

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 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____ ☐ 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 THE BERNICK COMPANIES PROFIT SHARING 401(K) PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/1982
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) THE BERNICK COMPANIES PO BOX 7008 ST. CLOUD, MN 56302 801 SUNDIAL DRIVE WAITE PARK, MN 56387
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 41-0149440
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 320-252-6441
2d	Business code (see instructions) 312110

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.	10/11/2024	BRENT SCHMITT
	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	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
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 1247
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 a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 607 6a(2) 643 6b 2 6c 691 6d 1336 6e 1 6f 1337 6g(1) 1216 6g(2) 1307 6h 24
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:

2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 2F 2E 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
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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
- (4) ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5) ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1) ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) ☐ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 0
- (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 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 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 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
		2023
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A Name of plan THE BERNICK COMPANIES PROFIT SHARING 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE BERNICK COMPANIES	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 41-0149440

Part I

Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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.

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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).....

X

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?
37 60 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	86084	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

(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?
16	CONSULTANT	74627	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

(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?
			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.	
DODGE & COX INCOME I - SS&C GIDS, 2000 CROWN COLONY DRIVE QUINCY, MA 02169	0.08%	
(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.	
DODGE & COX STOCK I - SS&C GIDS, I 2000 CROWN COLONY DRIVE QUINCY, MA 02169	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.	
METWEST TOT RTN BD I - BNY MELLON 500 ROSS STREET 15253-4426 PITTSBURGH, PA 53442	0.10%	

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:

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

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Explanation:

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
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Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans. DCGs must report each participating plan using Schedule DCG.)

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 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
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE BERNICK COMPANIES	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 41-0149440	

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)	518371	699234
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	2877558	3022653
(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)	44294760	51957019
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	0	0
(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	47690689	55678906
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h	0	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	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	47690689	55678906

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)	994754	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	2949007	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	117817	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		4061578
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)	52438	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		52438
(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)	1602136	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		1602136
(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)		
(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)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		69506
(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)		6991864
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		12777522

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	4628594	
(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)		4628594
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) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	0	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	86084	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	74627	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	0	
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)	0	
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	0	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)	0	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)	0	
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	0	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		160711
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		4789305

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		7988217
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: **MMKR**

(2) EIN: **41-1690382**

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG 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. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
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.)		☒	
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.)		☒	
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.)		☒	
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.)		☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		☒	
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?		☒	
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?		☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒		
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.)		☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		☒	
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.		☒	

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
		2023
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan THE BERNICK COMPANIES PROFIT SHARING 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE BERNICK COMPANIES	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 41-0149440	

Part I	Distributions
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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.....	
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	

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.)
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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
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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
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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.
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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

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
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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) and (b):	
a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as: Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%	
b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: ☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more	
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: _____	

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).	
☐ Design-based safe harbor method	
☐ "Prior year" ADP test	
☒ "Current year" ADP test	
☐ N/A	
22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter <u>06 / 30 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q702438A</u> .	

THE BERNICK COMPANIES
PROFIT SHARING 401(k) PLAN

Financial Statements
and Supplemental Information
December 31, 2023 and 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Administration and Participants
The Bernick Companies Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan
Waite Park, Minnesota

SCOPE AND NATURE OF THE *ERISA* SECTION 103(A)(3)(C) AUDIT

We have performed audits of the financial statements of The Bernick Companies Profit Sharing 401(k) 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, 2023 and 2022, and the related Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits 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*. 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 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).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section –

- The amounts and disclosures in the financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- The information in the financial statements referred to above 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).

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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 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.

AUDITOR'S 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 auditor's 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 would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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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 the 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 the 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 MATTER – SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE REQUIRED BY *ERISA*

The supplemental Schedule H – Line 4(i) – Schedule of Assets (Held End of Year) as of December 31, 2023 (the supplemental Schedule) on page 16, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the DOL'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 the 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.

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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 its form and content, is presented in conformity with the DOL'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, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL'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).

Malloy, Montague, Karnowski, Radosevich & Co., P.A.

