

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022	
A This return/report is for:	☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) ____
B This return/report is:	☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.	☐
D Check box if filing under:	☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here.	☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information —enter all requested information										
1a Name of plan WESTERN DAIRYLAND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL INC. RETIREMENT PLAN	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</td> <td>001</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1991</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 39-1076993</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 715-985-2391</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2d Business code (see instructions) 813000</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001	1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1991		2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 39-1076993		2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 715-985-2391		2d Business code (see instructions) 813000	
1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001										
1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1991											
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 39-1076993											
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 715-985-2391											
2d Business code (see instructions) 813000											
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) WESTERN DAIRYLAND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL, INC. PO BOX 125 23122 WHITEHALL RD INDEPENDENCE, WI 54747-0125 INDEPENDENCE, WI 54747											

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	09/11/2023	ANNA CARDARELLA
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☐ Same as Plan Sponsor WESTERN DAIRYLAND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL INC PO BOX 125 INDEPENDENCE, WI 54747-0125		3b Administrator's EIN 39-1076993
		3c Administrator's telephone number 715-985-2391
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name		4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year		5 228
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d).		
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year		6a(1) 169
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2) 170
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits		6b 5
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits.....		6c 57
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d 232
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e 0
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f 232
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item).....		6g 225
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....		6h 10
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)		7
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2T 3D		
b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:		
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor		9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)		
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary		b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☒ 1 A (Insurance Information) (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☐ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2022 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2022 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions	Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.
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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
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(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
35-0472300	65676	895074-087	19	01/01/2022	12/31/2022

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.
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(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
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(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end.....	4	
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

b	Premiums paid to carrier	6b	
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c	
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount..... Specify nature of costs ▶	6d	

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity
(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee
(3) ☒ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶

b	Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	1007045
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c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	31471	
	(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)		
	(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	17931	
	(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4)		
	(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	47883	

▶ OTHER INCOME

(6) Total additions	7c(6)	97285
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d	Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	1104330
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e Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	154601	
(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	4725	
(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)		
(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	81	

▶ OTHER EXPENSES

(5) Total deductions	7e(5)	159407
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f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	944923
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Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
 b ☐ Dental
 c ☐ Vision
 d ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
 f ☐ Long-term disability
 g ☐ Supplemental unemployment
 h ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)
 j ☐ HMO contract
 k ☐ PPO contract
 l ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve.....	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....		9a(4)	0
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	9b(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....		9b(3)	0
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs.....	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges.....	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention.....		9c(1)(H)	0
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement.....		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).).....		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount.	10b	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2022
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Part I	Service Provider Information (see instructions)
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You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)..... ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
60 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	24185	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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42-1445429

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	ADVISOR	23778	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
BARON GROWTH INST - DST SYSTEMS IN 43-1581814	0.15%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
CALVERT CONS ALLOC I - DST ASSET M 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.10%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
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CALVERT MOD ALLOC I - DST ASSET MA 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.10%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
PGIM HIGH YIELD Z - PRUDENTIAL MUT 22-3703799	0.25%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>WESTERN DAIRYLAND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>39-1076993</u>	

Part I Asset and Liability Statement			
1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.			
Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash.....	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions.....	1b(1)	0	0
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other.....	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit).....	1c(1)	0	0
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common.....	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests.....	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants).....	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans.....	1c(8)	0	0
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	1c(9)	0	0
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts.....	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	1c(13)	9258652	8000261
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	1007047	944923
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	10265699	8945184

Liabilities

g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h	2	0
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	2	0

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	10265697	8945184
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Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	362319	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	634741	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	120418	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		1117478
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	0	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	0	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	17931	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		17931
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	210960	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		210960
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	0	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)	0	
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		-1941540
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		-595171
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	677378	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		677378
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		0
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	0	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	0	
(4) Other	2i(4)	47964	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		47964
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		725342
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		-1320513
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		0

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☒ Unmodified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) ☒ DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) ☐ neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: **HAWKINS, ASH CPAS LLP**

(2) EIN: **39-0912608**

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	

	Yes	No	Amount
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)			
4b		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)			
4c		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)			
4d		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		1000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
4f		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4g		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4h		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
4i	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)			
4j		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?			
4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?			
4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)			
4m		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			
4n		X	

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022		
A Name of plan WESTERN DAIRYLAND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL INC. RETIREMENT PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 WESTERN DAIRYLAND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL, INC.		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 39-1076993
Part I	Distributions	
All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.		
1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....		1
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 04-6568107		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year.....		3
Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)	
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.		
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.		
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived).....		6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year.....		6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....		6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.		
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
Part III	Amendments	
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box..... ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No		
Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.	
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.		
Schedule R (Form 5500) 2022 v. 220413		

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14	Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:	
a	The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....	14a
b	The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14b
c	The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14c
15	Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:	
a	The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year.....	15a
b	The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year.....	15b
16	Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:	
a	Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a
b	If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers.....	16b
17	If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐	

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
 Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify): _____

20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

☐ Yes.

☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation _____

**WESTERN DAIRYLAND ECONOMIC
OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL INC.
RETIREMENT PLAN**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORTS
ON COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE
CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE AND
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DECEMBER 31, 2022

**WESTERN DAIRYLAND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL INC.
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

To the Plan Committee of
Western Dairyland Economic Opportunity Council Inc. Retirement Plan
Independence, Wisconsin

We have conducted an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit of the financial statements of Western Dairyland Economic Opportunity Council Inc. Retirement Plan (the "Plan") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022 and have issued our report thereon dated September 5, 2023. Professional standards require that we advise you of the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit

As communicated in our engagement letter dated January 16, 2023, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to conduct our audit in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Therefore, as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), the audit need not extend to any statements of information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution). For an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit, the audit will not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirement of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Accordingly, the objective of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP.

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 Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the Plan 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.

We have provided our comment regarding a matter noted during our audit in the attached letter to you dated September 5, 2023.

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, our firm, and our network firms have complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.

Significant Risks Identified

We have identified the following significant risks:

- *Management Override of Controls* - Professional standards require the auditor to address the risk that management is in a unique position to override controls that otherwise appear to be operating effectively.
- *Improper Revenue Recognition* - Professional standards require the auditor to presume that risks of material misstatements exist in revenue recognition.
- *Unauthorized Benefit Payments* - Risk that unauthorized benefit payments could be paid out of a participant's account.

We have designed our audit procedures to adequately address the significant risks identified

Qualitative Aspects of the Plan's Significant Accounting Practices

Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of significant accounting policies adopted by WDEOC, Inc. Retirement Plan is included in Note 2 to the financial statements. There have been no initial selection of accounting policies and no changes in significant accounting policies or their application during 2022. 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 was:

- Management's estimate of the fair value of investments is based on quoted market prices and third party sources as certified by Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan.

We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the fair value of investments in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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 Western Dairyland Economic Opportunity Council Inc. Retirement Plan's financial statements relate to fair value estimates.

Significant Unusual Transactions

For purposes of this communication, professional standards require us to communicate to you significant unusual transactions identified during our audit. We have not identified any significant unusual transactions during the audit.

Form 5500 Procedures

We are required to obtain and read a substantially complete draft of Form 5500 prior to dating our auditors' report. The purpose of this procedure is to identify any material inconsistencies between the draft Form 5500 and the Plan's financial statements. We identified no material inconsistencies in performing and completing 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 also 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. 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. None of the misstatements identified by us as a result of our audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole

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 the Plan'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 listed under Appendix A dated September 5, 2023.

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 the Plan, 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, business conditions affecting the Plan, and business plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as the Plan's auditors.

Other Matters

The ERISA-required supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, was subjected to the audit procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS.

Our responsibility also includes communicating to you any information which we believe is a material misstatement of fact. Nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that such information, or its manner of presentation, is materially inconsistent with the information, or manner of its presentation, appearing in the financial statements.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Plan Committee and management of Western Dairyland Economic Opportunity Council Inc. Retirement Plan and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Hawkins Ash CPAs, LLP

La Crosse, Wisconsin
September 5, 2023



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
ON A MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMENT**

To the Plan Committee of
Western Dairyland Economic Opportunity Council Inc. Retirement
Independence, Wisconsin

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Western Dairyland Economic Opportunity Council Inc. Retirement Plan (the "Plan") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Plan's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal controls.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and therefore, there can be no assurance that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses have been identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified a certain matter involving the internal control and other operational matters that is presented for your consideration. This letter does not affect our report dated September 5, 2023 on the financial statements of the Plan. We will review the status of this comment during our next audit engagement. Our comment and recommendation, all of which has been discussed with appropriate members of management, is intended to improve the internal control or result in other operating efficiencies. Our comment is summarized on the next page.

