

# **Heartland Consumers Power District**

Independent Auditor's Reports and Financial Statements

December 31, 2021 and 2020

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## Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors  
Heartland Consumers Power District  
Madison, South Dakota

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### ***Opinion***

We have audited the financial statements of Heartland Consumers Power District (Heartland), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Heartland's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Heartland Consumers Power District as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the changes in financial position and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audits 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 Heartland, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Heartland's ability to continue as a going concern for 12 months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

## ***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 opinion. 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 and *Government Auditing Standards* 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 and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- 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.
- 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 Heartland's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- 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.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Heartland'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.

## ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and pension information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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.

### **Supplementary Information**

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise Heartland's basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The 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 expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedules of transmission operation and maintenance expenses and of administrative and general expenses, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the 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 April 11, 2022, on our consideration of Heartland'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 Heartland's 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 Heartland's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

**BKD, LLP**

Lincoln, Nebraska  
April 11, 2022

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This discussion and analysis of Heartland Consumers Power District's (Heartland or HCPD) financial statements provides the reader an overview of the financial activities for 2021, 2020 and 2019. Heartland's financial statements are comprised of three components: (1) Management's Discussion and Analysis, (2) financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. Please read this in conjunction with the audited financial statements and footnotes contained herein.

### **Overview of Financial Statements**

The balance sheets present information on Heartland's assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of Heartland is improving or deteriorating.

Heartland's overall financial position is summarized below (in thousands). This information is derived from the financial statements and records of Heartland.

	Condensed Balance Sheets As of December 31,			Fiscal Year-to-Year Percentage Change	
	2021	2020	2019	From 2020 to 2021	From 2019 to 2020
Current assets	\$ 33,986	\$ 29,968	\$ 29,699	13.4%	0.9%
Capital assets, net	2,302	2,321	2,386	(0.8)%	(2.7)%
Costs recoverable from future billings	28,784	32,089	34,714	(10.3)%	(7.6)%
Other noncurrent assets	8,672	9,219	9,556	(5.9)%	(3.5)%
Total assets	<u>73,744</u>	<u>73,597</u>	<u>76,355</u>	<u>0.2%</u>	<u>(3.6)%</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	3,494	618	494	465.4%	25.1%
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 77,238</u>	<u>\$ 74,215</u>	<u>\$ 76,849</u>	<u>4.1%</u>	<u>(3.4)%</u>
Current liabilities	\$ 8,221	\$ 6,727	\$ 7,445	22.2%	(9.6)%
Noncurrent liabilities	27,405	36,112	38,461	(24.1)%	(6.1)%
Total liabilities	<u>35,626</u>	<u>42,839</u>	<u>45,906</u>	<u>(16.8)%</u>	<u>(6.7)%</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	13,687	5,338	4,031	156.4%	32.4%
Net investment in capital assets	2,302	2,321	2,386	(0.8)%	(2.7)%
Restricted	959	173	174	454.3%	(0.6)%
Unrestricted	24,664	23,544	24,352	4.8%	(3.3)%
Total net position	<u>27,925</u>	<u>26,038</u>	<u>26,912</u>	<u>7.2%</u>	<u>(3.2)%</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	<u>\$ 77,238</u>	<u>\$ 74,215</u>	<u>\$ 76,849</u>	<u>4.1%</u>	<u>(3.4)%</u>

Heartland's overall net position increased in 2021 by \$1,886,603 and decreased in 2020 and 2019 by \$873,272 and \$52,308, respectively.

Costs recoverable from future billings are comprised of charges incurred in relation to Heartland's bond issuances, costs incurred by Heartland for initial payments on long-term capacity contracts and a prepayment of \$35 million made by Heartland during 2018 to terminate a transmission contract which was no longer necessary. The decreases in this balance in 2021 and 2020 represent the scheduled amortized of these costs. In June 2021, Heartland refunded existing revenue bonds with the proceeds of direct purchase bonds and using existing Heartland resources. Deferred outflows of resources increased in 2021 as a result of the deferred loss on this refunding. Additionally, noncurrent liabilities decreased in 2021 due to this debt activity, as the refunded bonds and scheduled debt service payments exceeded the amount of new bonds issued. Reductions of future billings are included within deferred inflows of resources and are comprised primarily of Board approved transfers for rate stabilization. During 2021, Heartland realized additional revenues from the impacts of Winter Storm Uri, and the Board approved transferring \$7.5 million for rate stabilization related to these excess revenues.

### Results of Operations

The statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position present information showing how Heartland's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year.

A summary of revenues and expenses is provided in the table that follows (in thousands except power sales).

	Condensed Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position			Fiscal Year-to-Year Percentage Change	
	Years Ended December 31,			From 2020	From 2019
	2021	2020	2019	to 2021	to 2020
Power sales					
Customer energy (MWh)	463,777	451,120	460,299	2.8%	(2.0)%
Customer cumulative demand (kW)	826,939	798,808	819,153	3.5%	(2.5)%
Revenues					
Customer revenue	\$ 38,189	\$ 37,375	\$ 38,968	2.2%	(4.1)%
Contracted requirements revenue	2,009	6,044	5,655	(66.8)%	6.9%
Surplus sales revenue	13,192	1,631	108	708.8%	1,410.2%
Pension revenue	241	-	-		
Other operating revenue	1,507	1,301	1,423	15.8%	(8.6)%
Transfer for rate stabilization	(7,500)	(1,000)	(2,000)	650.0%	(50.0)%
Total operating revenue	47,638	45,351	44,154	5.0%	2.7%
Expenses					
Cost of power	34,651	32,455	30,167	6.8%	7.6%
Transmission	2,284	4,702	5,268	(51.4)%	(10.7)%
Production	11	7	29	58.6%	(75.9)%
Depreciation	134	124	148	8.3%	(16.2)%
Taxes	24	29	18	(15.9)%	61.1%
Administration and general	4,412	3,943	4,104	11.9%	(3.9)%
Pension	-	190	296	(100.0)%	(35.8)%
Amortization	3,024	2,823	2,977	7.1%	(5.2)%
Total operating expenses	44,540	44,273	43,007	0.6%	2.9%
Operating income	3,098	1,078	1,147	187.4%	(6.0)%
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses), net	(1,211)	(1,952)	(1,199)	(38.0)%	62.8%
Change in net position	1,887	(874)	(52)		
Net position, beginning of year	26,038	26,912	26,964		
Net position, end of year	\$ 27,925	\$ 26,038	\$ 26,912		

Operating revenues include firm power sales to Heartland's wholesale rate customers, other contracted sales, short-term energy sales on the surplus market, and other revenues. Demand and energy sales for 2021 were 827 MW and 463,777 MWh, respectively. Heartland's customer peak was 86 MW in 2021. Demand and energy sales for 2020 were 799 MW and 451,120 MWh, respectively. The 2020 peak demand of Heartland's long-term wholesale customers was 83 MW. Heartland's wholesale customer demand and energy sales for 2019 were 819 MW and 460,299 MWh, respectively. Heartland's wholesale customer peak demand for 2019 was 73 MW. The increase in customer revenue in 2021 was a result of increased demand and energy sales to customers.

Heartland has other energy sales contracts, in addition to its wholesale customers. The contracted requirements revenue mitigates exposure to the surplus market for excess power and the contracts typically contain fixed pricing and quantities. Many of these contracts are unit contingent and Heartland is not required to provide replacement power.

