,220	-	-	-	42,220
Red River Repair	6,125	10,000	-	4,103	12,022
Agrimaxx, Inc.	58,145	-	-	-	58,145
Allowance for Doubtful Loans	\$ (8,736)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (8,736)
Total Net Loans Receivable	\$274,581	\$10,000	\$59,857	\$11,879	\$332,559

# NOTE 9: DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred inflows of resources in the balance sheet represent the amount of uncollected taxes and the road accounts receivable in the fund financial statements for which asset recognition criteria have been met, but for which revenue recognition criteria have not been met. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, uncollected taxes and road accounts receivable are measurable but not available.

# NOTE 10: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable consists of amounts due from vendors and NDDOT for wireless 911 fees and weed spraying in the general fund and other governmental funds (weed fund).

# NOTE 11: CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2014:

PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	Balance			Balance
Governmental Activities	January 1	Increases	Decreases	December 31
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 4,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,900
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	\$ 3,057,469	\$ 20,715	\$ -	\$ 3,078,184
Equipment	3,301,418	65,793	133,680	3,233,531
Infrastructure	53,226,776	-	-	53,226,776
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	\$59,585,663	\$ 86,508	\$133,680	\$59,538,491
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Buildings	\$ 1,585,140	\$ 69,740	\$ -	\$ 1,654,880
Equipment	2,253,686	158,747	119,513	2,292,920
Infrastructure	51,504,111	52,360	-	51,556,471
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$55,342,937	\$ 280,847	\$119,513	\$55,504,271
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	\$ 4,242,726	\$(194,339)	\$ 14,167	\$ 4,034,220
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$ 4,247,626	\$(194,339)	\$ 14,167	\$ 4,039,120

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

Governmental Activities:	Amounts
General Government	\$ 37,256
Public Safety	60,264
Highways and Bridges	174,817
Health and Welfare	2,277
Conservation of Natural Resource	6,233
Total Depreciation Expense - Governmental Activities	\$280,847

# Pembina County Water Resource District:

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for the Pembina County Water Resource District, a discretely presented component unit of Pembina County, for the year ended December 31, 2014:

WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT	Balance			Balance
Governmental Activities	January 1	Increases	Decreases	December 31
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Construction in Progress	\$1,693,386	\$4,140,723	\$ -	\$5,834,109
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Equipment	\$ 74,391	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 74,391
Infrastructure	3,395,882	•	-	3,395,882
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	\$3,470,273	· \$\$	\$ -	\$3,470,273
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Equipment	\$ 74,391	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 74,391
Infrastructure	866,248	169,794	-	1,036,042
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 940,639	\$ 169,794	\$ -	\$1,110,433
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	\$2,529,634	\$ (169,794)	\$ -	\$2,359,840
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$4,223,020	\$3,970,929	\$ -	\$8,193,949

Depreciation expense totaling \$169,794 was charged to the conservation of natural resources function for the year ended December 31, 2014.

# NOTE 12: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Accounts payable consists of amounts on open account for goods and services received prior to December 31, 2014 and chargeable to the appropriations for the years then ended, but paid for subsequent to that date.

## NOTE 13: SALARIES PAYABLE

Salaries payable consists of a liability account reflecting amounts owing to employees for work provided on behalf of the county prior to December 31 of each year-end.

### NOTE 14: GRANTS RECEIVED IN ADVANCE

Grants received in advance consist of funds received in the FEMA fund where the eligibility requirements have not all been met at December 31, 2014. Asset recognition criteria have been met, but revenue recognition criteria have not been met.

## NOTE 15: RETAINAGE PAYABLE

Retainages payable consists of a liability account reflecting amounts owing to contractors on the open contract as outlined above at December 31, 2014 by the Water Resource District.

### NOTE 16: LONG-TERM DEBT

#### **Primary Government:**

<u>Changes in Long-Term Liabilities</u> - During the year ended December 31, 2014; the following changes occurred in governmental activities long-term liabilities for the primary government:

PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	Balance			Balance	Due Within
Governmental Activities:	January 1	Increases	Decreases	December 31	One Year
Loan Payable	\$105,000	\$115,000	\$105,000	\$115,000	\$115,000
Compensated Absences	133,270	3,927	-	137,197	13,719
Total Governmental Activities	\$238,270	\$118,927	\$105,000	\$252,197	\$128,719

<u>Loan Payable</u> - The remaining principal of \$115,000 for the county loan payable is due in one payment in 2015 with total interest owed of \$217.

