Wise County
Public Service Authority
Norton, Virginia



AUDIT REPORT

Year Ended June 30, 2021

WISE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

I am pleased to present the Annual Financial Report of the Wise County Public Service Authority for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the presented data and the completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rest with the Authority. I believe the data, as presented, is accurate in all material respects: that it is presented in a manner designed to fairly set forth the financial position and results of operations of the Authority as measured by the financial activity of its proprietary fund: and that all disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain the maximum understanding of the Authority's financial affairs have been included.

THE REPORTING ENTITY AND ITS SERVICES

The Authority was established on September 9, 1969, for the purpose of providing drinking water and wastewater utilities, and solid waste collection to the residents of Wise County. An eight-member board governs the PSA, with the members being appointed by the Wise County Board of Supervisors. The staff consists of 36 full-time employees and 2 part-time employees who maintain the daily operations of water/wastewater treatment, line maintenance, solid waste collection and clerical duties.

On June 9, 2021, the Authority received the municipal water and wastewater utilities from the Town of Pound through a consolidation agreement. As such, The Authority now operates a widespread water distribution system throughout the County of Wise providing water for residents outside town and city limits and including inside the town limits of Pound. This system consists of over 225 miles of water line (ranging in size from 2" to 14"), 17 booster pump stations, and 22 water storage tanks. Water to the system is provided by a 2.0 MGD water treatment plant, which is currently at approximately 51% capacity, and interconnections to several nearby town and city water systems in the Carfax area of Wise County. Also, water is provided by the 0.5 MGD Pound treatment plant to serve the Pound system recently consolidated. At the end of June 30, 2021, the Authority had 5,652 active water customers.

Due to the need and demand for public sewer service in various areas of the County, the Authority has acquired and completed several new sewer system projects throughout the County over the past several years. Also, with the consolidation of Pound's wastewater utility, the Authority has seen an increase in sewer customers as well. At the end of June 30, 2021, the Authority had approximately 1,490 active sewer customers.

For financial reporting purposes and in accordance with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Statement 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity," the Authority has been identified as a discretely presented component unit of the County of Wise, Virginia. The GASB statement established the criteria used in making this determination. Discretely presented component units are reported in a separate column in the combined financial statements of the County of Wise, Virginia to emphasize that they are legally separate from the primary government and to differentiate their financial position and results of its operations from those of the primary government.

INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE AND BUDGETARY CONTROLS

The management of the Authority is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure to ensure the protection of the Authority. In developing and evaluating the Authority's accounting system, consideration is given to the adequacy of internal accounting controls. Internal accounting controls are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance regarding: (1) the safeguarding of assets against loss from unauthorized use or disposition: and (2) the evaluation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management.

All internal control evaluations occur within the above framework. I believe that the Authority's internal accounting controls adequately safeguard assets and provide reasonable assurance of proper recording of financial transactions. The Authority has a small finance staff, as a result, there is always concern relating to segregation of duties. As part of the Authority's internal control procedures, the Executive Director signs off on payroll reports, accounts payable reports, and bank reconciliations. Given the small staff, duties are divided to the extent possible.

In addition to the internal accounting controls noted above, the Authority also maintains budgetary controls. These budgetary controls ensure compliance with provisions embodied in the annual appropriated budget approved by the Board. As a recipient of federal and state financial assistance, the Authority is also responsible for ensuring that adequate internal controls are in place to ensure and document compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, has been completed and no material internal control weaknesses or material violations of laws and regulations have been found.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND OUTLOOK

Overall, the Authority's customer base is primarily residential customers, representing more than 95% of the accounts billed. The Authority's customer base for water services showed an increase of 1,156 customers in FY21.

The number of sewer accounts increased by 542 customers in FY21, due to the completion of new sewer projects and the consolidation of Pound's customers to the Authority.

MAJOR INITIATIVES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Coal Severance – Coal severance revenues were less than the budget for FY21 by approximately $17,000. Likely, this was due to a downturn in the coal economy during FY21. All coal severance revenues are budgeted to a Capital Offset line item, meaning no debt service or routine operations are supported by these funds. Due to the volatility of the funds, this budget item is to use for capital improvements and future investments for projects.

- Water Customer Numbers & Usage – Customer numbers increased due to the consolidation at the end of FY21 with Pound, but per capita water usage has remained stable from across the customer base. Residential water revenue was projected using 2,916 gallons per month per customer. We will continue to monitor per capita water usage in FY22 and make further adjustments in FY23 and beyond as appropriate. The continued use of base rate increases over incremental rate increases should also help mitigate the impact of usage variances.

- Sewer Customer Usage – Overall sewer usage is somewhat tied to water usage. We used a somewhat lower number for per capita sewer usage for the FY21 budget (2779 gallons per month). We will continue to monitor this and make adjustments as needed for the FY23 budget.

- Rates – Rates for FY22 were increased approximately 4% for water and 5% for sewer. Rates were increased to keep pace with anticipated (based on historical) costs for the Authority. The rates will be evaluated annually to provide the revenue necessary for operations, debt service, and to maintain lender-required parity.

- Master Plan/CIP Planning – Staff continues to evaluate and adjust costs for items identified in the Master Plan and CIP. The goal is each year to address as many items as possible without creating an undue burden on the customer.

- Banner Sewer – This project will provide at least 54 connections, possibly more. Funding has been secured for the project from DEQ, DHCD, ARC, and LENOWISCO. Design is complete and we are awaiting additional funding due to the current bid climate to be secured prior to bidding the contract.

- Hamilton Town Sewer Extension – This project will provide 13 connections to the PSA sewer system. The project is designed and awaiting the final funding from CDBG and should advertise in early 2022.

- Pound updates – The Pound systems are in dire needs of upgrades. Currently, there are projects planned to upgrade the WTP, WWTP, and both water/wastewater systems. The PSA has secured about $20 million total to begin working through these projects. This is a long-term fix to the failing systems and is anticipated to take 5-7 years minimum.

OTHER INFORMATION

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Generally accepted accounting principles require management to provide narrative introductions, overview, and analysis to accompany the basis financial statements in the form of the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). This letter of transmittal is designed to complement the MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it.

SUMMARY

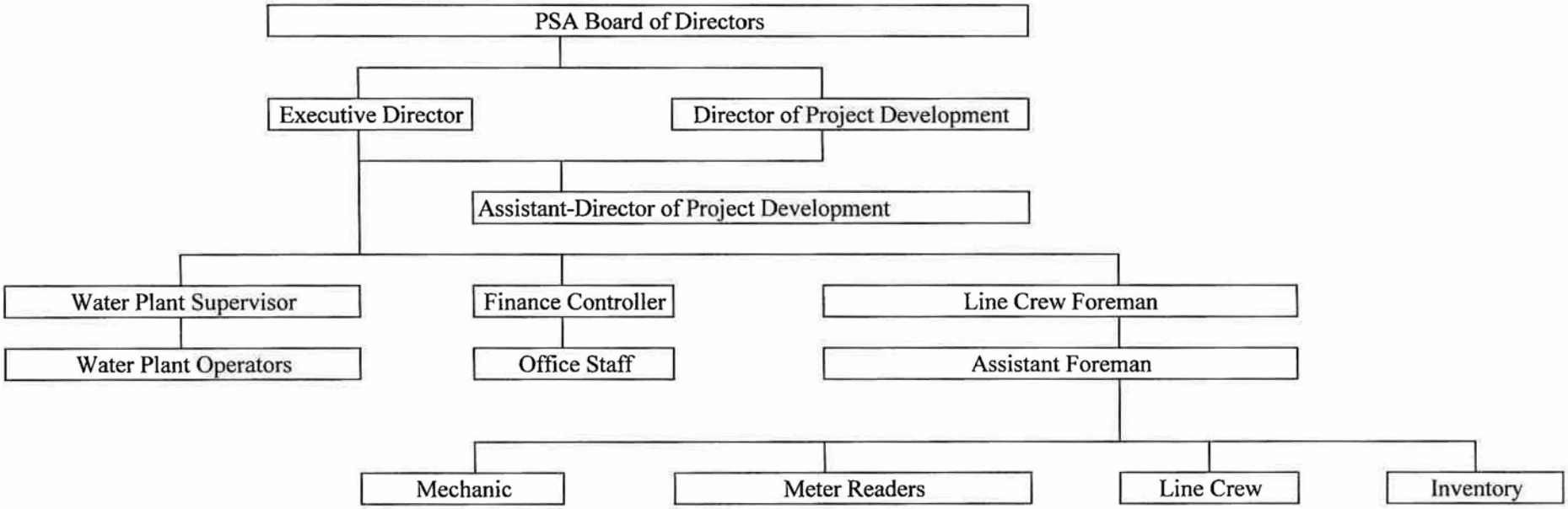
The Wise County Public Service Authority is facing the challenge of needing to upgrade its water system and expand sewer service, while at the same time realizing reduced (or eliminated) coal severance funds, a more competitive grant climate, and a shrinking customer base. Also, the consolidation of Pound's systems has increased the customer base while at the same time increased the capital needs of the Authority. These challenges will require innovative thought to meet and may require deferral of certain projects due to the pressing needs of others. An economic turnaround may help with customer numbers, but we must be conservative with our planning to ensure the economic viability of the Authority. To that end, we will continue to work on efforts like the Master Plan to properly prioritize projects, and with funding agencies to obtain the best offers possible. We will also continue to pursue fiscal policies that support our efforts, particularly in the area of designation of reserve funds.

Sincerely,



Cody A. McElroy, P.E.
Executive Director

WISE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



WISE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Honorable Members of the Board
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Wise, Virginia 24293

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities, of the Wise County Public Service Authority (a component unit of the County of Wise, Virginia), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion 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; and the *Specifications for Audits of Authorities, Boards and Commissions*, issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities, of the Wise County Public Service Authority, as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 10-13 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 the Wise County Public Service Authority's basic financial statements. The introductory section and statistical section are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The introductory and statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 18, 2021, on our consideration of the Wise County Public Service Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Wise County Public Service Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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November 18, 2021

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the Wise County Public Service Authority, we offer readers of the Authority's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Authority for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. We encourage readers to read the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in the Authority's financial statements, which follow this narrative.

Financial Highlights

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Authority exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the fiscal year by $61,885,154 (*net position*). Approximately 97 percent of this amount is either restricted or non-spendable.
- The government's total net position increased by $15,974,482, primarily due to the acquisition of the Town of Pound water and sewer systems.
- The Authority's total debt increased by $1,213,198 during the current fiscal year. The key factor in this increase was due to the acquisition of the Town of Pound water and sewer systems.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Authority's basic financial statements. The Authority's basic financial statements consist of the following components: 1) Statement of Net Position, 2) Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position, 3) Statement of Cash Flows, and 4) Notes to the financial statements. In addition to the basic financial statements, this report contains other required supplementary information that will enhance the reader's understanding of the financial condition of the Wise County Public Service Authority.

Basic Financial Statements

The Authority's basic financial statements are designed to provide the reader with a broad overview of the Authority's finances, similar in format to a financial statement of a private-sector business. The statements provide short and long-term information about the Authority's financial status as a whole. The statements are designed to display the financial position of the Authority's business-type activities that reflect charges to customers for the water and sewer services offered by the Authority.

Both the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position report the Authority's net position and how it has changed. Net position is the difference between the Authority's total assets and deferred outflows of resources and total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Measuring net position is one way to gauge the Authority's financial condition. These statements can be seen on pages 14 and 15 of this report.

For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are defined as short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and investments with maturities of 90 days or less. The Statement of Cash Flows is presented on pages 16 and 17 of this report.

The Notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements. The notes to the financial statements begin on page 18 of this report.

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report includes certain required supplementary information concerning the Authority's progress in funding its obligation to provide retirement and group life insurance benefits to its employees.

Financial Analysis

Wise County Public Service Authority's Net Position

	2021	2020
Current Assets	$ 2,514,871	$ 2,150,158
Cash and cash equivalent, restricted	2,140,044	1,698,392
Net Pension Assets	197,346	322,870
Capital Assets, net	67,721,765	50,971,897
Total Assets	72,574,026	55,143,317
Deferred Outflows	186,732	119,760
Current Liabilities	1,797,404	1,320,841
Noncurrent Liabilities	8,930,363	7,837,871
Total Liabilities	10,727,768	9,158,712
Deferred Inflows	147,836	193,693
Net investment in capital assets	58,385,560	42,848,891
Restricted for capital improvements	1,860,411	1,698,393
Unrestricted	1,639,183	1,363,388
PP Adjustment	-	-
Total Net Position	$ 61,885,154	$ 45,910,672

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as one useful indicator of financial condition. The assets and deferred outflows of the Authority exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by $61,885,154 as of June 30, 2021. The Authority's net position increased by $15,974,482 from the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. However, the largest portion of the Authority's net position (94%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, equipment, infrastructure), less any related debt used to acquire those assets. The Authority used these capital assets to provide water and sewer services to citizens, and consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Authority's net investment in capital assets is

reported net of the outstanding related debt, the resources needed to repay that debt must be provided by other sources since the capital assets cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. An additional portion of the Authority's net position, $1,860,411, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of $1,639,183 is unrestricted.