Surplus energy sales are the sales of energy produced by Heartland's resources in excess of the energy required by Heartland's customers and other contracts. These sales are considered short term and non-firm. The quantity of surplus energy and revenue is dependent upon multiple factors including availability of resources, customer and other contract requirements, and market and contractual pricing. Surplus sales revenue increased significantly in 2021 as a result of the impacts of Winter Storm Uri.

The operating expenses fluctuated in some areas. Transmission expenses decreased 51.4% in 2021, primarily as a result of Heartland's termination of a transmission contract which was no longer necessary, and amortization expenses increased in 2021 as a result of Heartland amortizing its prepayment related to the termination of this transmission contract.

Heartland purchases power to meet the total contract resource obligations to its customers. The purchased power contracts include base-load resources, renewable generation facilities, market purchases, and additional capacity purchases required to comply with the resource reserve requirements for maintaining regional reliability.

Heartland is a member of Public Power Generation Agency (PPGA), an interlocal agency created under Nebraska statute to build WEC2, a 220 megawatt coal-fired project near Hastings, Nebraska. PPGA financed construction of WEC2 directly, rather than obtaining funding from its members. Heartland's participation in PPGA is for 80 megawatts. Heartland also has a contract with North Iowa Municipal Electric Cooperative Association (NIMECA) in which NIMECA purchases output of WEC2 for the life of the unit. NIMECA's contract is for 20 megawatts and includes all owners' costs.

The nonoperating revenues/expenses include interest on bonds, investment income, amortization of debt issuance costs and the deferred loss on refunding, and other expense items. Heartland recognized decreased investment income in 2021 and 2020 due to declining market conditions and lower interest rates on its cash and investments. Interest expense decreased during 2021 as a result of the refunding related to the Series 2018 bonds.

In June 2021, Heartland refunded \$20,375,000 of its Electric System Taxable Revenue Bonds, Series 2018, with proceeds from the issuance of Electric System Taxable Revenue Direct Purchase Bonds, Series 2021, in the amount of \$16,830,000, and also using existing resources. The Series 2021 bonds bear interest annually at a fixed rate of 1.84%. Principal payments are due annually, beginning December 1, 2022 and having a final maturity of December 1, 2029. The refunding was completed to achieve a cash flow savings of approximately \$3,105,000 and a net present value savings of approximately \$1,502,000.

In addition to the refunding described above, Heartland also made scheduled principal payments of \$2,025,000 on the Series 2018 bonds in 2021.

Fitch assigned an underlying rating of A- to Heartland and Moody's assigned A2.



During February 2021, a polar vortex resulted in persistent and extreme cold weather that covered most of the United States, including the SPP region. This weather event (Winter Storm Uri) led to an increase in energy demand while generating facilities faced fuel-supply issues and equipment failures that stressed the bulk electric system. As a result, SPP declared an Energy Emergency Alert Level 3, signaling that operating reserves were below the required minimum, and member utilities were asked to implement controlled service interruptions. The market experienced extreme price volatility for utilities buying or selling energy during this weather event. As a result of our resource planning and base-load resources, Heartland was able to navigate the weather event favorably, from both an operational and financial standpoint.

### ***Contact Information***

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Heartland's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Micheal Malone, P.O. Box 248, Madison, SD 57042.

**Heartland Consumers Power District**  
**Balance Sheets**  
**December 31, 2021 and 2020**

<b>Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 27,770,588	\$ 24,029,016
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	269,804	304,716
Accounts receivable	4,972,479	4,765,032
Notes receivable, current portion	935,056	843,364
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	37,789	25,696
Total current assets	<u>33,985,716</u>	<u>29,967,824</u>
<b>Noncurrent Assets</b>		
Notes receivable, net of allowance of \$635,237 for 2021 and \$681,741 for 2020	6,788,298	8,046,325
Long-term investments	45,750	73,628
Capital assets, net	2,302,168	2,321,366
Costs recoverable from future billings	28,783,610	32,089,092
Net pension asset	743,804	4,169
Other noncurrent assets	1,095,000	1,095,000
Total noncurrent assets	<u>39,758,630</u>	<u>43,629,580</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>		
Deferred outflows for pensions	970,263	618,015
Deferred loss on debt refunding	2,523,975	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>3,494,238</u>	<u>618,015</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 77,238,584</u>	<u>\$ 74,215,419</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements

**Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources  
and Net Position**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 3,138,791	\$ 2,525,520
Accounts payable	4,836,854	3,451,251
Accrued expenses	180,255	603,719
Accrued interest payable	65,175	146,459
	<u>8,221,075</u>	<u>6,726,949</u>
<b>Noncurrent Liabilities</b>		
Long-term debt, net	26,947,690	35,734,173
Other noncurrent liabilities	457,850	378,027
	<u>27,405,540</u>	<u>36,112,200</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>27,405,540</u>	<u>36,112,200</u>
Total liabilities	<u>35,626,615</u>	<u>42,839,149</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>		
Deferred inflows for pensions	1,436,974	585,636
Reductions of future billings	12,250,000	4,752,242
	<u>13,686,974</u>	<u>5,337,878</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>13,686,974</u>	<u>5,337,878</u>
<b>Net Position</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	2,302,168	2,321,366
Restricted for debt service	215,462	168,750
Restricted for pensions	743,804	4,169
Unrestricted	24,663,561	23,544,107
	<u>27,924,995</u>	<u>26,038,392</u>
Total net position	<u>27,924,995</u>	<u>26,038,392</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	<u>\$ 77,238,584</u>	<u>\$ 74,215,419</u>

**Heartland Consumers Power District**  
**Statements of Revenues, Expenses and**  
**Changes in Net Position**  
**Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b>Operating Revenues</b>		
Customer requirements	\$ 38,189,278	\$ 37,375,095
Other contracted requirements	2,009,586	6,043,405
Surplus sales revenue	13,191,873	1,631,332
Pension revenue	240,545	-
Other operating revenue	1,506,609	1,301,321
Transfer to rate stabilization	<u>(7,500,000)</u>	<u>(1,000,000)</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>47,637,891</u>	<u>45,351,153</u>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Cost of power	34,651,239	32,454,361
Transmission	2,283,959	4,701,630
Production	11,105	6,950
Depreciation	134,322	124,383
Taxes	24,402	28,646
Administration and general	4,411,647	3,943,834
Pension	-	189,778
Amortization	<u>3,023,590</u>	<u>2,822,883</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>44,540,264</u>	<u>44,272,465</u>
<b>Operating Income</b>	<u>3,097,627</u>	<u>1,078,688</u>
<b>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</b>		
Investment income	208,889	221,957
Interest expense	(1,237,601)	(1,727,821)
Amortization expense	(29,300)	(52,030)
Other	<u>(153,012)</u>	<u>(394,066)</u>
Net nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>(1,211,024)</u>	<u>(1,951,960)</u>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	1,886,603	(873,272)
<b>Net Position, Beginning of Year</b>	<u>26,038,392</u>	<u>26,911,664</u>
<b>Net Position, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 27,924,995</u>	<u>\$ 26,038,392</u>

