
Certified Public Accountants

March 1, 2022

Board of Directors
Wyoming Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation
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To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the financial statements of the Wyoming Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation (“WTASC”), a component unit of the County of Wyoming, New York, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated March 1, 2022. Professional standards require that we advise you of the following matters relating to our audit.

Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit

As communicated in our engagement letter dated December 1, 2021, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express opinions about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing 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 over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the internal control of WTASC solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing we previously communicated to you.

Compliance with All Ethics Requirements Regarding Independence

The engagement team, others in our firm, as appropriate, and our firm have complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.

Qualitative Aspects of the Entity's Significant Accounting Practices

Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by WTASC is included in Note 1 to the financial statements. Except for the matter discussed below, there have been no initial selection of accounting policies and no changes in significant accounting policies or their application during the year ended December 31, 2021.

During the year ended December 31, 2021, WTASC implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) Statements No. 89, *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period*; No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*, No. 92, *Omnibus 2020*; No. 93, *Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates*; No. 97, *Certain Component Unit Criteria*, and *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans—an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 84*, and a suppression of GASB Statement No. 32; and No. 98, *The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report*. GASB Statement No. 89 enhances the relevance and comparability of information about capital assets and the cost of borrowing for a reporting period and to simplify accounting for certain interest costs. GASB Statement No. 91 provides a single method of reporting conduit debt obligations by issuers and eliminates diversity in practice associated with (1) commitments extended by issuers, (2) arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations, and (3) related note disclosures. GASB Statement No. 92 enhances comparability in accounting and financial reporting and improves the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements. GASB Statement No. 93 addresses those and other accounting and financial reporting implications that result from the replacement of an interbank offered rate (“IBOR”). GASB Statement No. 97 increases the consistency and comparability related to the reporting of fiduciary units, mitigates costs associated with the reporting of certain defined contribution plans and enhances the relevance, consistency and comparability of the accounting and reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 deferred compensation plans. GASB Statement No. 98 establishes the term annual comprehensive financial report and its acronym ACFR, which replaces the acronym for comprehensive annual financial report. The implementation of GASB Statements No. 89, 91, 92, 93, 97, and 98 did not have a material impact on WTASC’s financial position or results from operations.

No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Significant Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments.

The most sensitive accounting estimate affecting the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021 was the recognition of tobacco settlement revenues as a receivable within governmental activities.

Management's estimate of the recognition of tobacco settlement revenues is based on a combination of recent trends and historical data of tobacco settlement revenue received by WTASC. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the tobacco settlement revenue estimate and determined that they are reasonable in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole and in relation to the applicable opinion units.

Financial Statement Disclosures

Certain financial statement disclosures involve significant judgment and are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting WTASC's financial statements relate to long-term debt as described in Note 4 to the financial statements.

Significant Unusual Transactions

For purposes of this communication, professional standards require us to communicate to you significant unusual transactions identified during our audit. We encountered no significant unusual transactions throughout our audit.

Significant Difficulties Encountered during the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements

For purposes of this communication, professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Further, professional standards require us to also communicate the effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods on the relevant classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures, and the financial statements as a whole and each applicable opinion unit. Management has corrected all identified misstatements.

In addition, professional standards require us to communicate to you all material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures. The proposed adjusting journal entries for the year ended December 31, 2021 were

brought to the attention of, and corrected by, management, are attached to the management representation letter dated March 1, 2022 as Exhibit I (copy attached).

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, which could be significant to WTASC's financial statements or the auditors' report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

Representations Requested from Management

We have requested certain written representations from management, which are included in the attached letter dated March 1, 2022.

Management's Consultations with Other Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.

Other Significant Matters, Findings, or Issues

In the normal course of our professional association with WTASC, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, significant events or transactions that occurred during the year, operating and regulatory conditions affecting the entity, and operational plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as WTASC's auditors.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the WTASC Board and management of the WTASC and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Drescher & Malecki LLP

March 1, 2022

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March 1, 2022

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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Wyoming Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation (“WTASC”), a component unit of the County of Wyoming, New York, as of December 31, 2021, and for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing opinions as to whether the basic financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations of the various opinion units of WTASC in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted for governments in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”).

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information such that, in the light of surrounding circumstances, 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.

We confirm that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, having made such inquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves as of March 1, 2022:

Financial Statements

- We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated December 1, 2021, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements of the various opinion units referred to above in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- We acknowledge our responsibility 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.
- We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- We acknowledge our responsibility for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements.
- We have reviewed, approved, and taken responsibility for the financial statements and related notes.
- We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.

