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TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2006

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**TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
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**ORGANIZATION SCHEDULE
2006**

	<u>Position</u>	<u>County</u>
Joint Powers Board		
Randy Neumann		Todd County
Dean Meiners		Todd County
Mark Nelson		Todd County
Janet Goligowski		Todd County
Mark Blessing		Todd County
Lane Waldahl		Wadena County
Orville Meyer		Wadena County
Bill Stearns		Wadena County
Mary Harrison		Wadena County
David Mattila		Wadena County
Executive Committee		
Janet Goligowski	Vice Chair	Todd County
Mark Blessing		Todd County
Orville Meyer	Chair	Wadena County
Lane Waldahl		Wadena County
Honorable Sally I. Robertson		Todd and Wadena Counties
H. Michael Carr, Jr.		Wadena County
Jane Gustafson		Todd County
Community Corrections Advisory Board		
Ralph Lorentz	Citizen Member	
Connie Nelson	Citizen Member	
Judy Denny	Citizen Member	
Mark Hepokoski	Citizen Member	
Janet Goligowski	Todd County Commissioner	
Mark Blessing	Todd County Commissioner	
Honorable Sally I. Robertson	District Court Judge	
Jane Gustafson	Prosecuting Attorney	
Gregory Peters	Public Defender	
Kyle Huber	Police Chief	
H. Michael Carr, Jr.	Sheriff	
Cheryl Schneider	Health Professional	
Frank Sandelin	Social Services Director	
Jim Hofer	Educational Administrator	
Katherine Langer	Correctional Administrator	
Orville Meyer	Wadena County Commissioner	
Lane Waldahl	Wadena County Commissioner	
Daniel Benning	Senior Corrections Agent	

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Joint Powers Board
Todd-Wadena Community Corrections

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the General Fund of Todd-Wadena Community Corrections (TWCC) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006, which collectively comprise TWCC's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of TWCC's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the General Fund of TWCC as of December 31, 2005 and 2006, and the respective changes in financial position thereof and the budgetary comparisons for the General Fund for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

/s/Rebecca Otto

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September 26, 2007

/s/Greg Hierlinger

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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**TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2006
(Unaudited)**

As management of Todd-Wadena Community Corrections (TWCC), we offer the readers of the financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of its financial activities for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006. Since this information is designed to focus on the current year's activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts, it should be read in conjunction with the financial statements. All amounts, unless otherwise indicated, are expressed in whole dollars.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2005, assets exceeded liabilities by \$215,784 (Exhibit 1), of which \$160,671 is invested in capital assets, leaving unrestricted net assets of \$55,113.
- In 2006, assets exceeded liabilities by \$184,799 (Exhibit 4), of which \$143,349 is invested in capital assets, leaving unrestricted net assets of \$41,450.
- Total net assets decreased from \$215,784 in 2005 to \$184,799 in 2006, a decrease of \$30,985, or 14.4 percent.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is intended to serve as an introduction to the basic financial statements. TWCC's basic financial statements consist of two statements that combine government-wide financial statements and fund financial statements and notes to the financial statements. The MD&A (this section) is required to accompany the basic financial statements and, therefore, is included as required supplementary information.

Fund financial statements. The first column of each of the first two statements presents governmental fund data. These columns focus on how money flows in and out and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. They are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting. This method measures cash and all other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash. These columns provide a detailed short-term view of the operations and the basic services provided. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the programs. We reconcile the relationship (or differences) between governmental funds and governmental activities (reported in the third column) in the center column of each statement.

Government-wide financial statements. The third column in each statement presents the governmental activities' Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, which provide information about the activities of TWCC as a whole and present a longer-term view of the finances. These columns include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Over time, net assets serve as a useful indicator of financial position. TWCC's assets exceeded liabilities by \$215,784 and \$184,799 at December 31, 2005 and 2006, respectively. The largest portion of TWCC's net assets reflects current assets.

	TWCC Net Assets		
	2006	2005	2004
Assets			
Current and other assets	\$ 244,474	\$ 277,820	\$ 310,868
Capital assets	143,349	160,671	174,496
Total Assets	\$ 387,823	\$ 438,491	\$ 485,364
Liabilities			
Current liabilities	\$ 82,185	\$ 101,261	\$ 96,010
Noncurrent liabilities	120,839	121,446	138,142
Total Liabilities	\$ 203,024	\$ 222,707	\$ 234,152
Net Assets			
Invested in capital assets	\$ 143,349	\$ 160,671	\$ 174,496
Unrestricted	41,450	55,113	76,716
Total Net Assets	\$ 184,799	\$ 215,784	\$ 251,212