Wise County Public Service Authority's Changes in Net Position

	2021	2020
Operating Revenues	$ 3,973,751	$ 3,714,468
Operating Expenses	(3,246,749)	(3,103,586)
Depreciation &Amortization	(1,570,422)	(1,481,141)
Operating Income (Loss)	(843,420)	(870,259)
Non-Operating Revenue (Expenses)	(116,899)	(551,460)
Net Income (Loss) Before Capital Contributions	(960,319)	(1,421,719)
Capital Contributions	16,934,801	2,387,134
Bond Defeasance Costs	-	-
Change in Net Position	15,974,482	965,415
Net Position, Beginning	45,910,672	44,945,257
Net Position, Ending	$ 61,885,154	$ 45,910,672

The Authority recognized a positive change in net position of $15,974,482. Total contributions amounted to $16,934,801 for water line and sewer line construction, primarily from acquiring the Town of Pound's water and sewer systems, in addition to federal, coal road, state, and other miscellaneous funding sources.

Capital and Debt Administration

Capital assets. The Authority's investment in capital assets for its business-type activities as of June 30, 2021, totals $67,721,765 (net of accumulated depreciation). These assets include buildings, land, infrastructure, and equipment.

Major capital asset transactions during the year included $17,063,146 in additional water and sewer systems acquired from the Town of Pound.

Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation & Amortization)

Land		$ 246,719
Plant/Building		763,994
Utility Plant and Lines		
-Water Plant/Lines	36,103,365	
-Sewer Plant/Lines	29,568,223	
Total Utility Plant & Lines		65,671,588
Equipment		
-Water Equipment	324,288	
-Sewer Equipment	317,441	
Total Equipment		641,729
Construction in Progress		397,735
Total Net Capital Assets		$ 67,721,765

Additional information on the Authority's capital assets can be found in Note 6 of the Basic Financial Statements.

Long-Term Debt. As of June 30, 2021, the Authority had total bonds indebtedness of $7,491,414, representing bonds secured solely by specified revenue sources (e.g. revenue bonds). This was a decrease of $270,178 from the prior year amount of $7,761,592.

The Authority had total contract liabilities of $1,787,245 representing loans absorbed from the Town of Appalachia and the Town of Pound. This was an increase of $1,579,438 from the prior year amount of $207,807. The key factor in this increase was from the Authority's acquisition of the Town of Pound's water and sewer systems.

Additional information related to outstanding debt is located in Notes 7-9 of the Basic Financial Statements.

Economic Factors and Rates

The following key economic indicators affect the potential growth and prosperity of the Authority:

- **Decline in the Coal industry**. The fluctuations in the coal industry have a direct impact on the economy of Wise County and the surrounding regions. The decline in mining facilities not only affects the amount of coal road severance funding that is received by the Authority, but also the loss of jobs decreases the ability of customers to pay their utility bills. The coal road funding decreased from $136,137 in 2020 to $73,699 in 2021, a difference of $62,438.

- **High Unemployment**. The June 2021 unemployment rate for the local area was 6.4% percent, which is a decrease from a rate of 9.4% percent a year ago. This is higher than the state's average unemployment rate of 4.3% percent by 2.1 percent and lower than the national average rate of 5.9% by 0.5 percent.

- **Water Rates.** The water rates for the Authority that are charged on a monthly basis for residential/commercial, and industrial customers for 2021 are $27.00 and $28.00 for the 1st 1500 gallons, respectively; then $12.50 and $12.25 for every 1000 gallons thereafter, respectively.

- **Sewer Rates.** The sewer rates for the Authority that are charged on a monthly basis for 2021 are $38.00 for the 1st 1500 gallons, then $13.50 for every 1000 gallons thereafter. The flat rate for Non-Public Water Use sewer customers is $60.75 per month.

Requests for Information

This report is designed to provide an overview of the Authority's finances for those with an interest in this area. Questions concerning any of the information found in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Director, Wise County Public Service Authority, Post Office Box 3388, Wise, VA 24293.

WISE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2021

EXHIBIT 1

ASSETS	Water	Sewer	Total
Current Assets:			
Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments	$ 998,612	$ 189,633	$ 1,188,245
Restricted Cash, Cash Equivalents, & Investments	476,775	21,307	498,082
Accounts Receivable-Net	450,704	187,601	638,305
Due from Other Governmental Units	55,246	65,532	120,778
Due from Others	66,961	2,500	69,461
Total Current Assets	2,048,298	466,573	2,514,871
Noncurrent Assets:			
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,442,813	697,231	2,140,044
Net Pension Assets	175,638	21,708	197,346
Capital Assets:			
Land and Construction in Progress	276,078	368,376	644,454
Other Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation	37,191,646	29,885,665	67,077,311
Total Capital Assets	37,467,724	30,254,041	67,721,765
Total Noncurrent Assets	39,086,175	30,972,980	70,059,155
Total Assets	41,134,473	31,439,553	72,574,026
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS			
Pension Plan	148,828	19,658	168,486
Group Life Plan	14,779	3,467	18,246
Total Deferred Outflows	163,607	23,125	186,732
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	95,507	567,573	663,080
Accrued Wages Payable and Taxes	37,878	5,628	43,506
Compensated Absences	7,566	1,775	9,341
Accrued Interest Payable	16,637	1,986	18,623
Customer Deposits Payable	472,290	19,550	491,840
Lease and Contractual Liabilities	102,174	65,184	167,358
Bonds and Notes Payable	255,476	148,181	403,657
Total Current Liabilities	987,528	809,877	1,797,405
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Compensated Absences	68,096	15,973	84,069
Net GLI OPEB Liability	65,695	15,410	81,105
Lease and Contractual Liabilities	1,103,187	574,245	1,677,432
Bonds and Notes Payable	4,400,354	2,687,403	7,087,757
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	5,637,332	3,293,031	8,930,363
Total Liabilities	6,624,860	4,102,908	10,727,768
DEFERRED INFLOWS			
Pension Plan	115,629	14,291	129,920
Group Life Plan	6,096	1,430	7,526
Unearned Revenue	10,390	-	10,390
Total Deferred Inflows	132,115	15,721	147,836
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	31,606,533	26,779,027	58,385,560
Restricted for:			
Coal Road Funds	388,166	66,821	454,987
Debt Services Reserves	820,030	181,217	1,001,247
American Rescue Plan Act	-	169,560	169,560
Dominion Replacement Funds	234,617	-	234,617
Unrestricted	1,491,759	147,424	1,639,183
Total Net Position	$ 34,541,105	$ 27,344,049	$ 61,885,154

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

WISE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY

EXHIBIT 2

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	Water	Sewer	Total
OPERATING REVENUES:			
Charges for Services	$ 2,812,194	$ 732,888	$ 3,545,082
Other Operating Revenues	287,858	140,811	428,669
Total Operating Revenues	3,100,052	873,699	3,973,751
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Operation and Maintenance	1,784,464	382,963	2,167,427
Administration and General	661,541	206,312	867,853
Other Operating Expenses	176,064	35,405	211,469
Total Operating Expenses	2,622,069	624,680	3,246,749
DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION	1,091,081	479,341	1,570,422
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(613,098)	(230,322)	(843,420)
NON-OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES):			
Interest Income	3,833	586	4,419
Interest Expense	(118,486)	(19,599)	(138,085)
Gain/(Loss) on Asset Disposal	16,767	-	16,767
Total Non-Operating Revenue (Expenses)	(97,886)	(19,013)	(116,899)
NET INCOME (LOSS)- BEFORE CONTRIBUTIONS & TRANSFERS	(710,984)	(249,335)	(960,319)
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS			
Federal Grants	170,069	617,816	787,885
County of Wise, Virginia	59,696	14,003	73,699
Other - Dominion	161,364	-	161,364
Other State Agencies	-	150,822	150,822
Other Agencies	7,932,723	7,828,308	15,761,031
Contributions Expense	-	-	-
Total Capital Contributions	8,323,852	8,610,949	16,934,801
TRANSFERS	(50,000)	50,000	-
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	7,562,868	8,411,614	15,974,482
NET POSITION- Beginning of Year	26,978,237	18,932,435	45,910,672
NET POSITION- End of Year	$ 34,541,105	$ 27,344,049	$ 61,885,154

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

WISE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	Water	Sewer	Total
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash Received from Customers	2,758,632	641,786	$ 3,400,418
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(1,199,394)	(35,593)	(1,234,987)
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(1,441,972)	(243,226)	(1,685,198)
Other Operating Revenues	287,858	140,811	428,669
Net Cash Provided by (used in) Operating Activities	405,124	503,778	908,902
CASH FLOW FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
In(De)crease in Customer Deposits	41,685	3,450	45,135
Cash Provided from Litigation	-	-	-
Net Cash Provided by (used in) Non-Capital Financing Activities	41,685	3,450	45,135
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
(In)Decrease in Due from Other Governmental Units	5,079	(35,393)	(30,314)
(In)Decrease in Due from Others	(27,498)	46,258	18,760
Acquisition of Capital Assets	(9,188,608)	(9,131,682)	(18,320,290)
Proceeds from Issuance of Debt	1,149,645	653,895	1,803,540
Gain from Asset Disposal	16,767	-	16,767
Interfund Transfer	(50,000)	50,000	-
Principal Paid on Debt	(450,547)	(139,796)	(590,343)
Interest Paid on Revenue Bonds and Equipment Contracts	(112,755)	(18,086)	(130,841)
Contributions and Grants	8,323,852	8,610,949	16,934,801
Net Cash Provided by (used in) Capital and Related Financing Activities	(334,065)	36,145	(297,920)
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Interest on Investments	3,833	586	4,419
Net Cash Provided by (used in) Investing Activities	3,833	586	4,419
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	116,577	543,959	660,536
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - Beginning of Year	2,801,623	364,212	3,165,835
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - End of Year	$ 2,918,200	$ 908,171	$ 3,826,371

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

	Water	Sewer	Total
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING (LOSS) INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Operating Loss	$ (613,098)	$ (230,322)	$ (843,420)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:			
Depreciation and Amortization	1,091,081	479,341	1,570,422
Changes in Asset, Liabilities, and Deferred Resources (Net):			
Provision for Uncollectible Accounts	10,566	8,070	18,636
Provision for Compensated Absences	(2,932)	(1,901)	(4,833)
(In)Decrease in Accounts Receivable	(64,128)	(99,172)	(163,300)
In(De)crease in Accounts Payable	(36,880)	342,495	305,615
In(De)crease in Wages/Taxes Payable	8,734	(1,547)	7,187
In(De)crease in Net Pension Liability	102,030	23,494	125,524
In(De)crease in Net GLI OPEB Liability	(5,349)	859	(4,490)
In(De)crease in Pension and OPEB Deferrals	(84,900)	(17,539)	(102,439)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	$ 405,124	$ 503,778	$ 908,902

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of the Authority have been prepared in conformity with the specifications promulgated by the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States as specified by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

The Wise County Public Service Authority was established on September 09, 1969 pursuant to Title 15.1, Chapter 28, Sections 15.1 – 1239 to 15.1 – 1270 of the Code of Virginia (1950) and as amended. The Authority's purpose is to provide drinking water and wastewater utilities to the residents of Wise County.

The Authority is governed by an eight member Board appointed by The County of Wise, Virginia Board of Supervisors. The Board is responsible for appointing the Director and Director of Project Development. The Authority provides water and sewer services for its customers throughout Wise County and is continuing to expand its customer base for sewer services.

Legally, the Authority is a separate governmental entity that has considerable legal, financial, and administrative autonomy. However, as the governing board is not elected but is entirely appointed by the county, the Authority cannot be a primary government. Instead, it qualifies as a discretely presented component unit of Wise County, Virginia (the primary government).

Basis of Accounting

The Authority recovers the costs of providing services, including capital costs, through user charges. Accordingly, the Authority uses enterprise funds and the accrual basis of accounting. Consequently, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded as incurred. The Authority defines operating revenues and expenses as those directly related to providing water and/or sewer services. Operating revenues consist of charges to Authority users. Operating expenses include personnel, materials and supplies, services purchased from other local jurisdictions, and depreciation and amortization of capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses; these include, bond issue costs, gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets, and interest on outstanding debt.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Tax Status

The Authority, as part of a local government, is not subject to federal, state, or local income taxes, and accordingly, no provision for income taxes is made.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Service Charges

The major sources of revenue for the Authority are sales to existing customers for continuing water and sewer services. Customers are charged for service based on metered water usage in addition to a base charge. Water and sewer charges are designed to recover the costs of operation and maintenance of the system, as well as debt service and capital project costs attributable to supporting or improving water and wastewater treatment services to the Authority's customers. Water and sewer service charges are recorded as operating revenue.

Unbilled Service Charges

An estimated amount has been recorded for services rendered but not yet billed as of the close of the fiscal year. This estimated receivable is calculated by prorating water consumption and billings for certain prior months.

