

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 LJP GROUP RETIREMENT PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/2023
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) LJP WASTE SOLUTIONS 2160 RINGHOFFER DRIVE NORTH MANKATO, MN 56003
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 41-1737795
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 507-385-3423
2d	Business code (see instructions) 562000

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.	10/14/2024	ANDREW THOM
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/14/2024	ANDREW THOM
	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	5 212
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) 212 6a(2) 195 6b 0 6c 44 6d 239 6e 0 6f 239 6g(1) 0 6g(2) 213 6h 45
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 2K 2T 3D 3H

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 1
- (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 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 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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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	B Three-digit plan number (PN)	001
LJP GROUP RETIREMENT PLAN		
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500	D Employer Identification Number (EIN)	
LJP WASTE SOLUTIONS	41-1737795	

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					
NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL INVESTMENT					
(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
41-0417830	66168	067639	239	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

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.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
4534	0

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	
NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL INVESTMENTATTEN ATTENTION IPS COMPENSATION 720 EAST WISCONSIN AVE MILWAUKEE, WI 53202	

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
4534			3

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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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	5425
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	1738107

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.**6d**

Specify nature of costs ▶

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 ▶ MINNESOTA LIFE GENERAL RETURN ACCOU

b Balance at the end of the previous year **7b** 0

c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year **7c(1)**
 (2) Dividends and credits **7c(2)** 16
 (3) Interest credited during the year **7c(3)**
 (4) Transferred from separate account..... **7c(4)** 14
 (5) Other (specify below) **7c(5)** 9051

▶ FORFEITURE GENERATED

(6) Total additions **7c(6)** 9081**d** Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) **7d** 9081**e** Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year

7e(1)

(2) Administration charge made by carrier

7e(2) 3656

(3) Transferred to separate account.....

7e(3)

(4) Other (specify below)

7e(4)(5) Total deductions **7e(5)** 3656**f** Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**) **7f** 5425

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)	
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)	
(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)	
(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
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A Name of plan LJP GROUP RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 LJP WASTE SOLUTIONS	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 41-1737795

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.

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)

MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

41-0417830

(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?
13 15 28 34	NONE	9051	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	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 ☐

(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
(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.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
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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:	
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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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103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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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Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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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		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		31387
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		1738106
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)		
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		5425
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	0	1774918
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
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	0	1774918

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)	344326	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	644632	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	695816	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		1684774
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	1436	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	16	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		1452
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(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)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(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)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		143785
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		1830011

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	45379	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		45379
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	3656	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	6058	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		9714
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		55093

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		1774918
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

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: **RSM US LLP**

(2) EIN: **42-0714325**

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.)	☒	☐	5282
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?	☒	☐	250000
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 LJP GROUP RETIREMENT PLAN				B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 LJP WASTE SOLUTIONS				D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 41-1737795	
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	0
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): 41-0417830					
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) 2023 v. 230707	

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) 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) 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)	14a 14b 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 b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15a 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 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	16a 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>Q702806A</u> .	

LJP Group Retirement Plan

Financial Report
December 31, 2023

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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Trustees
LJP Group Retirement Plan

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

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of LJP Group 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 statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has 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. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit 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 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 for the year then ended, 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 audit 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 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 (U.S. GAAP).
- 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 audit 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 audit. 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 U.S. GAAP, 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 within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or 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.

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 audit 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 U.S. GAAP.

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 U.S. GAAP.

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 Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules, schedule H, line 4i—schedule of assets (held at end of year), and schedule H, line 4a—schedule of delinquent participant contributions, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are 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 schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing 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. For information included in the supplemental schedules 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 schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are 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 schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules 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 schedules 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).

RSM US LLP

Minneapolis, Minnesota
October 14, 2024

LJP Group Retirement Plan

Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits December 31, 2023

Assets

Investments:

Investments, at fair value	\$ 1,738,106
Investments, at contract value	<u>5,425</u>
Total investments	<u>1,743,531</u>

Notes receivable from participants	<u>31,387</u>
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Net assets available for benefits	<u><u>\$ 1,774,918</u></u>
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See notes to financial statements.