**Heartland Consumers Power District**  
**Statements of Cash Flows**  
**Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Receipts from customers	\$ 38,466,100	\$ 37,790,621
Receipts from others	16,223,799	9,370,252
Payments to suppliers	(37,900,444)	(40,249,521)
Payments to employees	<u>(2,041,723)</u>	<u>(1,752,816)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>14,747,732</u>	<u>5,158,536</u>
<b>Noncapital Financing Activities</b>		
Proceeds from issuance of promissory notes	-	217,500
Payments on promissory notes	(500,519)	(298,796)
Payments on revenue bonds	(2,025,000)	(1,960,000)
Net transfer to bond refunding agent	(7,994,490)	-
Interest paid	(1,212,556)	(1,922,544)
Other nonoperating payments	<u>(182,812)</u>	<u>(398,178)</u>
Net cash used in noncapital financing activities	<u>(11,915,377)</u>	<u>(4,362,018)</u>
<b>Capital and Related Financing Activities</b>		
Purchase of capital assets	(131,828)	(59,481)
Payments for power projects	<u>(444,215)</u>	<u>(214,527)</u>
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	<u>(576,043)</u>	<u>(274,008)</u>
<b>Investing Activities</b>		
Proceeds from sales and maturities of investment securities	23,775	2,052,000
Issuance of notes receivable	(97,500)	(430,000)
Repayments of notes receivable	1,310,339	888,852
Investment income received	<u>213,734</u>	<u>283,296</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>1,450,348</u>	<u>2,794,148</u>
<b>Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	3,706,660	3,316,658
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year</b>	<u>24,333,732</u>	<u>21,017,074</u>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 28,040,392</u>	<u>\$ 24,333,732</u>
<b>Composition of Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 27,770,588	\$ 24,029,016
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	<u>269,804</u>	<u>304,716</u>
Total	<u>\$ 28,040,392</u>	<u>\$ 24,333,732</u>

**Heartland Consumers Power District**  
**Statements of Cash Flows - Continued**  
**Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash</b>		
<b>Provided by Operating Activities</b>		
Operating income	\$ 3,097,627	\$ 1,078,688
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization	3,157,912	2,947,266
Transfer to rate stabilization	7,500,000	1,000,000
Changes in balance sheet operating items		
Accounts receivable	(207,447)	809,721
Prepaid expenses and other assets	398,223	(35,428)
Net pension asset	(739,635)	6,693
Deferred outflows for pensions	(352,248)	(123,795)
Accounts payable	1,385,603	(1,125,610)
Accrued expenses	(343,641)	294,121
Deferred inflows for pensions	851,338	306,880
	<u>\$ 14,747,732</u>	<u>\$ 5,158,536</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>		
<b>Supplemental Cash Flows Information</b>		
Decrease in allowance for notes receivable	\$ 46,504	\$ (4,112)
Amortization of deferred loss on debt refunding	185,977	-
Amortization of revenue bonds issuance premium	79,647	191,153

# **Heartland Consumers Power District**

## **Notes to Financial Statements**

### **December 31, 2021 and 2020**

#### **Note 1: Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

##### ***Nature of Operations***

Heartland Consumers Power District (Heartland) is a public corporation and a political subdivision of the State of South Dakota created under the Consumers Power District Law for the purpose of supplying electric energy. Heartland is empowered by the Consumers Power District Law to finance, own, and operate, either singly or jointly with others and anywhere within or without the boundaries of Heartland or the State of South Dakota, any electric light and power plants, lines, and systems or interest therein for the generation and transmission of electric power and energy. Heartland has firm power customers in the four-state region of Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota.

Rates for wholesale electric service are set by the Heartland Board of Directors. Neither the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission nor any other commission has jurisdiction over Heartland with respect to Heartland's rates and charges for power sales to its customers.

##### ***Reporting Entity***

In evaluating how to define the entity for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units for which financial accountability may exist. The determination of financial accountability includes consideration of a number of criteria, including: (1) Heartland's ability to appoint a voting majority of another entity's governing body and to impose its will on that entity, (2) the potential for that entity to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on Heartland and (3) the entity's fiscal dependency on Heartland. Based upon the above criteria, Heartland has determined that it has no reportable component units.

##### ***Basis of Accounting***

Heartland's activities are accounted for using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Heartland's accounting records are maintained in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for regulated utilities and generally follow the Uniform System of Accounts for Public Utilities and Licensees prescribed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Heartland prepares its financial statements as a business-type activity in conformity with applicable pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

Heartland's accounting policies also follow the provisions of GASB Codification Section Re10, *Regulated Operations*, which permits an entity with cost-based rates to defer certain costs or income that would otherwise be recognized when incurred to the extent that the rate-regulated entity is recovering or expects to recover such amounts in rates charged to its customers. This method includes the philosophy that debt service requirements, as opposed to depreciation or amortization, are a cost for rate making purposes.

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***Use of Estimates***

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

***Cash Equivalents***

Heartland considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the date of purchase to be cash equivalents. At December 31, 2021 and 2020, cash equivalents consisted of money market funds and short-term certificates of deposit.

***Investments and Investment Income***

Investments in money market mutual funds are carried at cost, which approximates fair value. Investments in U.S. agency obligations are carried at fair value. Fair value is determined based on quoted market prices or yields currently available on comparable securities of issuers with similar credit ratings.

Investment income consists of interest income and realized and unrealized gains and losses.

***Accounts and Notes Receivable***

Accounts receivable are stated at the amount billed to customers. Accounts receivable are ordinarily due 20 days after the issuance of the invoice. Delinquent receivables are charged off as they are deemed uncollectible. Management does not believe an allowance for doubtful accounts is necessary for accounts receivable at December 31, 2021 and 2020, as there were no delinquent accounts. Notes receivable relate to Heartland's economic development program (see Note 3) and amounts due generally follow amortization schedules contained within the related note agreements. Management has established an allowance for doubtful accounts for notes receivable of \$635,237 and \$681,741 at December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

***Capital Assets***

Capital assets are recorded at cost at the date of acquisition. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of each asset, which is normally 20 - 30 years for utility plant, 5 - 10 years for vehicles, furniture, and various office equipment and 40 years for buildings.



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#### ***Compensated Absences***

Employees earn vacation days at varying rates depending on years of service. In the event of termination, an employee is reimbursed for accumulated vacation time. Expense and the related liability are recognized when earned and vacation benefits are redeemable as time off or in cash. Employees earn sick leave at the rate of approximately one day per month. Upon normal retirement, an employee can use any accumulated sick time to pay for certain qualified medical expenses. Expense and the related liability for sick leave benefits are recognized when earned to the extent the employee is expected to realize the benefit in cash determined using the termination payment method. Compensated absences expected to be used during the next fiscal year are classified as a current liability in accrued expenses. The remaining balance is reflected as a noncurrent liability.

#### ***Regulated Operations***

Rates for Heartland's regulated operations are established and approved by the Board of Directors. Heartland applies the provisions of GASB Codification Section Re10, *Regulated Operations*, which provide for the deferral of expenses which are expected to be recovered through customer rates over some future period (costs recoverable from future billings) and reductions in earnings to cover future expenditures (reductions of future billings). Costs recoverable from future billings are primarily comprised of charges incurred in relation to Heartland's bond issuances, costs incurred by Heartland for initial payments made on long-term capacity contracts and a prepayment of \$35 million made by the District during 2018 to terminate a transmission contract which is no longer necessary. These costs are being amortized in future rate periods when such costs are included in the revenue requirements to establish electric rates. Reductions of future billings are comprised of the unrealized net gains on investments and Board approved transfers for rate stabilization.