### **DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNIT:**

# Pembina County Water Resource District:

During the year ended December 31, 2014, the following changes occurred in the long-term liabilities of the Water Resource District:

WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT Governmental Activities:	Balance January 1	Increases	Decreases	Balance December 31	Due Within One Year
Warrants Payable	\$ 475,053	\$ 773,061	\$152,902	\$1,095,212	\$ -
Lines of Credit Payable	1,081,836	624,764	605,184	1,101,416	729,317
Compensated Absences	1,966	396	-	2,362	236
Total Governmental Activities	\$1,558,855	\$1,398,221	\$758,086	\$2,198,990	\$729,553

### **WRD Lines of Credit Payable:**

\$200,000 Line of Credit from Choice Financial Bank for Drain #72, no set payment schedule, interest at 5.15%.	\$	16,761
\$297,406 Line of Credit from United Valley Bank, no set payment schedule, interest at 4.0-4.25%.		259,655
\$310,000 Line of Credit from Choice Financial Bank, no set payment schedule, interest at 4.00%.		310,000
\$400,000 Line of Credit from KodaBank, no set payment schedule, interest at 1.75%.		180,000
\$460,000 Line of Credit from KodaBank, no set payment schedule, interest at 2.49%.		335,000
Total Water Resource District Lines of Credit Payable	<u>\$1</u>	,101,416

### **Warrants Payable:**

There are no set payment schedules for the warrants and lines of credit payable, thus the future debt payments separated into principal and interest portions for the next five years individually and five year increments thereafter are not disclosed.

# NOTE 17: CONDUIT DEBT

From time to time, the county has issued Community Development Block Grant Loans to provide financial assistance to private-sector entities for the acquisition and construction of industrial and commercial facilities deemed to be in the public interest. The loans and bonds are secured by the property financed and are payable solely from payments received on the underlying mortgage loans. Upon repayment of the loans and bonds, ownership of the acquired facilities transfers to the private-sector entity served by the loan issuance. Neither the County, the State, nor any political subdivision thereof is obligated in any manner for repayment of the loans. Accordingly, the loans are not reported as liabilities in the accompanying financial statements.

As of December 31, 2014, there is one Community Development Block Grant Loan outstanding (Dakota Valley Growers), with a principal amount payable of \$86,058.

### NOTE 18: TRANSFERS

The following is reconciliation between transfers in and transfers out as reported in the basic financial statements of the governmental activities for the year ended December 31, 2014:

Fund	Transfers In	Transfers Out
Major Funds:		
General Fund	\$573,220	\$528,600
Nonmajor Funds		
Comprehensive Health Fund	93,600	-
Health OASIS	-	90,000
Correctional Center Levy	-	48,220
Total Transfers	\$666,820	\$666,820

### NOTE 19: PENSION PLAN

Pembina County contributes to the North Dakota Public Employee's Retirement System (NDPERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plan administered by the State of North Dakota. NDPERS provides for retirement, disability and survivor benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefits and contributions provisions are administered in accordance with chapter 54-52 of the North Dakota Century Code. NDPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for NDPERS. That report may be obtained by writing to NDPERS, 400 E. Broadway, Suite 505, PO Box 1214, Bismarck, North Dakota, 58502-1214.

Plan members are required to contribute 7% of their annual salary and the county is required to contribute 8.26% of the employee's salary, which consists of 6.12% for employee retirement and 1.14% for retiree health benefits fund. Of the 15.26% of total contributions, the county contributes 13.26%, while employees contribute 2% of the member assessments. The contributions requirements of the plan members and the county are established and may be amended by the State legislature. The county's contributions to NDPERS for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$385,041, \$300,448, and \$197,859, respectively, which consisted of the employer and employee shares for each year.

