

CITY OF BOTTINEAU

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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CITY OF BOTTINEAU
CITY OFFICIALS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

December 31, 2023

<u>Official</u>	<u>Position</u>
Perry Schoenborn	Mayor
Andy Freeman	Council Member
Harlen Getzlaff	Council Member
Greg Stewart	Council Member
Douglas Marsden	Council Member
Gary Mortensen	Council Member
Matthew Seykora	Council Member
Jennifer Lauckner	Council Member
Myron Langehaug	Council Member
Dave Agnes	Municipal Judge
Penny Nostdahl	City Auditor



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT

City Council
City of Bottineau
Bottineau, North Dakota

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of **City of Bottineau**, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise **City of Bottineau’s** basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of **City of Bottineau** as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position-modified cash basis and, where applicable, cash flows, thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of **City of Bottineau** and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statement, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1; and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- 1) Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- 2) Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- 3) Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 **City of Bottineau's** internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- 4) Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- 5) Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about **City of Bottineau's** ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise **City of Bottineau's** basic financial statements. The schedule of fund activity arising from cash transactions, as listed on the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

The listing of city officials has 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 it.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 6, 2026, on our consideration of **City of Bottineau'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 solely 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 effectiveness of 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 **City of Bottineau's** internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Widmer Poel" followed by a stylized flourish.

Fargo, North Dakota
March 6, 2026

CITY OF BOTTINEAU
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION – MODIFIED CASH BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and investments	\$ 13,549,920	\$ 1,503,723	\$ 15,053,643
Loans receivable	606,197	-	606,197
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	11,065,728	7,254,691	18,320,419
Total assets	25,221,845	8,758,414	33,980,259
DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES			
Unamortized deferred loss on bond refunding	10,100	-	10,100
Total assets and deferred outflow of resources	\$ 25,231,945	\$ 8,758,414	\$ 33,990,359
LIABILITIES			
Due within one year: bonds	\$ 155,000	\$ -	\$ 155,000
Due in more than one year: bonds	315,962	-	315,962
Total liabilities	470,962	-	470,962
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	10,594,766	7,254,691	17,849,457
Restricted for:			
General government	663,106	-	663,106
Public safety	779,840	-	779,840
Public works	5,166,639	-	5,166,639
Culture and recreation	160,764	-	160,764
Economic development	1,290,313	-	1,290,313
Debt service	112,500	-	112,500
Unrestricted	5,993,055	1,503,723	7,496,778
Total net position	24,760,983	8,758,414	33,519,397
Total liabilities and net position	\$ 25,231,945	\$ 8,758,414	\$ 33,990,359

CITY OF BOTTINEAU
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES – MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>			<u>Net Revenues (Expenses) and Changes in Net Position</u>		
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
PRIMARY GOVERNMENT GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES							
General government	\$ 1,376,532	\$ 445,390	\$ -	\$ 354,604	\$ (576,538)	\$ -	\$ (576,538)
Public safety	663,841	9,186	-	-	(654,655)	-	(654,655)
Public works	413,798	58,955	-	269,262	(85,581)	-	(85,581)
Culture and recreation	193,711	-	-	-	(193,711)	-	(193,711)
Economic development	33,028	-	-	-	(33,028)	-	(33,028)
Other	96,968	-	-	-	(96,968)	-	(96,968)
Interest and service charges	11,840	-	-	-	(11,840)	-	(11,840)
Total governmental activities	<u>2,789,718</u>	<u>513,531</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>623,866</u>	<u>(1,652,321)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,652,321)</u>
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES							
Water	863,167	662,040	-	-	-	(201,127)	(201,127)
Sewer	210,886	173,972	-	-	-	(36,914)	(36,914)
Garbage	488,363	435,734	-	-	-	(52,629)	(52,629)
Total business-type activities	<u>1,562,416</u>	<u>1,271,746</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(290,670)</u>	<u>(290,670)</u>
Total primary government	\$ <u>4,352,134</u>	\$ <u>1,785,277</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>623,866</u>	<u>(1,652,321)</u>	<u>(290,670)</u>	<u>(1,942,991)</u>
GENERAL REVENUES							
Property taxes					837,682	-	837,682
Unrestricted grants and contributions					222,500	-	222,500
City sales tax					1,519,250	-	1,519,250
Oil and gas					495,660	-	495,660
Interest income					124,353	-	124,353
Miscellaneous revenue					278,316	-	278,316
Transfers					33,730	(33,730)	-
Total general revenues					<u>3,511,491</u>	<u>(33,730)</u>	<u>3,477,761</u>
Change in net position					<u>1,859,170</u>	<u>(324,400)</u>	<u>1,534,770</u>
Net position - January 1					<u>22,901,813</u>	<u>9,082,814</u>	<u>31,984,627</u>
Net position - December 31					\$ <u>24,760,983</u>	\$ <u>8,758,414</u>	\$ <u>33,519,397</u>