- We have identified and communicated to you all previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
- All related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP.
- All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which U.S. GAAP requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
- There are no identified material uncorrected misstatements.
- The effects of all known actual or possible litigation and claims have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- All funds and activities are properly classified.
- All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments*, GASB Statement No. 37, *Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments: Omnibus* as amended, and GASB Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*, for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are considered important to financial statement users.
- All components of net position, nonspendable fund balance, and restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.
- Our policy regarding whether to first apply restricted or unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position/fund balance are available is appropriately disclosed and net position/fund balance is properly recognized under the policy.
- All revenues within the statement of activities have been properly classified as program revenues, or general revenues.
- All expenses have been properly classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations, if any, have been made on a reasonable basis.
- All interfund and intra-entity transactions and balances have been properly classified and reported.
- Deposit and investment risks have been properly and fully disclosed.
- All required supplementary information is measured and presented within the prescribed guidelines.

Information Provided

- We have provided you with:
 - Access to all information, of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements of the various opinion units referred to above, such as records, documentation, meeting minutes, and other matters;
 - Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit;
 - Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- We have provided to you our analysis of the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, including significant conditions and events present, and if necessary, our analysis of management's plans, and our ability to achieve those plans.
- We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the entity and involves:
 - Management;
 - Employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
 - Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the entity's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, vendors, regulators, or others.
- We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, and assessments whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements and we have not consulted legal counsel concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.
- We have disclosed to you the identity of all the entity's related parties and the nature of all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
- There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with or deficiencies in accounting, internal control, or financial reporting practices.
- WTASC has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities.
- We have disclosed to you all guarantees, whether written or oral, under which WTASC is contingently liable.

- We have disclosed to you all nonexchange financial guarantees, under which we are obligated and have declared liabilities and disclosed properly in accordance with GASB Statement No. 70, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Financial Guarantees*, for those guarantees where it is more likely than not that the entity will make a payment on any guarantee.
- For nonexchange financial guarantees where we have declared liabilities, the amount of the liability recognized is the discounted present value of the best estimate of the future outflows expected to be incurred as a result of the guarantee. Where there was no best estimate but a range of estimated future outflows has been established, we have recognized the minimum amount within the range.
- We have disclosed to you all significant estimates and material concentrations known to management that are required to be disclosed in accordance with GASB Statement No. 62 (GASB-62), *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements*. Significant estimates are estimates at the balance sheet date that could change materially within the next year. Concentrations refer to volumes of business, revenues, available sources of supply, or markets or geographic areas for which events could occur that would significantly disrupt normal finances within the next year.
- We have identified and disclosed to you the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that could have a direct and material effect on financial statement amounts, including legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
- There are no:
 - Violations or possible violations of laws or regulations, or provisions of contracts or grant agreements whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency, including applicable budget laws and regulations.
 - Unasserted claims or assessments that our lawyer has advised are probable of assertion and must be disclosed in accordance with GASB-62.
 - Other liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by GASB-62
 - Continuing disclosure consent decree agreements or filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and we have filed updates on a timely basis in accordance with the agreements (Rule 240, 15c2-12).
- WTASC has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset or future revenue been pledged as collateral, except as disclosed to you.
- We have complied with all aspects of grant agreements and other contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.

Required Supplementary Information

- With respect to the required supplementary information accompanying the financial statements including Management's Discussion and Analysis:
 - We acknowledge our responsibility for the presentation of the required supplementary information in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
 - We believe the required supplementary information, including its form and content, is measured and fairly presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
 - The methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period and the basis for our assumptions and interpretations, underlying those measurements or presentations, are reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances.

Other Specific Representations

- We have not completed the process of evaluating the impact that will result from adopting GASB Statements No. 87, *Leases*, effective for the year ending December 31, 2022, No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*; and No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, effective for the year ending December 31, 2023. WTASC is, therefore, unable to disclose the impact that adopting GASB Statements No. 87, 94, and 96 will have on its financial position and results of operations when such statements are adopted.
- WTASC management has reviewed and approved the various proposed adjusting journal entries as presented in Exhibit I for recording in our books and records and reflected in the financial statements.
- WTASC reports nonspendable, restricted and unassigned fund balances. WTASC has nonspendable fund balances of \$4,104, restricted balances of \$618,858 and an unassigned balance of \$201,942 within its governmental funds for the year ended December 31, 2021. Amounts of fund balance reported as nonspendable represent prepaid assets, while amounts reported as restricted represent WTASC funds that are to be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.
- We agree with the work of specialists in evaluating Tobacco Settlement Bonds payable and have adequately considered the qualifications of the specialists in determining the amounts and disclosures used in the financial statements and underlying accounting records. We did not give any instructions, nor cause any instructions to be given, to specialists with respect to value or amounts derived in an attempt to bias their work, and we are not aware of any matters that have impacted on the independence or objectivity of the specialists.
- Management has disclosed whether, subsequent to December 31, 2021, any changes in internal control or other factors that might significantly affect internal control, including any corrective action taken by management with regard to significant deficiencies of material weaknesses have occurred.
- In preparing the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, management uses estimates. We are responsible for making the accounting estimates. The WTASC has disclosed in the financial statements all estimates where it is reasonably possible that the estimate will change in the near term and the effect of the change could be material to the financial statements.