### NOTE 20: RISK MANAGEMENT

Pembina County is exposed to various risks of loss relating to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

In 1986, state agencies and political subdivisions of the state of North Dakota joined together to form the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for the state and over 2,000 political subdivisions. Pembina County pays an annual premium to NDIRF for its general liability, automobile, and inland marine insurance coverage. The coverage by NDIRF is limited to losses of two million dollars per occurrence for general liability and automobile and \$1,814,051 for public assets (mobile equipment and portable property).

Pembina County also participates in the North Dakota Fire and Tornado Fund and the State Bonding Fund. Pembina County pays an annual premium to the Fire and Tornado Fund to cover property damage to buildings and personal property. Replacement cost coverage is provided by estimating replacement cost in consultation with the Fire and Tornado Fund. The Fire and Tornado Fund is reinsured by a third party insurance carrier for losses in excess of two million dollars per occurrence during a 12-month period. The State Bonding Fund currently provides Pembina County with blanket fidelity bond coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000 for its employees. The State Bonding Fund does not currently charge any premium for this coverage.

Pembina County has workers compensation with the Workforce, Safety and Insurance. The water resource district purchases commercial insurance for employee health and accident insurance.

Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

### NOTE 21: JOINT VENTURES

Under authorization of state statutes, the Pembina County Water Resource District joined the Maple River Water Resource District, Rush River Water Resource District, Southeast Cass Water Resource District, North Cass Water Resource District, and the water resource districts of Pembina County, Traill County, Grand Forks County, Steele County, Walsh County, Nelson County, Ransom County, and Sargent County to establish and operate a joint exercise of powers agreement for water management districts located within the Red River Valley, known as the Red River Valley Joint Water Resource Board, the agreement was established for the mutual advantage of the governments. Each government appoints one member of the board of directors for the joint venture. The operating and capital expenses are funded by contributions from each government. Each government's share of assets, liabilities, and fund equity cannot be determined as no provision is made for this in the joint venture agreement and each government's contribution depends on where the Red River Joint Water Resource Board projects are being undertaken.

The following is a summary of financial information on the joint venture as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, which is the most current audited information available.

	Red River Joint Water Resource District
Total Assets	\$8,091,476
Total Liabilities	265,559
Total Net Position	\$7,825,917
Revenues	\$2,395,150
Expenditures	1,368,330
Net Increase in Net Position	\$1,026,820

# NOTE 22: DEFICIT CASH FUND BALANCES

At December 31, 2014, the following funds had deficit cash fund balances.

County Funds	Balance
Major Fund:	
Social Services	\$(259,611)
Nonmajor Funds:	
WIC	(3,035)
Correctional Center Levy	(16,042)
Homeland Security	(1,171)

It is anticipated that future grant reimbursements, program fees, tax revenues and/or transfers from the general fund will alleviate the deficit fund balances.

# NOTE 23: COMMITMENTS

The Pembina County Water Resource District had the following open construction contract at December 31, 2014:

	Amended	Total		Remaining	%
Project	Contract	Completed	Retainage	Balance	Complete
Renwick Dam	\$ 7,355,898	\$6,746,233	\$ -	\$ 609,665	91.71%
Drain 1	2,201,363	79,960	7,996	2,121,403	3.63%
Drain 2	226,125	230,279	11,306	(4,154)	101.84%
Drain 4	486,017	492,315	24,301	(6,298)	101.30%
Total	\$10,269,403	\$7,548,787	\$43,603	\$2,720,616	73.51%

Retainages payable on WRD open construction contracts totaled \$43,603 at December 31, 2014.

# NOTE 24: PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS

## **DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNIT:**

# Pembina County Water Resource District:

The prior period adjustments for the 2014 Statement of Activities consist of beginning balance adjustments to adjust construction in progress. The effect of the prior period adjustments to beginning Net Position is as follows:

Governmental Activities (WRD):	Amounts
Beginning Net Position, as previously reported	\$2,627,951
Adjustments to restate the January 1, 2014 net position:	
Construction in Progress	128,939
Net Position January 1, as restated	\$2,756,890

The prior period adjustments for the 2014 Statement of Activities also consist of beginning balance adjustments to adjust a beginning balance of a loan for the JDA. The effect of the prior period adjustments to beginning Net Position is as follows:

Governmental Activities (JDA):	Amounts
Beginning Net Position, as previously reported	\$688,445
Adjustments to restate the January 1, 2014 net position:	
Loan	10,000
Net Position January 1, as restated	\$698,445

# BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	riance with
Revenues: Taxes Intergovernmental Charges for Services Licenses, Permits and Fees Interest Income Miscellaneous	\$ 918,960 935,368 389,516 2,550 - 41,335	\$ 918,960 935,368 389,516 2,550 - 41,335	\$ 923,969 886,185 366,541 4,060 19,711 128,316	\$ 5,009 (49,183) (22,975) 1,510 19,711 86,981
Total Revenues	\$ 2,287,729	\$ 2,287,729	\$ 2,328,782	\$ 41,053
Expenditures: Current: General Government Public Safety Health and Welfare Economic Development	\$ 1,339,450 998,532 176,847 35,793	\$ 1,344,834 1,096,960 203,066 35,793	\$ 1,154,890 952,661 202,861 27,436	\$ 189,944 144,299 205 8,357
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,550,622	\$ 2,680,653	\$ 2,337,848	\$ 342,805
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ (262,893)	\$ (392,924)	\$ (9,066)	\$ 383,858
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Transfers in Transfers out	\$ 75,000 (75,000)	\$ 75,000 (75,000)	\$ 573,220 (528,600)	\$ 498,220 (453,600)
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 44,620	\$ 44,620
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$ (262,893)	\$ (392,924)	\$ 35,554	\$ 428,478
Fund Balances - January 1	\$ 1,159,183	\$ 1,159,183	\$ 1,159,183	\$ 
Fund Balances - December 31	\$ 896,290	\$ 766,259	\$ 1,194,737	\$ 428,478

# BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE FUNDS For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Original Budget	Final Budget	A	Actual Amounts	 riance with nal Budget
Revenues: Taxes Intergovernmental	\$ 271,805 5,000	\$ 271,805 5,000	\$	264,193 7,036	\$ (7,612) 2,036
Total Revenues	\$ 276,805	\$ 276,805	\$	271,229	\$ (5,576)
Expenditures: Current: Highways and Bridges	\$ 360,000	\$ 360,000	\$	173,334	\$ 186,666
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ (83,195)	\$ (83,195)	\$	97,895	\$ 181,090
Fund Balances - January 1	\$ 604,538	\$ 604,538	\$	604,538	\$ -
Fund Balances - December 31	\$ 521,343	\$ 521,343	\$	702,433	\$ 181,090

# BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE HIGHWAY FUNDS For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	0	riginal	Final	Actual	Va	ariance with
	B	udget	Budget	Amounts	Fi	nal Budget
Revenues: Intergovernmental Charges for Services Miscellaneous	\$	950,600 46,000 ,040,000	\$ 950,600 46,000 2,040,000	\$ 3,378,239 620,381 61,470	\$	2,427,639 574,381 (1,978,530)
Total Revenues	\$ 3	,036,600	\$ 3,036,600	\$ 4,060,090	\$	1,023,490
Expenditures: Current: Highways and Bridges	\$ 1	,776,600	\$ 3,753,549	\$ 3,766,830	\$	(13,281)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 1	,260,000	\$ (716,949)	\$ 293,260	\$	1,010,209
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Loan Proceeds	\$	101,100	\$ 101,100	\$ 115,000	\$	13,900
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$ 1	,361,100	\$ (615,849)	\$ 408,260	\$	1,024,109
Fund Balances - January 1	\$ 2	,075,591	\$ 2,075,591	\$ 2,075,591	\$	
Fund Balances - December 31	\$ 3	,436,691	\$ 1,459,742	\$ 2,483,851	\$	1,024,109

# BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE SOCIAL SERVICES FUND For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	 ariance with
Revenues: Taxes Intergovernmental Charges for Services Miscellaneous	\$ 527,561 260,500 83,100 600	\$ 527,561 260,500 83,100 600	516,031 300,978 77,447 3,166	(11,530) 40,478 (5,653) 2,566
Total Revenues	\$ 871,761	\$ 871,761	\$ 897,622	\$ 25,861
Expenditures: Current: Health and Welfare	\$ 1,162,519	\$ 1,155,727	\$ 1,116,656	\$ 39,071
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ (290,758)	\$ (283,966)	\$ (219,034)	\$ 64,932
Fund Balances - January 1	\$ (16,421)	\$ (16,421)	\$ (16,421)	\$ 
Fund Balances - December 31	\$ (307,179)	\$ (300,387)	\$ (235,455)	\$ 64,932

# BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FLOOD EMERGENCY FUND For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Original Final Budget Budget		Actual Amounts		 riance with nal Budget		
Revenues:	•	4=0.000	•	4=0.000			
Intergovernmental	\$	150,000	\$	150,000		357,700	207,700
Total Revenues	\$	150,000	\$	150,000	\$	357,700	\$ 207,700
Expenditures: Current:							
Flood Repair	\$	150,000	\$	357,700	\$	357,700	\$ 
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$	-	\$	(207,700)	\$	_	\$ 207,700
Fund Balances - January 1	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Fund Balances - December 31	\$		\$	(207,700)	\$	_	\$ 207,700

# NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION December 31, 2014

## NOTE 1: STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

#### **Budgetary Information:**

- The county commission adopts an "appropriated budget" on the modified accrual basis of accounting.
- The county auditor prepares an annual budget for the general fund and each special revenue fund of the county. NDCC 11-23-02. The budget includes proposed expenditures and means of financing them.
- The county commission holds a public hearing where any taxpayer may appear and shall be heard in favor of or against any proposed disbursements or tax levies. When the hearing shall have been concluded, the board shall adopt such estimate as finally is determined upon. All taxes shall be levied in specific amounts and shall not exceed the amount specified in the published estimates. NDCC 11-23-04
- The board of county commissioners, on or before the October meeting shall determine the amount of taxes that shall be levied for county purposes and shall levy all such taxes in specific amounts. NDCC 11-23-05
- Each budget is controlled by the county auditor at the revenue and expenditure function/object level.
- The current budget, except for property taxes, may be amended during the year for any revenues and appropriations not anticipated at the time the budget was prepared. NDCC 57-15-31.1
- All appropriations lapse at year-end.