LJP Group Retirement Plan

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

Investment results:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 143,785
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	1,452
Contributions:	
Employer	344,326
Participant	644,632
Rollover	695,816
Net investment results, interest income and contributions	<u>1,830,011</u>
Benefits paid to participants	(45,379)
Administrative expenses	(9,714)
Total disbursements	<u>(55,093)</u>
Net increase	1,774,918
Net assets available for benefits:	
Beginning of year	<u>-</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 1,774,918</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

LJP Group Retirement Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Description of the Plan

The following description of LJP Group Retirement Plan (the Plan) provides general information only. 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 established on January 1, 2023, to provide retirement income and other benefits to employees of LJP Waste Solutions, LLC (the Employer of the Company or Plan Sponsor). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan after attaining age 21 and completing one year of service. A year of eligible service is a 12-month period in which an employee has completed 1,000 or more hours of service. Union employees, nonresident aliens, leased employees, residents of Puerto Rico and part-time/seasonal employees are not eligible to participate in the Plan. An employee will become a participant in the Plan on the first day of the following month after satisfying the Plan's eligibility requirements.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for oversight of the Plan. The Investment Committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, monitors investment performance and reports to the Plan's Board of Trustees.

Sponsors: In addition to the Plan Sponsor, the Plan has been adopted by the following related companies:

- Jendro, Inc.
- The Trash Man, LLC
- Buckingham Trucking, LLC
- Van's Sanitation LLC

Contributions: Participants may make voluntary contributions up to the maximum amount permitted by law. The Plan has an automatic enrollment feature that automatically withholds 6% of compensation, as defined, as a pretax 401(k) contribution, unless the participant elects otherwise. The deferral percentage can be changed by the participant at any time. Participants are also allowed to contribute Roth 401(k) deferrals. The Plan allows participants aged 50 and older to make catch-up contributions. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollovers).

The Company makes a safe-harbor matching contribution equal to 100% of participant deferrals up to 3%, plus 50% of the participants salary deferrals that exceed 3% of compensation, but do not exceed 4% of the participants compensation. The Plan allows for discretionary profit-sharing contributions. There were no discretionary profit-sharing contributions in 2023. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations.

Vesting: Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Employer contribution portion of their accounts plus earnings thereon is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100% vested in nondiscretionary contributions after two years of credited service, upon death or permanent disability during the term of employment, or upon retirement. A participant is 100% vested in discretionary profit-sharing contributions on a six-year graded scale. A participant is 100% vested after six years of credited service.

LJP Group Retirement Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Description of the Plan (Continued)

Participant accounts: Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the Employer's contributions, if any, and allocations of Plan earnings, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account balance.

Payment of benefits: Upon termination of service, death, permanent disability, or retirement (age 65), the participant may receive the value of the vested interest in their account in the form of a lump-sum distribution or installments. If a participant terminates employment and the participant's account balance is between \$1,000 and \$5,000, the Plan Administrator will authorize the rollover of the vested benefit to an individual retirement account (IRA) without the participant's consent. If a participant terminates employment and the participant's account balance is less than \$5,000, the Plan Administrator is allowed to authorize a lump-sum benefit payment without the participant's consent. Participants may receive in-service distributions upon attaining age 59½ or due to financial hardship, subject to Plan provisions.

Notes receivable from participants: Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. The notes are secured by the vested balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate as determined by the Plan Administrator. Participants are permitted to have no more than two outstanding loans at any given time. Note terms range from less than one year up to five years or longer if used for the purchase of a principal residence. Interest rates on outstanding notes at December 31, 2023, range from 10.0% to 10.5%. Principal and interest are paid ratably through ACH or check, and notes are due in various amounts through October 2028.

Forfeited accounts: Upon termination of service, any nonvested portion of the participant's account balance will be forfeited. Forfeited nonvested accounts may first be used to pay Plan expenses and then to fund future Employer contributions. Forfeitures of \$3,656 were used to pay Plan expenses for the year ended December 31, 2023. Forfeited nonvested accounts as of December 31, 2023, totaled \$5,425.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting: The accompanying financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) requires the Plan Administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment valuation and income recognition: Investments are reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts which are reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for the portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the plan. Fair value is the amount 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 Plan's Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the Plan's investment advisors and custodian. See Note 4 for a discussion of fair value measurements.

LJP Group Retirement Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

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

Notes receivable from participants: Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balances plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023.

