

State of Minnesota



Office of the State Auditor

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Ramsey/Washington Recycling and Energy Board Newport, Minnesota

Management and Compliance Report

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Description of the Office of the State Auditor

The Office of the State Auditor (OSA) helps ensure financial integrity and accountability in local government financial activities. The OSA is the constitutional office that oversees more than \$40 billion in annual financial activity by local governments and approximately \$20 billion of federal funding financial activity.

The OSA performs around 90 financial and compliance audits per year and has oversight responsibilities for over 3,300 local units of government throughout the state. The office maintains the following seven divisions:

- **Audit Practice:** Helps ensure fiscal integrity by conducting financial and compliance audits of local governments and the federal compliance audit of the State of Minnesota.
- **Constitution:** Connects with the public via external communication, media relations, legislative coordination, and public engagements for the State Auditor.

This division also supports the State Auditor's service on the State Executive Council, State Board of Investment, Land Exchange Board, Public Employees Retirement Association Board, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, the Minnesota Historical Society, and the Rural Finance Authority Board.

- **Government Information:** Collects, analyzes, and shares local government financial data to assist in policy and spending decisions; administers and supports financial tools including the Small Cities and Towns Accounting System (CTAS) software and infrastructure comparison tools.
- **Legal/Special Investigations:** Provides legal analysis and counsel to the OSA and responds to outside inquiries about Minnesota local law relevant to local government finances; investigates local government financial records in response to specific allegations of theft, embezzlement, or unlawful use of public funds or property.
- **Operations:** Ensures the office runs efficiently by providing fiscal management and technology support to the office.
- **Pension:** Analyzes investment, financial, and actuarial reporting for Minnesota's local public pension plans and monitors pension plan operations.
- **Tax Increment Financing (TIF):** Promotes compliance and accountability in local governments' use of tax increment financing through education, reporting, and compliance reviews.

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**Independent Auditor's Report on
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We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ramsey/Washington Recycling and Energy Board as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Ramsey/Washington Recycling and Energy Board's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 11, 2023.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the Ramsey/Washington Recycling and Energy Board failed to comply with the provisions of the contracting – bid laws, depositories of public funds and public investments, conflicts of interest, claims and disbursements, and miscellaneous provisions sections of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Other Political Subdivisions*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 6.65, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the Ramsey/Washington Recycling and Energy Board's noncompliance with the above referenced provisions, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. The provisions for depositories of public funds and public investments and claims and disbursements were tested in conjunction with the audit of Ramsey County.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Ramsey/Washington Recycling and Energy Board and management of the Ramsey/Washington Recycling and Energy Board and the State Auditor, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than those specified parties.

/s/Julie Blaha

Julie Blaha
State Auditor

October 11, 2023

/s/Chad Struss

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