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CITY OF BOTTINEAU
BALANCE SHEET – MODIFIED CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>Major Funds</u>					Other Government Funds	Total
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Fire Department</u>	<u>Paving Reserve</u>	<u>Streets</u>	<u>Sales Tax 20%</u>		
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,376,758	\$ 371,867	\$ 3,955,553	\$ 690,055	\$ 1,073,939	\$ 2,081,748	\$ 13,549,920
Loans receivable	-	-	-	-	606,197	-	606,197
Total assets	<u>\$ 5,376,758</u>	<u>\$ 371,867</u>	<u>\$ 3,955,553</u>	<u>\$ 690,055</u>	<u>\$ 1,680,136</u>	<u>\$ 2,081,748</u>	<u>\$ 14,156,117</u>
FUND BALANCES							
Restricted fund balance							
General government	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 663,106	\$ 663,106
Public safety	-	371,867	-	-	-	407,973	779,840
Public works	-	-	3,955,553	690,055	-	521,031	5,166,639
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	-	160,764	160,764
Economic development	-	-	-	-	1,073,939	216,374	1,290,313
Debt service	-	-	-	-	-	112,500	112,500
Unassigned fund balance	5,376,758	-	-	-	-	-	5,376,758
Nonspendable fund balance	-	-	-	-	606,197	-	606,197
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 5,376,758</u>	<u>\$ 371,867</u>	<u>\$ 3,955,553</u>	<u>\$ 690,055</u>	<u>\$ 1,680,136</u>	<u>\$ 2,081,748</u>	<u>\$ 14,156,117</u>

CITY OF BOTTINEAU
RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION – MODIFIED CASH BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

Total Fund Balances for Governmental Funds		\$ 14,156,117
Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Cost of capital assets	19,794,851	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(8,729,123)</u>	
Net capital assets		11,065,728
Long-term liabilities applicable to the City's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and, accordingly, are not reported as fund liabilities. All liabilities, both current and long-term, are reported in the Statement of Net Position - Modified Cash Basis.		
Unamortized deferred loss on bond refunding	10,100	
Discount on bonds payable	9,038	
Bonds payable	<u>(480,000)</u>	
Net long-term liabilities		<u>(460,862)</u>
Total Net Position of Governmental Activities		\$ <u><u>24,760,983</u></u>

CITY OF BOTTINEAU
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – MODIFIED CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Fire Department</u>	<u>Paving Reserve</u>	<u>Streets</u>	<u>Sales Tax 20%</u>	<u>Other Government Funds</u>	<u>Totals</u>
REVENUES							
Taxes	\$ 627,654	\$ -	\$ 945,328	\$ 269,245	\$ 133,904	\$ 593,444	\$ 2,569,575
Licenses, permits and fees	44,403	-	5,184	-	-	-	49,587
Intergovernmental	642,647	92,214	-	-	-	80,892	815,753
Charges for services	348,733	-	-	58,955	-	-	407,688
Fines and forfeits	4,186	-	-	-	-	-	4,186
Interest income	20,000	630	49	77,745	-	36,824	135,248
Miscellaneous	45,565	38,679	-	58,499	33,304	463,453	639,500
Total revenues	<u>1,733,188</u>	<u>131,523</u>	<u>950,561</u>	<u>464,444</u>	<u>167,208</u>	<u>1,174,613</u>	<u>4,621,537</u>
EXPENDITURES							
Current							
General government	666,052	-	-	-	73,437	637,043	1,376,532
Public safety	575,820	88,013	-	-	-	-	663,833
Public works	500,000	-	36,888	243,434	-	1,531	781,853
Culture and recreation	9,516	-	-	-	-	184,195	193,711
Economic development	-	-	-	-	-	35,246	35,246
Other	77,830	-	-	-	-	19,141	96,971
Debt service							
Principal	-	-	106,095	-	-	56,095	162,190
Interest	-	-	6,570	-	-	3,077	9,647
Total expenditures	<u>1,829,218</u>	<u>88,013</u>	<u>149,553</u>	<u>243,434</u>	<u>73,437</u>	<u>936,328</u>	<u>3,319,983</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(96,030)</u>	<u>43,510</u>	<u>801,008</u>	<u>221,010</u>	<u>93,771</u>	<u>238,285</u>	<u>1,301,554</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES), INCLUDING TRANSFERS							
Transfers in	443,852	-	-	-	-	88,210	532,062
Transfers out	<u>(368,761)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,893)</u>	<u>(9,178)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(118,500)</u>	<u>(498,332)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>75,091</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,893)</u>	<u>(9,178)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(30,290)</u>	<u>33,730</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>(20,939)</u>	<u>43,510</u>	<u>799,115</u>	<u>211,832</u>	<u>93,771</u>	<u>207,995</u>	<u>1,335,284</u>
Fund balances - January 1	<u>5,397,697</u>	<u>328,357</u>	<u>3,156,438</u>	<u>478,223</u>	<u>1,586,365</u>	<u>1,873,753</u>	<u>12,820,833</u>
Fund balances - December 31	<u>\$ 5,376,758</u>	<u>\$ 371,867</u>	<u>\$ 3,955,553</u>	<u>\$ 690,055</u>	<u>\$ 1,680,136</u>	<u>\$ 2,081,748</u>	<u>\$ 14,156,117</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements

CITY OF BOTTINEAU

**RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES –
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Net Change in Fund Balances-Total Governmental Funds \$ 1,335,284

The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities - Modified Cash Basis, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation and disposal of assets exceeded capital outlays in the current year.

Current year capital outlay	917,080	
Current year depreciation expense	<u>(546,816)</u>	370,264

Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position - Modified Cash Basis.