# SCHEDULE OF FUND ACTIVITY ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Balance		Tran	nsfers	Debt	Т	ransfers			Balance
	1-1-14	Receipts	I	ln	Proceeds		Out	Di	isbursements	12-31-14
Major Funds:										
General Fund	<b>.</b>			. =	•			•		
General Fund	\$ 1,033,627.18 \$			3,509.24	•	\$	528,600.00	\$	2,202,549.03	\$ 644,208.54
General Fund Reserve & Bldg Imp	(110,515.07)	60,337.09	519	9,710.76	-		-		136,668.86	332,863.92
Total General Fund	\$ 923,112.11 \$	2,348,558.24	\$ 573	3,220.00	\$ -	\$	528,600.00	\$	2,339,217.89	\$ 977,072.46
Special Revenue Funds:										
County Road & Bridge	\$ 603,179.81 \$	270,885.24	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$	173,334.26	\$ 700,730.79
Highway Funds	1,981,698.90	4,006,245.11		-	115,000.00		-		3,753,548.65	2,349,395.36
Social Services	(41,824.93)	880,533.42	750	0,000.00	-		750,000.00		1,098,320.21	(259,611.72)
Flood Emergency Fund	433,407.64	24,639.06		-			-		357,700.25	100,346.45
Total Major Special Revenue Funds	\$ 2,976,461.42 \$	5,182,302.83	\$ 750	0,000.00	\$ 115,000.00	\$	750,000.00	\$	5,382,903.37	\$2,890,860.88
Total Major Funds	\$ 3,899,573.53	7,530,861.07	\$ 1,323	3,220.00	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 1,	278,600.00	\$	7,722,121.26	\$3,867,933.34
Nonmajor Funds:										
Comprehensive Health Fund	\$ 302,757.95 \$	324,419.77	\$ 93	3,600.00	\$ -	\$	-	\$	439,761.98	\$ 281,015.74
County Loan Fund (Debt Service)	204,533.51	101,886.75		-	-		-	•	105,624.25	200,796.01
WIC '	(3,492.52)	39,139.31		-	-		-		38,681.35	(3,034.56)
Emergency	231,740.33	106,392.91		-	-		-		-	338,133.24
County Agent	30,626.72	86,307.00		-	-		-		95,038.02	21,895.70
Veteran's Service	(7,856.55)	76,925.17		-	-		-		58,007.28	11,061.34
OASIS & Social Security	10,389.62	433,367.89		-	-		-		417,025.54	26,731.97
Technology/OASIS	38,073.85	104,961.64		-	-		-		96,988.62	46,046.87
Health OASIS	7,581.68	87,176.84		-	-		90,000.00		-	4,758.52
Farm to Market Road	392,482.42	589,078.28		-	-		-		854,880.45	126,680.25
Advertising	15,720.88	11,918.99		-	-		-		18,317.00	9,322.87
Insurance Reserve	25,932.04	89,880.33		-	-		-		87,389.43	28,422.94
Weed Control	131,322.34	191,847.29		-	-		-		146,899.83	176,269.80
Correctional Center Levy	(51,432.06)	158,361.13		-	-		48,220.00		74,750.85	(16,041.78)
Abandoned Cemetery	13,193.76	-		-	-		-		-	13,193.76
Sheriff Special Trust Document Preservation	38,718.08	22,851.53		-	-		-		37,893.90	23,675.71 19,702.47
County Agent Special Trust	15,575.19 10,348.17	11,520.00 6,666.36		-	-		-		7,392.72 5,423.52	11,591.01
County Nurse Special Trust	10,346.17	433.00		-	-		-		351.00	182.00
Hazardous Chem. Preparedness	13,649.32	8,124.89		_	_		_		5,012.08	16,762.13
Victim Witness	33,771.50	34,046.07		_	-		_		13,629.08	54,188.49
Asset Forfeiture Account	7,970.02	-		_	-		_		-	7,970.02
Tobacco Funds	6,127.32	56.600.81		_	-		_		55,971.22	6,756.91
Homeland Security Funds	(11,311.99)	25,182.62		-	-		-		15,041.56	(1,170.93)
Total Nonmajor Funds	\$ 1,456,521.58 \$	2,567,088.58	\$ 93	3,600.00	\$ -	\$	138,220.00	\$	2,574,079.68	\$1,404,910.48
Total Governmental Funds	\$ 5,356,095.11	5 10,097,949.65	\$ 1,416	6,820.00	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 1,	416,820.00	\$ -	10,296,200.94	\$5,272,843.82
Agency Funds:	ድ <u>220 54</u>	EE 070 05	¢.		<b>c</b>	¢.		ø	EE 400 47	¢ 470.00
State Funds	\$ 339.54 \$		<b>Þ</b>	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$	55,139.17 233,466.67	\$ 473.62
Township Road Fund County Library	- 167.88	233,466.67 57,583.57		-	-		-		57,609.33	- 142.12
County Fair	224.22			-	-		-			192.92
Pembina County Water Resource	597.88	84,332.32 214,276.26		-	-		-		84,363.62 214,359.68	514.46
Historical Society Fund	37.35	14,053.25		-	-		-		14,058.43	32.17
Senior Citizen Fund w/ Faith In Action	298.48	146,452.57		_	-		-		146,493.95	257.10
Ambulance	747.39	275,699.59		-	-		-		275,803.95	643.03
Red River Water Resource	296.17	102,752.91		_	_		_		102,795.86	253.22
Airport	386.31	97,765.10		_	_		-		97,778.69	372.72
Pembina Co Soil Conservation Dist.	238.01	68,252.07		-	-		-		68,314.79	175.29
Investment Interest	2,285.47	18,314.87		-	-		-		19,710.76	889.58
Restitution Special Trust	2,226.77	-		-	-		-		250.00	1,976.77
State's Attorney Trust Fund	1,715.83	-		-	-		-		-	1,715.83