#### ***Pensions***

For purposes of measuring the net pension asset, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension revenue and expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the South Dakota Retirement System (SDRS) and additions to/deductions from SDRS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by SDRS. Heartland's contributions and net pension asset are recognized on the accrual basis of accounting.

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#### ***Net Position Classification***

Net position is required to be classified into three components – net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted. These classifications are defined as follows:

***Net investment in capital assets*** - This component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt are included in this component of net position. If there are significant unspent related debt proceeds at year-end, the portion of the debt attributable to the unspent proceeds is not included in the calculation of net investment in capital assets.

***Restricted*** - This component of net position consists of constraints placed on net position use through external constraints imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), contributors, or law or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

***Unrestricted*** - This component of net position consists of the net amount of the assets, liabilities and deferred inflows and outflows of resources that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets.”

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

#### ***Classification of Revenues and Expenses***

Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with Heartland’s ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues are charges to customers for services. Operating expenses include the cost of power, transmission expenses, administrative expenses, and amortization of Heartland’s regulatory asset. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

#### ***Taxes***

Heartland is exempt from federal income taxes as it is a political subdivision of the state of South Dakota. Heartland may be subject to franchise taxes in states in which it operates. Franchise tax expense was \$2,130 and \$2,124 in 2021 and 2020, respectively.

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**Note 2: Deposits, Investments and Investment Return**

Heartland’s investing is performed in accordance with the investment policy adopted by its Board of Directors and applicable state statutes. Heartland may invest in certificates of deposit, time deposits, repurchase agreements, and various U.S. Treasury securities and U.S. agency obligations.

**Deposits**

State statutes require banks either to give bond or to pledge government securities to Heartland in the amount of Heartland’s deposits. Heartland’s cash deposits, including certificates of deposit, are insured up to \$250,000 by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Any cash deposits in excess of the \$250,000 FDIC limits are covered by collateral held in a Federal Reserve Bank pledge account or by an agent for Heartland and thus, no custodial risk exists. No legal opinion has been obtained regarding the enforceability of any collateral arrangements. Additionally, Heartland’s certificates of deposit at December 31, 2021 are invested through the Insured Cash Sweep® (ICS) service, whereby funds are placed with other ICS Network members by Heartland’s primary financial institution in increments less than \$250,000.

**Investments**

At December 31, 2021 and 2020, Heartland had the following investments and maturities:

	Carrying Value	Maturities in Years			Credit Ratings (Moody's)
		Less Than 1	1-5	6-10	
<b>December 31, 2021</b>					
Money market mutual funds	\$ 10,287,271	\$ 10,287,271	\$ -	\$ -	Aaa-mf
U.S. agency obligations	45,750	-	-	45,750	Aaa
	<u>\$ 10,333,021</u>	<u>\$ 10,287,271</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 45,750</u>	
<b>December 31, 2020</b>					
Money market mutual funds	\$ 5,461,483	\$ 5,461,483	\$ -	\$ -	Aaa-mf
U.S. agency obligations	73,628	-	-	73,628	Aaa
	<u>\$ 5,535,111</u>	<u>\$ 5,461,483</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 73,628</u>	

**Disclosures About Fair Value of Assets and Liabilities**

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. Fair value measurements must maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. There is a hierarchy of three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

**Level 1** Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

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***Disclosures About Fair Value of Assets and Liabilities - Continued***

- Level 2** Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities
- Level 3** Unobservable inputs supported by little or no market activity and are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities

Heartland's investments in money market mutual funds are carried at cost and thus are not included within the fair value hierarchy. Heartland's investments in U.S. agency obligations are measured at fair value on a recurring basis, and are classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

***Interest Rate Risk***

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Heartland's investment policy provides limitations on the maturities of the various types of investments as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from interest rate fluctuations.

***Credit Risk***

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. Heartland's investment policy establishes requirements for all investment securities to be in compliance with ratings established in bond indentures, for which substantially all investments are held.

***Custodial Credit Risk***

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a failure of the counterparty, Heartland would not be able to recover the value of its investment securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Heartland's investments in U.S. agency obligations are held in a book entry system in an account designated as a customer account at the Federal Reserve and the custodian's internal records identify Heartland as owner.

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**Note 2: Deposits, Investments and Investment Return - Continued**

**Concentration of Credit Risk**

Concentration of credit risk is the risk associated with the amount of investments Heartland has with any one issuer that exceeds 5% or more of its total investments. Investments issued or explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. Government are excluded from this requirement. Heartland's investment policy limits the amount of its investment portfolio that may be invested in any one issuer, other than U.S. government securities, to 10%. No investments at December 31, 2021 or 2020 exceeded 5%.

**Summary of Carrying Values**

The carrying values of deposits and investments shown above are included in the balance sheets at December 31, 2021 and 2020 as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Carrying value		
Bank deposit accounts	\$ 2,317,403	\$ 1,470,227
Certificates of deposit	15,435,718	17,402,022
Investments	<u>10,333,021</u>	<u>5,535,111</u>
	<u>\$ 28,086,142</u>	<u>\$ 24,407,360</u>

Included in the following balance sheet captions:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents		
Operating funds	\$ 185,925	\$ 161,776
General reserve funds	20,388,605	15,527,719
Revolving loan fund program accounts	2,131,478	1,308,451
Rate stabilization fund	5,064,580	5,026,228
Bond redemption fund	<u>-</u>	<u>2,004,842</u>
Total	<u>27,770,588</u>	<u>24,029,016</u>
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		
Debt service funds	<u>269,804</u>	<u>304,716</u>
Noncurrent Assets		
Long-term investments - rate stabilization fund	<u>45,750</u>	<u>73,628</u>
	<u>\$ 28,086,142</u>	<u>\$ 24,407,360</u>

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**Note 2: Deposits, Investments and Investment Return - Continued**

***Investment Return***

Investment return for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 consisted of interest income and realized gains of \$56,857 and \$107,195, respectively. Unrealized gains and losses on restricted investments are deferred and reported as reductions of future billings shown as a deferred inflow of resources in accordance with the provisions of GASB Codification Section Re10 *Regulated Operations*.

**Note 3: Notes Receivable**

Type of Notes	2021				Due Within One Year
	January 1,	Additions	Reductions	December 31,	
4.0% note in connection with Heartland's economic development program, payable in monthly installments, original maturity of December 2016	\$ 120,719	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120,719	\$ 120,719
0.0% to 5.0% notes in connection with the Intermediary Relending Program Promissory Note (see Note 13), due in monthly installments through January 2031	4,746,701	97,500	872,457	3,971,744	444,622
0.0% to 4.0% notes in connection with the Rural Economic Development Loan Agreement and Rural Economic Development Grant Agreement (see Note 13), due in monthly installments through November 2029	4,704,010	-	437,882	4,266,128	490,434
Allowance for notes receivable	(681,741)	-	(46,504)	(635,237)	(120,719)
Total notes receivable, net	<u>\$ 8,889,689</u>	<u>\$ 97,500</u>	<u>\$ 1,263,835</u>	<u>\$ 7,723,354</u>	<u>\$ 935,056</u>

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**Note 3: Notes Receivable - Continued**

Type of Notes	2020				Due Within One Year
	January 1,	Additions	Reductions	December 31,	
4.0% note in connection with Heartland's economic development program, payable in monthly installments, original maturity of December 2016	\$ 120,719	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120,719	\$ 120,719
0.0% to 5.0% notes in connection with the Intermediary Relending Program Promissory Note (see Note 13), due in monthly installments through December 2030	4,815,234	430,000	498,533	4,746,701	405,482
0.0% to 4.0% notes in connection with the Rural Economic Development Loan Agreement and Rural Economic Development Grant Agreement (see Note 13), due in monthly installments through November 2029	5,094,328	-	390,319	4,704,010	437,882
Allowance for notes receivable	(685,853)	-	(4,112)	(681,741)	(120,719)
Total notes receivable, net	<u>\$ 9,344,428</u>	<u>\$ 430,000</u>	<u>\$ 884,740</u>	<u>\$ 8,889,689</u>	<u>\$ 843,364</u>

Interest income on these notes totaled \$152,032 and \$114,762 for 2021 and 2020, respectively, and is included within investment income on the statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position.

