

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES

This Professional Services Agreement (this “Agreement”) is effective on the ____ day of February, 2025 (the “Effective Date”) by and between the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission, a Minnesota joint powers organization (the “Commission”), and LB Carlson, LLP, a Minnesota limited liability partnership (“LB CARLSON”).

I. SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED. LB CARLSON will perform for the Commission all annual audit services for fiscal year ending on January 31, 2025 (the “Services”), as detailed and further specified in LB CARLSON’s engagement letter proposal, dated February 6, 2025 (the “Proposal”), which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated into this Agreement as if fully set forth herein. If any terms contained in the Proposal conflict with any terms in the body of this written Agreement, the terms in the Agreement shall prevail. All professional services provided by LB CARLSON under this Agreement shall be provided in a manner consistent with the level of care and skill required by the professional standards that LB CARLSON is obligated to comply with.

II. COST OF SERVICES. In exchange for the Services, the Commission shall pay LB CARLSON pursuant to its standard hourly rates plus out-of-pocket costs, as described and estimated in the Proposal. No additional commissions, fees, or reimbursement shall otherwise be due under this Agreement. Likewise, the Commission shall not be responsible for payment for any work performed by LB CARLSON that is not expressly listed on the Proposal unless otherwise expressly agreed to by the Commission in writing. LB CARLSON shall submit itemized invoices for the Services it provides to the Commission, which shall identify all work completed, and once approved, invoices submitted will be processed and paid in the same manner as other claims made to the Commission. Because the Commission only meets monthly and needs to formally approve all claims at a Commission meeting, it shall have 45 days from the date of any non-disputed invoice to approve and make payment thereon. In no event shall the Commission be liable to LB CARLSON for consequential, incidental, indirect, special, or punitive damages under this Agreement.

III. TERM; TERMINATION. The term of this Agreement shall begin on the Effective Date and end following the provision of and payment for all Services required herein. Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, this Agreement may be terminated as follows: (1) the parties, by mutual written agreement, may terminate this Agreement at any time; (2) LB CARLSON may terminate this Agreement in the event of a material breach of the Agreement by the Commission, upon providing 30 days’ written notice to the Commission, if the Commission fails to cure said breach within those 30 days; and (3) the Commission may terminate this Agreement at any time at its option, for any reason or no reason at all, upon providing 30 days’ written notice to LB CARLSON. Upon termination, the Commission shall pay LB CARLSON for all Services duly rendered through the date of such termination.

IV. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR. All Services provided pursuant to this Agreement shall be provided by LB CARLSON as an independent contractor and not as an employee of the Commission for any purpose. Any and all officers, employees, subcontractors, and agents of LB CARLSON, or any other person engaged by LB CARLSON in the performance of work or services pursuant to this Agreement, shall not be considered employees of the Commission. Any and all actions which arise as a consequence of any act or omission on the part of LB CARLSON, its officers, employees, subcontractors, or agents, or other persons engaged by LB CARLSON in the performance of work or services pursuant to this Agreement, shall not be the obligation or responsibility of the Commission.

V. INDEMNIFICATION. LB CARLSON shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Commission and its officials, employees, contractors and agents from any loss, claim, liability, and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses of litigation) arising from, or based in the whole, or in any part, on any negligent act or omission by LB CARLSON, its officers, employees, and agents, or any other person engaged by LB CARLSON in the performance of work or services pursuant to this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall constitute a waiver or limitation of any immunity or limitation on liability to which the Commission is entitled under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 466 or otherwise.

VI. INSURANCE. LB CARLSON agrees that before any of the Services can be performed hereunder, LB CARLSON shall procure at a minimum: worker's compensation Insurance as required by Minnesota state law; professional liability in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate; and commercial general liability in an amount of not less than \$1,500,000.00 per occurrence for bodily injury or death arising out of each occurrence, and \$1,500,000.00 per occurrence for property damage. To meet the commercial general liability requirements, LB CARLSON may use a combination of excess and umbrella coverage. LB CARLSON shall provide the Commission with a current certificate of insurance listing the Commission as an additional insured with respect to the commercial general liability and umbrella or excess liability. Such certificate of liability insurance shall contain a statement that such policies shall not be canceled or amended unless 30 days' written notice is provided to the Commission, 10 days' written notice in the case of non-payment.