We believe that the implementation of this recommendation will provide the Plan with a stronger system of internal control while also making its operations more efficient. We will be happy to discuss the details of this recommendation with you at your convenience.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management and the Plan Committee of Western Dairyland Economic Opportunity Council Inc. Retirement Plan and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Hawkins Ash CPAs, LLP

La Crosse, Wisconsin
September 5, 2023

MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMENT

Change of Withholding Percentages

Observation

During our audit, we noted that one participant was receiving the incorrect deferral rate.

Recommendation

We recommend that management works with their third-party administrator to make the necessary corrections and procedures be put into place to ensure deferral rate changes are made properly in accordance with the election of the participant.

**WESTERN DAIRYLAND ECONOMIC
OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL INC.
RETIREMENT PLAN**

**APPENDIX A
MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATION LETTER**



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September 5, 2023

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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audits of the financial statements of Western Dairyland Economic Opportunity Council Inc. Retirement Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

We have elected to have the audit of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. We acknowledge that the audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier, that is regulated, supervised and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, a qualified institution, that prepared and certified the investment information in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting under ERISA. We have determined that an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is permissible under the circumstances. We have also determined that the investment information is prepared and certified by a qualified institution as described by 29 CFR 2520.103-8, that the certification meets the requirements in 29 CFR 2520.103-5 and, that the certified investment information is appropriately measured, presented, and disclosed in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted 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 misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if 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 September 5, 2023, the following representations made to you during your audit:

Financial Statements

- We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated January 16, 2023, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements (and disclosures) in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- We acknowledge our responsibility for administering the plan and determining the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the ERISA plan financial statements are in conformity with the plan provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.
- We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements, notes, and supplemental schedule 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.

- Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable. The methods and significant assumptions used to estimate fair values of financial instruments are as follows: based on quoted market prices as certified by Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan. The methods and significant assumptions used result in a measure of fair value appropriate for financial measurement and disclosure purposes.
- We are responsible for the estimation methods and assumptions used in measuring assets and liabilities reported or disclosed at fair value, including information obtained from brokers, pricing services, or other third parties. Our valuation methodologies have been consistently applied from period to period. The fair value measurements reported or disclosed represent our best estimate of fair value as of the measurement date in accordance with the requirements of Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, Fair Value Measurement. In addition, our disclosures related to fair value measurements are consistent with the objectives outlined in FASB ASC 820.
- All related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP.
- Transactions with parties in interest, as defined in Section 3(14) of ERISA and regulations thereunder, including sales, purchases, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, and amounts receivable from, or payable to, related parties have been appropriately disclosed.
- 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.
- The effects of all known actual or possible litigation and claims have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- We have no intentions to terminate the Plan.
- Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the Plan is contingently liable to a bank or another lending institution have been properly recorded or disclosed in the financial statements. We have properly reported and disclosed amendments to the plan instrument, if any.
- We have properly reported and disclosed amendments to the plan instrument, if any.
- With respect to the preparation of financial statement services provided by you, we have performed the following:
 - Made all management decisions and performed all management functions;
 - Assigned a competent individual to oversee the services;
 - Evaluated the adequacy of the services performed;
 - Evaluated and accepted responsibility for the result of the service performed; and
 - Established and maintained internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities.
- We acknowledge our responsibility for the presentation of the ERISA-required supplemental schedules in accordance with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- We believe the supplemental schedule, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

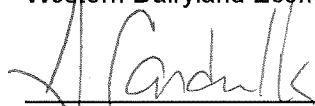
Information Provided

- 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, such as financial records and related data, plan instruments, trust agreements, insurance contracts, as applicable, or investments contracts, as applicable, and amendments to such documents entered into during the year;
 - The most current plan instrument for the audit period, including all amendments;
 - A draft of the Form 5500 that is substantially complete;
 - Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit;
 - Unrestricted access to persons within the plan from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence;
 - All minutes of the meetings the Plan or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
- All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- Financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk and financial instruments with concentrations of credit risk have been properly recorded or disclosed in the financial statements.
- The Plan or Trust has satisfactory title to all owned assets that are recorded at fair value, and all liens, encumbrances, or security interest requiring disclosure in the financial statements have been properly disclosed.
- 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 evaluation of the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern, including significant conditions and events present, and we believe that our use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate.
- We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the Plan and involves:
 - Management;
 - Employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
 - Others when 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 Plan's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, participants, regulators, beneficiaries, service providers, third-party administrators, or others.
- We have disclosed to you all known instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
- 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.
- There are no other matters (e.g., breach of fiduciary responsibilities, nonexempt transactions, loans or loans in default, events reportable to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, or events that may jeopardize the tax status) that legal counsel has advised us must be disclosed.
- We have disclosed to you the identity of the Plan's related parties and parties in interest and all the related party and party in interest relationships and transactions of which we are aware.