Amortization of discount on bonds payable	(3,012)	
Amortization of loss on refinancing of bonds payable	(3,366)	
Principal payments for bonds payable	<u>160,000</u>	<u>153,622</u>

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ 1,859,170

CITY OF BOTTINEAU
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION– MODIFIED CASH BASIS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Garbage</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Cash and investments	\$ <u>809,846</u>	\$ <u>437,603</u>	\$ <u>256,274</u>	\$ <u>1,503,723</u>
Noncurrent Assets				
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>3,812,058</u>	<u>3,062,750</u>	<u>379,883</u>	<u>7,254,691</u>
Total assets	\$ <u><u>4,621,904</u></u>	\$ <u><u>3,500,353</u></u>	\$ <u><u>636,157</u></u>	\$ <u><u>8,758,414</u></u>
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 3,812,058	\$ 3,062,750	\$ 379,883	\$ 7,254,691
Unrestricted	<u>809,846</u>	<u>437,603</u>	<u>256,274</u>	<u>1,503,723</u>
Total net position	\$ <u><u>4,621,904</u></u>	\$ <u><u>3,500,353</u></u>	\$ <u><u>636,157</u></u>	\$ <u><u>8,758,414</u></u>

CITY OF BOTTINEAU
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN
FUND NET POSITION – MODIFIED CASH BASIS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Garbage</u>	<u>Total</u>
OPERATING REVENUES				
Charges for services	\$ 662,040	\$ 173,972	\$ 435,734	\$ 1,271,746
OPERATING EXPENSES				
System repair and maintenance	427,337	40,046	75,843	543,226
Salaries	280,377	94,838	186,613	561,828
Utilities	15,920	-	2,129	18,049
Fuel	6,529	4,941	47,172	58,642
Garbage operation	-	-	95,538	95,538
Depreciation	<u>133,004</u>	<u>71,061</u>	<u>81,068</u>	<u>285,133</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>863,167</u>	<u>210,886</u>	<u>488,363</u>	<u>1,562,416</u>
Operating loss	<u>(201,127)</u>	<u>(36,914)</u>	<u>(52,629)</u>	<u>(290,670)</u>
TRANSFERS				
Transfers in	44,670	-	-	44,670
Transfers out	<u>(24,600)</u>	<u>(25,101)</u>	<u>(28,699)</u>	<u>(78,400)</u>
Net transfers in (out)	<u>20,070</u>	<u>(25,101)</u>	<u>(28,699)</u>	<u>(33,730)</u>
Change in net position	<u>(181,057)</u>	<u>(62,015)</u>	<u>(81,328)</u>	<u>(324,400)</u>
Net position - January 1	<u>4,802,961</u>	<u>3,562,368</u>	<u>717,485</u>	<u>9,082,814</u>
Net position - December 31	<u>\$ 4,621,904</u>	<u>\$ 3,500,353</u>	<u>\$ 636,157</u>	<u>\$ 8,758,414</u>

CITY OF BOTTINEAU
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS – MODIFIED CASH BASIS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Garbage</u>	<u>Total</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Receipts from customers	\$ 662,040	\$ 173,972	\$ 435,734	\$ 1,271,746
Payments to suppliers	(449,786)	(44,987)	(220,682)	(715,455)
Payments to employees	(280,377)	(94,838)	(186,613)	(561,828)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>(68,123)</u>	<u>34,147</u>	<u>28,439</u>	<u>(5,537)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Purchase of capital assets	<u>(482,560)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(482,560)</u>
Net cash used in capital financing activities	<u>(482,560)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(482,560)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Transfers in	44,670	-	-	44,670
Transfers out	<u>(24,600)</u>	<u>(25,103)</u>	<u>(28,699)</u>	<u>(78,402)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) noncapital financing activities	<u>20,070</u>	<u>(25,103)</u>	<u>(28,699)</u>	<u>(33,732)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	<u>(530,613)</u>	<u>9,044</u>	<u>(260)</u>	<u>(521,829)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents - January 1	<u>1,340,459</u>	<u>428,559</u>	<u>256,534</u>	<u>2,025,552</u>
Cash and cash equivalents - December 31	<u>\$ 809,846</u>	<u>\$ 437,603</u>	<u>\$ 256,274</u>	<u>\$ 1,503,723</u>
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities				
Operating loss	\$ (201,127)	\$ (36,914)	\$ (52,629)	\$ (290,670)
Adjustment to reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities				
Depreciation	<u>133,004</u>	<u>71,061</u>	<u>81,068</u>	<u>285,133</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>\$ (68,123)</u>	<u>\$ 34,147</u>	<u>\$ 28,439</u>	<u>\$ (5,537)</u>

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Operations

The accounting policy of the City of Bottineau, North Dakota, is to maintain the accounting records on a modified cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

Financial Reporting Entity

The accompanying financial statements present the activities of the City of Bottineau (the “City”). The City has considered all potential component units and blended component units for which the City is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationships with the City are such that exclusion would cause the City’s financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criterion includes appointing a voting majority of an organization’s governing body and (1) the ability of the City of Bottineau to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the City of Bottineau.

Based on these criteria, the component units discussed below are included within the City’s reporting entity because of the significance of their operational or financial relationships with the City.

Blended Component Unit

The City of Bottineau Fire Department, accounts for activity and transactions related to the fire department operations. The activity of the fire department is being reported as a blended component unit within the activities of the primary government. There are no separately issued statements for this component unit.

The City of Bottineau Recreation Community Swimming Pool, accounts for activity related to operations and maintenance of the city pool. The activity of the recreation community swimming pool is being reported as a blended component unit within the activities of the primary government. There are no separately issued statements for this component unit.

Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government of the City of Bottineau. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for services.

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

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

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

The City reports the following major governmental funds:

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

Fire Department Fund – This special revenue fund accounts for the activities for the operation of the City's fire department. The major sources of its revenue are related to fundraising activities, grants, and donations.