Governmental Activities

TWCC's activities during 2005 reduced net assets by \$35,428, or 14.1 percent. In 2006, net assets decreased by \$30,985, or 14.4 percent. Key elements in this decrease in net assets are as follows:

	2006	2005	2004
Revenues			
Intergovernmental	\$ 1,220,353	\$ 1,167,846	\$ 1,191,807
Charges for services	42,475	40,357	43,955
Miscellaneous	21,150	21,774	12,619
Total Revenues	\$ 1,283,978	\$ 1,229,977	\$ 1,248,381
Expenses			
Public safety	\$ 1,314,912	\$ 1,263,908	\$ 1,247,771
Debt service	51	1,497	3,570
Total Expenses	\$ 1,314,963	\$ 1,265,405	\$ 1,251,341
Net Change in Net Assets	\$ (30,985)	\$ (35,428)	\$ (2,960)
Net Assets - January 1	215,784	251,212	254,172
Net Assets - December 31	\$ 184,799	\$ 215,784	\$ 251,212

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF TWCC AT THE FUND LEVEL

Governmental Fund

The General Fund, the only governmental fund of TWCC, accounts for the primary operations of TWCC, which provides development, implementation, and operation of correctional programs, probation, and parole to the Counties of Todd and Wadena. TWCC's General Fund reported a fund balance of \$213,533 and \$192,499 at December 31, 2005 and 2006, respectively.

Revenues for TWCC's General Fund decreased by \$17,200 from 2004 to 2005, while total expenditures decreased by \$18,451 during the same period. For 2005 to 2006, revenues for TWCC's General Fund increased by \$53,399, while total expenditures increased by \$29,441.

As shown in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance (Exhibit 2) for 2005, intergovernmental revenue totaled \$1,168,448, or 95 percent of total revenues. For 2006, intergovernmental revenue totaled \$1,220,353 (Exhibit 5), an increase of \$51,905 over 2005, and accounted for 95 percent of total revenues.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

TWCC's expenditure budgets, in comparison with the prior year, decreased by \$45,720 in 2005 and increased by \$45,344 in 2006. These changes were offset by corresponding changes in budgeted revenues.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

TWCC's depreciable capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation) at December 31, 2005, totaled \$160,671, a decrease of \$13,825, or 7.9 percent. In 2006, depreciable capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, decreased by \$17,322, or 10.8 percent, to \$143,349 at year-end. The investment in capital assets includes buildings, office furniture and equipment, and automobiles.

Long-Term Debt

At the end of fiscal year 2005, TWCC had \$6,612 in outstanding debt. At the end of fiscal year 2006, TWCC had no outstanding debt.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS

TWCC adopted the 2007 budget based on the Minnesota Department of Corrections - Community Corrections Act Subsidy application.

FACTORS BEARING ON TWCC'S FUTURE

The availability of continued grant funding is an ongoing factor bearing on TWCC's financial future. Regarding revenues, the grant amounts and subsidy amount are expected to remain at approximately the same level through June 2007. Regarding expenditures, it is anticipated that increased fuel costs will be a factor.

CONTACTING TWCC'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and customers, with a general overview of TWCC's finances and to demonstrate TWCC's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report, or need additional financial information, contact Katherine Langer, Director, at (320) 732-6165.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA**

EXHIBIT 1

**GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AND
GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2005**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Reconciliation</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<u>Assets</u>			
Current assets			
Cash and investments	\$ 196,499	\$ -	\$ 196,499
Petty cash and change funds	100	-	100
Due from other governments	81,221	-	81,221
Noncurrent assets			
Depreciable capital assets - net	-	160,671	160,671
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 277,820</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 160,671</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 438,491</u></u>
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ 21,400	\$ -	\$ 21,400
Salaries payable	42,887	-	42,887
Contract for deed	-	6,612	6,612
Compensated absences	-	30,362	30,362
Noncurrent liabilities			
Compensated absences	-	121,446	121,446
Total Liabilities	<u><u>\$ 64,287</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 158,420</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 222,707</u></u>
<u>Fund Balance/Net Assets</u>			
Fund Balance			
Unreserved			
Undesignated	213,533	\$ (213,533)	
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u><u>\$ 277,820</u></u>		
Net Assets			
Invested in capital assets		\$ 160,671	\$ 160,671
Unrestricted		55,113	55,113
Total Net Assets		<u><u>\$ 215,784</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 215,784</u></u>
Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance to Net Assets			
Fund Balance - General Fund			\$ 213,533
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental fund.			160,671
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental fund.			(158,420)
Net Assets of Governmental Activities			<u><u>\$ 215,784</u></u>

**TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA**

EXHIBIT 2

**GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND
GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Reconciliation</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Revenues			
Intergovernmental	\$ 1,168,448	\$ (602)	\$ 1,167,846
Charges for services	40,357	-	40,357
Miscellaneous	21,774	-	21,774
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 1,230,579</u>	<u>\$ (602)</u>	<u>\$ 1,229,977</u>
Expenditures/Expenses			
Current			
Public safety	\$ 1,239,571	\$ 24,337	\$ 1,263,908
Debt service			
Principal	34,503	(34,503)	-
Interest	1,497	-	1,497
Total Expenditures/Expenses	<u>\$ 1,275,571</u>	<u>\$ (10,166)</u>	<u>\$ 1,265,405</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance/Net Assets	<u>\$ (44,992)</u>	<u>\$ 9,564</u>	<u>\$ (35,428)</u>
Fund Balance/Net Assets - January 1	<u>258,525</u>	<u>(7,313)</u>	<u>251,212</u>
Fund Balance/Net Assets - December 31	<u><u>\$ 213,533</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,251</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 215,784</u></u>

**Reconciliation of the Statement of Governmental Fund Revenues,
Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance to the Governmental
Activities Statement of Activities**

Net Change in Fund Balance **\$ (44,992)**

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

(602)

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

Capital asset expenditures	\$ 5,959	
Current year depreciation	<u>(19,784)</u>	(13,825)

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. An adjustment was made to expenditures/expenses for the change in compensated absences.

(10,512)

Repayment of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds, but has no effect on net assets.

34,503

Net Change in Net Assets **\$ (35,428)**

**TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA**

EXHIBIT 3

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON STATEMENT
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final	Amounts	Final Budget
Revenues				
Intergovernmental				
Federal				
Minnesota Department of Public Safety				
Juvenile Accountability Incentive				
Block Grant	\$ 8,344	\$ 8,344	\$ 8,887	\$ 543
State				
Minnesota Department of Corrections	921,011	921,011	887,772	(33,239)
Minnesota Department of Revenue	-	-	4,177	4,177
Minnesota Department of Employment				
and Economic Development	48,040	48,040	48,040	-
Local	276,725	276,725	219,572	(57,153)
Charges for services	-	-	40,357	40,357
Miscellaneous	-	-	21,774	21,774
Total Revenues	\$ 1,254,120	\$ 1,254,120	\$ 1,230,579	\$ (23,541)
Expenditures				
Current				
Public safety	\$ 1,254,120	\$ 1,254,120	\$ 1,239,571	\$ 14,549
Debt service				
Principal	-	-	34,503	(34,503)
Interest	-	-	1,497	(1,497)
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,254,120	\$ 1,254,120	\$ 1,275,571	\$ (21,451)
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (44,992)	\$ (44,992)
Fund Balance - January 1	258,525	258,525	258,525	-
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 258,525	\$ 258,525	\$ 213,533	\$ (44,992)

**TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA**

EXHIBIT 4

**GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AND
GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2006**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Reconciliation</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<u>Assets</u>			
Current assets			
Cash and investments	\$ 141,567	\$ -	\$ 141,567
Petty cash and change funds	92	-	92
Due from other governments	102,815	-	102,815
Noncurrent assets			
Depreciable capital assets - net	-	143,349	143,349
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 244,474</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 143,349</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 387,823</u></u>
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ 9,581	\$ -	\$ 9,581
Salaries payable	42,394	-	42,394
Compensated absences	-	30,210	30,210
Noncurrent liabilities			
Compensated absences	-	120,839	120,839
Total Liabilities	<u><u>\$ 51,975</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 151,049</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 203,024</u></u>
<u>Fund Balance/Net Assets</u>			
Fund Balance			
Unreserved			
Undesignated	192,499	\$ (192,499)	
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u><u>\$ 244,474</u></u>		
Net Assets			
Invested in capital assets		\$ 143,349	\$ 143,349
Unrestricted		41,450	41,450
Total Net Assets		<u><u>\$ 184,799</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 184,799</u></u>
Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance to Net Assets			
Fund Balance - General Fund			\$ 192,499
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental fund.			143,349
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental fund.			(151,049)
Net Assets of Governmental Activities			<u><u>\$ 184,799</u></u>

**TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA**

EXHIBIT 5

**GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND
GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006**

	General Fund	Reconciliation	Governmental Activities
Revenues			
Intergovernmental	\$ 1,220,353	\$ -	\$ 1,220,353
Charges for services	42,475	-	42,475
Miscellaneous	21,150	-	21,150
Total Revenues	\$ 1,283,978	\$ -	\$ 1,283,978
Expenditures/Expenses			
Current			
Public safety	\$ 1,298,349	\$ 16,563	\$ 1,314,912
Debt service			
Principal	6,612	(6,612)	-
Interest	51	-	51
Total Expenditures/Expenses	\$ 1,305,012	\$ 9,951	\$ 1,314,963
Net Change in Fund Balance/Net Assets	\$ (21,034)	\$ (9,951)	\$ (30,985)
Fund Balance/Net Assets - January 1	213,533	2,251	215,784
Fund Balance/Net Assets - December 31	\$ 192,499	\$ (7,700)	\$ 184,799

**Reconciliation of the Statement of Governmental Fund Revenues,
Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance to the Governmental
Activities Statement of Activities**

Net Change in Fund Balance **\$ (21,034)**

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

Current year depreciation (17,322)

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. An adjustment was made to expenditures/expenses for the change in compensated absences.