- We have apprised you of all communications, whether written or oral, with regulatory agencies concerning the operation of the Plan.
- The Plan has complied with all aspects of debt and other contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
- All required filings with the appropriate agencies have been made.
- The Plan (and the Trust established under the Plan) is qualified under the appropriate section of the Internal Revenue Code and intends to continue as a qualified plan (and trust). The Plan sponsor has operated the Plan and Trust or insurance contract in a manner that did not jeopardize this tax status.
- The Plan has complied with the DOL's regulations concerning the timely remittance of participants' contributions to trusts containing assets for the Plan.
- The Plan has complied with the fidelity bonding requirements of ERISA.
- There are no:
 - Nonexempt party in interest transactions (as defined in ERISA Section 3[l] and regulations under that section) that were not disclosed in the supplemental schedule or financial statements.
 - Investments in default or considered to be uncollectible that were not disclosed in the supplemental schedule.
 - Reportable transactions (as defined in ERISA Section 103[b][3][H] and regulations under that section) that were not disclosed in the supplemental schedule.

Sincerely,

Western Dairyland Economic Opportunity Council Inc.



Anna Cardarella, Chief Executive Officer

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Plan Committee of
Western Dairyland Economic Opportunity Council Inc. Retirement Plan
Independence, Wisconsin

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Western Dairyland Economic Opportunity Council Inc. Retirement Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of Western Dairyland Economic Opportunity Council Inc.'s financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and for the years then ended, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 5 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section:

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- The information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and 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. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or, when applicable, one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the Plan, and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. 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 will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. 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, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users made on the basis of these financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matters - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. 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 financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

- The information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Hawkins Ash CPAs, LLP

La Crosse, Wisconsin
September 5, 2023

**WESTERN DAIRYLAND ECONOMIC
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WESTERN DAIRYLAND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL INC.
RETIREMENT PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

	DECEMBER 31,	
	2022	2021
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Investments at fair value	\$ 8,945,184	\$ 10,265,698
Receivables:		
Employer contributions	-	26,841
TOTAL ASSETS	8,945,184	10,292,539
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	-	-
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u>\$ 8,945,184</u>	<u>\$ 10,292,539</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

WESTERN DAIRYLAND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL INC.
RETIREMENT PLAN
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

	DECEMBER 31,	
	2022	2021
ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:		
Investment (loss) income:		
Net (depreciation) appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ (1,941,540)	\$ 952,250
Interest and dividends	228,874	301,750
Contributions:		
Participant	634,741	508,106
Employer	335,478	311,492
Rollover	120,418	3,972
Other income	16	-
TOTAL ADDITIONS	<u>(622,013)</u>	<u>2,077,570</u>
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:		
Benefits paid to participants	677,378	1,018,854
Administrative expenses	<u>47,964</u>	<u>52,545</u>
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	<u>725,342</u>	<u>1,071,399</u>
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE	(1,347,355)	1,006,171
Net assets available for benefits:		
BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>10,292,539</u>	<u>9,286,368</u>
END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 8,945,184</u>	<u>\$ 10,292,539</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

WESTERN DAIRYLAND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL INC.
RETIREMENT PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

NOTE 1 - Description of Plan

The following description of the Western Dairyland Economic Opportunity Council Inc. Retirement Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General - The Plan is a defined contribution plan, as adopted effective January 1, 1991 (and restated effective July 22, 2021) covering all employees of Western Dairyland Economic Opportunity Council Inc. (the "Organization") who have met the eligibility requirements and elect to participate in the Plan. Newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan with a 3 percent deferral percentage unless they elect otherwise. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employer Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

Contributions - Participants may elect to contribute a portion of their compensation to the Plan, not to exceed the amount allowed by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"). Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. Each year, the Organization may make discretionary contributions to the Plan.

Participant Accounts - Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and an allocation of (a) the Organization's contribution and (b) plan earnings, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account balance.

Vesting - Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the remainder of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100 percent vested after three years of credited service.

Participant Loans - Participant loans are not allowed in this Plan.

Payment of Benefits - On termination of service, a participant may elect to receive the value of his or her vested account balance in a lump-sum distribution, a series of substantially equal installments no to exceed the participant's life expectancy, or partial withdrawals, as described in the Plan's provisions.

Administrative Expenses - All administrative expenses may be paid out of the Plan unless paid by the Organization. During 2022 and 2021, expenses were paid by both the Plan and the Organization.