Paving Reserve Funds – This special revenue fund accounts for the excess funds accumulated by the City for future street paving projects, as well as effects of the advanced refunding of Sales Tax Revenue Bond of 2007 and the related payments of principal, interest, and fees for the Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds of 2016. This fund's primary revenue source is restricted City sales tax.

Streets Funds – This special revenue fund accounts for revenue and expenditures related to streets, including payroll-related costs. This fund's primary revenue source is from the state highway tax.

Sales Tax 20% Fund – This special revenue fund accounts for the City sales tax funds that are used for economic development projects within the City. This fund's primary revenue sources are restricted city sales tax and local grants.

The City reports the following major proprietary, enterprise funds:

Water Fund – This fund accounts for the activity of the water department. The department operates the water distribution system of the City of Bottineau.

Sewer Fund – This fund accounts for the activities of the sewer department. This department operated the sewage treatment plant, sewage pumping stations and collection systems in the City of Bottineau.

Garbage Fund – This fund accounts for the activities of the garbage collection system within the City of Bottineau.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

In the government-wide statement of net position and the statement of activities, both governmental and business-type activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus, within the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting, as defined in item (b) below.

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In the fund financial statements, the current financial resources measurement focus or the economic resources measurement focus, as applied to the modified cash basis of accounting, is used as appropriate:

- a) All governmental funds utilize a current financial resources measurement focus. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.
- b) The proprietary funds utilize an economic resources measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net assets (or cost recovery), financial position, and cash flows. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent, financial, or nonfinancial) associated with their activities are reported. Proprietary fund equity is classified as net position.

In the government-wide statement of net position and statement of activities and the fund financial statements, governmental and business-type activities are presented using a modified cash basis of accounting. This basis recognizes assets, liabilities, net position/fund equity, revenues, and expenditures/expenses when they result from cash transactions with a provision for depreciation in the government-wide statements and proprietary fund statements. This basis is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As a result of the use of this modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets, and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements.

If the City utilized the basis of accounting recognized as generally accepted, the fund financial statements for governmental funds would use the modified accrual basis of accounting, while the fund financial statements for proprietary fund types would use the accrual basis of accounting. All government-wide financials would be presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

Cash and Investments

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits and money market accounts. Cash equivalents on the statement of cash flows consist of highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less. Deposits must be either deposited in the Bank of North Dakota or in another financial institution situated and doing business within this state. Deposits, other than those with the Bank of North Dakota, must be fully insured or secured with pledges of securities equal to 110% of the uninsured balance.

State statutes authorize the city to invest in:

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

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At December 31, 2023, the City of Bottineau's cash included demand deposit accounts and certificates of deposits which are stated at cost.

Cash and Cash Equivalents – Statement of Cash Flows

Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of cash flows to the proprietary funds, represents all cash and investments as described previously and also includes restricted cash balances.

Capital Assets

Capital assets include property, plant, and equipment. Assets are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the City as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more. Such assets are recorded at cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. General infrastructure assets acquired prior to July 1, 1980, are reported at historical cost using deflated replacement cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the assets life are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets is not capitalized. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Building and improvements	50 years
Improvements other than buildings	20 to 50 years
Machinery and equipment	5 to 20 years

Pensions

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 North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (NDPERS) and additions to/deductions from NDPERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by NDPERS. 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.

Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB)

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

Fund Balances – Governmental Funds

Fund equity at the governmental fund financial reporting level is classified as "fund balance." Fund equity for all other reporting is classified as "net position."

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Fund Balance – Generally, the fund balance represents the difference between current assets and current liabilities. In the fund financial statements, the governmental funds report fund classification that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the City is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds are spent. Fund balances are classified as follows:

Nonspendable – Fund balances that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – Constraints are placed on the use of fund balances which are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed – Committed fund balances can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the government’s highest level of decision-making authority, the governing board. Formal action is required to rescind a fund balance commitment.

Assigned – Assigned fund balances are amounts that are constrained by the government’s intent to be used for specific purposes but are under the direction of the board and the City’s management.

Unassigned – Unassigned fund balances are those that have not been reported in any other classification. The General Fund is the only fund that can report a positive unassigned fund balance.

At December 31, 2023, the City had restricted, committed and unassigned fund balances. Restricted fund balances were constrained by state laws related to specific tax levies and highway tax distributions, as well as provisions of debt covenants.

Net Position – Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net positions are classified in the following categories:

Net Investment in Capital Assets – This amount consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding debt that is attributed to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of the assets.

Restricted Net Position – This amount is restricted by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

Unrestricted Net Position – This amount is the net position that does not meet the definition of “net investment in capital assets” or “restricted net position”.

Flow Assumptions – When both restricted and unrestricted amounts of fund balances are available for use for expenditures incurred, it is the City’s policy to use restricted amounts first and then unrestricted amounts as they are needed. For unrestricted amounts of fund balance, it is the City’s policy to first use restricted, then committed, then assigned, and then unassigned resources as they are needed.

Interfund Transactions

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

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

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

Use of Estimates

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

NOTE 2 – DEPOSITS

In accordance with North Dakota Statutes, the City of Bottineau maintains deposits at the depository banks designated by the governing board. All depositories are members of the Federal Reserve System. Deposits must either be deposited with the Bank of North Dakota or in other financial institution situated and doing business within the state. Deposits, other than with the Bank of North Dakota, must be fully insured or bonded. In lieu of a bond, a financial institution may provide a pledge of securities equal to 110% of the deposits not covered by insurance or bonds.

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

As of December 31, 2023, the City held certificates of deposit in the amount of \$7,044,503 which are all considered deposits.

