

Nebraska State Fair Board

Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements

December 31, 2019 and 2018

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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors
Nebraska State Fair Board
Grand Island, Nebraska

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Nebraska State Fair Board, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Nebraska State Fair Board's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits 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, in all material respects, the financial position of the Nebraska State Fair Board as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the changes in financial position and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, 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. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Nebraska State Fair Board's basic financial statements. The schedules of fair operations 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 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 audits 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 schedules of fair operations are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

BKD, LLP

Lincoln, Nebraska
July 15, 2020

Nebraska State Fair Board
Balance Sheets
December 31, 2019 and 2018

Assets

	2019	2018
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 221,453	\$ 446,440
Accounts receivable	54,531	556,216
Receivable - intergovernmental	1,064,244	1,527,474
Certificate of deposit	-	9,864
Prepaid expenses	49,032	28,761
Total current assets	1,389,260	2,568,755
Noncurrent Assets		
Capital assets, net	13,156,619	13,562,979
Other prepaid expenses	55,413	50,001
Total noncurrent assets	13,212,032	13,612,980
Total assets	\$ 14,601,292	\$ 16,181,735

Liabilities and Net Position

Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 248,256	\$ 346,685
Accrued liabilities	80,582	192,881
Unearned revenue	150,937	207,187
Line of credit	637,000	96,797
Long-term debt, current portion	372,618	354,428
Total current liabilities	1,489,393	1,197,978
Noncurrent Liabilities		
Compensated absences	20,356	20,920
Long-term debt, net of current portion	4,811,882	5,184,462
Total noncurrent liabilities	4,832,238	5,205,382
Total liabilities	6,321,631	6,403,360
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	7,972,119	8,024,089
Unrestricted	307,542	1,754,286
Total net position	8,279,661	9,778,375
Total liabilities and net position	\$ 14,601,292	\$ 16,181,735

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Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
Years Ended December 31, 2019 and 2018

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Operating Revenues		
Admissions/fair	\$ 1,290,733	\$ 1,215,840
Carnival	343,505	267,135
Entertainment	835,641	541,189
Food/beverage service	318,315	237,331
Campgrounds	53,468	52,579
Departmental receipts	440,787	473,962
Departmental sponsorships	51,124	12,759
Space rental and storage	735,523	730,260
Livestock fees	108,793	97,622
Other commissions	2,318	12,778
Sponsorships (nondepartmental)	1,010,188	1,040,337
Non-cash sponsorships	445,550	205,350
Miscellaneous	28,810	2,640
	<u>5,664,755</u>	<u>4,889,782</u>
Operating Expenses		
Department premiums/awards	499,665	384,748
Taxes	284,097	279,013
Insurance	385,682	311,187
Wages	1,907,976	1,667,914
Professional services	1,901,103	1,350,791
Equipment rental	641,789	495,819
Materials/supplies	321,242	262,710
Administrative	569,005	455,764
Entertainment	2,154,303	1,910,021
Food/beverage service	132,987	114,769
Advertising/promotion	784,337	615,716
Fair department expenses	365,894	731,421
Utilities	264,450	220,756
Depreciation expense	852,042	813,411
In-kind sponsorship expenses (non-cash)	445,550	205,350
Miscellaneous	4,395	4,944
	<u>11,514,517</u>	<u>9,824,334</u>
Operating Loss	<u>(5,849,762)</u>	<u>(4,934,552)</u>
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)		
Intergovernmental revenues	4,551,863	5,152,405
Interest income	15,324	9,857
Interest expense	(262,384)	(261,877)
Other income	46,245	-
	<u>4,351,048</u>	<u>4,900,385</u>
Loss Before Capital Contributions	(1,498,714)	(34,167)
Capital contributions	-	10,000
Decrease in Net Position	(1,498,714)	(24,167)
Net Position, Beginning of Year	<u>9,778,375</u>	<u>9,802,542</u>
Net Position, End of Year	<u>\$ 8,279,661</u>	<u>\$ 9,778,375</u>

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Statements of Cash Flows
Years Ended December 31, 2019 and 2018