Minneapolis, Minnesota
October 8, 2024

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

THE BERNICK COMPANIES
PROFIT SHARING 401(k) PLAN

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31,	
	2023	2022
Assets		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 54,979,672	\$ 47,172,318
Notes receivable – participants	699,234	518,371
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 55,678,906</u>	<u>\$ 47,690,689</u>

THE BERNICK COMPANIES
PROFIT SHARING 401(k) PLAN

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Year Ended December 31, 2023

Additions to net assets attributed to investment income	
Interest – notes receivable – participants	\$ 52,438
Dividends – from registered investment companies	1,602,136
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	<u>7,061,370</u>
Total investment income	8,715,944
Contributions	
Employer	994,754
Participants	2,949,007
Rollovers	<u>117,817</u>
Total contributions	<u>4,061,578</u>
Total additions	12,777,522
Deductions from net assets attributed to	
Benefits paid to participants	4,628,594
Administrative expenses	<u>160,711</u>
Total deductions	<u>4,789,305</u>
Net increase	7,988,217
Net assets available for benefits	
Beginning of year	<u>47,690,689</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 55,678,906</u></u>

THE BERNICK COMPANIES
PROFIT SHARING 401(k) PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2023 and 2022

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of The Bernick Companies Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. For a more complete description of the Plan's provisions, refer to the agreement governing the Plan (the Plan Agreement).

A. General

The Plan is a defined contribution 401(k) plan under § 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) established by Chas. A. Bernick, Inc. (the Company) on January 1, 1982, to provide retirement benefits for eligible employees of the Company and all affiliated companies. The Plan currently provides benefits to the eligible employees of the following related companies: Chas. A. Bernick, Inc. and Rohlfling of Duluth, Inc. (collectively Chas. A. Bernick, Inc.); Bernick's Pepsi-Cola of Duluth, Inc.; Bernick's Pepsi-Cola of Dresser, Inc.; The Bernick's Company; Bernick's Full Line Vending, Inc.; Bernick's Family Holding Company; and several acquired predecessor companies that are subsidiaries or affiliates under Bernick's Family Holding Company. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Department of Labor's (DOL) *Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure Under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA)*, as amended.

B. Contributions

After reaching 18 years of age and completing one year of service, employees meeting eligibility requirements for the Plan are automatically enrolled, unless they affirmatively elect otherwise. Participants are automatically enrolled at a contribution equal to 6 percent of their total compensation. Additionally, if each participant's deferred rate is below 8 percent, their deferral rate is automatically increased 1 percent each year until their deferral rate reaches 8 percent, unless the participant elects otherwise. Participants may contribute up to 90 percent of pretax annual compensation (100 percent in the case of cash bonuses), as defined by the Plan, up to the maximum amount allowed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans.

Participants are permitted to designate a portion or all of their otherwise eligible deferral and rollover contributions as post-tax Roth contributions.

Employees become eligible for company matching contributions only if deferral contributions are made. The Company may make annual discretionary matching and nonelective contributions to participating employees in an amount to be determined by the Board of Directors of the Company (the Board) for each Plan year. The Board may designate all or a portion of any discretionary matching and/or nonelective contributions for a Plan year as "qualified matching and/or nonelective contributions" and allocate them to non-highly compensated employees to help the Plan pass one or more annually required IRC nondiscrimination test(s).

Participants direct the investment of their contributions and company matching contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company made discretionary matching contributions equal to 50 cents for every dollar contributed by participating employees, up to 8 percent of the employee's gross wage.

THE BERNICK COMPANIES
PROFIT SHARING 401(k) PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
December 31, 2023 and 2022

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)

C. Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the Company's qualified nonelective contributions, the Company's discretionary matching and nonelective contributions, an allocation of plan earnings, and is charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based upon 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.

D. Notes Receivable – Participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum amount of \$1,000, up to a maximum amount equal to the lesser of \$50,000, or 50 percent, of their vested account balance. The maximum number of loans outstanding at any one time is one, unless more than one loan existed as of the date the Plan assets were transferred to Fidelity Management Trust Company of Boston, Massachusetts (Fidelity), the Directed Trustee of the Plan. Existing loans transferred to Fidelity shall continue under their existing terms. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates mutually agreed upon based upon prevailing market rates, subject to applicable usury limits. Loans shall provide for level amortization, with payments to be made no less frequently than quarterly over a period not to exceed five years. If the loan was used to acquire the participant's principal residence, payments may be extended to a period up to 10 years. Principal and interest are paid ratably through biweekly payroll deductions. Loans become immediately due and payable upon default, a participant's termination of employment, death, or disability. A participant's loan shall be considered in default at the end of the calendar quarter following a calendar quarter for which there is outstanding any part of any payment due (principal or interest).

E. Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their 401(k) salary deferral contributions, rollover contributions, qualified matching company contributions, and qualified nonelective company contributions, plus actual earnings thereon.

Nonqualified company annual discretionary matching and nonelective contributions, plus actual earnings thereon, are subject to the vesting schedule below, except upon death or disability, at which time nonqualified company annual discretionary matching and nonelective company contributions, plus actual earnings thereon, are 100 percent vested:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Vested Percentage</u>
1	– %
2	50 %
3	100 %

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)

F. Payments of Benefits

In the case of normal retirement, termination due to permanent disability or death, or termination of employment, a participant may elect to receive the value of their accumulated plan benefits, in accordance with the provisions of the Plan, in a lump sum distribution or in an alternative manner mutually agreed upon by the participant and the Administrative Committee. Certain mandatory distribution provisions apply to participant account balances of \$1,000 or less.

G. Forfeitures

Forfeitures represent the portion of a participant's account that is not vested at the time of distribution or on the last day of the Plan year in which the participant incurs five consecutive one-year breaks in service.

Any forfeitures occurring during the Plan year shall be applied to reduce contributions of the Company. Remaining forfeitures retained by the Plan may be used to pay administrative expenses if so directed by the Company. Any remaining forfeiture amounts will be used to reduce future company contributions payable under the Plan.

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$11,124 and \$8,446, respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company used \$55,471 of forfeited account balances to pay administrative expenses.

NOTE 2 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Basis of Accounting

The Plan's financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

B. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, requires the Plan Administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits and changes therein, and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

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NOTE 2 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value, as stated by Fidelity as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. 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. The Administrative Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies. See Note 4 for a discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Realized gains and losses from security transactions are reported on the average cost method. Investment income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (or depreciation) in fair value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year.

D. Notes Receivable – Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid balance, plus any accrued, but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are charged directly to the borrowing participant's account when incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 or 2022. If a participant does not make loan repayments and the Plan Administrator considers the participant loan to be in default, the loan balance is reduced and the delinquent participant note receivable is recorded as a benefit payment based on terms of the Plan Agreement.

E. Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid, with the exception of corrective distributions, which are recorded annually at year-end.

F. Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and, therefore, are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to participants' accounts. Investment-related expenses may be included in the net appreciation or depreciation in fair value of investments or are included within administrative expenses. Other administrative expenses may be paid out of the Plan's trust unless paid by the Company. Audit-related administrative expenses are paid by the Company (see Note 6).

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NOTE 2 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

G. Uncertain Tax Positions

The Plan follows recognition requirements for uncertain income tax positions as required by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 740-10. Income tax benefits are recognized for income tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return, only when it is determined that the income tax position will more-likely-than-not be sustained upon examination by taxing authorities. The Plan has analyzed tax positions taken for filing with the IRS, the DOL's Employee Benefits Security Administration, and the state jurisdiction where it operates. The Plan believes that income tax filing positions will be sustained upon examination and does not anticipate any adjustments that would result in a material adverse effect on the Plan's financial condition or results of operations.

Accordingly, the Plan has not recorded any reserves or related accruals for interest and penalties for uncertain income tax positions at December 31, 2023.

The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits in progress for any open tax periods.

H. Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated by management through October 8, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3 – INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY PLAN TRUSTEE

The Plan Administrator has elected the method of compliance as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's *Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure Under ERISA* for 2023 and 2022. Accordingly, Fidelity has certified to the completeness and accuracy of all investments reported in the accompanying Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the related investment activity reported in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the supplemental Schedule H – Line 4(i) – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2023.

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NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest level of priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements).