As of December 31, 2023, the City's carrying amount of deposits were \$15,053,643 and the bank balances were \$15,092,974. Of the bank balances \$1,000,000 was covered by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in 2023. The remaining balances were collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's agent in the government's name.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. Beyond what is stated in the North Dakota Century Code, the City does not have a formal policy to further limit exposure to custodial credit risk for deposits and investments. As noted above, the City's deposits were all either fully insured or collateralized.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. North Dakota Century Code limits investing funds primarily in short- and intermediate-term liquid securities of high credit quality to ensure adequate liquidity and to minimize the impact of changes in interest rates. Portfolios are structured so that securities mature concurrent with cash needs to meet anticipated demands.

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NOTE 3 – INTERFUND TRANSFER

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the City had the following transfers:

		<u>2023</u>		
Transfer in				
General fund	\$	443,852		
Other governmental funds		88,210		
Water fund		<u>44,670</u>		
Total	\$	<u><u>576,732</u></u>		
Transfer out				
General fund	\$	368,761		
Paving reserve		1,893		
Streets fund		9,178		
Other governmental funds		118,500		
Water fund		24,600		
Sewer fund		25,101		
Garbage fund		<u>28,699</u>		
Total	\$	<u><u>576,732</u></u>		

Transfers are used to move unrestricted general revenue to finance programs that the City accounts for in other funds in accordance with budget authority and to subsidize other programs.

NOTE 4 – LOAN RECEIVABLE

Loan receivable represent amounts lent to local businesses through the Gateway Fund program. The Gateway Fund is intended to provide financing incentives to businesses that desire to expand or locate in the greater Bottineau trade area. This fund is included in the Sales Tax 20% Fund. Gateway funds are used to expand the financial base of the community and to develop private enterprise. Interest is recognized monthly using the effective interest method. As of December 31, 2023 no significant loans receivable were considered past due according to the City's policy.

NOTE 5 – CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2023.

	<u>Balance</u> <u>1/1/23</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/23</u>
Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 819,378	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 819,378
Construction in progress	<u>71,908</u>	<u>840,584</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>912,492</u>
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>\$ 891,286</u>	<u>\$ 840,584</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,731,870</u>

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	<u>Balance</u> <u>1/1/23</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/23</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated				
Machinery and equipment	\$ 1,914,782	\$ 76,496	\$ -	\$ 1,991,278
Buildings and improvements	1,234,453	-	-	1,234,453
Improvements other than buildings	<u>14,837,250</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,837,250</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>17,986,485</u>	<u>76,496</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,062,981</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for				
Machinery and equipment	1,298,174	98,904	-	1,397,078
Buildings and improvements	806,443	30,047	-	836,490
Improvements other than buildings	<u>6,077,690</u>	<u>417,865</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,495,555</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>8,182,307</u>	<u>546,816</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,729,123</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>\$ 9,804,178</u>	<u>\$ (470,320)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 9,333,858</u>
Business-Type Activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 231,525	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 231,525
Construction in progress	<u>-</u>	<u>482,560</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>482,560</u>
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>\$ 231,525</u>	<u>\$ 482,560</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 714,085</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated				
Machinery and equipment	\$ 1,303,567	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,303,567
Buildings and improvements	4,020,301	-	-	4,020,301
Improvements other than buildings	<u>7,695,538</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,695,538</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>13,019,406</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,019,406</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for				
Machinery and equipment	948,758	85,446	-	1,034,204
Buildings and improvements	2,191,050	91,616	-	2,282,666
Improvements other than buildings	<u>3,053,860</u>	<u>108,070</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,161,930</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>6,193,668</u>	<u>285,132</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,478,800</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>\$ 6,825,738</u>	<u>\$ (285,132)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,540,606</u>

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Depreciation has been charged to the governmental activities and business-type activities functions as follows:

Governmental Activities

Public works \$ 546,816

Business-type Activities

Water \$ 133,004
Sewer 71,060
Garbage 81,068

Total depreciation expense - business-type activities \$ 285,132

NOTE 6 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

Government Activities

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the following changes occurred in the long-term liabilities for governmental activities:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>01/01/23</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>Due Within</u> <u>One Year</u>
Governmental Activities:					
Special assessment bonds	\$ 220,000	\$ -	\$ 55,000	\$ 165,000	\$ 55,000
Revenue bonds	420,000	-	105,000	315,000	100,000
Discount on bonds	<u>(12,050)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,012)</u>	<u>(9,038)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total governmental debt	\$ <u><u>627,950</u></u>	\$ <u><u>-</u></u>	\$ <u><u>156,988</u></u>	\$ <u><u>470,962</u></u>	\$ <u><u>155,000</u></u>

Revenue Bonds

The annual requirements to amortize the outstanding revenue bonds are as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ 100,000	\$ 4,828	\$ 104,828
2025	105,000	3,006	108,006
2026	<u>110,000</u>	<u>1,018</u>	<u>111,018</u>
Totals	\$ <u><u>315,000</u></u>	\$ <u><u>8,851</u></u>	\$ <u><u>323,852</u></u>

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Special Assessment Bonds

The annual requirements to amortize the outstanding revenue bonds are as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ 55,000	\$ 2,200	\$ 57,200
2025	55,000	1,320	56,320
2026	<u>55,000</u>	<u>440</u>	<u>55,440</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 165,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,960</u>	<u>\$ 168,960</u>

NOTE 7 – PROPERTY TAXES

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

Property taxes are levied as of January 1. The property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property on January 1 and may be paid in two installments. The first installment includes one-half of the real estate taxes and all the special assessments, and the second installment is the balance of the real estate taxes. The first installment is due by March 1 and the second installment is due by October 15. A 5.00% discount on property taxes is allowed if all taxes and special assessments are paid by February 15. After the due dates, the bill becomes delinquent, and penalties are assessed.