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Repayment of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds, but has no effect on net assets.

6,612

Net Change in Net Assets **\$ (30,985)**

**TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA**

EXHIBIT 6

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON STATEMENT
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final	Amounts	Final Budget
Revenues				
Intergovernmental				
State				
Minnesota Department of Corrections	\$ 937,188	\$ 937,188	\$ 953,791	\$ 16,603
Minnesota Department of Revenue	-	-	4,177	4,177
Minnesota Department of Public Safety	55,551	55,551	42,274	(13,277)
Local	306,725	306,725	220,111	(86,614)
Charges for services	-	-	42,475	42,475
Miscellaneous	-	-	21,150	21,150
Total Revenues	\$ 1,299,464	\$ 1,299,464	\$ 1,283,978	\$ (15,486)
Expenditures				
Current				
Public safety	\$ 1,299,464	\$ 1,299,464	\$ 1,298,349	\$ 1,115
Debt service				
Principal	-	-	6,612	(6,612)
Interest	-	-	51	(51)
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,299,464	\$ 1,299,464	\$ 1,305,012	\$ (5,548)
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (21,034)	\$ (21,034)
Fund Balance - January 1	213,533	213,533	213,533	-
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 213,533	\$ 213,533	\$ 192,499	\$ (21,034)

**TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS OF AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2006**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Todd-Wadena Community Correction's (TWCC) financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (statements and interpretations). Governments are also required to follow the pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued through November 30, 1989, (when applicable) that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by TWCC are discussed below.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

TWCC was established in 1976 by Todd and Wadena Counties, pursuant to Minn. Stat. ch. 401. TWCC's primary programs and services are to assist member counties in the development, implementation, and operation of correctional programs, probation, and parole.

The management of TWCC is vested in a Joint Powers Board, composed of the five Commissioners from each participating county. Neither county retains control over the operations or has oversight responsibility for TWCC. The Joint Powers Board appoints an executive committee, which has been delegated by the Joint Powers Board all powers and duties necessary for the day-to-day operations.

Todd County acts as fiscal agent for TWCC. TWCC participates in two joint ventures described in Note 5.B.

B. Basic Financial Statements

Exhibits 1, 2, 4, and 5 combine fund level financial statements (General Fund column) and government-wide financial statements (governmental activities column). These statements include the overall financial activities of TWCC.

**TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

B. Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

The governmental activities columns are reported on a full accrual, economic resources basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. TWCC's net assets are reported in two parts: invested in capital assets and unrestricted net assets.

TWCC reports one governmental fund. The General Fund is TWCC's primary operating fund and accounts for all financial resources of TWCC.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The governmental activities are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned, and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. TWCC considers all revenues as available if collected within 60 days after the end of the current period. Intergovernmental revenue and interest is considered susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent that they have matured. Proceeds of long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

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

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity

1. Cash Deposits

Cash is on deposit with Todd County.

**TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity (Continued)

2. Due From Other Governments

Due from other governments are grant-related receivables.

3. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which consist of buildings, equipment, and automobiles with an initial cost of \$2,500 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of one year, are reported in the governmental activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost.

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

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

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Buildings and building improvements	40
Equipment	5
Automobiles (vehicles)	5

4. Compensated Absences

The liability for compensated absences reported in the financial statements consists of unpaid, accumulated vacation and sick leave balances. The liability has been calculated using the vesting method, in which leave amounts for both employees who currently are eligible to receive termination pay and other employees who are expected to become eligible in the future to receive such payments upon termination are included. Compensated absences are accrued when incurred in the governmental activities.

**TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity (Continued)

5. Fund Equity and Net Assets

The fund financial statements report reservations of fund balance for amounts not available for appropriation or legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

Net assets invested in capital assets represent the accumulated value of the capital assets of TWCC.

Unrestricted net assets represent the accumulated earnings of TWCC.

6. Use of Estimates

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

E. Budgetary Data

General Budget Policies

Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. The Joint Powers Board adopts estimated revenue and expenditure budgets for the General Fund.