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Operating Activities		
Receipts from customers	\$ 5,664,640	\$ 4,231,879
Payments to employees	(1,934,065)	(1,706,579)
Payments to suppliers	(8,520,720)	(6,817,098)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(4,790,145)</u>	<u>(4,291,798)</u>
Noncapital Financing Activities		
Proceeds from line of credit	863,095	96,797
Payments on line of credit	(322,892)	-
Intergovernmental revenue	5,015,093	4,706,182
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>5,555,296</u>	<u>4,802,979</u>
Capital and Related Financing Activities		
Purchase of capital assets	(445,682)	(774,467)
Principal payments on capital leases and long-term debt	(354,390)	(652,294)
Interest payments	(261,499)	(256,056)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	<u>(1,061,571)</u>	<u>(1,682,817)</u>
Investing Activities		
Sale of investments	9,864	-
Interest receipts	15,324	9,857
Other receipts	46,245	-
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>71,433</u>	<u>9,857</u>
Decrease in Cash	<u>(224,987)</u>	<u>(1,161,779)</u>
Cash, Beginning of Year	<u>446,440</u>	<u>1,608,219</u>
Cash, End of Year	<u>\$ 221,453</u>	<u>\$ 446,440</u>
Reconciliation of Net Operating Loss to Net Cash Used in Operating Activities		
Operating loss	\$ (5,849,762)	\$ (4,934,552)
Depreciation	852,042	813,411
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
Accounts receivable	501,685	(371,127)
Prepaid expenses	(25,683)	42,524
Accounts payable	(98,429)	195,895
Accrued liabilities and compensated absences	(113,748)	43,477
Unearned revenue	(56,250)	(81,426)
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	<u>\$ (4,790,145)</u>	<u>\$ (4,291,798)</u>
Supplemental Cash Flows Information		
In-kind contribution of capital assets	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Acquisition of leased capital assets	\$ -	\$ 89,887

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Notes to Financial Statements
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Note 1: Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Operations

Nebraska State Fair Board (the Board) is a not-for-profit corporation created by the State of Nebraska for the purpose of deliberating and consulting as to the needs and conditions of agricultural interests throughout the State of Nebraska. The Board supervises the State Fair located in Grand Island, Nebraska.

Basis of Accounting and Presentation

The Board prepares its financial statements as a business-type activity in conformity with applicable pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The financial statements of the Board have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange transaction takes place, while those from government-mandated nonexchange transactions (principally intergovernmental revenues) are recognized when all applicable eligibility requirements are met. Operating revenues and expenses include exchange transactions. Government-mandated nonexchange transactions that are not program specific (such as intergovernmental revenues), investment income and contributions are included in nonoperating revenues and expenses. The Board first applies restricted net position when an expense or outlay is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

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, expenses and other changes in net position during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Receivables

Accounts receivable consist primarily of amounts due from operations and reimbursements from the Nebraska State Fair Park Foundation. Receivable – intergovernmental represents quarterly lottery proceeds due to the Board from the Nebraska State Lottery. No allowance is recorded as management believes all amounts are collectible.

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Note 1: Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

Capital Assets

Capital assets are reported at original cost. Donated capital assets are valued at their acquisition value at the date donated. Leasehold improvements consist of amounts paid by the Board for construction of the fair facilities in Grand Island. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives of the assets:

Buildings and leasehold improvements	3 – 50 years
Equipment	3 – 10 years

Unearned Revenue

Unearned revenue consists of prepaid ticket sales, in-kind revenue being recognized over the term of the agreement and sponsorship revenue being recognized over the term of the agreement. There was \$150,937 and \$207,187 of sponsorship revenue remaining at December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively, which is to be recognized between 2020 and 2023.

Net Position

Net position of the Board is classified into three components. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of borrowings used to finance the purchase or construction of those assets. Restricted net position is made up of noncapital assets that must be used for a particular purpose, as specified by creditors, grantors or donors external to the Board. The Board has no components of net position that meet the restricted definition at December 31, 2019 and 2018. Unrestricted net position is the remaining net position that does not meet the definition of net investment in capital assets or restricted net position.

In-kind Revenues and Expenses

The Board receives in-kind contributions of services and assets from various donors. It is the policy of the Board to record the estimated fair value of certain in-kind donations as an expense in its financial statements, and similarly increase revenue by a like amount for exchange and exchange-like transactions. For the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, \$445,550 and \$215,350, respectively, was received as in-kind contributions and recognized as noncash sponsorships and capital contributions. For the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, \$445,550 and \$205,350, respectively, was recognized as expenses.

