

**MORRIS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
COLLECTIONS FUND**

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

FINANCIAL SECTION



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors
Morris County Appraisal District
Daingerfield, Texas

We have audited the statement of assets and liabilities arising from cash transactions of the Morris County Appraisal District's Collection Fund (a tax collections agency fund of Morris County Appraisal District) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020 and the related statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in cash for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the assets and liabilities arising from cash transactions of the Morris County Appraisal District's Collection Fund at September 30, 2020, and its revenues collected and expenditures paid during the year then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1-C.

Basis of Accounting

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

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October 23, 2020

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**MORRIS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
AGENCY FUND
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

ASSETS

Cash on hand and in bank	<u>203,108</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>203,108</u></u>

LIABILITIES

Due to Taxing Entities	160,402
Due to Others	36,021
Escrow	<u>6,685</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>203,108</u></u>

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

**MORRIS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
AGENCY FUND
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

	Balances <u>October 1, 2019</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	Balances September 30, <u>2020</u>
ASSETS				
Cash	164,518	18,058,126	18,019,536	203,108
Total Assets	<u>164,518</u>	<u>18,058,126</u>	<u>18,019,536</u>	<u>203,108</u>
LIABILITIES				
Due to taxing entities	154,008	17,986,788	17,980,394	160,402
Due to others	3,578	64,300	31,857	36,021
Escrow	<u>6,932</u>	<u>7,038</u>	<u>7,285</u>	<u>6,685</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>164,518</u>	<u>18,058,126</u>	<u>18,019,536</u>	<u>203,108</u>

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**MORRIS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
AGENCY FUND
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

NOTE 1--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

A. REPORTING ENTITY

The Morris County Appraisal District (the District) is a political subdivision of the State of Texas. It is responsible for the appraising of property for ad valorem tax purposes for each taxing unit that imposes ad valorem taxes on property in Morris County. The Morris County Appraisal District Collection Fund (the Fund) originated in 1984 when the District began collecting taxes for the jurisdictions. During this fiscal year the Fund collected for nine entities within the county. The Fund is governed by a board of directors chosen by vote of the governing bodies of the taxing jurisdictions in the District. Board members serve two-year terms.

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION -- FUND ACCOUNTING

Agency (Collection) Funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of operations and provide the most appropriate mechanism for accounting for assets and liabilities. The District's Collection Fund is used to account for the collection of ad valorem taxes, penalty and interest, and attorney fees collected for each taxing jurisdiction that has contracted with the District for collection.

C. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Fund is accounted for using the cash basis of accounting.

NOTE 2--LIABILITIES

Liabilities of the Fund are comprised of collections not yet remitted to the various entities or accounts. These include:

- A. Due to taxing entities
- B. Due to others- Morris County Appraisal District General Fund and Attorney
- C. Escrows

NOTE 3--SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through October 23, 2020, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no subsequent events noted.