**Note 4: Capital Assets**

Capital assets at December 31, 2021 and 2020 consisted of the following:

	2021	2020
Depreciable assets		
Heartland headquarters building	\$ 2,837,333	\$ 2,837,333
General plant	1,008,219	947,741
Total depreciable assets	<u>3,845,552</u>	<u>3,785,074</u>
Nondepreciable assets		
Land	80,402	80,402
Total nondepreciable assets	<u>80,402</u>	<u>80,402</u>
	<u>\$ 3,925,954</u>	<u>\$ 3,865,476</u>

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**Note 4: Capital Assets - Continued**

Capital assets activity for 2021 and 2020 was:

<b>2021</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Retirements</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
Heartland headquarters building	\$ 2,837,333	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,837,333
General plant	947,741	131,828	(71,350)	1,008,219
Land	80,402	-	-	80,402
Total capital assets	3,865,476	131,828	(71,350)	3,925,954
Less accumulated depreciation	(1,544,110)	(134,322)	54,646	(1,623,786)
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 2,321,366</u>	<u>\$ (2,494)</u>	<u>\$ (16,704)</u>	<u>\$ 2,302,168</u>
<b>2020</b>				
Heartland headquarters building	\$ 2,837,333	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,837,333
General plant	888,260	59,481	-	947,741
Land	80,402	-	-	80,402
Total capital assets	3,805,995	59,481	-	3,865,476
Less accumulated depreciation	(1,419,727)	(124,383)	-	(1,544,110)
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 2,386,268</u>	<u>\$ (64,902)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,321,366</u>

**Note 5: Credit Facilities**

***Line of Credit***

Heartland entered into a revolving credit agreement with a financial institution that provides for borrowings up to \$10,000,000. The agreement was amended and renewed on March 1, 2022, with an expiration date of March 21, 2025. Borrowings under the credit agreement bear interest at varying rates, and cannot exceed a maximum rate, as defined in the agreement. The agreement also provides for standby letters of credit, not to exceed \$5,000,000 in the aggregate. The amount available under Heartland's revolving credit agreement is reduced by the amount of any issued standby letters of credit. Heartland had no outstanding borrowings on this line at December 31, 2021 and 2020. This revolving credit agreement is secured as described in Note 6.

***Letter of Credit***

As financial security for Heartland's performance under certain financial transmission rights and transmission congestion rights in regional transmission organizations in which Heartland participates, Heartland has obtained a standby letter of credit for \$1.5 million at December 31, 2021 and 2020. The letter of credit expires March 22, 2023.



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**Note 6: Long-term Liabilities**

Long-term liabilities at December 31, 2021 consisted of the following:

Type of Debt	2021				
	January 1,	Additions	Reductions	December 31,	Due Within One Year
3.1-6.137% Revenue Bonds, Series 2018, with interest and principal payments due annually beginning December 2019 through December 2031	\$ 28,970,000	\$ -	\$ 22,400,000	\$ 6,570,000	\$ 2,095,000
1.84% Revenue Bonds, Series 2021, with interest and principal payments due annually beginning December 2021 through December 2029	-	16,830,000	-	16,830,000	490,000
1.0% Intermediary Relending Program Promissory Note, due annually on October 16 with a final payment due October 16, 2036	467,286	-	27,165	440,121	27,437
1.0% Intermediary Relending Program Promissory Note, due annually on June 25 with a final payment due June 25, 2040	565,109	-	26,187	538,922	26,449
1.0% Intermediary Relending Program Promissory Note, due annually on November 10, with a final payment due November 10, 2046	967,550	-	32,775	934,775	33,102
1.0% Intermediary Relending Program Promissory Note, due annually on October 11, beginning in October 2021, with a final payment due October 11, 2047	1,000,000	-	32,450	967,550	32,775
1.0% Intermediary Relending Program Promissory Note, total amount to be drawn \$1,000,000, principal payments due annually, beginning in June 2023, final payment due in June 2049	713,125	-	-	713,125	-
0% Rural Economic Development Promissory Note, with principal payments due in monthly installments of \$3,299 through April 2031	408,956	-	39,588	369,368	39,588
0% Rural Economic Development Promissory Note, with principal payments due in monthly installments of \$10,417, through March 2028	906,247	-	125,004	781,243	125,004
0% Rural Economic Development Promissory Note, with principal payments due in monthly installments of \$3,202, through March 2028	278,571	-	38,424	240,147	38,424
0% Rural Economic Development Promissory Note, with principal payments due in monthly installments of \$5,500, through July 2028	533,500	-	66,000	467,500	66,000
0% Rural Economic Development Promissory Note, with principal payments due in monthly installments of \$10,417, beginning in July 2021, through June 2029	1,000,000	-	72,919	927,081	125,004
0% Rural Economic Development Promissory Note, with principal payments due in monthly installments of \$3,334, through August 2029	346,656	-	40,007	306,649	40,008
	36,157,000	16,830,000	22,900,519	30,086,481	3,138,791
Revenue bonds issuance premium	2,102,693	-	2,102,693	-	-
Total bonds and notes payable	38,259,693	16,830,000	25,003,212	30,086,481	3,138,791
Compensated absences	494,369	229,093	154,817	568,645	110,795
Total long-term liabilities	\$ 38,754,062	\$ 17,059,093	\$ 25,158,029	\$ 30,655,126	\$ 3,249,586

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**Note 6: Long-term Liabilities - Continued**

Long-term liabilities at December 31, 2020 consisted of the following:

Type of Debt	2020				
	January 1,	Additions	Reductions	December 31,	Due Within One Year
3.1-6.137% Revenue Bonds, Series 2018, with interest and principal payments due annually beginning December 2019 through December 2031	\$ 30,930,000	\$ -	\$ 1,960,000	\$ 28,970,000	\$ 2,025,000
1.0% Intermediary Relending Program Promissory Note, due annually on October 16 with a final payment due October 16, 2036	494,182	-	26,896	467,286	27,165
1.0% Intermediary Relending Program Promissory Note, due annually on June 25 with a final payment due June 25, 2040	591,037	-	25,928	565,109	26,187
1.0% Intermediary Relending Program Promissory Note, due annually on November 10, with a final payment due November 10, 2046	1,000,000	-	32,450	967,550	32,775
1.0% Intermediary Relending Program Promissory Note, due annually on October 11, beginning in October 2021, with a final payment due October 11, 2047	1,000,000	-	-	1,000,000	32,450
1.0% Intermediary Relending Program Promissory Note, total amount to be drawn \$1,000,000, principal payments due annually, beginning in June 2023, final payment due in June 2049	495,625	217,500	-	713,125	-
0% Rural Economic Development Promissory Note, with principal payments due in monthly installments of \$3,299 through April 2031	448,544	-	39,588	408,956	39,588
0% Rural Economic Development Promissory Note, with principal payments due in monthly installments of \$10,417, through September 2027	968,749	-	62,502	906,247	125,004
0% Rural Economic Development Promissory Note, with principal payments due in monthly installments of \$3,202, through March 2028	316,995	-	38,424	278,571	38,424
0% Rural Economic Development Promissory Note, with principal payments due in monthly installments of \$5,500, through July 2028	566,500	-	33,000	533,500	66,000
0% Rural Economic Development Promissory Note, with principal payments due in monthly installments of \$10,417, beginning in July 2021, through June 2029	1,000,000	-	-	1,000,000	72,919
0% Rural Economic Development Promissory Note, with principal payments due in monthly installments of \$3,334, through August 2029	386,664	-	40,008	346,656	40,008
	38,198,296	217,500	2,258,796	36,157,000	2,525,520
Revenue bonds issuance premium	2,293,846	-	191,153	2,102,693	-
Total bonds and notes payable	40,492,142	217,500	2,449,949	38,259,693	2,525,520
Compensated absences	420,282	204,842	130,755	494,369	116,342
Total long-term liabilities	\$ 40,912,424	\$ 422,342	\$ 2,580,704	\$ 38,754,062	\$ 2,641,862

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**Note 6: Long-term Liabilities - Continued**

Debt service requirements at December 31, 2021 are as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2022	\$ 3,138,791	\$ 688,054	\$ 3,826,845
2023	3,257,437	604,212	3,861,649
2024	3,403,897	462,732	3,866,629
2025	3,550,520	316,606	3,867,126
2026	3,597,086	260,576	3,857,662
2027-2031	11,101,097	487,626	11,588,723
2032-2036	854,230	99,370	953,600
2037-2041	693,538	59,064	752,602
2042-2046	447,887	26,773	474,660
2047-2051	41,998	2,926	44,924
	<u>\$ 30,086,481</u>	<u>\$ 3,007,939</u>	<u>\$ 33,094,420</u>

During 2018, Heartland issued Electric System Taxable Revenue Bonds, Series 2018, in the amount of \$32,855,000 to provide funds to terminate a transmission contract which was no longer necessary in connection with the operation of the District's electric system. The Series 2018 bonds and the revolving credit agreement described in Note 5 are secured equally and ratably by a pledge of (a) the proceeds of the sale of the Series 2018 bonds, pending application thereof, (b) the revenues of Heartland's electric system, after application to operating expenses in accordance with the bond resolution, and (c) all funds and accounts established under the bond resolution, including income, if any, from investments thereof.

In June 2021, Heartland refunded \$20,375,000 of its Electric System Taxable Revenue Bonds, Series 2018, with proceeds from the issuance of Electric System Taxable Revenue Direct Purchase Bonds, Series 2021, in the amount of \$16,830,000, and also using existing resources. The Series 2021 bonds bear interest annually at a fixed rate of 1.84%. Principal payments are due annually, beginning December 1, 2022 and having a final maturity of December 1, 2029. The refunding was completed to achieve a cash flow savings of approximately \$3,105,000 and a net present value savings of approximately \$1,502,000.

Heartland has executed credit agreements with three financial institutions, totaling \$2,913,396, in relation to the six Rural Economic Development Promissory Notes disclosed above. The credit agreements allow Heartland to retain drawing capacity at least equal to the issued and outstanding amount of the Rural Economic Development Promissory Notes. There were no amounts outstanding under these credit agreements at December 31, 2021 and 2020.

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### Note 7: Power Sales Agreements

Heartland is a party to electric power sales agreements with municipalities in South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska and Iowa, whereby Heartland has undertaken to provide primary power to and to supplement existing power sources of the parties. Rates are established annually by the Board of Directors. The majority of these agreements expire in 2040. Heartland also has power sales agreements with the State of South Dakota to provide service to various state institutions.

### Note 8: Commitments

#### ***Public Power Generation Agency (PPGA)***

Heartland has entered into an agreement with other utilities, creating an interlocal, PPGA. In connection with PPGA, Heartland has also entered into a long-term participation power agreement whereby Heartland has agreed to share in the energy output of the Whelan Energy Center Unit 2, a 220 MW coal-fired power plant, which became commercially operational in May 2011. Heartland's commitment is for 36.36%, or 80 MW, of the output of the project, which extends to the later of the life of the project or January 2041, which represents the date of final maturity on the bonds issued by PPGA for the project.

### Note 9: Retirement Plans

#### ***Defined Benefit Plan***

##### *Plan Description*

Heartland contributes to the South Dakota Retirement System (the Plan), which is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, public employee retirement system, providing retirement, disability and survivors benefits. The Plan is a defined benefit plan covering all full-time employees of Heartland. Authority for establishing, administering and amending plan provisions are found in South Dakota Codified Law 3-12. In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 68, Heartland accounts for and reports its participation in the Plan, based on its calculated proportionate share of contributions to the Plan. The Plan issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the Plan. That report may be obtained at <http://www.sdrs.sd.gov/publications/> or by writing to the South Dakota Retirement System, P.O. Box 1098, Pierre, SD 57501-1098.

##### *Contributions*

Covered employees are required by state statute to contribute a percentage of their salary (6%) to the Plan, and Heartland is required to match the employee contribution. The contribution requirements of plan members and Heartland are established and may be amended by the Plan's board of trustees. Contributions made to the Plan by Heartland were \$140,160 and \$130,219 during 2021 and 2020, respectively, and were in accordance with statutory rates. The employees' contributions during 2021 and 2020 were \$118,295 and \$112,341, respectively, and were in accordance with statutory rates.

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**Note 9: Retirement Plans - Continued**

***Defined Benefit Plan - Continued***

*Benefits*

The Plan provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits based on an employer's membership class within the Plan. Heartland is a Class A member in the Plan. Class A members who retire after age 65 with three years of service are entitled to an unreduced annual retirement benefit. An unreduced annual retirement benefit is also available after age 55 for Class A members, where the sum of age and credited service is greater than or equal to 85. The annual increase in benefits payable is indexed to the consumer price index annually on July 1<sup>st</sup>, with further adjustments based on the funded status of the Plan. The right to receive benefits vests after three years of credited service.

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

At December 31, 2021 and 2020, Heartland reported an asset of \$743,804 and \$4,169, respectively, for its proportionate share of the collective net pension asset for the Plan. The net pension asset was measured as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate these amounts was determined by an actuarial valuation as of those dates. Heartland's proportionate share of the net pension asset was based on Heartland's share of contributions to the Plan relative to all employer contributions to the Plan for the measurement period. At December 31, 2021 and 2020, Heartland's proportion was 0.097% and 0.096%, respectively.