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Note 1: Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

Compensated Absences

Board policies permit most employees to accumulate managed time off (MTO) that may be realized as paid time off. Expense and the related liability are recognized as MTO benefits are earned. Compensated absence liabilities are computed using the regular pay and termination pay rates in effect at the balance sheet date.

Revenue Recognition

Revenues are derived primarily from admissions to the State Fair, rental of facilities and related activities and intergovernmental sources. Revenues from the State Fair are recognized when earned. Revenues from intergovernmental sources are recognized when all eligibility requirements have been met.

Classification of Revenues

The Board has classified its revenues as either operating or nonoperating revenues according to the following criteria:

Operating revenues - Operating revenues include activities that have the characteristics of exchange transactions, such as (1) fair admissions and (2) facilities rental.

Nonoperating revenues - Nonoperating revenues include activities that have the characteristics of nonexchange transactions, such as gifts and contributions, and other revenue sources that are defined as nonoperating revenues, such as contributions, intergovernmental revenues and investment income.

Income Taxes

The Board is a not-for-profit corporation and is exempt from federal and state income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(5). However, the Board is subject to federal income tax on any unrelated business taxable income.

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Note 1: Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

Taxes Collected from Customers and Remitted to Governmental Authorities

Taxes collected from customers and remitted to governmental authorities are presented in the accompanying statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position on a gross basis. The amount of taxes presented on a gross basis in the accompanying financial statements was \$135,994 and \$149,646 for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Note 2: Deposits

Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, an entity's deposits may not be returned to it. The Board's deposit policy for custodial credit risk requires compliance with the provisions of state law.

At December 31, 2019, the Board's cash accounts exceeded federally insured limits by approximately \$274,000.

Nebraska state law does not require collateralization of deposits in excess of FDIC limits for entities other than political subdivisions.

Summary of Carrying Values

The carrying values of deposits are included in the balance sheets as follows:

	2019	2018
Carrying value		
Deposits	\$ 221,453	\$ 456,304
	2019	2018
Included in the following balance sheet captions		
Cash	\$ 221,453	\$ 446,440
Certificate of deposit	-	9,864
	\$ 221,453	\$ 456,304

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Note 4: Long-term Liabilities

Line of Credit

In December 2018, the Board entered into a revolving line of credit agreement with a local financial institution, which provided for maximum borrowings of \$500,000 through maturity of the agreement on January 31, 2019. Borrowings under the agreement bear interest at a fixed rate of 5.25% and are collateralized by substantially all assets of the Board. During 2018, \$96,797 was drawn against this agreement and remained outstanding as of December 31, 2018. In 2019, an additional \$226,095 was drawn against this agreement and repaid prior to maturity of the agreement. In November 2019, the Board entered into a revolving line of credit agreement with a local financial institution, which provided for maximum borrowings of \$1,100,000 through maturity of the agreement on December 31, 2020. Borrowings under the agreement bear interest at a fixed rate of 5.0% and are collateralized by substantially all assets of the Board. During 2019, \$637,000 was drawn against this agreement and remained outstanding as of December 31, 2019.

Long-term Debt

Long-term debt included the following at December 31, 2019 and 2018:

	2019	2018
Note payable, bank (A)	\$ 5,135,984	\$ 5,469,003
Capital lease obligation (B)	48,516	69,887
	5,184,500	5,538,890
Less: current maturities	372,618	354,428
	\$ 4,811,882	\$ 5,184,462

(A) Provides for borrowings up to \$8,000,000 and is secured by property, equipment and rights to the lottery proceeds. Interest is payable monthly beginning June 10, 2013. Principal and interest are payable in monthly installments of \$49,024 beginning October 10, 2013. Interest is payable at a fixed rate of 4% through June 10, 2018. Beginning June 10, 2018, interest is payable monthly at the New York prime rate plus a margin of .75% with a floor of 4% and a ceiling of 6%. Beginning June 10, 2023, interest is payable monthly at the weekly average yield on 10 year United States treasury securities plus a margin of 2% with a floor of 4%. The rate will reset every five years thereafter until maturity on May 10, 2033. Based on the amount borrowed, final payment will be due May 10, 2031.

(B) The capital lease obligation includes a lease covering equipment for 3 years expiring May 2021.