Notes receivable from participants are classified as an investment for Form 5500 reporting purposes and, accordingly, have been included as an investment in the supplemental schedule, schedule H, line 4i—schedule of assets (held at end of year).

Administrative expenses: Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment-related expenses are included as an offset to net appreciation in fair value of investments.

Contributions: Contributions from Plan participants and the matching contributions from the Employer are recorded in the year in which the employee contributions are withheld from compensation.

Benefit payments: Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Risks and uncertainties: The Plan provides for investment in a variety of investment securities. In general, investments are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of the investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the 2023 statement of net assets available for benefits.

Subsequent events: In preparing the financial statements, the Plan Administrator has evaluated subsequent events through October 14, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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Note 3. Information Certified or Provided by the Plan Custodian

The following is a summary of the Plan's asset information as of December 31, 2023 and for the year then ended, included throughout the Plan's financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, Schedule H, line 4i—schedule of assets (held at end of year), obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Minnesota Life Insurance Company (Minnesota Life), the custodian of the Plan, a qualified institution. Accordingly, as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the Plan Administrator instructed the Plan's independent auditors not to perform any auditing procedures with respect to information that appears throughout the financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule related to assets certified by the trustee as of December 31, 2023.

Investments, at fair value:	
Pooled separate accounts	\$ 1,738,106
Investments, at contract value:	
Group annuity contract	5,425
Notes receivable from participants	31,387
	<u>\$ 1,774,918</u>

Minnesota Life Insurance Company also certified as to the completeness and accuracy of \$143,785 of net appreciation in fair value of investments and \$1,452 of interest income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Note 4. Fair Value Measurements

Accounting standards establish the 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 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 are 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 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 specific (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

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Note 4. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

Level 3: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset's 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 is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023.

Pooled separate accounts: Pooled separate accounts invest in a single mutual fund or stocks. The net asset value (NAV) is the basis for the current transactions and the pooled separate account can be redeemed at NAV as of the measurement date. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate the fair value.

In accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Subtopic 820-10, the pooled separate accounts held by the Plan are not classified in the fair value hierarchy table that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value because they are measured at NAV per share as a practical expedient.

The methods described above may produce fair values 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 summarizes investments for which fair value is measured using the NAV per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2023. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments.

	Fair Value	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Pooled separate accounts:			
General Bond Funds (a)	\$ 316,287	Daily	None
U.S. Stock (b)	1,035,036	Daily	None
International Stock (c)	386,783	Daily	None

- (a) This category is composed of funds whose objective is to provide a total return through investing primarily in a portfolio of bonds.
- (b) This category is primarily composed of funds whose objective is to provide capital growth and total return through U.S. stocks.
- (c) This category is composed of funds whose objective is to provide long-term capital appreciation through investing primarily in non-U.S. stocks.

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Note 5. Group Annuity Contract

The Plan invests in the Minnesota Life Guaranteed Return Account under a benefit-responsive annuity contract (the Contract). Minnesota Life maintains the contributions governed by this contract in a general account that is managed by Minnesota Life Insurance Company. The contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and, therefore, is reported at contract value. Contract value, as reported by Minnesota Life, represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses. Minnesota Life may impose restrictions on the ability to move Plan assets into or out of this investment option or among investment options in general under the contract. Under the contract, Minnesota Life is contractually obligated to repay the Plan the principal and a specified interest rate. The crediting rate is based on a formula established by the contract issuer but may not be less than 0.25%. The crediting rate is reviewed on a quarterly basis for resetting and was 2.08% at December 31, 2023.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due is dependent on Minnesota Life's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include the following: (1) amendments to the Plan documents (including complete or partial Plan termination or merger with another plan), (2) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions, (3) bankruptcy of the Company or other Company events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan or (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA. The Plan Administrator does not believe the occurrence of any such event, which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants, is probable.

Note 6. Tax Status

The Plan has adopted a preapproved plan document that received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated June 30, 2020, stating that the form of the preapproved plan document was in compliance with applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC).

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 position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 7. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Plan Sponsor has the right, under the Plan, to discontinue its contributions and to terminate the Plan at any time, subject to the provisions of ERISA.