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820-10 are as described below:

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.
Level 2	Inputs to the valuation methodology include: • quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; • quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; • inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the assets or liability; and • 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.
Level 3	Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

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 used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value or net asset value (NAV). There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Common/Collective Trusts – Valued at the NAV of units of a bank common/collective trust. The NAV, as provided by the trustee, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the common/collective trust, the investment adviser reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

Registered Investment Companies – Consist of mutual funds and are 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 United States Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

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NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although 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, 2023 and 2022:

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies	\$ 51,957,019	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 51,957,019
Investments measured at net asset value (a)	–	–	–	3,022,653
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 51,957,019</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$ 54,979,672</u>
Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies	\$ 44,294,760	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 44,294,760
Investments measured at net asset value (a)	–	–	–	2,877,558
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 44,294,760</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$ 47,172,318</u>

- (a) In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that were measured at NAV or its equivalent have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the items presented in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

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NOTE 5 – INVESTMENTS STATED AT NET ASSET VALUE (NAV)

The following table summarizes investments for which fair value is measured using NAV per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively:

	2023			
	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Common/collective trust (a)	<u>\$ 3,022,653</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	Daily	12 months advanced notice
	2022			
	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Common/collective trust (a)	<u>\$ 2,877,558</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	Daily	12 months advanced notice

(a) The common/collective trust seeks to invest in investment contracts and security-backed contracts for the primary purpose of the preservation of capital and to provide a competitive level of income over time.

There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments; the redemption notice period is applicable only to the Plan.

NOTE 6 – RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by Fidelity, with investment advisory services provided by RBC Wealth Management, a division of RBC Capital Markets, LLC (RBC), an independent investment advisory firm. Fidelity is the Trustee defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Investment advisory services provided by RBC also qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Notes receivable from participants and transactions with the Plan Sponsor also qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

The Company pays for contract administration services provided by Fidelity, the third party administrator of the Plan. Certain fees incurred by the Plan for investment management services are included in the net appreciation or depreciation in the fair value of the investment, as they are paid through revenue sharing, rather than direct payment. Other investment advisory services and recordkeeping services are recorded in administrative expenses. The Company provides certain accounting and administrative services to the Plan for which no fees are charged. The Company pays for audit services performed by an unrelated independent public accounting firm.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Plan incurred expenses totaling \$86,084 and \$74,627, to Fidelity and RBC, respectively.

All of these party-in-interest transactions are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules of *ERISA*.

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NOTE 7 – PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company 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 would become 100 percent vested in their nonqualified company annual discretionary matching and nonelective contributions.

NOTE 8 – TAX STATUS

The Plan relies on the prototype nonstandardized profit sharing plan established by Fidelity, which the IRS determined and informed Fidelity by a letter dated June 30, 2020, that the prototype plan is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income tax has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

NOTE 9 – RISKS, UNCERTAINTIES, AND CONCENTRATIONS

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 Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	Cost	Current Value
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company (Fidelity)	Common/collective trusts Fidelity Advisor Stable Value Fund	**	\$ 3,022,653
		Registered investment companies		
*	Fidelity	Fidelity Mid Cap Index Fund	**	2,207,839
*	Fidelity	Fidelity Small Cap Index Fund	**	1,487,032
*	Fidelity	Fidelity Advisor New Insights Fund Class Z	**	3,329,742
	Dodge & Cox	Dodge & Cox Income Fund	**	870,059
	Hartford Mutual Funds	The Hartford Midcap Fund Class R6	**	755,748
	Franklin Templeton	Templeton Foreign Fund Class R6	**	1,255,967
	American Funds	American Funds 2010 Target Date Retirement Fund Class R6	**	94,189
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	American Funds	American Funds 2030 Target Date Retirement Fund Class R6	**	2,475,943
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	Dodge & Cox	Dodge & Cox Stock Fund	**	2,377,484
	Metropolitan West Funds	Metropolitan West Total Return Bond Fund Class I	**	680,586
	American Beacon	American Beacon Small Cap Value Fund Class Institutional	**	1,313,382
	American Funds	American Funds Washington Mutual Investors Fund Class R6	**	2,740,986
	American Funds	American Funds The Growth Fund of America Class R6	**	757,175
	American Funds	American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund Class R6	**	133,397
	Ivy Funds	Ivy International Core Equity Fund Class N	**	1,112,072
*	Fidelity	Fidelity 500 Index Fund	**	4,070,853
	Diamond Hill	Diamond Hill Mid Cap Fund Class Y	**	57,738
	Carillon Tower Advisors	Carillon Eagle Small Cap Growth Fund Class R6	**	126,242
		Total registered investment companies		<u>51,957,019</u>
*	Notes receivable – participants	Interest rates at 9.25%, due dates through 2028	\$ –	<u>699,234</u>
		Total assets		<u><u>\$ 55,678,906</u></u>

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