Most property owners choose to pay property taxes and special assessments in a single payment on or before February 15 and receive the discount on the property taxes.

NOTE 8 – PENSION PLAN (NDPERS)

North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (Main System)

The following brief description of NDPERS is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to NDCC Chapter 54-52 for more complete information.

NDPERS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers substantially all employees of the State of North Dakota, its agencies, and various participating political subdivisions. NDPERS provides for pension, death, and disability benefits. The cost to administer the plan is financed through the contributions and investment earnings of the plan.

Responsibility for administration of the NDPERS defined benefit pension plan is assigned to a Board comprised of eleven members. The Governor is responsible for appointing three other members in addition to the Chairman of the Board. Four members are appointed by legislative management, and the remaining three Board members are elected from active employees currently contributing to PERS.

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Pension Benefits

Benefits are set by statute. NDPERS has no provisions or policies with respect to automatic and ad hoc post-retirement benefit increases. Member of the Main System are entitled to unreduced monthly pension benefits beginning when the sum of age and years of credited service equal or exceed 85 (Rule of 85), or at normal retirement age (65). For members hired on or after January 1, 2016, the Rule of 85 was to be replaced with the Rule of 90 with a minimum age of 60. The monthly pension benefit is equal to 2.00% of their average monthly salary, using the highest 36 months out of the last 180 months of service, for each year of service. For members hired on or after January 1, 2020, the 2.00% multiplier was replaced with a 1.75% multiplier. The plan permits early retirement at ages 55-64 with three or more years of service.

Members may elect to receive the pension benefits in the form of a single life, joint and survivor, term-certain annuity, or partial lump sum with ongoing annuity. Members may elect to receive the value of their accumulated contributions, plus interest, as a lump sum distribution upon retirement or termination, or they may elect to receive their benefits in the form of an annuity. For each member electing an annuity, total payment will not be less than the members' accumulated contributions plus interest.

Death and Disability Benefits

Death and disability benefits are set by statute. If an active member dies with less than three years of service for the Main System, a death benefit equal to the value of the member's accumulated contributions, plus interest, is paid to the member's beneficiary. If the member has earned more than three years of credited service for the Main System, the surviving spouse will be entitled to a single payment refund, life-time monthly payments in an amount equal to 50% of the member's accrued normal retirement benefit, or monthly payments in an amount equal to the member's accrued 100% Joint and Survivor retirement benefit if the member had reached normal retirement age prior to date of death. If the surviving spouse dies before the member's accumulated pension benefits are paid, the balance will be payable to the surviving spouse's designated beneficiary.

Eligible members who become totally disabled after a minimum of 180 days of service, receive monthly disability benefits equal to 25% of their final average salary with a minimum benefit of \$100. To qualify under this section, the member has to become disabled during the period of eligible employment and apply for benefits within one year of termination. The definition for disabled is set by the NDPERS in the North Dakota Administrative Code.

Refunds of Member Account Balance

Upon termination, if a member of the Main System is not vested (is not 65 or does not have three years of service), they will receive the accumulated member contributions and vested employer contributions, plus interest, or may elect to receive this amount at a later date. If the member has vested, they have the option of applying for a refund or can remain as a terminated vested participant. If a member terminated and withdrew their accumulated member contribution and is subsequently reemployed, they have the option of repurchasing their previous service.

Member and Employer Contributions

Member and employer contributions paid to NDPERS are set by statute and are established as a percent of salaries and wages. Member contribution rates are 7.00% and employer contribution rates are 7.12% of covered compensation. For members hired on or after January 1, 2020, member contribution rates are 7.00% and employer contribution rates are 8.26% of covered compensation.

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The member's account balance includes the vested employer contributions equal to the member's contributions to an eligible deferred compensation plan. The minimum member contribution is \$25, and the maximum may not exceed the following:

- 1 to 12 months of service – Greater of one percent of monthly salary or \$25
- 13 to 24 months of service – Greater of two percent of monthly salary or \$25
- 25 to 36 months of service – Greater of three percent of monthly salary or \$25
- Longer than 36 months of service – Greater of four percent of monthly salary or \$25

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued NDPERS financial report.

NOTE 9 – OPEB

North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System

The following brief description of NDPERS is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to NDAC Chapter 71-06 for more complete information.

NDPERS OPEB plan is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan that covers members receiving retirement benefits from the PERS, the HPRS, and Judges retired under Chapter 27-17 of the North Dakota Century Code a credit toward their monthly health insurance premium under the state health plan based upon the member's years of credited service. Effective July 1, 2015, the credit is also available to apply towards monthly premiums under the state dental, vision and long-term care plan and any other health insurance plan. Effective August 1, 2019, the benefit may be used for any eligible health, prescription drug plan, dental, vision, or long-term care plan premium expense. The Retiree Health Insurance Credit Fund is advance funded on an actuarially determined basis.

Responsibility for administration of the NDPERS defined benefit OPEB plan is assigned to a Board comprised of nine members. The Board consists of a Chairman, who is appointed by the Governor; one member appointed by the Attorney General; one member appointed by the State Health Officer; three members elected by the active membership of the NDPERS system, one member elected by the retired public employees and two members of the legislative assembly appointed by the chairman of the legislative management.