Investments

The Authority currently has investments through the Virginia Investment Pool (VIP). Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Authority has measured fair value of their investments at the net asset value (NAV). Certificate of deposits and short-term repurchase agreements are reported in the accompanying financial statements as cash and cash equivalents.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, the Authority considers cash and cash equivalents (including restricted cash and cash equivalents) to be currency on hand, demand deposits with banks and liquid investments with a maturity of 90 days or less. Cash and cash equivalents are included in both unrestricted as well as restricted assets.

All cash of the Wise County Public Service Authority is maintained in accounts collateralized in accordance with the Virginia Security for Public Deposits Act, Section 2.2-4400 et.seq. of the Code of Virginia or covered by Federal Depository Insurance.

Capital Assets

Capital assets that individually cost $5,000 or more with a useful life of more than one year are capitalized and recorded at cost. Contributed capital assets are recorded at their estimated acquisition value on the date of donation. Capital assets are depreciated/amortized over their estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Water/Sewer System Infrastructure	50 Years
Buildings & Improvements	30 Years
Equipment	3-25 Years
Automobiles	5 Years

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Capital Assets (continued)

For constructed assets, all costs necessary to bring such assets to the condition and location necessary for the intended use, including interest on related debt, are initially treated as construction in progress and subsequently as buildings, equipment, or utility plant and lines once the assets are substantially complete. Depreciation and amortization on constructed assets begin when the assets are substantially ready for their intended use.

Compensated Absences

The Authority has accrued the liability arising from outstanding claims and judgments and compensated absences. The Wise County Public Service Authority employees earn vacation and sick leave at various rates. No pay is received for unused sick leave upon termination; however, total benefits are paid in the event of employee death. Vacation is earned on a calendar year and no employee is permitted to accumulate more than a total of six weeks of vacation time during their employment. All vacation time not taken prior to December 31st of the calendar year in which the vacation time was earned, with the exception of the carryover vacation time, shall be forfeited. At June 30, 2021, the Authority accrued $93,410 for such compensated absences.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflow of resources. This separate financial statement element, *Deferred Outflows of Resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an expense or expenditure until then. In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position can also report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *Deferred Inflows of Resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as revenue until then.

Group Life Insurance

The Virginia Retirement System (VRS) Group Life Insurance Program is a multiple employer, cost-sharing plan. It provides coverage to state employees, teachers, and employees of participating political subdivisions. The Group Life Insurance Program was established pursuant to § 51.1-500 et seq. of the *Code of Virginia,* as amended, and which provides the authority under which benefit terms are established or may be amended. The Group Life Insurance Program is a defined benefit plan that provides a basic group life insurance benefit for employees of participating employers. For purposes of measuring the net Group Life Insurance Program OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the Group Life Insurance Program OPEB, and Group Life Insurance Program OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) Group Life Insurance program OPEB and the additions to/deductions from the VRS Group Life Insurance Program OPEB's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they were reported by VRS. In addition, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Net Position

Net position is classified as net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted. Restricted net position represents constraints on resources that are either a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or b) imposed by law through State statute.

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted resources are available, the Authority uses restricted resources first, then unrestricted assets when needed.

2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash, cash equivalents, and investments for the Wise County Public Service Authority, including restricted and unrestricted balances, were comprised of the following at June 30, 2021:

	Amount
Cash and Equivalents	$ 2,050,272
Cash Investments (VIP)	1,776,099
Total Cash, Equivalents, and Investments	$ 3,826,371

Fair Value Measurement

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Authority has measured fair value of the above investments at the net asset value (NAV).

Rating

The above Cash Investments are maintained through the VaCo/VML Virginia Investment Pool. The Investments are within the Stable NAV Liquidity Pool, rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's (S&P).

Credit Risk

At year end, the Authority was not exposed to any custodial credit risk for deposits or investments. The Authority limits deposits to those banks fully collateralized under the Commonwealth's Security for Public Deposits Act. The Authority policy in regards to investments requires that all investments be held in the Authority's name.

At June 30, 2021, the Authority did not have any investments meeting the GASB 40 definition requiring concentration of credit risk disclosures that exceeded 5% of total investments.

3. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Customers are charged for water based on metered water usage. The majority of sewer customers are also charged based on their metered water usage, however, the non-public sewer customers are charged a flat rate monthly fee. An estimated amount has been recorded for services rendered but not yet billed as of the close of the fiscal year. This unbilled receivable is calculated from the meter usage from the last reading date in early June through the end of the month. Accounts receivable for water and collection fees amount to the following:

	Amount
Accounts Receivable	$ 559,284
Unbilled Water/Sewer Service	293,137
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	(214,116)
Net Accounts Receivable	$ 638,305

4. DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT UNITS

Water Fund

	Amount
Treasurer of Wise County:	
Coal Road Improvement	$ 13,208
Water Purchase Agreements:	
City of Norton	39,999
Dickenson County	2,039
Total Due to Water Fund	$ 55,246

Sewer Fund

	Amount
Treasurer of Wise County:	
Coal Road Improvement	$ 3,098
Leache Billings	1,434
Commonwealth of Virginia:	
Red Onion State Prison	61,000
Total Due to Sewer Fund	$ 65,532

5. RESTRICTED ASSETS

Customer deposits are restricted and refunded to customers upon termination of their respective water hookup. The Authority maintains various other restricted cash accounts, including the following: a Dominion replacement account, which is restricted to future replacement of equipment needed for the Dominion raw waterline system; a Capital Improvement account that is used for the purchase of capital and for construction projects and consists of local coal and gas road funds; and a certificate of deposit being held as a reserve which is also funded from local coal and gas road funds.

The Authority receives a portion of *Local coal and gas road improvement and Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority tax* as per Section 58.1-3713 of the Code of Virginia. This allocation of the Coal and Gas Road Improvement Fund may be used to fund the construction of new water and/or sewer systems and lines.

Rural Development requires that Debt Service Reserves be set aside per Letters of Conditions and bond documents for the Stephens Sewer Loan and the Banner to Bull Run Water Projects.

Total restricted cash held by the Wise County Public Service Authority at June 30, 2021 is as follows:

	Amount
Coal Road Improvement Funds	$ 454,987
Customer Deposit Account	498,082
Debt Service Reserves	1,001,246
American Rescue Plan Act	169,560
Dominion Replacement Funds	234,617
Total Restricted Cash	$ 2,358,492

6. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2021 is as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2020	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2021
Water Fund				
Capital Assets, Non-Depreciable:				
Land	$ 244,719	$ -	$ -	$ 244,719
Construction in Progress	194,102	16,609	(179,352)	31,359
Capital Assets, Depreciable/Amortizable:				
Plant Building	966,209	183,411	-	1,149,620
Utility Plant	43,863,717	8,977,466	-	52,841,183
Equipment	538,998	-	-	538,998
Automobiles	140,272	114,441	-	254,713
Office Furniture/Equipment	125,473	114,632	-	240,105
Intangible Assets	311,592	-	(180,878)	130,714
Total Capital Assets	46,385,082	9,406,559	(360,230)	55,431,411
Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization for:				
Plant Building	(344,515)	(41,111)	-	(385,626)
Utility Plant	(15,794,484)	(943,334)	-	(16,737,818)
Equipment	(448,609)	(21,742)	-	(470,351)
Automobiles	(137,587)	(12,506)	-	(150,093)
Office Furniture/Equipment	(117,612)	(19,168)	-	(136,780)
Intangible Assets	(172,078)	(53,220)	(142,280)	(83,018)
Total Accumulated Depreciation/ Amortization	(17,014,885)	(1,091,081)	(142,280)	(17,963,686)
Total Capital Assets, Net	$ 29,370,197	$ 8,315,478	$ (217,950)	$ 37,467,725
Sewer Fund				
Capital Assets, Non-Depreciable:				
Land	$ -	$ 2,000	$ -	$ 2,000
Construction in Progress	2,758,797	290,467	(2,682,888)	366,376
Capital Assets, Depreciable/Amortizable:				
Utility Plant	20,651,642	11,405,520	-	32,057,162
Equipment	320,364	116,582	-	436,946
Automobiles	48,750	-	-	48,750
Intangible Assets	2,882	-	-	2,882
Total Capital Assets	23,782,435	11,814,569	(2,682,888)	32,914,116
Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization for:				
Utility Plant	(2,039,844)	(449,095)	-	(2,488,939)
Equipment	(91,577)	(29,577)	-	(121,154)
Automobiles	(48,750)	-	-	(48,750)
Intangible Assets	(564)	(669)	-	(1,233)
Total Accumulated Depreciation/ Amortization	(2,180,735)	(479,341)	-	(2,660,076)
Total Capital Assets, Net	$ 21,601,700	$ 11,335,228	$ (2,682,888)	$ 30,254,040
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	$ 50,971,897	$ 19,650,706	$ (2,900,838)	$ 67,721,765

7. BONDS AND NOTES OUTSTANDING

The following is a summary of changes in the Authority's long-term obligations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021:

	Balance July 1, 2020	Increases	Decreases	Balance June 30, 2021	Due Within One Year
Revenue Bonds-Water systems					
Series 2001, VRA	$ 144,400	$ -	$ 12,033	$ 132,367	$ 12,033
Series 2004, VRA	257,145	-	18,367	238,778	18,368
Series 2004, VRA	439,717	-	44,348	395,369	44,793
Series 2006, VRA	223,299	-	13,534	209,765	13,533
Series 2007, VRA	51,987	-	51,987	-	-
Series 2008, VRA	107,917	-	5,834	102,083	5,833
Series 2009-A, BBT	1,030,466	-	86,737	943,729	91,219
Series 2010-A, VRA	125,795	-	6,137	119,658	6,136
Series 2010-C, VRA	137,555	-	6,877	130,678	6,878
Series 2016, RD	1,655,551	-	35,984	1,619,567	36,272
Series 2017, VRA	52,438	-	52,438	-	-
Series 2017, VRA	52,386	-	1,302	51,084	1,335
Series 2017, VRA	634,386	-	17,160	617,226	16,743
Series 2019, VRA	97,800	-	2,274	95,526	2,333
Total Bonds-Water Systems	5,010,842	-	355,012	4,655,830	255,476
Revenue Bonds-Sewer systems					
Series 2010 B, VRA	495,235	-	47,165	448,070	47,165
Series 2014, RD	418,469	-	12,310	406,159	12,578
Series 2016, VRA	240,231	-	8,736	231,495	8,736
Series 2016, RD	265,704	-	5,431	260,273	5,593
Series 2017, VRA	103,908	-	3,966	99,942	3,966
Series 2018, VRA	295,346	19,338	15,876	298,808	15,877
Series 2019, VRA	809,812	188,130	24,949	972,993	49,897
PVNB Note	122,045	-	4,201	117,844	4,369
Total Bonds-Sewer Systems	2,750,750	207,468	122,634	2,835,584	148,181
TOTAL BONDS	$ 7,761,592	$ 207,468	$ 477,646	$ 7,491,414	$ 403,657

7. **BONDS AND NOTES OUTSTANDING (continued)**

Details of Bonds & Notes Outstanding

$317,533 SCADA Gen Project. Water and Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2019, Virginia Resources Authority issued December 18, 2019, due in semi-annually installments of $7,938 through June 01, 2040, interest payable at 0%.	$ 298,808
$361,000 Bean Gap Water Project. Water and Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2001,Virginia Resources Authority issued July 10, 2001, due in semi-annually installments of $6,017 through January 01, 2032, interest payable at 0%.	132,367
$551,025 Bull Run Water Project. Water and Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2001, Virginia Resources Authority issued January 22, 2004, due in semi-annually installments of $9,184 through May 01, 2034, interest payable at 0%.	238,778
$1,054,490 South Fork Water Project. Water and Sewer Revenue Bond, Virginia Resources Authority issued February 27, 2004, due in annual installments ending on December 1, 2029, interest payable semi-annually at 1.00%.	395,369
$417,379 North Fork Water Project. Water and Sewer Revenue Bond, Virginia Resources Authority issued June 30, 2006, due in semi-annual installments of $6,767 through July 1, 2036, interest payable at 0%.	209,765
$89,337 Banner/Sandy Ridge Interconnect. Water and Sewer Revenue Bond, Virginia Resources Authority issued June 15, 2007, due in semi-annual installments of $1,485 through August 1, 2037, interest payable at 0%.	-
$175,000 Dunbar Water Project. Water and Sewer Revenue Bond, Virginia Resources Authority issued August 29, 2008, due in semi-annual installments of $2,917 through September 1, 2038, interest payable at 0%.	102,083
$1,720,000 Dominion Project. Water Revenue Bond, BB&T Bank issued, 12/15/2009, due in monthly installments beginning on January 15, 2010 and ending on 12/15/2029, interest payable monthly at the nominal annual rate of 5.05%.	943,729
$184,090 Disinfection By-Product Abatement. ARRA, Virginia Resources Authority issued February 16, 2010, due in semi-annual installments of $3,068 ending on October 1, 2040, interest payable at 0%.	119,658
$206,333 Lower Birchfield/Rt. 72. Water and Sewer Revenue Bond, Virginia Resources Authority issued June 17, 2010, due in semi-annual installments of $3,439 through June 1, 2040, interest payable at 0%.	130,678
$943,655 Stephens/Guest River Sewer. Water and Sewer Revenue Bond, Virginia Resources Authority issued 06/04/2010, due in semi-annual $23,758 through December 1, 2030, interest payable at 0%.	448,070