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Note 4: Long-term Liabilities - Continued

The following is a summary of long-term liability transactions of the Board for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018:

2019	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deductions	Ending Balance	Current Portion
Capital lease obligation	\$ 69,887	\$ -	\$ 21,371	\$ 48,516	\$ 23,241
Note payable	5,469,003	-	333,019	5,135,984	349,377
Total	\$ 5,538,890	\$ -	\$ 354,390	\$ 5,184,500	\$ 372,618
2018					
Capital lease obligation	\$ -	\$ 89,887	\$ 20,000	\$ 69,887	\$ 21,371
Note payable	6,101,297	-	632,294	5,469,003	333,057
Total	\$ 6,101,297	\$ 89,887	\$ 652,294	\$ 5,538,890	\$ 354,428

Aggregate annual maturities of long-term debt at December 31, 2019, are:

	Principal	Interest	Total to be Paid
2020	\$ 372,618	\$ 243,157	\$ 615,775
2021	391,819	223,957	615,776
2022	384,531	203,758	588,289
2023	403,400	184,889	588,289
2024	423,171	165,118	588,289
2025-2029	2,448,579	492,865	2,941,444
2030-2031	760,382	26,155	786,537
	\$ 5,184,500	\$ 1,539,899	\$ 6,724,399

Other Long-term Liabilities

Other changes in long-term liabilities include the payments and accrual of compensated absences.

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Note 5: Intergovernmental Revenues

Effective January 1, 2005, the Nebraska State Constitution was amended to authorize an appropriation of 10% of the net State Lottery proceeds to the Nebraska State Fair Board, as long as the City of Grand Island matches 10% of those funds. The Board recognized revenues of \$4,551,863 and \$5,152,405 classified as intergovernmental revenue during the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively. At December 31, 2019 and 2018, approximately \$1,064,000 and \$1,527,000, respectively, was recorded as a receivable for fourth quarter lottery activity.

Note 6: Related Party Transactions

As of December 31, 2018, accounts receivable included \$27,950 due from the Nebraska State Fair Park Foundation and the Grand Island Livestock Complex Authority. No amounts were owed from related parties as of December 31, 2019. These accounts receivable related to commitments for an outdoor arena and general marketing of the fairgrounds.

Note 7: Pension and Deferred Compensation Plans

The Board has a defined contribution pension plan for substantially all full-time employees that meets the requirements of Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and is administered by Union Bank & Trust. Employees may contribute up to 20% of their compensation each pay period. The Board may elect to make discretionary contributions. Forfeitures are distributed to participants in proportion of their compensation to total compensation. For each of the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Board made contributions of 3% of qualifying wages. In addition, the Board has a deferred compensation plan that meets the requirements of Section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code administered by Union Bank & Trust. Employees may contribute up to 20% of their compensation each pay period. The Board may elect to make discretionary contributions. For each of the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Board made contributions of 3% of qualifying wages. Total employer contributions to both plans were \$11,966 and \$11,460 for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Note 8: Risk Management

The Board is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; business interruption; errors and omissions; employee injuries and illnesses; natural disasters and employee health and accident benefits. Commercial insurance coverage is purchased for claims arising from such matters. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the three preceding years.

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Note 9: Commitments and Contingencies

Litigation

The Board is subject to various claims and lawsuits that arise primarily in the ordinary course of its activities. It is the opinion of management that the disposition or ultimate resolution of such claims and lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position, change in net position and cash flows of the Board. Events could occur that would change this estimate materially in the near term.

Note 10: Subsequent Events

As a result of the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and the incidence of COVID-19, economic uncertainties have arisen which may negatively affect the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Nebraska State Fair Board. The duration of these uncertainties and the ultimate financial effects cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

Supplementary Information

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Years Ended December 31, 2019 and 2018

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	<u>10,662,475</u>	<u>9,010,923</u>
Net Income (Loss) Before Depreciation, Interest Expense and Other Income (Expenses)	<u>(445,857)</u>	<u>1,031,264</u>
Depreciation, Interest Expense and Other Income (Expenses)		
Depreciation expense	(852,042)	(813,411)
Interest expense	(262,384)	(261,877)
Other income	61,569	9,857
Capital contributions	-	10,000
	<u>(1,052,857)</u>	<u>(1,055,431)</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ (1,498,714)</u>	<u>\$ (24,167)</u>