# SCHEDULE OF FUND ACTIVITY ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Balance 1-1-14	Receipts	Transfers In	Debt Proceeds	Transfers Out	Disbursements	Balance 12-31-14	
CONTINUED								
Agency Funds (Continued):								
Game and Fish Fund	\$ 1,359.20	\$ 24,672.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,584.00	\$ 2,447.30	
Advance Tax Fund	134.77	34,777.78	· ·	-	-	34,895.25	17.30	
Protest Fund	7,399.62	14,026.64	-	-	-	15,388.47	6,037.79	
Township Funds	2,536.57	1,094,122.34	-	-	-	1,094,883.82	1,775.09	
Fire District Funds	537.37	107,085.90	-	-	-	107,340.19	283.08	
City Funds	17,757.53	1,803,108.75	-	-	-	1,783,732.17	37,134.11	
School Funds	23,353.82	4,661,775.47	-	-	-	4,671,289.71	13,839.58	
Drain Funds	2,140.57	1,504,853.21	-	-	-	1,504,230.42	2,763.36	
Flex Spending Account	5,243.87	24,539.24	-	-	-	26,215.41	3,567.70	
Prepaid Taxes	3,398,650.41	3,626,288.31	-	-	-	3,398,650.41	3,626,288.31	
Total Agency Funds	\$ 3,468,675.03	\$ 14,263,472.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,030,354.75	\$3,701,792.45	
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Total Primary Government	\$ 8,824,770.14	\$ 24,361,421.82	\$ 1,416,820.00	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 1,416,820.00	\$ 24,326,555.69	\$8,974,636.27	
Job Development Authority	\$ 410,673.27	\$ 124,510.86	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 190,359.80	\$ 344,824.33	
Total Reporting Entity	\$ 9,235,443.41	\$ 24,485,932.68	\$ 1,416,820.00	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 1,416,820.00	\$ 24,516,915.49	\$9,319,460.60	

#### SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Federal Grantor/ Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	ederal enditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:		
Passed through the State Department of Transportation: Highway Planning & Construction State and Community Highway Safety Alcohol Impaired Driving Countermeasures Incentive Grants I National Priority Safety Program	20.205 20.600 20.601 20.616	\$ 5,595 908 4,815 272
Passed through the State Department Emergency Management Interagency Hazardous Materials Public Sector Training and Planning Grants	20.703	5,700
Total U.S. Department of Transportation		\$ 17,290
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:		
Passed through State Department of Human Services: Promoting Safe & Stable Families Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Child Support Enforcement Adoption Assistance Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of the Child Care and Development Fund Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program Foster Care-Title IV-E Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE:  Passed through the ND Department of Health: Violence Against Women Formula Grants  Passed through the State Attorney General's Office:	93.556 93.558 93.563 93.659 93.596 93.645 93.658 93.994	\$ 2,063 41,680 528 722 3,845 2,480 44,393 1,233 96,944
Edward Byrne Memorial Formula Grant Program	16.738	 1,357
Total U.S. Department of Justice		\$ 15,776
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY:		
Passed through the State Department Emergency Management Emergency Management Performance Grants Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters) Homeland Security Grant Program	97.042 97.036 97.067	\$ 40,418 357,700 80,621
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security		\$ 478,739
Total Expenditure of Federal Awards		\$ 608,749

<sup>\*\*\* -</sup> Major program

### NOTE 1: BASIS OF PRESENTATION:

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of Pembina County under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2014. The information in the schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations. Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Pembina County, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in net position of Pembina County

#### NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIE:

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in OMB Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribe Governments, wherein certain types of expenditures are allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

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# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR

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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 County Commissioners Pembina County Cavalier, North Dakota

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, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Pembina County, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Pembina County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 5, 2015.

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

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Pembina County'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 Pembina County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Pembina County'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 over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control 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.

#### **PEMBINA COUNTY**

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* - Continued

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Pembina County's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed 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.

Robert R. Peterson State Auditor

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# REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133

### Independent Auditor's Report

Board of County Commissioners Pembina County Cavalier, North Dakota

### **Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Programs**

We have audited Pembina County's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on Pembina County's major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2014. Pembina County's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

#### Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for Pembina County's major federal program based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments*, and *Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Pembina County's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of Pembina County's compliance.

#### Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, Pembina County complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2014.