Forfeited Accounts - At December 31, 2022 and 2021, forfeited, nonvested accounts totaled \$26,638 and \$38,834, respectively. These accounts may first be used to reduce administrative expenses and then are used to reduce any employer contributions. During 2022 and 2021, \$37,006 and \$6,447 of Plan forfeitures were used to reduce plan expenses and employer contributions, respectively.

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RETIREMENT PLAN
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DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

NOTE 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A summary of the significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule is as follows:

Basis of Accounting and Presentation - The financial statements of the Plan are prepared using the accrual method of accounting and are presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) as codified by the Financial Accounting Standards Board.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition - Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurement.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net (depreciation) appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held, during the year.

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 certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Payment of Benefits - Benefits are recorded when paid.

Subsequent Events - The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through September 5, 2023, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3 - Concentrations

The Plan's investments that represented 10 percent or more of the Plan's net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 are as follows:

	DECEMBER 31,	
	2022	2021
Lincoln Stable Value	\$ 944,923	\$ **
* Fidelity Freedom Index 2030 IPR	1,116,143	1,245,168
* Fidelity Freedom Index 2035 IPR	962,875	1,094,351

*Represents party-in-interest transactions

**Investment is less than 10 percent of the Plan's net assets

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NOTE 4 - Fair Value Measurements

The Plan has determined the fair value of certain assets in accordance with the provisions of U.S. GAAP, which provides a framework for measuring fair value under generally accepted accounting principles.

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under U.S. GAAP are described as follows:

Level 1	Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.
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Level 2	Inputs to the valuation methodology include: • quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in markets; • quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; • inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; • inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
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Level 3	Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.
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The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following are descriptions of the valuation of methodology used for assets measured at fair value.

- **Mutual Funds** - Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.
- **Investment Contract** - Valued at fair value by the insurance company by discounting the related cash flows based on current yields of similar instruments with comparable durations considering the creditworthiness of the issuer. Since the participants transact at contract value, fair value is determined annually for financial statement reporting purposes only.

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NOTE 4 - Fair Value Measurements - Continued

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2022 and 2021:

	DECEMBER 31, 2022	QUOTED PRICES IN ACTIVE MARKETS FOR IDENTICAL ASSETS (LEVEL 1)	SIGNIFICANT OTHER OBSERVABLE INPUTS (LEVEL 2)	SIGNIFICANT UNOBSERVABLE INPUTS (LEVEL 3)
Mutual funds	\$ 8,000,261	\$ 8,000,261	\$ -	\$ -
Investment contract	944,923	-	944,923	-
INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE	<u>\$ 8,945,184</u>	<u>\$ 8,000,261</u>	<u>\$ 944,923</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

	DECEMBER 31, 2021	QUOTED PRICES IN ACTIVE MARKETS FOR IDENTICAL ASSETS (LEVEL 1)	SIGNIFICANT OTHER OBSERVABLE INPUTS (LEVEL 2)	SIGNIFICANT UNOBSERVABLE INPUTS (LEVEL 3)
Mutual funds	\$ 9,258,653	\$ 9,258,653	\$ -	\$ -
Investment contract	1,007,045	-	1,007,045	-
INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE	<u>\$10,265,698</u>	<u>\$ 9,258,653</u>	<u>\$ 1,007,045</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

NOTE 5 - Information Certified by the Plan Trustee

Certain information related to investments disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule, including investments held at December 31, 2022 and 2021, and net (depreciation) appreciation in fair value of investments and interest and dividends for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, was obtained or derived from the information furnished to the Plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan.

NOTE 6 - Tax Status

The Company became a participating employer in the FMR LLC Non-Standardized Pre-Approved Profit Sharing Plan with CODA, effective July 22, 2021, and is relying on its determination letter dated June 30, 2020. The Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (the "IRC"). The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. The Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

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NOTE 6 - Tax Status - Continued

Previously, the Company became a participating employer in the Fidelity Management and Research Company Volume Submitter Profit Sharing Plan with CODA, effective November 15, 2017, and was relying on its determination letter dated March 31, 2014. The Plan and related trust were designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (the "IRC"). The Plan had been amended since receiving the determination letter. The Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan was designed and was being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income taxes had been included in the Plan's financial statements.

U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements.

NOTE 7 - Transactions With Parties-in-Interest

Fees for professional services rendered to the Plan may be paid for by the Organization at its discretion. The Plan invests in certain investments that are managed by the Plan trustee. These transactions are not, however, considered prohibited transactions under 29 CFR 408(b) of the ERISA regulations.