VII. CONFLICT OF INTEREST. To avoid conflicts of interest and any appearances of impropriety, LB CARLSON shall disclose and discuss any potential conflicts of interest with the Commission as soon as reasonably practicable to ensure adherence to all applicable professional standards.

VIII. THIRD PARTY RIGHTS. The Parties to this Agreement do not intend to confer on any third party any rights under this Agreement.

IX. NOTICES. Any notices permitted or required by this Agreement shall be deemed given when personally delivered or upon deposit in the United States mail, postage fully prepaid, certified, return receipt requested, addressed to:

LB CARLSON: LB Carlson
605 U.S. Highway 169 N, Suite 650
Minneapolis, MN 55441

Commission: Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission
Attention: Laura Jester
P.O. Box 270825
Golden Valley, MN 55427

or such other contact information as either party may provide to the other by notice given in accordance with this provision.

X. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

A. Entire Agreement. This Agreement shall constitute the entire agreement between the Commission and LB CARLSON, and supersedes any other written or oral agreements between the Commission and LB CARLSON. This Agreement can only be modified in writing signed by the Commission and LB CARLSON.

B. Data Practices Act Compliance. Data provided, produced or obtained under this Agreement shall be administered in accordance with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13. LB CARLSON will immediately report to the Commission any requests from third parties for information relating to this Agreement. LB CARLSON agrees to promptly respond to inquiries from the Commission concerning data requests.

C. Audit. LB CARLSON must allow the Commission, or its duly authorized agents, and the state auditor or legislative auditor reasonable access to LB CARLSON's books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices that are pertinent to all Services provided under this Agreement for a minimum of six years from the termination of this Agreement.

D. Choice of Law and Venue. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Minnesota. Any disputes, controversies, or claims arising under this Agreement shall be heard in the state or federal courts of Minnesota and the parties waive any objections to jurisdiction.

E. No Assignment. This Agreement may not be assigned by either party without the written consent of the other party.

F. No Discrimination. LB CARLSON agrees not to discriminate in providing products and services under this Agreement on the basis of race, color, sex, creed, national origin, disability, age, sexual orientation, status with regard to public assistance, or religion.

G. Severability. The provisions of this Agreement are severable. If any portion of this Agreement is, for any reason, held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to law, such decision will not affect the remaining provisions of the Agreement.

H. Waiver. Any waiver by either party of a breach of any provision of this Agreement will not affect, in any respect, the validity of the remainder of this Agreement.

I. Compliance with Laws. LB CARLSON shall comply with applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, ordinances and regulations in effect while rendering services hereunder.

J. Headings. The headings contained in this Agreement have been inserted for convenience of reference only and shall in no way define, limit, or affect the scope and intent of this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed, or caused to be executed by their duly authorized officials, this Agreement which shall take effect on the date first written above.

THE COMMISSION:

LB CARLSON:

By: _____
Its: Chair

By: _____

By: _____
Its: Secretary

Its: _____

EXHIBIT A
The Proposal

[to be attached]



February 6, 2025

To the Board of Commissioners and Management of the
Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission
c/o 16145 Hillcrest Lane
Eden Prairie, MN 55346

Dear Board of Commissioners and Management:

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (the Commission) for the year ended January 31, 2025.

Audit Scope and Objectives

We will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate disclosures, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the Commission as of and for the year ended January 31, 2025. Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), to supplement the Commission's basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), 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. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the Commission's RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient appropriate evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, we will read the following other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

We will perform the required State Legal Compliance Audit conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the provisions of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 6.65, and will include such tests of the accounting records and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to conclude that, for the items tested, the Commission has complied with the material terms and conditions of applicable legal provisions.

We will also prepare a management report for the Board of Commissioners and administration. This report will communicate such things as our concerns regarding accounting procedures or policies brought to our attention during our audit, along with recommendations for improvements. The report may also contain certain financial comparisons and analysis, and other information of interest.

Our services will not include an audit in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance), which would only be required if the Commission expended \$750,000 or more in federal assistance funds during the year. If the Commission is required to have a Single Audit of federal assistance funds, this engagement letter would need to be modified.

