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**Approval of Audit and Related Draft Financial Reports Pertaining to the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020**

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Agenda of: December 17, 2020

Item No.: **2020-438**

Amount: Not Applicable

**TO:** The Honorable  
Board of Directors  
Great Lakes Water Authority

**FROM:** Sue F. McCormick  
Chief Executive Officer  
Great Lakes Water Authority

**DATE:** December 17, 2020

**RE: Approval of Audit and Related Draft Financial Reports Pertaining to the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020**

**MOTION**

Upon recommendation of Nicolette N. Bateson, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, the Board of Directors (Board) of the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA), **moves to receive and file the Reports Pertaining to the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020 Financial Audit (the FY 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the FY 2020 Single Audit Act Compliance Report, and the FY 2020 Independent Auditor's Communication with those Charged with Governance) and authorizes staff to proceed with the completion and filing of the annual audit prior to the due date with the state of Michigan before December 31, 2020;** and authorizes the CEO to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

## **BACKGROUND**

GLWA's fourth full twelve-month financial audited financial reports for the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) for the year ended June 30, 2020 are nearly complete. The final step is review by the GLWA Board of Directors and requested approval. This will enable staff to file those reports with the state of Michigan Department of Treasury, the federal clearinghouse for the single audit report, and the Electronic Municipal Market Access system ("EMMA") for Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB") requirements, and others in a timely manner by December 31, 2020.

## **JUSTIFICATION**

The draft reports pertaining to the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020 include the following and are attached:

- Presentation by Ms. Jodi Dobson, Partner, BakerTilly (external auditor)
- FY 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)
- FY 2020 Single Audit Act Compliance Report
- FY 2020 Independent Auditor's Communication to those Charged with Governance
- Informal Management Comment Letter

Drafts of the above reports have been previously distributed to the Audit Committee and the Board.

ARTICLE XII, Section 2 of the GLWA By-laws states the following:

The Board shall obtain an annual audit of the GLWA's financial statements by an independent certified public accountant and report on the audit and auditing procedures in accordance with state law and generally accepted government auditing standards, as well as federal grant compliance audit requirements. The Board shall furnish at least two copies of the annual audit to each Incorporating Municipality. The audited financial statements shall be posted on the GLWA's website. In addition, the audited financial statements shall be filed with the Michigan Department of Treasury upon approval of the GLWA Board.

## **BUDGET IMPACT**

Not applicable for the proposed action.

### **COMMITTEE REVIEW**

The Audit Committee has received updates from staff and auditors on a monthly basis. Draft reports were presented to the Audit Committee on December 4, 2020 with the action of *[insert after Audit Committee meeting]*.

### **SHARED SERVICES IMPACT**

This item does not impact the shared services agreement between GLWA and DWSD.