7. BONDS AND NOTES OUTSTANDING (continued)

$549,000 Stephens Extension Project. Sewer Revenue Bond, Rural Utilities Service (Rural Development) issued June 19, 2014, interest 2.125%. The payments due the first 24 months will consist of interest only And will be paid annually on the first and second anniversaries of the bond. Payments for the remaining 38 years will be due in equal amortized monthly installments.	406,159
$1,760,000 Banner/Bull Run/Emergency Generators. Water Revenue Bond, Series 2016, Rural Utilities Service (Rural Development) issued November 22, 2016, due in monthly installments of $4,876 ending on October 22, 2056, interest payable at 1.375%.	1,619,567
$54,929 Hix Orchard. Water and Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2017, Virginia Resource Authority issued February 23, 2017, due in semi-annual installments of $1,441.52 ending on July 1, 2014, interest payable at 2.75%.	-
$55,000 Carriage Hill Phase 2. Water Revenue Bond, Virginia Resource Authority issued June 1, 2017, due in semi-annual installments of $1,366.96 ending on December 1, 2047, interest payable at 2.75%.	51,084
$344,964 Roda/Osaka/Stonega Phase 1. Water and Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2016, Virginia Resource Authority issued July 28, 2016, due in semi-annual installments of $5,749.40 ending on August 1, 2047, interest payable at 0%.	231,495
$276,000 Roda/Osaka. Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2016, Rural Utilities Service (Rural Development) issued July 19, 2016, due in monthly installments of $815.00 ending on June 19, 2056, interest payable at 1.625%.	260,273
$118,966 Stonega Sewer. Water and Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2017, Virginia Resource Authority issued March 30, 2017, due in semi-annual installments of $1,982.95 ending on March 1, 2047, interest payable at 0%.	99,942
$690,000 Carfax Raw Water Intake Rehabilitation.. Water and Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2017, Virginia Resources Authority issued September 17, 2017, due in semi-annual installments of $16,929.29 ending on March 1, 2048, interest payable at 2.65%.	617,226
$122,538 Wells-Adams Sewer Project. Water/Sewer Subordinate Revenue Bond, Series 2019, Powell Valley National Bank issued September 24, 2019, due in monthly installments of $727 ending on March 24, 2040, interest payable at 3.75%.	117,844

7. BONDS AND NOTES OUTSTANDING (continued)

$97,800 Flocculater Project. Water & Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2019, Virginia Resources Authority issued February 12, 2019, due in semi-annual installments of $2,353.22 ending on October 1, 2049, interest payable at 2.5%.	95,526
$997,942 Upper Exeter Sewer. Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2019, Virginia Resources Authority issued June 18, 2019, due in semi-annual installments of $24,949 ending on July 1, 2040, interest payable at 0%.	972,993
TOTAL BONDS AND NOTES INDEBTEDNESS	$ 7,491,414

Annual requirements to amortize long-term debt and related interest are as follows:

PERIOD ENDED	LONG-TERM BONDS & NOTES		
JUNE 30,	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL
2022	403,657	110,510	514,167
2023	410,393	103,755	514,148
2024	417,402	96,728	514,130
2025	424,728	89,382	514,110
2026	432,355	81,736	514,091
2027-2031	1,978,548	289,884	2,268,432
2032-2036	1,124,659	197,138	1,321,797
2037-2041	972,526	143,585	1,116,111
2042-2046	626,838	87,879	714,717
2047-2051	372,428	39,676	412,104
2052-2057	327,880	13,415	341,295
TOTALS	$ 7,491,414	$ 1,253,688	8,745,102

8. LEASE LIABILITY

Wise County Public Service Authority has entered into operating lease agreements for the right to use automobiles and office equipment. Per GASB 87, the right to use the automobiles and equipment are being recognized as intangible assets. The balance of these intangible assets, net of amortization, the future minimum lease payments, and the present value of the minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2021 are as follows:

	Amount
Intangible Assets, at Cost	$ 133,594
Accumulated Amortization	(84,252)
Total Intangible Assets, Net	$ 49,342

8. LEASE LIABILITY (continued)

Fiscal Year	Future Minimum Lease Payments
2022	$ 35,718
2023	26,532
2024	5,612
2025	473
2026	-
Total Minimum Lease Payments	68,335
Less: Portion Representing Interest	(10,790)
Present Value of Minimum Lease Payments	$ 57,545

9. CONTRACTUAL LIABILITIES

The Town of Appalachia transferred ownership of four different sewer systems to the Wise County PSA in 2013, one of which, the Upper Exeter Sewer System, has an assigned loan through the Virginia Resources Authority (VRA) for the construction of the project. The agreement between the Town of Appalachia and the Authority states that all loans obtained through the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality for the Upper Exeter sewer project will be assigned to the Authority. The PSA is responsible for $332,492 of the VRA financed loan, payable in semi-annual installments of $8,312 at 0% interest, with a maturity date of August 1, 2032.

	Balance July 1, 2020	Increases	Decreases	Balance June 30, 2021	Due Within One Year
Contractual Liability-					
VRA Loan #C-515446G-02	$ 207,807	$ -	$ 16,625	$ 191,182	$ 16,625
Total	$ 207,807	$ -	$ 16,625	$ 191,182	$ 16,625

The Town of Pound transferred ownership of their water and sewer systems to the Wise County PSA in fiscal year 2021, including loans through the Virginia Resources Authority (VRA), Rural Development (RD) and Trust Bank. The agreement between the Town of Pound and the Authority states that these loans will be assigned to the Authority. The PSA is responsible for $923,102 of the VRA financed loans, $226,943 of the Rural Development loan, and.

	July 1, 2020	Increases	Decreases	June 30, 2021	One Year
Contractual Liability-					
Town of Pound VRA loans	$ -	$ 923,102	$ -	$ 923,102	$ 55,878
Town of Pound RD loan	-	226,543	9	226,534	17,532
Town of Pound Trust Bank	-	446,427	-	446,427	47,890
Total	$ -	$ 1,596,072	$ 9	$ 1,596,063	$ 121,300

10. CLAIMS AND JUDGMENTS

In regard to litigation involving the Wise County Public Service Authority at June 30, 2021, the Authority's legal counsel informed us that there are no unasserted claims or assessments against the Authority.

11. INTEREST PAID

Cash paid interest expense relating to debt for the period ending June 30, 2021 amounted to $130,841.

12. CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions received from organizations or other governmental units which are used to defray a part of all of the cost of installing a portion of the utility plant are credited investments in capital assets. Contributions from governmental entities and others were received in the form of cash, property, sanitary sewer lines, pumping stations, manholes, and equipment. These amounts are reflected as income on the accompanying Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position.

The Board of Directors approved Amendment 1 to the Original Water Option Purchase Agreement with Virginia Electric and Power Company (Dominion Power Plant) in the 2012 fiscal year. This agreement requires the power plant to make monthly payments to reimburse the Wise County PSA for the debt payments, small fixed and variable operational costs, and equipment replacement reserve. Dominion Power Plant Income for the period ending June 30, 2021 was $161,364 and is also reflected as income on the accompanying Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position.

13. PENSION PLAN

Pensions

The Virginia Retirement System (VRS) Political Subdivision Retirement Plan is a multi-employer, agent plan. For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Wise County Public Service Authority's (Authority) Retirement Plan and the additions to/deductions from the Authority's net fiduciary position have been determined on the same basis as they were reported by the Virginia Retirement System (VRS). For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Plan Description – All full-time, salaried permanent employees of the Authority are automatically covered by VRS Retirement Plan upon employment. This plan is administered by the Virginia Retirement System (the System) along with plans for other employer groups in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Members earn one month of service credit for each month they are employed and for which they and their employer are paying contributions to VRS. Members are eligible to purchase prior service, based on specific criteria as defined in the *Code of Virginia*, as amended. Eligible prior service that may be purchased includes prior public service, active military service, certain periods of leave, and previously refunded service.

13. PENSION PLAN (continued)

The System administers three different benefit structures for covered employees – Plan 1, Plan 2, and Hybrid. Each of these benefit structures has different eligibility criteria. The specific information for each plan and the eligibility for covered groups within each plan are set out in the table below:

RETIREMENT PLAN PROVISIONS		
PLAN 1	**PLAN 2**	**HYBRID RETIREMENT PLAN**
About Plan 1 Plan 1 is a defined benefit plan. The retirement benefit is based on a member's age, service credit and average final compensation at retirement using a formula.	**About Plan 2** Plan 2 is a defined benefit plan. The retirement benefit is based on a member's age, service credit and average final compensation at retirement using a formula.	**About the Hybrid Retirement Plan** The Hybrid Retirement Plan combines the features of a defined benefit plan and a defined contribution plan. • The defined benefit is based on a member's age, service credit and average final compensation at retirement using a formula. • The benefit from the defined contribution component of the plan depends on the member and employer contributions made to the plan and the investment performance of those contributions. • In addition to the monthly benefit payment payable from the defined benefit plan at retirement, a member may start receiving distributions from the balance in the defined contribution account, reflecting the contributions, investment gains or losses, and any required fees.
Eligible Members Employees are in Plan 1 if their membership date is before July 1, 2010, and they were vested as of January 1, 2013, and they have not taken a refund	**Eligible Members** Employees are in Plan 2 if their membership date is on or after July 1, 2010, or their membership date is before July	**Eligible Members** Employees are in the Hybrid Retirement Plan if their membership date is on or after January 1, 2014. This includes:

Hybrid Opt-In Election VRS non-hazardous duty covered Plan 1 members were allowed to make an irrevocable decision to opt into the Hybrid Retirement Plan during a special election window held January 1 through April 30, 2014. The Hybrid Retirement Plan's effective date for eligible Plan 1 members who opted in was July 1, 2014. If eligible deferred members returned to work during the election window, they were also eligible to opt into the Hybrid Retirement Plan. Members who were eligible for an optional retirement plan (ORP) and had prior service under Plan 1 were not eligible to elect the Hybrid Retirement Plan and remain as Plan 1 or ORP.	1, 2010, and they were not vested as of January 1, 2013. **Hybrid Opt-In Election** Eligible Plan 2 members were allowed to make an irrevocable decision to opt into the Hybrid Retirement Plan during a special election window held January 1 through April 30, 2014. The Hybrid Retirement Plan's effective date for eligible Plan 2 members who opted in was July 1, 2014. If eligible deferred members returned to work during the election window, they were also eligible to opt into the Hybrid Retirement Plan. Members who were eligible for an optional retirement plan (ORP) and have prior service under Plan 2 were not eligible to elect the Hybrid Retirement Plan and remain as Plan 2 or ORP.	• Wise County Public Service Authority employees • Members in Plan 1 or Plan 2 who elected to opt into the plan during the election window held January 1-April 30, 2014; the plan's effective date for opt-in members was July 1, 2014. ***Non-Eligible Members** Some employees are not eligible to participate in the Hybrid Retirement Plan. They include: • Political subdivision employees who are covered by enhanced benefits for hazardous duty employees Those employees eligible for an optional retirement plan (ORP) must elect the ORP plan or the Hybrid Retirement Plan. If these members have prior service under Plan 1 or Plan 2, they are not eligible to elect the Hybrid Retirement Plan and must select Plan 1 or Plan 2 (as applicable) or ORP.
Retirement Contributions Employees contribute 5% of their compensation each month to their member contribution account through a pre-tax salary reduction. Member contributions are tax-deferred until they are withdrawn as part of a retirement benefit or as a refund. The employer makes a separate actuarially determined contribution to VRS for all covered employees. VRS invests both member and employer contributions to provide funding for the future benefit payment.	**Retirement Contributions** Same as Plan 1.	**Retirement Contributions** A member's retirement benefit is funded through mandatory and voluntary contributions made by the member and the employer to both the defined benefit and the defined contribution components of the plan. Mandatory contributions are based on a percentage of the employee's creditable compensation and are required from both the member and the employer. Additionally, members may choose to make voluntary contributions to the defined contribution component of the plan, and the employer is required to match

		those voluntary contributions according to specified percentages.
Creditable Service Service credit includes active service. Members earn service credit for each month they are employed in a covered position. It also may include credit for prior service the member has purchased or additional creditable service the member was granted. A member's total service credit is one of the factors used to determine their eligibility for retirement and to calculate their retirement benefit. It also may count toward eligibility for the health insurance credit in retirement, if the employer offers the health insurance credit.	**Creditable Service** Same as Plan 1	**Creditable Service** **Defined Benefit Component:** Under the defined benefit component of the plan, service credit includes active service. Members earn creditable service for each month they are employed in a covered position. It also may include credit for prior service the member has purchased or additional service credit the member was granted. A member's total service credit is one of the factors used to determine their eligibility for retirement and to calculate their retirement benefit. It also may count toward eligibility for the health insurance credit in retirement, if the employer offers the health insurance credit. **Defined Contributions Component:** Under the defined contribution component, service credit is used to determine vesting for the employer contribution portion of the plan.
Vesting Vesting is the minimum length of service a member needs to qualify for a future retirement benefit. Members become vested when they have at least five years (60 months) of service credit. Vesting means members are eligible to qualify for retirement if they meet the age and service requirements for their plan. Members also must be vested to receive a full refund of their member contribution account balance if they leave employment and request a refund. Members are always 100% vested in the contributions that they make.	**Vesting** Same as Plan 1	**Vesting** **Defined Benefit Component:** Defined benefit vesting is the minimum length of service a member needs to qualify for a future retirement benefit. Members are vested under the defined benefit component of the Hybrid Retirement Plan when they reach five years (60 months) of service credit. Plan 1 or Plan 2 members with at least five years (60 months) of service credit who opted into the Hybrid Retirement Plan remain vested in the defined benefit component. **Defined Contributions Component:**