The budgets may be amended or modified at any time by the Joint Powers Board. Comparisons of the estimated revenues and expenditures to actual are presented in the financial statements.

**TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

F. Revenues and Expenditures

1. Revenues

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*, revenues for nonexchange transactions are recognized based on the principal characteristics of the revenue. Exchange transactions are recognized as revenue when the exchange occurs.

Intergovernmental

Government-mandated nonexchange transactions occur when a government at one level provides resources to a government at another level and requires that government to use them for a specific purpose. The provider government establishes purpose restrictions and also may establish time requirements. Federal and state grants mandating TWCC perform particular programs are government-mandated nonexchange transactions. Revenues are recognized when eligibility and time requirements are met, usually when the corresponding expenditure is incurred.

Voluntary exchange transactions result from legislative or contractual agreements, such as grants, entitlements, appropriations, and donations. The provider may establish purpose restrictions or eligibility requirements. Revenues are recognized in the year to which they apply according to the statute or contract. Gifts and contributions from individuals are also considered voluntary nonexchange transactions and are generally recognized when received.

Exchange Transactions

Charges for services and miscellaneous revenue are generally recognized as revenue when earned.

2. Expenditures

Expenditure recognition for the General Fund includes only amounts represented by current liabilities.

**TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA**

2. Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

Expenditures in Excess of Budget

The General Fund had expenditures in excess of final budget for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006, as follows:

	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Excess</u>
2005	\$ 1,275,571	\$ 1,254,120	\$ 21,451
2006	1,305,012	1,299,464	5,548

3. Detailed Notes

A. Assets

1. Deposits and Investments

Deposits

Cash transactions are administered by the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer who is, according to Minn. Stat. §§ 118A.02 and 118A.04, authorized to deposit cash in financial institutions designated by the County Board. Minn. Stat. §§ 118A.04 and 118A.05 authorize the types of investments available to the County. Minnesota statutes require that all County deposits be covered by insurance, surety bond, or collateral. TWCC had no investments through Todd County at December 31, 2005 and 2006.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a financial institution failure, TWCC's deposits may not be returned to it. TWCC does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of December 31, 2005 and 2006, a portion of Todd County's deposits were uninsured and uncollateralized. TWCC's deposits were therefore exposed to custodial credit risk.

**TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA**

3. Detailed Notes

A. Assets (Continued)

2. Receivables

Amounts due from other governments consisted of state grants in the amount of \$81,221 at December 31, 2005, and \$102,815 at December 31, 2006.

TWCC did not have any receivables scheduled to be collected beyond one year as of December 31, 2005 and 2006.

3. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2005, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increase	Decrease	Ending Balance
Capital assets depreciated				
Buildings	\$ 160,151	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 160,151
Office equipment	52,572	5,959	6,784	51,747
Automotive	114,840	-	18,119	96,721
Total capital assets depreciated	\$ 327,563	\$ 5,959	\$ 24,903	\$ 308,619
Less: accumulated depreciation for				
Buildings	\$ 22,741	\$ 4,004	\$ -	\$ 26,745
Office equipment	42,784	5,331	6,784	41,331
Automotive	87,542	10,449	18,119	79,872
Total accumulated depreciation	\$ 153,067	\$ 19,784	\$ 24,903	\$ 147,948
Total Capital Assets Depreciated, Net	\$ 174,496	\$ (13,825)	\$ -	\$ 160,671

Depreciation expense of \$19,784 was charged to the TWCC's public safety function for the year ended December 31, 2005.

**TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA**

3. Detailed Notes

A. Assets

3. Capital Assets (Continued)

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2006, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increase	Decrease	Ending Balance
Capital assets depreciated				
Buildings	\$ 160,151	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 160,151
Office equipment	51,747	-	-	51,747
Automotive	96,721	-	-	96,721
Total capital assets depreciated	\$ 308,619	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 308,619
Less: accumulated depreciation for				
Buildings	\$ 26,745	\$ 4,004	\$ -	\$ 30,749
Office equipment	41,331	4,673	-	46,004
Automotive	79,872	8,645	-	88,517
Total accumulated depreciation	\$ 147,948	\$ 17,322	\$ -	\$ 165,270
Total Capital Assets Depreciated, Net	\$ 160,671	\$ (17,322)	\$ -	\$ 143,349

Depreciation expense of \$17,322 was charged to the TWCC's public safety function for the year ended December 31, 2006.

B. Liabilities

1. Employee Benefits

Employees are granted vacation in varying amounts based on their length of service. Vacation leave accrual varies from 12 to 24 days per year. Sick leave accrual is 12 days per year. TWCC pays unused accumulated vacation to employees upon termination. Unused accumulated vacation is accrued as compensated absences. Sick leave, valued at \$234,990 at December 31, 2005, and \$220,134 at December 31, 2006, is available to employees in the event of illness-related absences, of which 40 percent is paid upon separation.

**TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA**

3. Detailed Notes

B. Liabilities (Continued)

2. Long-Term Debt

Type of Indebtedness	Final Maturity	Installment Amounts	Interest Rate (%)	Original Issue Amount	Outstanding Balance December 31, 2005
Contracts for deed					
2002 Contract for Deed	08/15/08	\$750	6.00	\$ 55,000	\$ 3,484
2003 Contract for Deed	05/15/08	\$750	5.75	37,370	3,128
Total Contracts for Deed				<u>\$ 92,370</u>	<u>\$ 6,612</u>

Both of the contracts for deed outstanding at December 31, 2005, were paid in full during 2006.

3. Debt Service Requirements

Debt payments are made from the Sentenced to Serve Account and the Sex Offender Program Account. Debt service requirements at December 31, 2005, consisted of \$6,612 of principal and \$51 of interest. The principal and interest were paid in full during 2006.

4. Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term liability activity for the year ended December 31, 2005 and 2006, was as follows:

2005	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Contracts for deed	\$ 41,115	\$ -	\$ 34,503	\$ 6,612	\$ 6,612
Compensated absences	141,296	10,512	-	151,808	30,362
Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 182,411</u>	<u>\$ 10,512</u>	<u>\$ 34,503</u>	<u>\$ 158,420</u>	<u>\$ 36,974</u>
2006	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Contracts for deed	\$ 6,612	\$ -	\$ 6,612	\$ -	\$ -
Compensated absences	151,808	-	759	151,049	30,210
Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 158,420</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 7,371</u>	<u>\$ 151,049</u>	<u>\$ 30,210</u>

**TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA**

4. Pension Plans

A. Plan Description

All full-time and certain part-time employees of TWCC are covered by defined benefit pension plans administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association of Minnesota (PERA). The PERA administers the Public Employees Retirement Fund, which is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer retirement plan. The plan is established and administered in accordance with Minn. Stat. chs. 353 and 356.

Public Employees Retirement Fund members belong to either the Coordinated Plan or the Basic Plan. Coordinated Plan members are covered by Social Security, and Basic Plan members are not. All new members must participate in the Coordinated Plan.

The PERA provides retirement benefits as well as disability benefits to members and benefits to survivors upon death of eligible members. Benefits are established by state statute and vest after three years of credited service. The retirement benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any five successive years of allowable service, age, and years of credit at termination of service.

Two methods are used to compute benefits for Coordinated and Basic Plan members. The retiring member receives the higher of a step-rate benefit accrual formula (Method 1) or a level accrual formula (Method 2). Under Method 1, the annuity accrual rate for a Basic Plan member is 2.2 percent of average salary for each of the first ten years of service and 2.7 percent for each year thereafter. For a Coordinated Plan member, the annuity accrual rate is 1.2 percent of average salary for each of the first ten years and 1.7 percent for each successive year. Using Method 2, the annuity accrual rate is 2.7 percent of average salary for Basic Plan members and 1.7 percent for Coordinated Plan members for each year of service.

For Public Employees Retirement Fund members whose annuity is calculated using Method 1, a full annuity is available when age plus years of service equal 90. A reduced retirement annuity is also available to eligible members seeking early retirement.

The benefit provisions stated in the previous paragraphs of this section are current provisions and apply to active plan participants. Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits but are not yet receiving them are bound by the provisions in effect at the time they last terminated public service.

**TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA**

4. Pension Plans

A. Plan Description (Continued)

The PERA issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the Public Employees Retirement Fund. That report may be obtained on the internet at mnpera.org; by writing to PERA at 60 Empire Drive, Suite 200, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55103-2088; or by calling 651-296-7460 or 1-800-652-9026.

B. Funding Policy

Pension benefits are funded from member and employer contributions and income from the investment of fund assets. Minn. Stat. ch. 353 sets the rates for employer and employee contributions. These statutes are established and amended by the State Legislature. TWCC makes annual contributions to the pension plans equal to the amount required by state statutes. Public Employees Retirement Fund Basic Plan members and Coordinated Plan members were required to contribute 9.10 and 5.10 percent, respectively, of their annual covered salary in 2005. Public Employees Retirement Fund Basic Plan members and Coordinated Plan members were required to contribute 9.10 and 5.50 percent, respectively, of their annual covered salary in 2006. Contribution rates in the Coordinated Plan increased to 5.75 percent in 2007.