- Based on an estimate of recent trends and historical data of tobacco settlement revenue received by WTASC, we estimate amount due from New York State reported on the statement of net position to be \$534,405 at December 31, 2021.
- In addition to the audit services, based on information in the WTASC trial balance, Drescher & Malecki LLP has assisted WTASC in preparing WTASC's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021. With respect to all nonattest services provided, WTASC has performed the following functions:
 - Made all management decisions and performed all management functions.
 - Designated Janis Cook, President, whom we believe has suitable skill, knowledge, and/or experience to perform bookkeeping functions and to oversee the above services.
 - Evaluated the adequacy and results of the services performed.
 - Evaluated and accepted responsibility for the results of the services performed.
 - Established and maintained internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities.

WTASC management understands that Drescher & Malecki LLP has not performed any management functions or made management decisions on behalf of WTASC. Any nonattest services were performed in accordance with the applicable professional standards issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants


Janis A. Cook, President

Wyoming Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation
Proposed Adjusting Journal Entries
Year Ended December 31, 2021

Exhibit I

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 1			
To close out General Fund revenues and expenditures to General Fund fund balance.			
A-5100-00	INTEREST INCOME	\$ 123	
A-5200-00	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	13	
A-6000-00	BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	42,884	
A-4105-00	UTILITIES		\$ 366
A-4106-00	PROFESSIONAL FEES		6,131
A-4107-00	MEETINGS		11,993
A-4108-00	INSURANCE		11,905
A-4109-00	RENT		5,000
A-4400-00	TRANSFER TO COUNTY		7,625
Total		43,020	43,020
Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 2			
To close out Debt Service Fund revenues and expenditures to Debt Service Fund fund balance.			
V-5000-00	TOBACCO STREAM REVENUE	572,544	
V-5210-00	INVESTMENT INCOME	4,795	
V-1701-00	BEGINNING FUND BALANCE		48,251
V-4102-01	FEES		10,913
V-4200-00	PRINCIPAL - TASC I		260,000
V-4300-00	INTEREST - TASC I		258,175
Total		577,339	577,339
Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 3			
To close out interfund transfers between General Fund and Debt Service Fund.			
A-5400-00	INTERFUND TRANSFERS IN	56,552	
V-1701-00	BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	56,552	
A-6000-00	BEGINNING FUND BALANCE		56,552
V-4500-01	INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT		56,552
Total		113,104	113,104
Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 4			
To account for income activity in Five Star Bank checking account.			
A-1000-00	CHECKING	58,539	
V-4500-01	INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT	58,427	
A-5100-00	INTEREST INCOME		112
A-5400-00	INTERFUND TRANSFERS IN		58,427
V-1201-00	COLLECTION ACCOUNT		58,427
Total		116,966	116,966

Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 5

To account for expenditure activity in Five Star Bank checking account.

A-2000-00	PREPAIDS	4,104	
A-4105-00	UTILITIES	377	
A-4106-00	PROFESSIONAL FEES	10,850	
A-4107-00	MEETINGS	10,417	
A-4108-00	INSURANCE	1,225	
A-4109-00	RENT	5,000	
A-4111-00	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	29,257	
A-1000-00	CHECKING		61,230
Total		61,230	61,230

Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 6

To remove prior year prepayments to the applicable expense accounts.

A-4108-00	INSURANCE	3,981	
A-2000-00	PREPAIDS		3,981
Total		3,981	3,981

Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 7

To account for activity in the collection account.

V-1201-00	COLLECTION ACCOUNT	58,406	
V-1202-00	DEBT SERVICE	550,794	
V-4102-01	FEES	9,984	
V-5000-00	TOBACCO STREAM REVENUE		619,175
V-5210-00	INVESTMENT INCOME		9
Total		619,184	619,184

Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 8

To account for activity in Debt Service Account (#185137767).

V-4200-00	PRINCIPAL - TASC I	315,000	
V-4300-00	INTEREST - TASC I	239,487	
V-1200-00	M&T LIQUIDITY RESERVE		3,254
V-1202-00	DEBT SERVICE		551,206
V-5210-00	INVESTMENT INCOME		27
Total		554,487	554,487

Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 9

To account for activity in the M&T Liquidity Reserve Account (#185137858).

V-1200-00	M&T LIQUIDITY RESERVE	10	
V-5210-00	INVESTMENT INCOME		10
Total		10	10

Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 10

To account for activity in the M&T Bond Trapping Account (#185138039).

V-1200-00	M&T LIQUIDITY RESERVE	1,411	
V-1203-00	BOND TRAPPING		1,411
Total		1,411	1,411

Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 11

To adjust bonds payable for current year payment.

W-1601-00	BOND PAYABLE	2,125,000	
W-1700-00	AMOUNT TO BE PROVIDED		1,462,161
W-1602-00	BONDS PAYABLE (2005)		662,839
Total		\$ 2,125,000	\$ 2,125,000