		Defined contribution vesting refers to the minimum length of service a member needs to be eligible to withdraw the employer contributions from the defined contribution component of the plan. Members are always 100% vested in the contributions that they make. Upon retirement or leaving covered employment, a member is eligible to withdraw a percentage of employer contributions to the defined contribution component of the plan, based on service. • After two years, a member is 50% vested and may withdraw 50% of employer contributions. • After three years, a member is 75% vested and may withdraw 75% of employer contributions. • After four or more years, a member is 100% vested and may withdraw 100% of employer contributions. Distribution is not required, except as governed by law.
Calculating the Benefit The Basic Benefit is determined using the average final compensation, service credit and plan multiplier. An early retirement reduction is applied to this amount if the member is retiring with a reduced benefit. In cases where the member has elected an optional form of retirement payment, an option factor specific to the option chosen is then applied.	**Calculating the Benefit** See definition under Plan 1	**Calculating the Benefit** **Defined Benefit Component:** See definition under Plan 1 **Defined Contribution Component:** The benefit is based on contributions made by the member and any matching contributions made by the employer, plus net investment earnings on those contributions.
Average Final Compensation A member's average final compensation is the average of the 36 consecutive months of	**Average Final Compensation** A member's average final compensation is the average of their 60 consecutive months of	**Average Final Compensation** Same as Plan 2. It is used in the retirement formula for the

highest compensation as a covered employee.	highest compensation as a covered employee.	defined benefit component of the plan.
Service Retirement Multiplier **VRS:** The retirement multiplier is a factor used in the formula to determine a final retirement benefit. The retirement multiplier for non-hazardous duty members is 1.70%	**Service Retirement Multiplier** **VRS:** The same as Plan 1 for service earned, purchased or granted prior to January 1, 2013. For non-hazardous duty members the retirement multiplier is 1.65% for service credit earned, purchased or granted on or after January 1, 2013.	**Service Retirement Multiplier** **Defined Benefit Component:** **VRS:** The retirement multiplier for the defined benefit component is 1.00%. For members who opted into the Hybrid Retirement Plan from Plan 1 or Plan 2, the applicable multipliers for those plans will be used to calculate the retirement benefit for service credited in those plans.
Sheriffs and regional jail superintendents: Not Applicable	**Sheriffs and regional jail superintendents:** Not Applicable	**Sheriffs and regional jail superintendents:** Not Applicable
Political Subdivision hazardous duty employees: Not Applicable	**Political Subdivision hazardous duty employees:** Not Applicable	**Political Subdivision hazardous duty employees:** Not Applicable
Normal Retirement Age **VRS**: Age 65 **Political subdivision hazardous duty employees:** Age 60 (Not applicable)	**Normal Retirement Age** **VRS:** Normal Social Security retirement age. **Political subdivisions hazardous duty employees:** Not applicable	**Normal Retirement Age** **Defined Benefit Component:** **VRS:** Same as Plan 2. **Political subdivisions hazardous duty employees:** Not applicable **Defined Contribution Component:** Members are eligible to receive distributions upon leaving employment, subject to restrictions.
Earliest Unreduced Retirement Eligibility **VRS:** Age 65 with at least five years (60 months) of service credit or at age 50 with at least 30 years of creditable service.	**Earliest Unreduced Retirement Eligibility** **VRS:** Normal Social Security retirement age with at least five years (60 months) of service credit or when their age plus service credit equals 90.	**Earliest Unreduced Retirement Eligibility** **Defined Benefit Component:** **VRS:** Normal Social Security retirement age and have at least five years (60 months) of service credit or when their age and service credit equals 90.

Political Subdivisions hazardous duty employees: Not Applicable	**Political Subdivisions hazardous duty employees:** Not Applicable	**Political Subdivisions hazardous duty employees:** Not Applicable **Defined Contribution Component:** Members are eligible to receive distributions upon leaving employment, subject to restrictions.
Earliest Reduced Retirement Eligibility **VRS:** Age 55 with at least five years (60 months) of service credit or age 50 with at least 10 years of service credit. **Political subdivisions hazardous duty employees:** Not Applicable	**Earliest Reduced Retirement Eligibility** **VRS:** Age 60 with at least five years (60 months) of service credit. **Political subdivisions hazardous duty employees:** Not Applicable	**Earliest Reduced Retirement Eligibility** **Defined Benefit Component:** **VRS:** Age 60 with at least five years (60 months) of service credit. **Political subdivisions hazardous duty employees:** Not Applicable **Defined Contribution Component:** Members are eligible to receive distributions upon leaving employment, subject to restrictions.
Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) in Retirement The Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) matches the first 3% increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and half of any additional increase (up to 4%) up to a maximum COLA of 5%. **Eligibility:** For members who retire with an unreduced benefit or with a reduced benefit with at least 20 years of service credit, the COLA will go into effect on July 1 after one full calendar year from the retirement date. For members who retire with a reduced benefit and who have less than 20 years of service credit, the COLA will go into	**Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) in Retirement** The Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) matches the first 2% increase in the CPI-U and half of any additional increase (up to 2%), for a maximum COLA of 3%. **Eligibility:** Same as Plan 1	**Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) in Retirement** **Defined Benefit Component:** Same as Plan 2 **Defined Contribution Component:** Not applicable **Eligibility:** Same as Plan 1 and Plan 2

effect on July 1 after one calendar year following the unreduced retirement eligibility date. **Exceptions to COLA Effective Dates:** The COLA is effective July 1 following one full calendar year (January 1 to December 31) under any of the following circumstances: • The member is within five years of qualifying for an unreduced retirement benefit as of January 1, 2013. • The member retires on disability. • The member retires directly from short-term or long-term disability. • The member is involuntarily separated from employment for causes other than job performance or misconduct and is eligible to retire under the Workforce Transition Act or the Transitional Benefits Program. • The member dies in service and the member's survivor or beneficiary is eligible for a monthly death-in-service benefit. The COLA will go into effect on July 1 following one full calendar year (January 1 to December 31) from the date the monthly benefit begins.	**Exceptions to COLA Effective Dates:** Same as Plan 1	**Exceptions to COLA Effective Dates:** Same as Plan 1 and Plan 2
Disability Coverage Members who are eligible to be considered for disability retirement and retire on disability, the retirement multiplier is 1.7% on all service, regardless of when it was earned, purchased or granted.	**Disability Coverage** Members who are eligible to be considered for disability retirement and retire on disability, the retirement multiplier is 1.65% on all service, regardless of when it was earned, purchased or granted.	**Disability Coverage** Employees of political subdivisions (Including Plan 1 and Plan 2 opt-ins) participate in the Virginia Local Disability Program (VLDP) unless their local governing body provides an employer-paid comparable program for its members.

		Hybrid members (including Plan 1 and Plan 2 opt-ins) covered under VLDP are subject to a one-year waiting period before becoming eligible for non-work-related disability benefits.
Purchase of Prior Service Members may be eligible to purchase service from previous public employment, active duty military service, an eligible period of leave or VRS refunded service as service credit in their plan. Prior creditable service counts toward vesting, eligibility for retirement and the health insurance credit. Only active members are eligible to purchase prior service. Members also may be eligible to purchase periods of leave without pay.	**Purchase of Prior Service** Same as Plan 1	**Purchase of Prior Service** **Defined Benefit Component:** Same as Plan 1, with the following exceptions: • Hybrid Retirement Plan members are ineligible for ported service. **Defined Contribution Component:** Not applicable

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms – As of June 30, 2019 actuarial valuation, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms of the pension plan:

	Number
Inactive members or their beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	3
Inactive Members:	
Vested Inactive Members	2
Non-vested Inactive Members	3
LTD	0
Active Elsewhere in VRS	1
Total Inactive Members	6
Active Members	25
Total Covered Employees	34

Contributions – The contribution requirement for active employees is governed by §51.1-145 of the *Code of Virginia*, as amended, but may be impacted as a result of funding options provided to the Authority by the Virginia General Assembly. Employees are required to contribute 5.00% of their compensation toward their retirement.

13. PENSION PLAN (continued)

The Authority's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2021 was 3.72% of covered employee compensation. This rate was based on a actuarially determined rate from an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2019. This rate, when combined with the employee contributions, was expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Contributions to the pension plan from the Authority were $37,545 and $34,298 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020, respectively.

Net Pension Liability – The net pension liability (NPL) is calculated separately for each employer and represents that particular employer's total pension liability determined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 68, less that employer's fiduciary net position. For the Authority, the net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation performed as of June 30, 2019 rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2020.

Actuarial Assumptions – General Employees – The total pension liability for General Employees in the Authority's Retirement Plan was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2019, using the Entry Age Normal actuarial cost method and the following assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement and rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2020.

Inflation	2.5 percent
Salary increases, including inflation	3.5 percent – 5.35%
Investment rate of return	6.75 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation*

*Administrative expenses as a percent of market value of assets for the last experience study were found to be approximately 0.06% of the market assets for all of the VRS plans. This would provide an assumed investment return rate for GASB purposes of slightly more than the assumed 6.75%. However, since the difference was minimal, and a more conservative 6.75% investment return assumption provided a projected plan net position that exceeded the projected benefit payments, the long-term expected rate of return on investments was assumed to be 6.75% to simplify preparation of pension liabilities.

Mortality rates:

Largest 10 – Non-Hazardous Duty: 20% of deaths are assumed to be service related.

Pre-Retirement:

RP-2014 Employee Rates to age 80, Healthy Annuitant Rates at ages 81 and older projected with scale BB to 2020; males 95% of rates; females 105% of rates.

Post-Retirement:

RP-2014 Employee Rates to age 49, Healthy Annuitant Rates at ages 50 and older projected with scale BB to 2020; males set forward 3 years; females 1.0% increase compounded from ages 70 to 90.

Post-Disablement:

RP-2014 Disability Mortality Rates projected with scale BB to 2020; males set forward 2 years, 110% of rates; females 125% of rates.

13. PENSION PLAN (continued)

All Others (Non 10 Largest) – Non-Hazardous Duty: 15% of deaths are assumed to be service related.

Pre-Retirement:
RP-2014 Employee Rates to age 80, Healthy Annuitant Rates at ages 81 and older projected with scale BB to 2020; males 95% of rates; females 105% of rates.

Post-Retirement:
RP-2014 Employee Rates to age 49, Healthy Annuitant Rates at ages 50 and older projected with scale BB to 2020; males set forward 3 years; females 1.0% increase compounded from ages 70 to 90.

Post-Disablement:
RP-2014 Disability Mortality Rates projected with scale BB to 2020; males set forward 2 years, 110% of rates; females 125% of rates.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016, except the change in the discount rate, which was based on VRS Board action effective as of July 1, 2019. Changes to the actuarial assumptions as a result of the experience study are as follows:

Largest 10 – Non-Hazardous Duty

Mortality Rates (Pre-retirement, post-retirement healthy, and disabled	Update to a more current mortality table – RP-2014 projected to 2020
Retirement Rates	Lowered rates at older ages and changed final retirement from 70 to 75
Withdrawal Rates	Adjusted rates to better fit experience at each year age and service through 9 years of service
Disability Rates	Lowered rates
Salary Scale	No change
Line of Duty Disability	Increase rate from 14% to 20%
Discount Rate	Decrease rate from 7.00% to 6.75%

All Others (Non 10 Largest) – Non-Hazardous Duty

Mortality Rates (Pre-retirement, post-retirement healthy, and disabled	Update to a more current mortality table – RP-2014 projected to 2020
Retirement Rates	Lowered rates at older ages and changed final retirement from 70 to 75
Withdrawal Rates	Adjusted rates to better fit experience at each year age and service through 9 years of service
Disability Rates	Lowered rates
Salary Scale	No change
Line of Duty Disability	Increase rate from 14% to 15%
Discount Rate	Decrease rate from 7.00% to 6.75%

13. PENSION PLAN (continued)

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return – The long-term expected rate of return on pension System investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension System investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target asset allocation and best estimate of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class (Strategy)	Target Allocation	Arithmetic Long-Term Expected Rate of Return	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Rate of Return
Public Equity	34.00%	4.65%	1.58%
Fixed Income	15.00%	0.46%	0.07%
Credit Strategies	14.00%	5.38%	0.75%
Real Assets	14.00%	5.01%	0.70%
Private Equity	14.00%	8.34%	1.17%
MAPS	6.00%	3.04%	0.18%
PIP	3.00%	6.49%	.19%
Total	100.00%		4.64%
	Inflation		2.50%
	*Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return		7.14%

*The above allocation provides a one-year return of 7.14%. However, one-year returns do not take into account the volatility present in each of the asset classes. In setting the long-term expected return for the system, stochastic projections are employed to model future returns under various economic conditions. The results provide a range of returns over various time periods that ultimately provide a median return of 7.11%, including expected inflation of 2.50%. On October 10, 2019, the VRS Board elected a long-term rate of 6.75% which is roughly at the 40th percentile of expected long-term results of the VRS fund asset allocation. More recent capital market assumptions compiled for the FY2020 actuarial valuations provide a median return of 6.81%.