OPEB Benefits

The employer contribution for the PERS, the HPRS and the Defined Contribution Plan is set by statute at 1.14% of covered compensation. Employees participating in the retirement plan as part-time/temporary members are required to contribute 1.14% of their covered compensation to the Retiree Health Insurance Credit Fund. Employees purchasing previous service credit are also required to make an employee contribution to the Fund. The benefit amount applied each year is shown as "prefunded credit applied" on the Statement of Changes in Plan Net Position for the OPEB trust funds. Beginning January 1, 2020, members first enrolled in the NDPERS Main System and the Defined Contribution Plan on or after that date will not be eligible to participate in RHIC. Therefore, RHIC will become for the most part a closed plan. There were no other benefit changes during the year.

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Retiree health insurance credit benefits and death and disability benefits are set by statute. There are no provisions or policies with respect to automatic and ad hoc post-retirement benefit increases. Employees who are receiving monthly retirement benefits from the PERS, the HPRS, the Defined Contribution Plan, the Chapter 27-17 judges or an employee receiving disability benefits, or the spouse of a deceased annuitant receiving a surviving spouse benefit or if the member selected a joint and survivor option are eligible to receive a credit toward their monthly health insurance premium under the state health plan.

Effective July 1, 2015, the credit is also available to apply towards monthly premiums under the state dental, vision and long-term care plan and any other health insurance plan. Effective August 1, 2019, the benefit may be used for any eligible health, prescription drug plan, dental, vision, or long-term care plan premium expense. The benefits are equal to \$5.00 for each of the employee's, or deceased employee's years of credited service not to exceed the premium in effect for selected coverage. The retiree health insurance credit is also available for early retirement with reduced benefits.

NOTE 10 – RISK MANAGEMENT

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

In 1986, state agencies and political subdivisions of the State of North Dakota joined together to form the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDRIF), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for the state and over 2,000 political subdivisions. The City pays an annual premium to NDRIF for its general liability, auto and public assets insurance coverage. The coverage by NDRIF is limited to losses of four million dollars per occurrence for general liability and automobile coverage and to \$1,600,475 for public assets coverage.

The City of Bottineau also participates in the North Dakota Fire and Tornado Fund and the State Bonding Fund. The City pays an annual premium to the Fire and Tornado Fund to cover property damage to buildings and personal property. Replacement cost coverage is provided by estimating replacement cost in consultation with the Fire and Tornado Fund. The Fire and Tornado Fund is reinsured by a third-party insurance carrier for losses in excess of one million dollars per occurrence during a 12-month period. The State Bonding Fund currently provides the City of Bottineau with blanket fidelity bond coverage in the amount of \$2 million for the City employees.

The City has workers compensation with the North Dakota Workforce Safety and Insurance. The City provides single health insurance coverage to all full-time employees.

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

NOTE 11 – CONTINGENCIES

As of the date of this audit report, the City of Bottineau has evaluated its contingencies related to a claim against the city. There is no pending litigation or arbitration regarding the matter. Management has assessed that the amount involved is considered immaterial to the financial statements.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

CITY OF BOTTINEAU
SCHEDULE OF FUND ACTIVITY ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>Balance 12/31/22</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/23</u>
MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS						
General fund	\$ 5,397,697	\$ 1,733,188	\$ 443,852	\$ 368,761	\$ 1,829,218	\$ 5,376,758
Fire department	328,357	131,523	-	-	88,013	371,867
Paving reserve	3,156,438	950,561	-	1,893	149,553	3,955,553
Streets	478,223	464,444	-	9,178	243,434	690,055
Sales tax 20%	<u>1,586,365</u>	<u>167,208</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,437</u>	<u>1,680,136</u>
TOTAL MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	<u>10,947,080</u>	<u>3,446,924</u>	<u>443,852</u>	<u>379,832</u>	<u>2,383,655</u>	<u>12,074,369</u>
OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS						
Social security	165,345	30,241	-	-	42,148	153,438
Retirement	47,218	60,150	-	-	55,088	52,280
Advertising	13,170	6,140	-	-	5,523	13,787
Armory	113,876	96,753	42,500	-	81,465	171,664
Arena/park board wages	-	236,813	-	-	236,813	-
City property/forestry	101,525	13,140	18,817	1,000	19,665	112,817
2000 street	(10,363)	29,519	310	-	1,335	18,131
2015 street	282,842	32,021	-	-	-	314,863
2011 street	121,942	42,974	1,583	-	59,175	107,324
2007 street	(17,042)	17,042	-	-	-	-
Sales tax bond reserve (2011 st)	112,500	-	-	-	-	112,500
Water line project	-	34,198	-	-	196	34,002
Sidewalk, curb and gutter	32,701	49,256	-	-	35,246	46,711
FEMA (DSR reserve)	-	2,470	-	-	2,470	-
Fire department truck mill	381,028	26,945	-	-	-	407,973
Arena/park board reserve	45,000	-	25,000	-	25,000	45,000
Pass-through	-	106,911	-	-	113,102	(6,191)
Occupancy tax (2% motel tax)	-	28,236	-	-	28,236	-
Vis. Pro. Cap. Cont.	254,097	91,531	-	67,500	-	278,128
1% sales tax (20%)	187,470	133,904	-	50,000	55,000	216,374
Payroll clearing	12,659	-	-	-	12,659	-
Claims clearing	4,012	-	-	-	4,012	-
Pool	<u>25,773</u>	<u>136,369</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>159,195</u>	<u>2,947</u>
TOTAL OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	<u>1,873,753</u>	<u>1,174,613</u>	<u>88,210</u>	<u>118,500</u>	<u>936,328</u>	<u>2,081,748</u>
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	<u>12,820,833</u>	<u>4,621,537</u>	<u>532,062</u>	<u>498,332</u>	<u>3,319,983</u>	<u>14,156,117</u>