The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion about whether your financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with GAAP; and report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph on the previous page when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not absolute assurance and, therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment of a reasonable user made based on the financial statements.

The objectives also include reporting on internal control over financial reporting and compliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and award agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

We will conduct our audit in accordance with GAAS and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and will include tests of the accounting records of the Commission and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions. As part of an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We will evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management. We will also evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and determine whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the government or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the government. Because the determination of waste and abuse is subjective, *Government Auditing Standards* do not expect auditors to perform specific procedures to detect waste or abuse in financial audits nor do they expect auditors to provide reasonable assurance of detecting waste or abuse.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected by us, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that comes to our attention. We will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

We will also conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the government's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts; and may include tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected customers, creditors, and financial institutions. We will also request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement.

We have identified the following significant risk(s) of material misstatement as part of our audit planning:

- 1) Management override of controls
- 2) Revenue recognition

At this time, audit planning has not concluded and modifications may be made to significant risks of material misstatement. If modifications are made, we will communicate them to you.

We may, from time to time and depending on the circumstances, use third party service providers in serving your account. We may share confidential information about you with these service providers but remain committed to maintaining the confidentiality and security of your information. Accordingly, we maintain internal policies, procedures, and safeguards to protect the confidentiality of your personal information. In addition, we will secure confidentiality agreements with all service providers to maintain the confidentiality of your information and we will take reasonable precautions to determine that they have appropriate procedures in place to prevent the unauthorized release of your confidential information to others. In the event that we are unable to secure an appropriate confidentiality agreement, you will be asked to provide your consent prior to the sharing of your confidential information with the third party service provider. Furthermore, we will remain responsible for the work provided by any such third party service providers.

Our audit of financial statements does not relieve you of your responsibilities.

Audit Procedures – Internal Control

We will obtain an understanding of the government and its environment, including the system of internal control, sufficient to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and to design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks and obtain evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions. Tests of controls may be performed to test the effectiveness of certain controls that we consider relevant to preventing and detecting errors and fraud that are material to the financial statements and to preventing and detecting misstatements resulting from illegal acts and other noncompliance matters that have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Our tests, if performed, will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on internal control and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentation, or the override of internal control. An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Accordingly, we will express no such opinion. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) professional standards and *Government Auditing Standards*.

Audit Procedures – Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of the Commission's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion in our report on compliance issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that you acknowledge and understand your responsibility for designing, implementing, establishing, and maintaining effective internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and for evaluating and monitoring ongoing activities to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; following laws and regulations; and ensuring that management and financial information is reliable and properly reported. Management is also responsible for implementing systems designed to achieve compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements. You are also responsible for the selection and application of accounting principles, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and all accompanying information in conformity with GAAP, and for compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements.

Management is responsible for making drafts of financial statements, all financial records, and related information available to us; for the accuracy and completeness of that information (including information from outside of the general and subsidiary ledgers); and for the evaluation of whether there are any conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the government's ability to continue as a going concern for the 12 months after the financial statements date or shortly thereafter. You are also responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, identification of all related parties and all related party relationships and transactions, and other matters; (2) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit; and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the government from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from you about your responsibilities for the financial statements; compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements; and other responsibilities required by GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and for confirming to us in the written representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements of each opinion unit taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the government involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the government complies with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants and for taking timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements that we report.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a process for tracking the status of audit findings and recommendations. Management is also responsible for identifying and providing report copies of previous financial audits, attestation engagements, performance audits or other studies related to the objectives discussed in the Audit Scope and Objectives section of this letter. This responsibility includes relaying to us corrective actions taken to address significant findings and recommendations resulting from those audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or other studies. You are also responsible for providing management's views on our current findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as your planned corrective actions, for the report, and for the timing and format for providing that information.