Discount Rate – The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that System member contributions will be made per the VRS Statutes and the employer contributions will be made in accordance with the VRS funding policy at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates adopted by the VRS Board of Trustees and the member rate. Consistent with the phased-in funding provided by the General Assembly for state and teacher employer contributions; political subdivisions were also provided with an opportunity to use an alternate employer contribution rate. For the year ended June 30, 2020, the alternate rate was the employer contribution rate used in FY 2012 or 100% of the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from the June 30, 2017, actuarial valuations, whichever was greater. From July 1, 2020 on, participating employers are assumed to contribute 100% of the actuarially determined contribution rates. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore the long-term expected rate of return was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

13. PENSION PLAN (continued)

Changes in Net Pension Liability

	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total Pension Liability (a)	Fiduciary Plan Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability (a) – (b)
Balances at June 30, 2019	$ 1,708,900	$ 2,031,770	$ (322,870)
Changes for The Year:			
Service Cost	113,541	-	113,541
Interest	113,849	-	113,849
Changes of Assumptions	-	-	-
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	15,974		15,974
Contributions – Employer	-	31,813	(31,813)
Contributions – Employee	-	47,585	(47,585)
Net Investment Income	-	39,768	(39,768)
Benefit Payments, Including Refunds of Employee Contributions	(44,509)	(44,509)	-
Administrative Expenses		(1,279)	1,279
Other Changes	-	(47)	47
Net Changes	198,855	73,331	125,524
Balances at June 30, 2020	$ 1,907,755	$ 2,105,101	$ (197,346)

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate – The following presents the net pension liability of the Authority using the discount rate of 6.75% as well as what the Authority's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (5.75%) or one percentage point higher (7.75%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (5.75%)	Current Rate (6.75%)	1% Increase (7.75%)
Wise County Public Service Authority's Net Pension Liability	$ 104,853	$ (197,346)	$ (445,195)

13. PENSION PLAN (continued)

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions – For the year ended June 30, 2021, the Authority recognized pension expense of $35,635. At June 30, 2021, the Authority reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	$ 23,459	$ 110,832
Changes in assumptions	44,102	19,088
Net differences between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	63,380	0
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	37,545	0
Total	$ 168,486	$ 129,920

$37,545 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the Authority's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the Net Pension Liability in the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30:	Amount
2022	$ (21,331)
2023	(4,432)
2024	8,482
2025	14,584
2026	3,157
Thereafter	614
TOTAL	$ 1,074

Pension Plan Data

Information about the VRS Political Subdivision Retirement Plans is also available in the separately issued VRS 2020 *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report* (CAFR). A copy of the 2020 VRS CAFR may be downloaded from the VRS website at http://www.varetire.org/Pdf/Publications/2020-annual-report.pdf, or by writing to the System's Chief Financial Officer at P.O. Box 2500, Richmond, VA, 23218-2500.

Payables to the Pension Plan

As of June 30, 2021, the Authority reported no payable for any outstanding amount of contributions to the pension plan required for the year ended June 30, 2021.

14. GROUP LIFE INSURANCE OPEB PROGRAM

Plan Description

All full-time, salaried permanent employees of the state agencies, teachers and employees of participating political subdivisions are automatically covered by the VRS Group Life Insurance Program upon employment. This plan is administered by the Virginia Retirement System (the System), along with pensions and other OPEB plans, for public employer groups in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

In addition to the Basic Group Life Insurance benefit, members are also eligible to elect additional coverage for themselves as well as a spouse or dependent children through the Optional Group Life Insurance Program. For members who elect the optional group life insurance coverage, the insurer bills employers directly for the premiums. Employers deduct these premiums from members' paychecks and pay the premiums to the insurer. Since this is a separate and fully insured program, it is not included as part of the Group Life Insurance Program OPEB.

The specific information for Group Life Insurance Program OPEB, including eligibility, coverage and benefits is set out in the table below:

GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM PROVISIONS
Eligible Employees The Group Life Insurance Program was established July 1, 1960, for state employees, teachers, and employees of political subdivisions that elect the program, including the following employers that do not participate in VRS for retirement: • City of Richmond • City of Portsmouth • City of Roanoke • City of Norfolk • Roanoke City Schools Board Basic group life insurance coverage is automatic upon employment. Coverage ends for employees who leave their position before retirement eligibility or who take a refund of their member contributions and accrued interest.
Benefit Amounts The benefits payable under the Group Life Insurance Program have several components. • **Natural Death Benefit**—The natural death benefit is equal to the employee's covered compensation rounded to the next highest thousand and then doubled. • **Accidental Death Benefit**—The accidental death benefit is double the natural death benefit. • **Other Benefit Provisions**—In addition to the basic natural and accidental death benefits, the program provides additional benefits provided under specific circumstances. These include: o Accidental dismemberment benefit o Safety belt benefit o Repatriation benefit

o Felonious assault benefit o Accelerated death benefit option
Reduction in benefit Amounts The benefit amounts provided to members covered under the Group Life Insurance Program are subject to a reduction factor. The benefit amount reduces by 25% on January 1 following one calendar year of separation. The benefit amount reduces by an additional 25% on each subsequent January 1 until it reaches 25% of its original value.
Minimum Benefit Amount and Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) For covered members with at least 30 years of service credit, there is a minimum benefit payable under the Group Life Insurance Program. The minimum benefit was set at $8,000 by statute in 2015. This amount is increased annually based on the VRS Plan 2 cost-of-living adjustment calculation. The minimum benefit adjusted for the COLA was $8,616 as of June 30, 2021.

Contributions

The contribution requirements for the Group Life Insurance Program are governed by § 51.1-506 and § 51.1-508 of the *Code of Virginia*, as amended, but may be impacted as a result of funding provided to state agencies and school divisions by the Virginia General Assembly. The total rate for the Group Life Insurance Program was 1.34% of covered employee compensation. This was allocated into an employee and an employer component using a 60/40 split. The employee component was 0.80% (1.34% X 60%) and the employer component was 0.54% (1.34% X 40%). Employers may elect to pay all or part of the employee contribution, however the employer must pay all of the employer contribution. Each employer's contractually required employer contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2021 was 0.54% of covered employee compensation. This rate was based on an actuarially determined rate from an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2019. The actuarially determined rate, when combined with employee contributions, was expected to finance the costs of benefits payable during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Contribution to the Group Life Insurance Program from the entity were $5,450 and $5,200 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020, respectively.

GLI OPEB Liabilities, GLI OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the Group Life Insurance Program OPEB

At June 30, 2021, the Authority reported a liability of $81,105 for its proportionate share of the Net GLI OPEB Liability. The Net GLI OPEB Liability was measured as of June 30, 2020 and the total GLI OPEB liability used to calculate the Net GLI OPEB Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation performed as of June 30, 2019, and rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2020. The covered employer's proportion of the Net GLI OPEB Liability was based on the covered employer's actuarially determined employer contributions to the Group Life Insurance Program for the year ended June 30, 2020, relative to the total of the actuarially determined employer contributions for all participating employers. At June 30, 2020, the participating employer's proportion was 0.00486% as compared to 0.00526% at June 30, 2019.

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the participating employer recognized GLI OPEB expense of $2,651. Since there was a change in proportionate share between measurement dates, a portion of the GLI OPEB expense was related to deferred amounts from changes in proportion.

14. GROUP LIFE INSURANCE OPEB PROGRAM (continued)

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

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	$ 5,202	$ 728
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on GLI OPEB Program Investments	2,436	-
Changes in Assumptions	4,056	1,694
Changes in Proportion	1,102	5,104
Employer Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	5,450	-
Total	$ 18,246	$ 7,526

$5,450 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to the GLI OPEB resulting from the employer's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the Net GLI OPEB Liability in the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the GLI OPEB will be recognized in the GLI OPEB expense in future reporting periods as follows:

	Amount
FY 2022	$ 779
FY 2023	1,467
FY 2024	1,850
FY 2025	1,674
FY 2026	(323)
Thereafter	(177)

14. GROUP LIFE INSURANCE OPEB PROGRAM (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions

The total GLI OPEB liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2019, using the Entry Age Normal actuarial cost method and the following assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement and rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2020.

Inflation	2.5 percent
Salary Increases, Including Inflation—	
General State Employees	3.5 percent - 5.35 percent
Teachers	3.5 percent – 5.95 percent
SPORS Employees	3.5 percent – 4.75 percent
VaLORS Employees	3.5 percent – 4.75 percent
JRS Employees	4.5 percent
Locality – General Employees	3.5 percent – 5.35 percent
Locality – Hazardous Duty Employees	3.5 percent – 4.75 percent
Investment Rate of Return	6.75 Percent, net of investment expenses, Including inflation*

*Administrative expenses as a percent of the market value of assets for the last experience study were found to be approximately 0.06% of the market assets for all of the VRS plans. This would provide an assumed investment return rate for GASB purposes of slightly more than the assumed 6.75%. However, since the difference was minimal, and a more conservative 6.75% investment return assumption provided a projected plan net position that exceeded the projected benefit payments, the long-term expected rate of return on investments was assumed to be 6.75% to simplify preparation of the OPEB liabilities.

Mortality rates – General State Employees

Pre-Retirement:
RP-2014 Employee Rates to age 80, Healthy Annuitant Rates to 81 and older projected with Scale BB to 2020; males set back 1 year, 85% of rates; females set back 1 year.

Post-Retirement:
RP-2014 Employee Rates to age 49, Healthy Annuitant Rates at ages 50 and older projected with Scale BB to 2020; males set forward 1 year; females set back 1 year with 1.5% increase compounded from ages 70 to 85.

Post-Disablement:
RP-2014 Disability Life Mortality Table projected with scale BB to 2020; males 115% of rates; females 130% of rates.

14. GROUP LIFE INSURANCE OPEB PROGRAM (continued)

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016, except the change in the discount rate, which was based on VRS Board action effective as of July 1, 2019. Changes to the actuarial assumptions as a result of the experience study are as follows:

Mortality Rates (Pre-retirement, post-retirement healthy, and disabled)	Updated to a more current mortality table -- RP-2014 projected to 2020
Retirement Rates	Lowered rates at older ages and changed final retirement from 70 to 75
Withdrawal Rates	Adjusted rates to better fit experience at each year age and service through 9 years of service
Disability Rates	Adjusted rates to better match experience
Salary Scale	No change
Line of Duty Disability	Increased rate from 14% to 25%
Discount Rate	Decrease rate from 7.00% to 6.75%

Mortality rates – Teachers

Pre-Retirement:
RP-2014 White Collar Employee Rates to age 80, White Collar Healthy Annuitant Rates at ages 81 and older projected with scale BB to 2020.

Post-Retirement:
RP-2014 White Collar Employee Rates to age 49, White Collar Health Annuitant Rates at ages 50 and older projected with scale BB to 2020; males 1% increase compounded from ages 70 to 90; females set back 3 years with 1.5% increase compounded from ages 65 to 70 and 2.0% increase compounded from ages 75 to 90.

Post-Disablement:
RP-2014 Disability Mortality Rates projected with Scale BB to 2020; 115% of rates for males and females.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the four-year period from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016, except the change in the discount rate, which was based on VRS Board action effective as of July 1, 2019. Changes to the actuarial assumptions as a result of the experience study are as follows:

14. GROUP LIFE INSURANCE OPEB PROGRAM (continued)

Mortality Rates (Pre-retirement, post-retirement healthy, and disabled	Updated to a more current mortality table—RP-2014 projected to 2020
Retirement Rates	Lowered rates at older ages and changed final retirement from 70 to 75
Withdrawal Rates	Adjusted rates to better fit experience at each year age and service through 9 years of service
Disability Rates	Adjusted rates to better match experience
Salary Scale	No change
Discount Rate	Decrease rate from 7.00% to 6.75%

Mortality rates-- SPORS Employees

Pre-Retirement:
RP-2014 Employee Rates to age 80, Healthy Annuitant Rates to 81 and older projected with Scale BB to 2020; males 90% of rates; females set forward 1 year.

Post-Retirement:
RP-2014 Employee Rates to age 49, Healthy Annuitant Rates at ages 50 and older projected with Scale BB to 2020; males set forward 1 year with 1.0% increase compounded from ages 70 to 90; females set forward 3 years.