For the year ended December 31, 2021, Heartland recognized pension revenue of \$240,545. For the year ended December 31, 2020, Heartland recognized pension expense of \$189,778. At December 31, 2021 and 2020, Heartland reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<b>December 31, 2021</b>		<b>December 31, 2020</b>	
	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 26,705	\$ 1,950	\$ 15,949	\$ 3,266
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	1,062,538	387,500	-
Changes of assumptions	855,367	372,486	134,291	541,603
Change in Heartland's proportionate share Heartland contributions subsequent to the measurement date	-	-	-	40,767
	<u>88,191</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,275</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 970,263</u>	<u>\$ 1,436,974</u>	<u>\$ 618,015</u>	<u>\$ 585,636</u>

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**Note 9: Retirement Plans - Continued**

***Defined Benefit Plan - Continued***

*Pension Assets and Liabilities, Pension Revenue and Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions - Continued*

The deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Heartland contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of pension expense in the fiscal year ending December 31, 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:

<b>Year Ending December 31,</b>	
2022	\$ (136,698)
2023	(93,225)
2024	(26,066)
2025	<u>(298,913)</u>
	<u>\$ (554,902)</u>

**Actuarial assumptions** – The total pension liability in the June 30, 2021 and 2020 actuarial valuations was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.25%
Salary increases	6.50% at entry to 3.0% after 25 years of service
Discount rate	6.50%, net of pension plan investment expense
Future COLAs	2.25%

Mortality rates were based on 97% of the RP-2014 Mortality Table, adjusted to 2006 and projected generationally with Scale MP-2016, white collar rates for females and total dataset rates for males. Mortality rates for disabled members were based on the RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table, adjusted to 2006 and projected generationally with Scale MP-2016.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2021 and 2020 valuations were based on the results of an actuarial experience study, which covered the five-year period ending June 30, 2016.

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**Note 9: Retirement Plans - Continued**

***Defined Benefit Plan - Continued***

*Pension Assets and Liabilities, Pension Revenue and Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions - Continued*

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, are summarized in the following table:

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Target Allocation</b>	<b>2021 Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</b>	<b>2020 Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</b>
Global Equity	58.0%	4.3%	5.1%
Fixed Income	30.0%	1.6%	1.5%
Real Estate	10.0%	4.6%	6.2%
Cash	2.0%	0.9%	1.0%
Total	<u>100.0%</u>		

**Discount rate** – The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability in 2021 and 2020 was 6.50%, for both years. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate, and that contributions from employers will be made at contractually required 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 plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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### Note 9: Retirement Plans - Continued

#### **Defined Benefit Plan - Continued**

*Pension Assets and Liabilities, Pension Revenue and Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions - Continued*

**Sensitivity of Heartland's proportionate share of the net pension (asset) liability to changes in the discount rate** – The following presents Heartland's proportionate share of the net pension (asset) liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.50%, as well as what Heartland's proportionate share of the net pension (asset) liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (5.50%) or one percentage point higher (7.50%) than the current rate.

	<b>1% Decrease (5.50%)</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate (6.50%)</b>	<b>1% Increase (7.50%)</b>
Heartland's proportionate share of the net pension (asset) liability			
December 31, 2021	\$ 1,204,403	\$ (743,804)	\$ (2,325,294)
December 31, 2020	\$ 1,617,346	\$ (4,169)	\$ (1,330,537)

#### *Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position*

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued South Dakota Retirement System financial report.

#### **Defined Contribution Plan**

In addition to the above retirement plan, Heartland has a savings plan with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, which is a defined contribution plan. Employees are eligible to participate in this plan after one month of service. The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association board of directors has the authority to establish and amend provisions to the plan. Heartland matches up to 4% of participating employees' salaries; employees must contribute a minimum of 1% of their salaries. The contributions made by, and related expense of, Heartland for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 were \$77,941 and \$72,431, respectively. No forfeitures were used to reduce Heartland's contributions during 2021 and 2020. The contributions made by Heartland employees for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 were \$123,453 and \$99,486, respectively.



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**Note 10: Significant Estimates and Concentrations**

***Major Customers***

Sales to two customers were approximately 35% and 37%, respectively, of total operating revenues for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively. Approximately 32% of total accounts receivable were owed from two customers at December 31, 2021. Approximately 40% of total accounts receivable were owed from three customers at December 31, 2020.

**Note 11: Risk Management**

Heartland 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 others; and natural disasters. Heartland carries commercially available insurance, subject to certain limits and deductibles, to reduce the financial impact for claims arising from such matters. Claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the three preceding years.

**Note 12: Statutory Reporting Requirement**

Section 3 of Chapter 49-38 of the South Dakota Codified Laws requires that certain information be set forth in the annual reports of consumer power districts. Additional information, as required, is as shown below:

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Employees (unaudited)	12	12
Total salaries	\$ 1,990,372	\$ 1,826,903
Maintenance expense	166,879	200,479
Total kilowatt hours sold (unaudited)	988,241,126	860,252,600

**Note 13: Segment Information**

In accordance with the provisions of the Intermediary Relending Program Loan Agreements, Rural Economic Development Loan Agreement and Rural Economic Development Grant Agreement, Heartland is required to create and maintain a revolving loan fund. Heartland administers this revolving loan fund as a division within its Heartland operations. Condensed 2021 and 2020 financial information for the revolving loan fund is presented below:

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## Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2021 and 2020

### Note 13: Segment Information - Continued

#### Condensed Balance Sheet

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Current assets	\$ 3,072,241	\$ 2,160,015
Other assets	6,788,298	8,046,326
Total assets	\$ 9,860,539	\$ 10,206,341
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	\$ 568,393	\$ 512,395
Noncurrent liabilities	6,132,691	6,686,481
Total liabilities	6,701,084	7,198,876
Net Position	3,159,455	3,007,465
Total liabilities and net position	\$ 9,860,539	\$ 10,206,341

#### Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)		
Investment income	\$ 152,032	\$ 114,762
Interest expense	(36,821)	(36,044)
Bad debt recovery (expense)	46,504	4,112
Other	(9,725)	(10,335)
Capital contributions	-	125,833
Increase in Net Position	151,990	198,328
Net Position, Beginning of Year	3,007,465	2,809,137
Net Position, End of Year	\$ 3,159,455	\$ 3,007,465

#### Condensed Statement of Cash Flows

Net cash provided by (used in)		
Noncapital financing activities	\$ (542,835)	\$ (125,774)
Investing activities	1,365,863	701,293
Increase in Cash	823,028	575,519
Cash, Beginning of Year	1,308,450	732,931
Cash, End of Year	\$ 2,131,478	\$ 1,308,450

## **Required Supplementary Information**

**Heartland Consumers Power District**  
**Schedule of Heartland's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset (Liability)**  
**South Dakota Retirement System**  
**December 31, 2021**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Heartland's proportion of the net pension asset (liability)	0.097%	0.096%	0.10%	0.088%	0.086%	0.088%	0.087%	0.097%
Heartland's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability)	\$ 743,804	\$ 4,169	\$ 10,862	\$ 2,049	\$ 7,850	\$ (296,707)	\$ 370,005	\$ 697,294
Heartland's covered payroll	\$ 1,994,372	\$ 1,830,061	\$ 1,851,811	\$ 1,552,936	\$ 1,458,085	\$ 1,394,520	\$ 1,390,734	\$ 1,404,232
Heartland's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability) as a percentage of its covered payroll	37.30%	0.23%	0.59%	0.13%	0.54%	-21.28%	26.61%	49.66%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	105.52%	100.04%	100.09%	100.02%	100.08%	96.89%	104.10%	107.29%

Note: This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, Heartland will present information for only those years for which information is available. Information presented in this schedule has been determined as of Heartland's measurement date (June 30) of the collective net pension asset (liability) in accordance with GASB 68.