Other Services

We will also assist in preparing the financial statements and related notes of the Commission in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America based on information provided by you. These nonaudit services do not constitute an audit under *Government Auditing Standards* and such services will not be conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. We will perform the services in accordance with applicable professional standards. The other services are limited to the financial statement services previously defined. We, in our sole professional judgment, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities for the financial statements and related notes and any other nonaudit services we provide. You will be required to acknowledge in the management representation letter our assistance with preparation of the financial statements and related notes and that you have reviewed and approved the financial statements and related notes prior to their issuance and have accepted responsibility for them. Further, you agree to oversee the nonaudit services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of those services; and accept responsibility for them.

Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other

We understand that your employees will prepare all cash, accounts receivable, or other confirmations we request and will locate any documents selected by us for testing.

We will provide copies of our reports to the Commission; however, management is responsible for distribution of the reports and the financial statements. Unless restricted by law or regulation, or containing privileged and confidential information, copies of our reports are to be made available for public inspection.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of LB Carlson, LLP and constitutes confidential information. However, subject to applicable laws and regulations, audit documentation and appropriate individuals will be made available upon request and in a timely manner to a regulatory agency or its designee, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office for the purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of LB Carlson personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend or decide to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

The audit documentation for this engagement will be retained for a minimum of six years after the report release date or for any additional period requested by the regulatory agency. If we are aware that a federal awarding agency or auditee is contesting an audit finding, we will contact the party(ies) contesting the audit finding for guidance prior to destroying the audit documentation.

Aaron J. Nielsen, CPA, is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the reports or authorizing another individual to sign them. We expect to begin our audit shortly after the end of the fiscal year and have a goal to issue the reports no later than July 31, 2025.

Our fees for these services will be at our standard hourly rates plus out-of-pocket costs (such as report reproduction, word processing, postage, travel, copies, telephone, confirmation service provider fees, etc.) except that we agree that our gross fee will not exceed \$14,700 plus expenses. Our standard hourly rates vary according to the degree of responsibility involved and the experience level of the personnel assigned to your audit. Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation.

In accordance with our firm policies, work may be suspended if your account becomes 60 days or more overdue and may not be resumed until your account is paid in full. If we elect to terminate our services for nonpayment, our engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notification of termination, even if we have not completed our report(s). You will be obligated to compensate us for all time expended and to reimburse us for all out-of-pocket costs through the date of termination.

These fees are based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If we find that additional audit procedures are required, or if additional services are requested by the Commission, those services will be billed at our standard hourly rates. Additional audit procedures might be required for certain accounting issues or events, such as new contractual agreements, transactions and legal requirements of new bond issues, new funds, major capital projects, new tax increment districts, if there is an indication of misappropriation or misuse of public funds, or if significant difficulties are encountered due to the lack of accounting records, incomplete records, or turnover in the Commission's staff. If significant additional time is necessary, we will keep you informed of any problems we encounter and our fees will be adjusted accordingly.

Our audit engagement ends on delivery of our audit report. Any follow-up services that might be required will be a separate, new engagement. The terms and conditions of that new engagement will be governed by a new, specific engagement letter for that service.

With regard to the electronic dissemination of audited financial statements, including financial statements published electronically on your website, you understand that electronic sites are a means to distribute information and, therefore, we are not required to read the information contained in these sites or to consider the consistency of other information in the electronic site with the original document.

If you intend to publish or otherwise reproduce the financial statements, such as in a bond statement, and make reference to our firm name, you agree to provide us with printers' proofs or masters for our review and approval before printing. You also agree to provide us with a copy of the final reproduced material for our approval before it is distributed.

During the year, you might request additional services such as routine advice, assistance in implementing audit recommendations, review of your projections or budgets, and other similar projects. Independence standards allow us to perform these routine services; however, it is important that you understand that we are not allowed to make management decisions, perform management functions, nor can we audit our own work or provide nonaudit services that are significant to the subject matter of the audit.

In connection with this engagement, we may communicate with you or others via email transmission. As emails can be intercepted and read, disclosed, or otherwise used or communicated by an unintended third party, or may not be delivered to each of the parties to whom they are directed and only to such parties, we cannot guarantee or warrant that emails from us will be properly delivered and read only by the addressee. Therefore, we specifically disclaim and waive any liability or responsibility whatsoever for interception or unintentional disclosure of emails transmitted by us in connection with the performance of this engagement. In that regard, you agree that we shall have no liability for any loss or damage to any person or entity resulting from the use of email transmissions, including any consequential, incidental, direct, indirect, or special damages, such as loss of revenues or anticipated profits, or disclosure or communication of confidential or proprietary information.