Post-Disablement:
RP-2014 Disability Life Mortality Table projected with scale BB to 2020; males set forward 2 years; unisex using 100% male.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016, except the change in the discount rate, which was based on VRS Board action effective as of July 1, 2019. Changes to the actuarial assumptions as a result of the experience study are as follows:

Mortality Rates (Pre-retirement, post-retirement healthy, and disabled)	Updated to a more current mortality table – RP-2014 projected to 2020 and reduced margin for future improvement in accordance with experience
Retirement Rates	Increased age 50 rates and lowered rates at older ages
Withdrawal Rates	Adjusted rates to better fit experience
Disability Rates	Adjusted rates to better match experience
Salary Scale	No change
Line of Duty Disability	Increased rate from 60% to 85%
Discount Rate	Decrease rate from 7.00% to 6.75%

14. GROUP LIFE INSURANCE OPEB PROGRAM (continued)

Mortality rates – VaLORS Employees

Pre-retirement:
RP-2014 Employee Rates to age 80, Healthy Annuitant Rates to 81 and older projected with Scale BB to 2020; males 90% of rates; females set forward 1 year.

Post-Retirement:
RP-2014 Employee Rates to age 49, Healthy Annuitant Rates at ages 50 and older projected with Scale BB to 2020; males set forward 1 year with 1.0% increase compounded from ages 70 to 90; females set forward 3 years.

Post-Disablement:
RP-2014 Disability Life Mortality Table projected with scale BB to 2020; males set forward 2 years; unisex using 100% male.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016, except the change in the discount rate, which was based on VRS Board action effective as of July 1, 2019. Changes to the actuarial assumptions as a result of the experience study are as follows:

Mortality Rates (Pre-retirement, post-retirement healthy, and disabled)	Updated to a more current mortality table – RP-2014 projected to 2020 and reduced margin for future improvement in accordance with experience
Retirement Rates	Increased age 50 rates and lowered rates at older ages
Withdrawal Rates	Adjusted rates to better fit experience at each year age and service through 9 years of service
Disability Rates	Adjusted rates to better match experience
Salary Scale	No change
Line of Duty Disability	Decreased rate from 50% to 35%
Discount Rate	Decrease rate from 7.00% to 6.75%

Mortality rates- JRS Employees

Pre-Retirement:
RP-2014 Employee Rates to age 80, Healthy Annuitant Rates at ages 81 and older projected with scale BB to 2020; males set back 1 year, 85% of rates; females set back 1 year.

Post-Retirement:
RP-2014 Employee Rates to age 49, Healthy Annuitant Rates at ages 50 and older projected with scale BB to 2020; males set forward 1 year; females set back 1 year with 1.5% compounding increase from ages 70 to 85.

14. GROUP LIFE INSURANCE OPEB PROGRAM (continued)

Post-Disablement:
RP-2014 Disability Mortality Rates projected with Scale BB to 2020; males 115% of rates; females 130% of rates.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the four-year period from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016, except the change in the discount rate, which was based on VRS Board action effective as of July 1, 2019. Changes to the actuarial assumptions as a result of the experience study are as follows:

Mortality Rates (Pre-retirement, post-retirement healthy, and disabled)	Updated to a more current mortality table – RP-2014 projected to 2020
Retirement Rates	Decreased rates at first retirement eligibility
Withdrawal Rates	No change
Disability Rates	Removed disability rates
Salary Scale	No change
Discount Rate	Decrease rate from 7.00% to 6.75%

Mortality rates—Largest Ten Locality Employers-General Employees

Pre-Retirement:
RP-2014 Employee Rates to age 80, Healthy Annuitant Rates to 81 and older projected with Scale BB to 2020; males 95% of rates; females 105% of rates.

Post-Retirement:
RP-2014 Employee Rates to age 49, Healthy Annuitant Rates at ages 50 and older projected with Scale BB to 2020; males set forward 3 years; females 1.0% increase compounded from ages 70 to 90.

Post-Disablement:
RP-2014 Disability Life Mortality Table projected with scale BB to 2020; males set forward 2 years, 110% of rates; females 125% of rates.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the four-year period from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016, except the change in the discount rate, which was based on VRS Board action effective as of July 1, 2019. Changes to the actuarial assumptions as a result of the experience study are as follows:

14. GROUP LIFE INSURANCE OPEB PROGRAM (continued)

Mortality Rates (Pre-retirement, post-retirement healthy, and disabled)	Updated to a more current mortality table – RP-2014 projected to 2020
Retirement Rates	Lowered retirement rates at older ages and extended final retirement age from 70 to 75
Withdrawal Rates	Adjusted termination rates to better fit experience at each age and service year
Disability Rates	Lowered disability rates
Salary Scale	No change
Line of Duty Disability	Increased rate from 14% to 20%
Discount Rate	Decrease rate from 7.00% to 6.75%

Mortality rates— Non-Largest Ten Locality Employers-General Employees

Pre-Retirement:
RP-2014 Employee Rates to age 80, Healthy Annuitant Rates to 81 and older projected with Scale BB to 2020; males 95% of rates; females 105% of rates.

Post-Retirement:
RP-2014 Employee Rates to age 49, Healthy Annuitant Rates at ages 50 and older projected with Scale BB to 2020; males set forward 3 years; females 1.0% increase compounded from ages 70 to 90.

Post-Disablement:
RP-2014 Disability Life Mortality Table projected with scale BB to 2020; males set forward 2 years, 110% of rates; females 125% of rates.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the four-year period from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016, except the change in the discount rate, which was based on VRS Board action effective as of July 1, 2019. Changes to the actuarial assumptions as a result of the experience study are as follows:

Mortality Rates (Pre-retirement, post-retirement healthy, and disabled)	Updated to a more current mortality table – RP-2014 projected to 2020
Retirement Rates	Lowered retirement rates at older ages and extended final retirement age from 70 to 75
Withdrawal Rates	Adjusted termination rates to better fit experience at each age and service year
Disability Rates	Lowered disability rates
Salary Scale	No change
Line of Duty Disability	Increased rate from 14% to 20%
Discount Rate	Decrease rate from 7.00% to 6.75%

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Mortality rates—Largest Ten Locality Employers-Hazardous Duty Employees

Pre-Retirement:
RP-2014 Employee Rates to age 80, Healthy Annuitant Rates to 81 and older projected with Scale BB to 2020; males 90% of rates; females set forward 1 year.

Post-Retirement:
RP-2014 Employee Rates to age 49, Healthy Annuitant Rates at ages 50 and older projected with Scale BB to 2020; males set forward 1 year with 1.0% increase compounded from ages 70 to 90; females set forward 3 years.

Post-Disablement:
RP-2014 Disability Life Mortality Table projected with scale BB to 2020; males set forward 2 years, unisex using 100% male.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the four-year period from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016, except the change in the discount rate, which was based on VRS Board action effective as of July 1, 2019. Changes to the actuarial assumptions as a result of the experience study are as follows:

Mortality Rates (Pre-retirement, post-retirement healthy, and disabled)	Updated to a more current mortality table – RP-2014 projected to 2020
Retirement Rates	Lowered retirement rates at older ages
Withdrawal Rates	Adjusted termination rates to better fit experience at each age and service year
Disability Rates	Increased disability rates
Salary Scale	No change
Line of Duty Disability	Increased rate from 60% to 70%
Discount Rate	Decrease rate from 7.00% to 6.75%

Mortality rates—Non-Largest Ten Locality Employers-Hazardous Duty Employees

Pre-Retirement:
RP-2014 Employee Rates to age 80, Healthy Annuitant Rates to 81 and older projected with Scale BB to 2020; males 90% of rates; females set forward 1 year.

Post-Retirement:
RP-2014 Employee Rates to age 49, Healthy Annuitant Rates at ages 50 and older projected with Scale BB to 2020; males set forward 1 year with 1.0% increase compounded from ages 70 to 90; females set forward 3 years.

Post-Disablement:
RP-2014 Disability Life Mortality Table projected with scale BB to 2020; males set forward 2 years, unisex using 100% male.

14. GROUP LIFE INSURANCE OPEB PROGRAM (continued)

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the four-year period from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016, except the change in the discount rate, which was based on VRS Board action effective as of July 1, 2019. Changes to the actuarial assumptions as a result of the experience study are as follows:

Mortality Rates (Pre-retirement, post-retirement healthy, and disabled)	Updated to a more current mortality table – RP-2014 projected to 2020
Retirement Rates	Increased age 50 rates and lowered rates at older ages
Withdrawal Rates	Adjusted termination rates to better fit experience at each age and service year
Disability Rates	Adjusted rates to better match experience
Salary Scale	No change
Line of Duty Disability	Decreased rate from 60% to 45%
Discount Rate	Decrease rate from 7.00% to 6.75%

Net OPEB Liability

The net OPEB liability (NOL) for the Group Life Insurance Program represents the program's total OPEB liability determined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 74, less the associated fiduciary net position. As of June 30, 2020, NOL amounts for the Group Life Insurance Program is as follows (amounts expressed in thousands):

	Group Life Insurance OPEB Program
Total GLI OPEB Liability	$ 3,523,937
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	1,855,105
Employers' Net GLI OPEB Liability (Asset)	$ 1,668,832
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage Of the Total GLI OPEB Liability	52.64%

The total GLI OPEB liability is calculated by the System's actuary, and each plan's fiduciary net position is reported in the System's financial statements. The net GLI OPEB liability is disclosed in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 74 in the System's notes to the financial statements and required supplementary information.

14. GROUP LIFE INSURANCE OPEB PROGRAM (continued)

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

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

Asset Class (Strategy)	Target Allocation	Arithmetic Long-Term Expected Rate of Return	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Rate of Return
Public Equity	34.00%	4.65%	1.58%
Fixed Income	15.00%	0.46%	0.07%
Credit Strategies	14.00%	5.38%	0.75%
Real Assets	14.00%	5.01%	0.70%
Private Equity	14.00%	8.34%	1.17%
MAPS	6.00%	3.04%	0.18%
PIP	3.00%	6.49%	0.19%
Total	100.00%		4.64%
	Inflation		2.50%
	*Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return		7.14%

The above allocation provides a one-year return of 7.14%. However, one-year returns do not take into account the volatility present in each of the asset classes. In setting the long-term expected return for the system, stochastic projections are employed to model future returns under various economic conditions. The results provide a range of returns over various time periods that ultimately provide a median return of 7.11%, including expected inflation of 2.50%. On October 10, 2019, the VRS Board elected a long-term rate of 6.75% which is roughly at the 40th percentile of expected long-term results of the VRS fund asset allocation. More recent capital market assumptions compiled for the FY2020 actuarial valuations, provide a median return of 6.81%.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total GLI OPEB liability was 6.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that member contributions will be made per the VRS guidance and the employer contributions will be made in accordance with the VRS funding policy at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates adopted by the VRS Board of Trustees and the member rate. Through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the rate contributed by the entity for the GLI OPEB will be subject to the portion of the VRS Board-certified rates that are funded by the Virginia General Assembly which was 100% of the actuarially determined contribution rate. From July 1, 2020 on, employers are assumed to continue to contribute 100% of the actuarially determined contribution rates. Based on those assumptions, the GLI OPEB's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to

14. GROUP LIFE INSURANCE OPEB PROGRAM (continued)

make all projected future benefit payments of eligible employees. Therefore the long-term expected rate of return was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total GLI OPEB liability.

Sensitivity of the Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net GLI OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the employer's proportionate share of the net GLI OPEB liability using the discount rate of 6.75% as well as what the employer's proportionate share of the net GLI OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (5.75%) or one percentage point higher (7.75%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (5.75%)	Current Rate (6.75%)	1% Increase (7.75%)
Wise County Public Service Authority's Share of the Group Life Insurance Program Net OPEB Liability	$ 106,619	$ 81,105	$ 60,386

Group Life Insurance Program Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the Group Life Insurance Program's Fiduciary Net Position is available in the separately issued VRS 2020 *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report* (CAFR). A copy of the 2020 VRS CAFR may be downloaded from the VRS website at http://www.varetire.org/Pdf/Publications/2020-annual-report.pdf, or by writing to the System's Chief Financial Officer at P.O. Box 2500, Richmond, VA 23218-2500.

Payables to the VRS Group Life Insurance OPEB Plan

As of June 30, 2021, the Authority reported no payable for any outstanding amount of contributions to the group life insurance OPEB plan required for the year ended June 30, 2021.

15. TOWN OF POUND ACQUISITION

The Authority acquired the Town of Pound's water and sewer systems which included the following: Capital assets of $17,063,146; outstanding debt of $1,696,053; customer accounts receivable of $39,904; and cash in the amount of $810,129.