TWCC is required to contribute the following percentages of annual covered payroll:

In 2005

Public Employees Retirement Fund	
Basic Plan members	11.78%
Coordinated Plan members	5.53

In 2006

Public Employees Retirement Fund	
Basic Plan members	11.78%
Coordinated Plan members	6.00

In 2007

Public Employees Retirement Fund	
Basic Plan members	11.78%
Coordinated Plan members	6.25

**TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA**

4. Pension Plans

B. Funding Policy (Continued)

TWCC's contributions for the years ending December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, were \$42,781, \$39,919, and \$38,567, respectively, equal to the contractually required contributions for each year as set by state statute.

5. Summary of Significant Contingencies and Other Items

A. Risk Management

TWCC is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors or omissions; injuries to employees; or natural disasters. TWCC has entered into a joint powers agreement with Minnesota counties to form the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust (MCIT) to protect against liabilities from workers' compensation and property and casualty.

The Workers' Compensation Division of MCIT is self-sustaining based on the contributions charged, so that total contributions plus compounded earnings on these contributions will equal the amount needed to satisfy claims liabilities and other expenses. MCIT participates in the Workers' Compensation Reinsurance Association with coverage at \$760,000 per claim in 2005 and \$390,000 per claim in 2006. Should MCIT Workers' Compensation Division liabilities exceed assets, MCIT may assess TWCC in a method and amount to be determined by MCIT.

The Property and Casualty Division of MCIT is self-sustaining, and TWCC pays an annual premium to cover current and future losses. MCIT carries reinsurance for its property lines to protect against catastrophic losses. Should the MCIT Property and Casualty Division liabilities exceed assets, MCIT may assess TWCC in a method and amount to be determined by MCIT.

TWCC purchases commercial insurance for other risks of loss. There were no significant reductions in insurance in either 2005 or 2006 or settlements in excess of insurance coverage for any of the past three years.

**TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
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5. Summary of Significant Contingencies and Other Items (Continued)

B. Joint Ventures

Wadena County Family Service Collaborative

The Wadena County Family Service Collaborative was established in 1998 under the authority of the Joint Powers Act, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 471.59 and 124D.23. The Collaborative includes Wadena County; Independent School District Nos. 818, 820, 821, 2155, and 2170; Otter Tail-Wadena Community Action Council; and TWCC. The purpose of the Collaborative is to provide coordinated family services and to commit resources to an integrated fund.

Control of the Collaborative is vested in a governing board. TWCC has one member on the Board.

In the event of a withdrawal from the Collaborative, the withdrawing party must give a 180-day notice. The withdrawing party will remain liable for fiscal obligations incurred prior to the effective date of withdrawal but will incur no additional fiscal liability beyond the effective date of withdrawal. Upon termination of the Collaborative, all property and remaining funds will be divided among the remaining members. Distribution will be determined on the basis of number of years of participation by each member and the proportionate contribution paid pursuant to the agreement of the Collaborative members.

Financing is provided by state grants and appropriations from its members. Wadena County, in an agent capacity, reports the cash transactions of the Collaborative as an investment trust fund on the County's financial statements. During 2005 and 2006, TWCC did not contribute any funds to the Collaborative.

Todd County Family Service Collaborative

The Todd County Family Service Collaborative was established in 1998 under the authority of the Joint Powers Act, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 471.59 and 124D.23. The Collaborative includes Todd County; Independent School District Nos. 786, 787, 2170, 2753, and 2759; Freshwater Education District; Tri-County Community Action Program; Rural Minnesota SEP; TWCC; and Northern Pines Mental Health Center. The purpose of the Collaborative is to provide coordinated family services and to commit resources to an integrated fund.

**TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
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5. Summary of Significant Contingencies and Other Items

B. Joint Ventures

Todd County Family Service Collaborative (Continued)

Control of the Collaborative is vested in a Board of Directors. TWCC has one member on the Board.

In the event of a withdrawal from the Collaborative, the withdrawing party must give a 90-day notice. The withdrawing party will not be entitled to any compensation as long as the Collaborative continues its existence. Should the Collaborative cease to exist, all property, real and personal, held by the Joint Powers Board at the time of termination will be distributed by resolution of the Board in accordance with law and in a manner to best accomplish the continuing purposes of the Collaborative.

Financing is provided by state grants and appropriations from its members. The Freshwater Education District in Staples is the fiscal agent for the Collaborative. During 2005 and 2006, TWCC did not contribute any funds to the Collaborative.

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**TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2006**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT--INTERNAL CONTROL

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ITEM NOT RESOLVED

96-1 Segregation of Duties

Due to the limited number of office personnel within Todd-Wadena Community Corrections' (TWCC) offices, segregation of accounting functions necessary to ensure adequate internal accounting control is not possible. This is not unusual in operations the size of TWCC; however, TWCC's management should constantly be aware of this condition and realize that the concentration of duties and responsibilities in a limited number of individuals is not desirable from an accounting point of view.