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**SCHEDULE OF FUND ACTIVITY ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<u>Balance 12/31/22</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/23</u>
ENTERPRISE FUND						
Water	4,802,961	662,040	44,670	24,600	863,167	4,621,904
Sewer	3,562,368	173,972	-	25,101	210,886	3,500,353
Garbage	717,485	435,734	-	28,699	488,363	636,157
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS	<u>9,082,814</u>	<u>1,271,746</u>	<u>44,670</u>	<u>78,400</u>	<u>1,562,416</u>	<u>8,758,414</u>
TOTAL REPORTING ENTITY	\$ <u>21,903,647</u>	\$ <u>5,893,283</u>	\$ <u>576,732</u>	\$ <u>576,732</u>	\$ <u>4,882,399</u>	\$ <u>22,914,531</u>



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

To the City Council
City of Bottineau
Bottineau, North Dakota

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of **City of Bottineau** as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise **City of Bottineau’s** basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 6, 2026.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered **City of Bottineau’s** internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 **City of Bottineau’s** internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of **City of Bottineau’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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as 2023-001 through 2023-003 that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether **City of Bottineau'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 financial statements. 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 disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses as 2023-003.

City of Bottineau's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the **City of Bottineau's** response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. **City of Bottineau's** response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the engagement to audit the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Widmer Poel" followed by a stylized flourish.

Fargo, North Dakota
March 6, 2026

CITY OF BOTTINEAU
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
DECEMBER 31, 2023

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued:

Governmental activities	Unmodified – modified cash basis
Business-type activities	Unmodified – modified cash basis
Major funds	Unmodified – modified cash basis
Aggregate remaining fund information	Unmodified – modified cash basis

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified?	<u> X </u> yes	<u> </u> no
Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)?	<u> </u> yes	<u> X </u> no

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	<u> </u> yes	<u> X </u> no
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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
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SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

FINDING 2023-001 (MATERIAL WEAKNESS) - SEGREGATION OF DUTIES

Condition

We believe the limited number of personnel prevents a proper segregation of duties to ensure adequate internal control.

Criteria

To ensure adequate internal control over financial reporting and prevent material misstatements due to errors or fraud, there should be a segregation of the functions of approval, custody of assets, posting and reconciliation.

Cause

The City has limited staff to be able to adequately segregate duties.

Effect

The financial statements are susceptible to misstatements due to errors or fraud.

Recommendation

We recommend that management be aware of the lack of segregation of duties and implement controls wherever possible to mitigate this risk. This is a repeat recommendation.

Views of Responsible Officials

The City will continue to develop controls through cross training of duties and responsibilities. Any new employees in the City office have been cross trained in all duties.

FINDING 2023-002 (MATERIAL WEAKNESS) – FINANCIAL STATEMENT PREPARATION

Condition

Widmer Roel PC assists management in preparing financial statements that are presented, including note disclosures, on the modified cash basis of accounting.

Criteria

As a matter of internal control, management should be responsible and capable of preparing financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, or as applicable, another comprehensive basis of accounting.

Cause

The City has determined it is more cost-effective to allocate its limited resources to areas other than preparation of financial statements and instead engage its third-party auditor to assist in this process.

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Effect

Without the assistance of the auditors, the financial statements could be materially misstated or omit material financial statement disclosures.

Recommendation

We recommend that management be aware of this condition and be prepared and able to provide all necessary information and schedules to complete the financial statements and disclosures. We further recommend that a responsible official review a current appropriate disclosure checklist or other guidance to ensure the financial statements contain all necessary disclosures. This is a repeat recommendation.

Views of Responsible Officials

The City agrees with this finding and does not have the resources to prepare financial statements at this time.

FINDING 2023-003 (MATERIAL WEAKNESS) – BUDGET LACKING SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Condition

The City of Bottineau did not include estimated cash amounts in the 2023 budget.

Criteria

N.D.C.C. §40-40-05 states, “The preliminary budget must include a detailed breakdown of the estimated revenues and appropriations requested for the ensuing year for the general fund, each special revenue fund, and each debt service fund of the municipality. The revenue and expenditure items for the preceding year and estimates of the revenue and expenditures for the current year must be included for each fund to assist in determining the estimated revenues and appropriation requested for the ensuing year. The budget must also include any transfers in or out and the beginning and ending fund balance for each of the funds. The budget must be prepared on the same basis of accounting used by the municipality for its annual financial reports.”

Additionally, the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) model defines internal control as a process designed to provide reasonable assurance of the achievement of objectives that involve the effectiveness and efficiency of operations, reliability of financial reporting, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Pertaining to the budgeting process, management is responsible for adequate internal controls surrounding the budgeting process.

Cause

The City of Bottineau was unaware that state law applies to their budget process under a home rule city if not stated otherwise.

Effect

The estimates for year-end cash are key components in the tax levy calculation in any budget year. Thus, the City of Bottineau may have improperly calculated the tax levies for the City.

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Recommendation

We recommend the City of Bottineau ensure its compliance with all aspects of N.D.C.C. §40-40-05. We further recommend the City of Bottineau review the budget documentation carefully to ensure estimated cash amounts are included in the preliminary and final budgets prior to approval.

Views of Responsible Officials

We agree. The City was unaware of the state law applying to their home rule. The City will start using cash balances in the budget going forward.