WISE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
VIRGINIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM
RETIREMENT PLAN
JUNE 30, 2021

Schedule of Changes in the Wise County Public Service Authority's Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total pension liability							
Service cost	$ 113,541	$ 106,421	$ 102,120	$ 103,034	$ 99,613	$ 101,437	$ 91,624
Interest	113,849	105,555	98,951	89,674	81,776	75,845	65,477
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	15,974	(56,332)	(78,223)	24,713	(31,760)	(76,900)	-
Changes in assumptions	-	63,649	-	(46,952)	-	-	-
Benefit Payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(44,509)	(36,649)	(20,346)	(55,552)	(18,040)	(13,280)	(4,688)
Net change in total pension liability	198,855	182,644	102,502	114,917	131,589	87,102	152,413
Total pension liability-beginning	1,708,900	1,526,256	1,423,754	1,308,837	1,177,248	1,090,146	937,733
Total pension liability-ending (a)	$1,907,755	$1,708,900	$1,526,256	$1,423,754	$1,308,837	$1,177,248	$1,090,146
Plan fiduciary net position							
Contributions-employer	$ 31,813	$ 33,250	$ 47,097	$ 46,075	$ 53,506	$ 50,849	$ 62,966
Contributions-employee	47,585	49,423	48,299	47,241	45,043	42,875	42,432
Net investment income	39,768	127,759	125,214	178,585	25,962	57,662	157,575
Benefit Payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(44,509)	(36,649)	(20,346)	(55,552)	(18,040)	(13,280)	(4,688)
Administrative expense	(1,279)	(1,165)	(997)	(968)	(776)	(696)	(754)
Other	(47)	(81)	(115)	(162)	(11)	(14)	8
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	73,331	172,537	199,152	215,219	105,684	137,396	257,539
Plan fiduciary net position-beginning	2,031,770	1,859,233	1,660,081	1,444,862	1,339,178	1,201,782	944,243
Plan fiduciary net position-ending (b)	$2,105,101	$2,031,770	$1,859,233	$1,660,081	$1,444,862	$1,339,178	$1,201,782
Wise County Public Service Authority's Net pension liability-ending (a) - (b)	$ (197,346)	$ (322,870)	$ (332,977)	$ (236,327)	$ (136,025)	$ (161,930)	$ (111,636)
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total Pension liability	110.3%	118.9%	121.8%	116.6%	110.4%	113.8%	110.2%
Covered payroll	$ 999,939	$1,030,122	$1,014,644	$1,000,400	$ 910,027	$ 857,486	$1,025,323
Wise County PSA's net pension liability As a percentage of covered payroll	-19.7%	-31.3%	-32.8%	-23.6%	-14.9%	-18.9%	-10.9%

WISE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, VIRGINIA
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
VIRGINIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM
RETIREMENT PLAN
JUNE 30, 2021

Schedule of Employer Contributions
For the Years Ended June 30, 2012 through 2021

Date	Contractually Required Contribution (1)	Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution (2)	Contribution Deficiency (Excess) (3)	Employer's Covered Employee Payroll (4)	Contributions as a % of Covered Employee Payroll (5)
2021	37,545	37,545	0	1,009,265	3.72%
2020	34,298	34,298	0	999,939	3.43%
2019	35,333	35,333	0	1,030,122	3.43%
2018	48,862	48,862	0	1,014,644	4.88%
2017	47,445	47,445	0	1,000,400	4.88%
2016	53,965	53,965	0	910,027	5.93%
2015	50,849	50,849	0	1,040,652	4.80%
2014	62,966	62,966	0	1,025,323	6.10%
2013	59,422	59,422	0	803,004	7.40%
2012	43,768	43,768	0	740,578	5.91%

WISE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
VRS RETIREMENT PLAN
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

Changes of benefit terms – There have been no actuarially material changes to the System benefit provisions since the prior actuarial valuation.

Changes of assumptions – The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2016, except the change in the discount rate, which was based on VRS Board action effective as of July 1, 2019. Changes to the actuarial assumptions as a result of the experience study and VRS Board action are as follows:

Largest 10 – Non-Hazardous Duty

Mortality Rates (Pre-retirement, post-retirement healthy, and disabled	Update to a more current mortality table – RP-2014 projected to 2020
Retirement Rates	Lowered rates at older ages and changed final retirement from 70 to 75
Withdrawal Rates	Adjusted rates to better fit experience at each year age and service through 9 years of service
Disability Rates	Lowered rates
Salary Scale	No change
Line of Duty Disability	Increase rate from 14% to 20%
Discount Rate	Decrease rate from 7.00% to 6.75%

All Others (Non 10 Largest) – Non-Hazardous Duty

Mortality Rates (Pre-retirement, post-retirement healthy, and disabled	Update to a more current mortality table – RP-2014 projected to 2020
Retirement Rates	Lowered rates at older ages and changed final retirement from 70 to 75
Withdrawal Rates	Adjusted rates to better fit experience at each year age and service through 9 years of service
Disability Rates	Lowered rates
Salary Scale	No change
Line of Duty Disability	Increase rate from 14% to 15%
Discount Rate	Decrease rate from 7.00% to 6.75%

Largest 10 – Hazardous Duty

Mortality Rates (Pre-retirement, post-retirement healthy, and disabled	Update to a more current mortality table – RP-2014 projected to 2020
Retirement Rates	Lowered rates at older ages
Withdrawal Rates	Adjusted rates to better fit experience
Disability Rates	Increased rates
Salary Scale	No change
Line of Duty Disability	Increase rate from 60% to 70%
Discount Rate	Decrease rate from 7.00% to 6.75%

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VRS RETIREMENT PLAN
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All Others (Non 10 Largest) – Hazardous Duty

Mortality Rates (Pre-retirement, post-retirement healthy, and disabled	Update to a more current mortality table – RP-2014 projected to 2020
Retirement Rates	Increased age 50 rates, and lowered rates at older ages
Withdrawal Rates	Adjusted rates to better fit experience at each year age and service through 9 years of service
Disability Rates	Adjusted rates to better fit experience
Salary Scale	No change
Line of Duty Disability	Increase rate from 60% to 45%
Discount Rate	Decrease rate from 7.00% to 6.75%

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
VIRGINIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM
GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM
JUNE 30, 2021

Schedule of Wise County Public Service Authority's Share of Net OPEB Liability
Group Life Insurance Program
For the Measurement Dates of June 30, 2020, 2019, 2018, and 2017

	2020	2019	2018	2017
Employer's Proportion of the Net GLI OPEB Liability (Asset)	0.00486%	0.00526%	0.00526%	0.00528%
Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net GLI OPEB Liability (Asset)	$ 81,105	$ 85,595	$ 80,000	$ 79,000
Employer's Covered Payroll	$ 999,939	$1,030,122	$1,014,644	$1,001,274
Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net GLI OPEB Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	8.11%	8.31%	7.88%	7.89%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total GLI OPEB Liability	52.64%	52.00%	51.22%	48.86%

Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Since 2020 is the fourth year for this presentation, there are only four years available. However, additional years will be included as they become available.

For Reference Only: The Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total GLI OPEB Liability for the VRS Group Life Insurance Program for each year is presented on page 128 of the VRS 2020 *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report* (CAFR).

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VIRGINIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM
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Schedule of Employer Contributions
For the Years Ended June 30, 2012 through 2021

Date	Contractually Required Contribution (1)	Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution (2)	Contribution Deficiency (Excess) (3)	Employer's Covered Employee Payroll (4)	Contributions as a % of Covered Employee Payroll (5)
2021	5,450	5,450	0	1,009,265	0.54%
2020	5,200	5,200	0	999,939	0.52%
2019	5,398	5,398	0	1,030,122	0.52%
2018	5,247	5,247	0	1,014,644	0.52%

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Changes of benefit terms – There have been no actuarially material changes to the System benefit provisions since the prior actuarial valuation.

Changes of assumptions – The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2016, except the change in the discount rate, which was based on VRS Board action effective as of July 1, 2019. Changes to the actuarial assumptions as a result of the experience study and VRS Board action are as follows:

General State Employees

Mortality Rates (Pre-retirement, post-retirement healthy, and disabled	Update to a more current mortality table – RP-2014 projected to 2020
Retirement Rates	Lowered rates at older ages and changed final retirement from 70 to 75
Withdrawal Rates	Adjusted rates to better fit experience at each year age and service through 9 years of service
Disability Rates	Adjusted rates to better match experience
Salary Scale	No change
Line of Duty Disability	Increase rate from 14% to 25%
Discount Rate	Decrease rate from 7.00% to 6.75%

Teachers

Mortality Rates (Pre-retirement, post-retirement healthy, and disabled	Update to a more current mortality table – RP-2014 projected to 2020
Retirement Rates	Lowered rates at older ages and changed final retirement from 70 to 75
Withdrawal Rates	Adjusted rates to better fit experience at each year age and service through 9 years of service
Disability Rates	Adjusted rates to better match experience
Salary Scale	No change
Discount Rate	Decrease rate from 7.00% to 6.75%

SPORS Employees

Mortality Rates (Pre-retirement, post-retirement healthy, and disabled	Update to a more current mortality table – RP-2014 projected to 2020 and reduced margin for future improvement in accordance with experience
Retirement Rates	Increased age 50 rates and lowered rates at older ages
Withdrawal Rates	Adjusted rates to better fit experience
Disability Rates	Adjusted rates to better match experience
Salary Scale	No change
Line of Duty Disability	Increase rate from 60% to 85%
Discount Rate	Decrease rate from 7.00% to 6.75%

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VaLORS Employees

Mortality Rates (Pre-retirement, post-retirement healthy, and disabled	Update to a more current mortality table – RP-2014 projected to 2020 and reduced margin for future improvement in accordance with experience
Retirement Rates	Increased age 50 rates, and lowered rates at older ages
Withdrawal Rates	Adjusted rates to better fit experience at each year age and service through 9 years of service
Disability Rates	Adjusted rates to better match experience
Salary Scale	No change
Line of Duty Disability	Decreased rate from 50% to 35%
Discount Rate	Decrease rate from 7.00% to 6.75%

JRS Employees

Mortality Rates (Pre-retirement, post-retirement healthy, and disabled	Update to a more current mortality table – RP-2014 projected to 2020
Retirement Rates	Decreased rates at first retirement eligibility
Withdrawal Rates	No change
Disability Rates	Removed disability rates
Salary Scale	No change
Discount Rate	Decrease rate from 7.00% to 6.75%

Largest Ten Locality Employers-General Employees

Mortality Rates (Pre-retirement, post-retirement healthy, and disabled	Update to a more current mortality table – RP-2014 projected to 2020
Retirement Rates	Lowered retirement rates at older ages and extended final retirement age from 70 to 75
Withdrawal Rates	Adjusted termination rates to better fit experience at each age and service year
Disability Rates	Lowered disability rates
Salary Scale	No change
Line of Duty Disability	Increased rate from 14% to 20%
Discount Rate	Decrease rate from 7.00% to 6.75%

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Non-Largest Ten Locality Employers-General Employees

Mortality Rates (Pre-retirement, post-retirement healthy, and disabled	Update to a more current mortality table – RP-2014 projected to 2020
Retirement Rates	Lowered retirement rates at older ages and extended final retirement age from 70 to 75
Withdrawal Rates	Adjusted termination rates to better fit experience at each age and service year
Disability Rates	Lowered disability rates
Salary Scale	No change
Line of Duty Disability	Increased rate from 14% to 15%
Discount Rate	Decrease rate from 7.00% to 6.75%

Largest Ten Locality Employers—Hazardous Duty Employees

Mortality Rates (Pre-retirement, post-retirement healthy, and disabled	Update to a more current mortality table – RP-2014 projected to 2020
Retirement Rates	Lowered retirement rates at older ages
Withdrawal Rates	Adjusted termination rates to better fit experience at each age and service year
Disability Rates	Increased disability rates
Salary Scale	No change
Line of Duty Disability	Increased rate from 60% to 70%
Discount Rate	Decrease rate from 7.00% to 6.75%

Non-Largest Ten Locality Employers—Hazardous Duty Employees

Mortality Rates (Pre-retirement, post-retirement healthy, and disabled	Update to a more current mortality table – RP-2014 projected to 2020
Retirement Rates	Increased age 50 rates and lowered rates at older ages
Withdrawal Rates	Adjusted termination rates to better fit experience at each age and service year
Disability Rates	Adjusted rates to better match experience
Salary Scale	No change
Line of Duty Disability	Decreased rate from 60% to 45%
Discount Rate	Decrease rate from 7.00% to 6.75%

WISE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY
SCHEDULE OF PLEDGED REVENUE COVERAGE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds

Fiscal Year	Gross revenues	Less operating expenses	Net revenues available for debt service	Debt Service		Coverage
				Principal	Interest	
2021	4,208,814	(3,246,749)	$ 962,065	590,343	130,841	133%
2020	4,011,969	(3,103,586)	$ 908,383	495,853	134,126	144%
2019	3,793,867	(3,231,829)	$ 562,038	313,626	135,121	125%
2018	3,473,072	(2,997,736)	$ 475,336	278,543	127,663	117%
2017	3,369,546	(2,748,884)	$ 620,662	241,166	104,043	180%
2016	3,000,848	(2,678,169)	$ 322,679	226,045	85,419	104%
2015	2,837,304	(2,735,414)	$ 101,890	671,989	89,542	13%
2014	2,907,463	(2,626,260)	$ 281,203	2,709,930	160,633	10%
2013	2,955,141	(2,623,667)	$ 331,474	275,357	165,691	75%
2012	3,831,419	(2,482,350)	$ 1,349,069	267,305	126,137	343%

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

The Honorable Board Members of the
Wise County Public Service Authority
Wise, VA 24293

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, and with the *Specifications for Audits of Authorities, Boards, and Commissions* issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the financial statements of the business-type activities, of the Wise County Public Service Authority (a component unit of the County of Wise, Virginia) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 18, 2021.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

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.

Larry D. Sturgill, P.C.
Wise, VA
November 18, 2021