Examples of incompatible duties that should be performed by separate individuals are:

- receipting collections, posting collections to registers, and making deposits with Todd County; and
- data entry and reviewing the monthly detailed report of receipts and disbursements for accuracy.

We recommend TWCC's Executive Committee continue to be aware of the problem and develop oversight procedures to ensure adequate controls over cash and other items.

Client's Response:

Regarding segregation of duties, as we have responded in the past, due to the limited number of office personnel within our agency, segregation of accounting functions necessary to ensure adequate internal accounting controls is very difficult. It is our understanding that in smaller operations such as ours, this situation is not unusual. We continue to do our best to segregate duties such as when funds are received from an offender in any of our offices, the staff person receiving the money provides the offender with a receipt and forwards the money to our business office in Long Prairie. The money is again receipted and placed in the Community Corrections bank account. At the end of the month, the total receipts are forwarded to the Todd County Auditor's Office. The Auditor's Office provides a copy of the month's receipts to the Administrative Assistant in

the Long Prairie office who then forwards a copy to the secretaries in all the offices. The Executive Committee of Todd-Wadena Community Corrections continues to be made aware of this finding and is aware of the methods we use to address the finding. Beginning in the fall of 2000, we took a further step in addressing the finding by having the Community Corrections Director review the monthly detailed reports of receipts and disbursements.

Also, effective October 4, 2001, we took another step in addressing the finding by requiring that any form of money being collected by anyone in our agency will be documented through a triplicate receipt. This will allow for person(s) paying the money to have a receipt of the transaction, the person collecting to have a receipt, and for every check or money order being forwarded to the Office Manager to be accompanied by a receipt.

Also, we use numbered receipts only for all our transactions requiring receipts.

ITEM ARISING THIS YEAR

06-1 Preparation of Financial Statements

TWCC is required to prepare financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Preparation of the financial statements is the responsibility of TWCC's management. Financial statement preparation in accordance with GAAP requires internal control over both: (1) recording, processing, and summarizing accounting data (maintaining internal books and records); and (2) preparing and reporting appropriate government-wide and fund financial statements, including the related notes to the financial statements.

TWCC, through its fiscal agent Todd County, has established controls and procedures for recording, processing, and summarizing its accounting data used in the preparation of its financial statements.

As is the case with many small and medium-sized entities, TWCC has relied on its independent external auditors to assist in the preparation of the basic financial statements, including notes to the financial statements, as part of its external financial reporting process. Accordingly, TWCC's ability to prepare financial statements in accordance with GAAP is based, at least in part, on its reliance on its external auditors, who cannot by definition be considered part of the government's internal control. This condition was caused by TWCC's decision that it is more cost effective to have its auditors prepare its annual basic financial statements than to incur the time and expense of obtaining the necessary training and expertise required to prepare the financial statements internally. As a result of this condition, the government lacks internal control over the preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP.

We recommend TWCC obtain the training and expertise to internally prepare its annual financial statements in accordance with GAAP. If TWCC still intends to have the staff from the Office of the State Auditor assist in preparation, then at a minimum, it must identify and train individuals to obtain the expertise so they can sufficiently review, understand, and approve TWCC's financial statements, including notes. As an alternative, TWCC could consider hiring an outside consultant to assist in preparing its basic financial statements.

Client's Response:

Regarding preparation of financial statements, we will explore training opportunities so that accounting staff will be familiar with the key components of strong internal controls and to understand the financial statements and the required disclosures. We will also explore the alternative of possibly hiring a consultant to assist with preparation of financial statements.

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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND MINNESOTA LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Joint Powers Board
Todd-Wadena Community Corrections

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and the General Fund of Todd-Wadena Community Corrections (TWCC) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated September 26, 2007. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered TWCC's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of TWCC's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of TWCC's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A control deficiency 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects TWCC's ability to initiate, authorize, record,

process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of TWCC's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by TWCC's internal control over financial reporting. We considered the deficiencies, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Recommendations as items 96-1 and 06-1, to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting.

Minnesota Legal Compliance

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the provisions of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Local Government*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 6.65. Accordingly, the audit included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

The *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Local Government* contains five categories of compliance to be tested: contracting and bidding, deposits and investments, conflicts of interest, public indebtedness, and claims and disbursements. Our study included all of the listed categories.

The results of our tests indicate that, for the items tested, TWCC complied with the material terms and conditions of applicable legal provisions.

TWCC's written responses to the significant deficiencies identified in our audit have not been subjected to any auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Joint Powers Board, management, and others within TWCC and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than those specified parties.

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September 26, 2007