#### PEMBINA COUNTY

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Programs; Report on Internal Control Over Compliance; and Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by OMB Circular A-133 - Continued

#### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

Management of Pembina County is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered Pembina County's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for the major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Pembina County's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

### Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by OMB Circular A-133

We have audited the financial statements of Pembina County as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014, and have issued our report thereon dated August 5, 2015, which contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Robert R. Peterson State Auditor

Fargo, North Dakota August 5, 2015

# SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

# Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements			
Type of Report Issued? Governmental Activities Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Units Major Funds Aggregate Remaining Fund Information	Unmodified Unmodified Unmodified Unmodified		
Internal control over financial reporting: Material weaknesses identified?	Yes	X	None noted
Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses?	Yes	X	None noted
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	Yes	X	None noted
Federal Awards			
Internal control over major programs: Material weakness identified?	Yes	X	None noted
Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses?	Yes	X	None noted
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs?	Unmodified		
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Circular A-133, Section .510(a)?	Yes	X	None noted
Identification of Major Programs:			
	e of Federal Program		
97.036 Disaster Grants – Public As	sistance (Presidentially	/ Decla	red Disasters)
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and B programs:	<u>\$300,000</u>		
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	XYes	No	
Section II - Financial Statement Findings			
No matters reported			
Section III - Federal Award Findings and Que	stioned Costs		
No matters reported.			

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Board of County Commissioners Pembina County Cavalier. North Dakota

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Pembina County, Cavalier, North Dakota, for the year ended December 31, 2014 which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 5, 2015. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

# OUR RESPONSIBILITY UNDER AUDITING STANDARDS GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS AND OMB CIRCULAR A-133

As stated in our engagement letter July 7, 2015, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement. Because of the concept of reasonable assurance and because we did not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material errors, or fraud may exist and not be detected by us.

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Pembina County's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the basic financial statements and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting. We also considered internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance for the major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance, and for reporting on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards required by OMB Circular A-133.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Pembina County's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters, 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. Also, in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, we examined, on a test basis, evidence about Pembina County's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the purpose of expressing an opinion on Pembina County's compliance with those requirements over the major federal program. While our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion over compliance for the major federal program, it does not provide a legal determination on Pembina County's compliance with those requirements.

# SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES/QUALITATIVE ASPECTS OF ACCOUNTING PRACTICES

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by Pembina County are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. Application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended December 31, 2014. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements presented by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements is useful lives of capital assets.

#### CORRECTED AND UNCORRECTED MISSTATEMENTS

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and report them to the appropriate level of management. None of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

# **DISAGREEMENTS WITH MANAGEMENT**

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

# **MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIONS**

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated August 5, 2015.

#### MANAGEMENT CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

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

#### **DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN PERFORMING THE AUDIT**

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

### OTHER AUDIT FINDINGS OR ISSUES

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

The following presents our informal recommendations:

# LACK OF SEGREGATION OF DUTIES – WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

The Pembina County Water Resource District (Component Unit of Pembina County) has minimal staff responsible for all duties performed by each entity. The lack of segregation of duties increases the risk of fraud and the risk of misstatement of the entities financial condition, whether due to error or fraud. Proper internal control surrounding custody of assets, the recording of transactions, reconciling bank accounts and preparation of financial statements dictates that there should be sufficient accounting personnel so duties of employees are properly segregated. The segregation of duties would provide better control over the assets of the component units of Pembina County.

#### **PEMBINA COUNTY**

Management's Letter - Continued

Due to the size, complexity and the economic realities of the Pembina County Water Resource District, it is presently not feasible to obtain proper separation of duties. We recommend that if it becomes feasible to segregate duties in the future, that duties are segregated to the extent possible to reduce the potential risk of loss.

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This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of County Commissioners and management of Pembina County, is not intended to be, and should not be used for any other purpose. We would be happy to meet with you and any member of your staff to discuss any of the items in this letter in more detail if you so desire.

Thank you and the employees of Pembina County for the courteous and friendly assistance we received during the course of our audit. It is a pleasure for us to be able to serve Pembina County.

Robert R. Peterson State Auditor

Fargo, North Dakota August 5, 2015

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