**Heartland Consumers Power District**  
**Schedule of Heartland's Contributions**  
**South Dakota Retirement System**  
**December 31, 2021**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Statutorily required contribution	\$ 140,160	\$ 130,219	\$ 126,003	\$ 124,500	\$ 107,920	\$ 103,771	\$ 99,453	\$ 97,153
Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	<u>(140,160)</u>	<u>(130,219)</u>	<u>(126,003)</u>	<u>(124,500)</u>	<u>(107,920)</u>	<u>(103,771)</u>	<u>(99,453)</u>	<u>(97,153)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Heartland's covered payroll	\$ 1,990,372	\$ 1,826,903	\$ 1,779,121	\$ 1,729,063	\$ 1,506,831	\$ 1,422,500	\$ 1,377,344	\$ 1,414,132
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	7.04%	7.13%	7.08%	7.20%	7.16%	7.29%	7.22%	6.87%

Note: This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, Heartland will present information for only those years for which information is available. Information presented in this schedule has been determined as of Heartland's most recent fiscal year-end (December 31) in accordance with GASB 68.

## **Supplementary Information**

**Heartland Consumers Power District**  
**Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2021**

<b>Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title</b>	<b>Federal Assistance Listing Number</b>	<b>Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number</b>	<b>Provided to Subrecipients</b>	<b>Total Federal Expenditures</b>
United States Department of Agriculture/ Intermediary Relending Program	10.767	N/A	\$ -	\$ 3,633,149
United States Department of Agriculture/Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants	10.854	N/A	\$ -	<u>4,104,009</u>
				<u>\$ 7,737,158</u>

**Heartland Consumers Power District**  
**Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2021**

**Note 1: Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the “Schedule”) includes the federal award activity of Heartland Consumers Power District (Heartland) under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2021. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Heartland, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of Heartland.

**Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

**Note 3: Indirect Cost Rate**

Heartland has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**Note 4: Federal Loan Programs**

The federal loan programs listed subsequently are administered directly by Heartland, and balances and transactions relating to these programs are included in Heartland’s basic financial statements. Loans outstanding at the beginning of the year and loans made during the year are included in the federal expenditures presented in the Schedule. The balance of loans outstanding at December 31, 2021, consists of:

<b>CFDA Number</b>	<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Outstanding Balance at December 31, 2021</b>
10.767	Intermediary Relending Program	\$ 2,978,807
10.854	Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants	\$ 3,666,127



**Heartland Consumers Power District**  
**Schedule of Transmission Operation and Maintenance Expenses**  
**FERC Uniform System of Accounts Classification**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2021**

	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Operation</b>	
560 – Operation Supervision and Engineering	\$ -
561 – Load Dispatching	-
561.1 – Load Dispatch – Reliability	-
561.2 – Load Dispatch – Monitor and Operate Transmission System	-
561.3 – Load Dispatch – Transmission Service and Scheduling	-
561.4 – Scheduling, System Control and Dispatch Services	-
561.5 – Reliability, Planning and Standards Development	-
561.6 – Transmission Service Studies	-
561.7 – Generation Interconnection Studies	-
561.8 – Reliability, Planning and Standards Development Service	-
562 – Station Expenses	-
563 – Overhead Lines Expenses	-
564 – Underground Lines Expenses	-
565 – Transmission of Electricity by Others	2,283,959
566 – Miscellaneous Transmission Expenses	-
567 – Rents	-
	-
<b>Total Operation Expense</b>	<b>2,283,959</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	
568 – Maintenance Supervision and Engineering	-
569 – Maintenance of Structures	-
569.1 – Maintenance of Computer Hardware	-
569.2 – Maintenance of Computer Software	-
569.3 – Maintenance of Communication Equipment	-
569.4 – Maintenance of Miscellaneous Regional Transmission Plant	-
570 – Maintenance of Station Equipment	-
571 – Maintenance of Overhead Lines	-
572 – Maintenance of Underground Lines	-
573 – Maintenance of Miscellaneous Transmission Plant	-
	-
<b>Total Maintenance Expense</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Transmission O&amp;M Expense</b>	<b>\$ 2,283,959</b>

**Heartland Consumers Power District**  
**Schedule of Administrative and General Expenses**  
**FERC Uniform System of Accounts Classification**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2021**

	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Customer Accounts Expenses</b>	
901 – Supervision	\$ -
902 – Meter Reading Expenses	-
903 – Customer Records and Collection Expenses	-
904 – Uncollectible Accounts	-
905 – Miscellaneous Customer Accounts Expenses	-
	-
<b>Total Customer Accounts Expense</b>	\$ -
<b>Customer Service and Informational Expenses</b>	
907 – Supervision	\$ 303,528
908 – Customer Assistance Expenses	438,547
909 – Informational and Instructional Expenses	-
910 – Miscellaneous Customer Service and Informational Expenses	-
	-
<b>Total Customer Service and Informational Expenses</b>	\$ 742,075
<b>Sales Expenses</b>	
911 – Supervision	\$ -
912 – Demonstrating and Selling Expenses	537
913 – Advertising Expenses	-
916 – Miscellaneous Sales Expenses	-
	-
<b>Sales Expenses</b>	\$ 537
<b>Administrative and General Expenses</b>	
920 – Administrative and General Salaries	\$ 1,681,297
921 – Office Supplies and Expenses	186,770
922 – Administrative Expenses Transferred Credit	-
923 – Outside Services Employed	335,846
924 – Property Insurance	7,939
925 – Injuries and Damages	16,571
926 – Employee Pension and Benefits	631,592
927 – Franchise Requirements	-
928 – Regulatory Commission Expenses	-
929 – Duplicate Charges Credit	-
930.1 – General Advertising Expenses	29,009
930.2 – Miscellaneous General Expenses	492,589
931 – Rents	-
935 – Maintenance of General Plant	155,774
	155,774
<b>Administrative and General Expenses</b>	\$ 3,537,387

**Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards**

**Independent Auditor's Report**

Board of Directors  
Heartland Consumers Power District  
Madison, South 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 Heartland Consumers Power District (Heartland), which comprise the balance sheet as of December, 31, 2021, and the related statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 11, 2022.

***Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Heartland'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Heartland's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Heartland'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 Heartland'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.

***Report on Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Heartland'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 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 Heartland's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Heartland's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

**BKD, LLP**

Lincoln, Nebraska  
April 11, 2022

## Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control over Compliance

### Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors  
Heartland Consumers Power District  
Madison, South Dakota

#### Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

##### ***Opinion on the Major Federal Program***

We have audited Heartland Consumer Power District's (Heartland's) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on Heartland's major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2021. Heartland's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Heartland Consumers Power District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2021.

##### ***Basis for Opinion on the Major Federal Program***

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance" section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Heartland and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with 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 opinion on compliance for the major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Heartland's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

##### ***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Heartland's federal programs.

## ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on Heartland's compliance based on our audit. 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, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Heartland's compliance with the requirements of the major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 Heartland's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Heartland's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Heartland's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

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

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the “Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance” section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

*BKD, LLP*

Lincoln, Nebraska  
April 11, 2022





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6. Identification of major federal programs:

<b>Assistance Listing Number</b>	<b>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</b>
10.854	Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants

7. Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$750,000.

8. Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee?

Yes

No

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***Section II – Financial Statement Findings***

<b>Reference Number</b>	<b>Finding</b>
	No matters are reportable.

***Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs***

<b>Reference Number</b>	<b>Finding</b>
	No matters are reportable.

**Heartland Consumers Power District**  
**Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2021**

<b>Reference Number</b>	<b>Summary of Finding</b>	<b>Status</b>
	No matters are reportable.	