NOTE 8 - Amounts Owed to Participants Withdrawing From the Plan

There were no amounts owed to participants who had elected to withdraw from the Plan, but had not been paid as of December 31, 2022 and 2021.

NOTE 9 - Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

NOTE 10 - Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Organization has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100 percent vested in their accounts.

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NOTE 11 - Reconciliation of the Financial Statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500:

	DECEMBER 31,	
	2022	2021
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 8,945,184	\$10,292,539
Employer contributions receivable	-	(26,841)
Rounding	-	(1)
NET ASSETS PER FORM 5500	<u>\$ 8,945,184</u>	<u>\$10,265,697</u>

The following is a reconciliation of the net change in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500:

	DECEMBER 31,	
	2022	2021
Net (decrease) increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$(1,347,355)	\$ 1,006,171
Employer contributions	26,841	(441)
Rounding	1	(1)
NET (LOSS) INCOME PER FORM 5500	<u>\$(1,320,513)</u>	<u>\$ 1,005,729</u>

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SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
PLAN #001
39-1076993
DECEMBER 31, 2022

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, Or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	Fidelity 500 Index Fund - Premium Class	Mutual Funds	N/A	\$ 376,500
*	Fidelity Freedom Index 2010 IPR	Mutual Funds	N/A	1,686
*	Fidelity Freedom Index 2015 IPR	Mutual Funds	N/A	141,694
*	Fidelity Freedom Index 2020 IPR	Mutual Funds	N/A	708,244
*	Fidelity Freedom Index 2025 IPR	Mutual Funds	N/A	806,032
*	Fidelity Freedom Index 2030 IPR	Mutual Funds	N/A	1,116,143
*	Fidelity Freedom Index 2035 IPR	Mutual Funds	N/A	962,875
*	Fidelity Freedom Index 2040 IPR	Mutual Funds	N/A	524,367
*	Fidelity Freedom Index 2045 IPR	Mutual Funds	N/A	650,980
*	Fidelity Freedom Index 2050 IPR	Mutual Funds	N/A	288,317
*	Fidelity Freedom Index 2055 IPR	Mutual Funds	N/A	298,687
*	Fidelity Freedom Index 2060 IPR	Mutual Funds	N/A	153,012
*	Fidelity Freedom Index 2065 IPR	Mutual Funds	N/A	21,668
*	Fidelity US Bond Index	Mutual Funds	N/A	48,580
*	Fidelity Mid Cap Index	Mutual Funds	N/A	29,668
	FID SM CAP IDK PR	Mutual Funds	N/A	43,414
	PIMCO Income Fund Institutional Class	Mutual Funds	N/A	2,850
	DFA U.S. Large Cap Value Portfolio Institutional	Mutual Funds	N/A	297,716
	DFA US Targeted Value I	Mutual Funds	N/A	137,810
	Vanguard LifeStrategy Moderate Growth Fund Investor	Mutual Funds	N/A	10,173
	Vanguard Growth Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Funds	N/A	248,667
	MFS Massachusetts Investors Trust Class R6	Mutual Funds	N/A	42,267
	American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund Class R-6	Mutual Funds	N/A	52,443
	American Funds New Perspective Fund Class R-6	Mutual Funds	N/A	350,994
	American Funds American Balanced Fund Class R-6	Mutual Funds	N/A	18,464
	Baron Growth Fund Institutional	Mutual Funds	N/A	359,723
	PGIM High Yield Fund - Class Z	Mutual Funds	N/A	22,353
	DFA Emerging Markets Social Core Portfolio	Mutual Funds	N/A	26,624
	VANG SMCP FR Index ADM	Mutual Funds	N/A	20,144
	Vanguard Small-Cap Growth Index Fund Admiral	Mutual Funds	N/A	82,157
	DFA Real Estate Securities Portfolio Institutional Class	Mutual Funds	N/A	43,860
	Invesco Global Opportunities Fund Class R6	Mutual Funds	N/A	97,423
	Calvert Cons Alloc I	Mutual Funds	N/A	821
	Calvert Mod Alloc I	Mutual Funds	N/A	11,984
	Calvert Grth Alloc I	Mutual Funds	N/A	1,921
	TOTAL MUTUAL FUNDS			<u>8,000,261</u>
	Lincoln Stable Value	Investment Contract	N/A	<u>944,923</u>
	TOTAL			<u>\$ 8,945,184</u>

* Represents party-in-interest transactions

N/A Cost information is not required for participant-directed investments