ShareFile is used solely as a method of exchanging information and is not intended to store the Commission's information. At the end of the engagement, LB Carlson will provide the Commission with a copy (in an agreed-upon format) of deliverables and data related to the engagement. Upon completion of the engagement, data and other content will either be removed from ShareFile or become unavailable to LB Carlson within a reasonable time frame.

Professional standards require us to be independent with respect to the Commission and any of its affiliates in the performance of our services. Any discussions that you have with personnel of LB Carlson, LLP regarding employment could pose a threat to our independence. Therefore, we request that you inform us prior to any such discussions so that we can implement appropriate safeguards to maintain our independence. In addition, if you or any of your affiliates hire one of our personnel, you agree to pay LB Carlson, LLP a fee equal to that individual's annual base compensation at the Commission upon commencement of employment.

Reporting

We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of the Commission's financial statements. Our report will be addressed to the Board of Commissioners and management of the Commission. Circumstances may arise in which our report may differ from its expected form and content based on the results of our audit. Depending on the nature of these circumstances, it may be necessary for us to modify our opinions, add a separate section, or add an emphasis of matter or other matter paragraph to our auditor's report, or if necessary, withdraw from this engagement. If our opinions are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express opinions or issue reports, or we may withdraw from this engagement.

If circumstances occur related to the condition of your records, the availability of sufficient, appropriate audit evidence, or the existence of a significant risk of material misstatement of the financial statements caused by error, fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets, which in our professional judgment prevent us from completing the audit or forming an opinion on the financial statements, we retain the right to take any course of action permitted by professional standards, including declining to express an opinion or issue a report, or withdrawing from the engagement.

We will also provide a report (that does not include an opinion) on internal control related to the financial statements and compliance with the provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements as required by *Government Auditing Standards*. The report on internal control and on compliance and other matters will state (1) that the purpose of the report is solely to describe the scope of testing of internal control and compliance, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control on compliance, and (2) that the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. The report will also state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose. If during our audit we become aware that the Commission is subject to an audit requirement that is not encompassed in the terms of this engagement, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance that an audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* may not satisfy the relevant legal, regulatory, or contractual requirements.

We will also provide a report (that does not include an opinion) on the Commission's compliance with applicable provisions of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 6.65. The report will state (1) whether, in connection with our audit, anything came to our attention that caused us to believe that the Commission failed to comply with the applicable provisions of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide*, insofar as they relate to accounting matters, and (2) that the purpose of the report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on compliance. The report will also state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose.

When requested, *Government Auditing Standards* require that we provide you with a copy of our most recent external peer review report and any letter of comment, and any subsequent peer review reports and letters of comment received during the period of the contract. Our most recent peer review report accompanies this letter.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the Commission and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign where indicated and email it to anielsen@lbcarlson.com.

Sincerely,

LB CARLSON, LLP



RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission.

Commission Representative

Commission Management Representative

By: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____



Report on the Firm's System of Quality Control

To the Principals of LB Carlson, LLP and the
Peer Review Committee of the Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of LB Carlson, LLP (the firm) in effect for the year ended June 30, 2023. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Standards).

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a system review as described in the Standards may be found at www.aicpa.org/prsummary. The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported on in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer reviewer to determine a peer review rating.

Firm's Responsibility

The firm is responsible for designing and complying with a system of quality control to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with the requirements of applicable professional standards in all material respects. The firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remediate engagements deemed as not performed or reported on in conformity with the requirements of applicable professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if any.

Peer Reviewer's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of and compliance with the firm's system of quality control based on our review.

Required Selections and Considerations

Engagements selected for review included an audit of an employee benefit plan and an examination of service organization (SOC 2 engagement).

As part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the firm, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

Opinion

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of LB Carlson, LLP in effect for the year ended June 30, 2023 has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of *pass*, *pass with deficiency(ies)* or *fail*. LB Carlson, LLP has received a peer review rating of *pass*.

KerberRose SC

September 27, 2023