Note 8. Related-Party Transactions and Party-in-Interest Transactions

The Plan's investments are managed by Minnesota Life Insurance Company. Minnesota Life Insurance Company is the custodian, as defined by the Plan; therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

LJP Group Retirement Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 9. Nonexempt Transactions

During 2023, the Company inadvertently failed to deposit \$5,282 of participant deferrals within the required timeframe as stated by DOL regulations. The Company intends to reimburse the Plan for lost earnings in 2024 to correct this failure. The Company intends to file Form 5330 and pay the applicable excise tax in 2024. The excise tax payments will be made from the Company's assets and not from the assets of the Plan.

LJP Group Retirement Plan**Schedule H, Line 4a—Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions
Year Ended December 31, 2023**

Employer Identification Number: 41-1737795

Plan Number: 001

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan Check here if late participant loan repayments are included: ☐	Total that Constitutes Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside of VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
2023 \$ 5,282	\$ 5,282	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

LJP Group Retirement Plan

Schedule H, Line 4i—Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) December 31, 2023

Employer Identification Number: 41-1737795

Plan Number: 001

Description of Investment	Current Value
Pooled separate accounts:	
iShares S&P 500 Index Service	\$ 733,564
TIAA-CREF International Eq Idx Instl	380,297
Vanguard Extended Market Index Admiral	288,592
PGIM Total Return Bond Z	165,457
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Admiral	147,420
MFS Growth R3	6,554
Vanguard Equity-Income Adm	5,108
Goldman Sachs Short Dur Govt Instl	3,410
Fidelity Emerging Markets Indx	2,267
Invesco Oppenheimer International Gr Y	2,133
Dodge & Cox International Stock Inv.	2,086
Janus Henderson Small Cap Value	612
Segall Bryant & Hamill Small Cap Growth	606
	<u>1,738,106</u>
Group annuity contract:	
MN Life Guaranteed Return Account	5,425
Notes receivable from participants, due in various amounts through October 2028, with interest rates ranging from 10.0% to 10.5%	<u>31,387</u>
	<u><u>\$ 1,774,918</u></u>

The above information has been certified by Minnesota Life Insurance Company, the custodian of the Plan, as complete and accurate. Minnesota Life Insurance Company is a party-in-interest.

The Schedule of Assets (Held at the End of the Year) attachment to the Schedule H Line 4i is included in the attached Accountants Opinion.

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 single-employer plan	☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☐ a DFE (specify) _____	
B This return/report is:	☒ the first return/report ☐ an amended return/report	☐ the final 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 ☐ special extension (enter description)	☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program	
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 LJP Group Retirement Plan	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001	
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) LJP WASTE SOLUTIONS 2160 RINGHOFFER DRIVE NORTH MANKATO MN 56003		1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2023	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 41-1737795
		2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number (507) 385-3423	
		2d Business code (see instructions) 562000	

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		10-14-24	
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE		10-14-24	
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE		10-14-24	
	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	5 212
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) 212 6a(2) 195 6b 0 6c 44 6d 239 6e 0 6f 239 6g(1) 0 6g(2) 213 6h 45
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 2K 2T 3D 3H

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 _____
- (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 _____

LJP Group Retirement Plan

Financial Report
December 31, 2023

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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Trustees
LJP Group Retirement Plan

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

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of LJP Group 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 statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has 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. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit 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 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 for the year then ended, 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 audit 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 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 (U.S. GAAP).
- 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 audit 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 audit. 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 U.S. GAAP, 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 within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or 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.

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 audit 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 U.S. GAAP.

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 U.S. GAAP.

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 Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules, schedule H, line 4i—schedule of assets (held at end of year), and schedule H, line 4a—schedule of delinquent participant contributions, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are 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 schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing 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. For information included in the supplemental schedules 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 schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are 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 schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules 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 schedules 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).

RSM US LLP

Minneapolis, Minnesota
October 14, 2024

LJP Group Retirement Plan

Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits December 31, 2023

Assets

Investments:

Investments, at fair value	\$ 1,738,106
Investments, at contract value	<u>5,425</u>
Total investments	<u>1,743,531</u>

Notes receivable from participants	<u>31,387</u>
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Net assets available for benefits	<u><u>\$ 1,774,918</u></u>
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See notes to financial statements.

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

Investment results:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 143,785
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	1,452
Contributions:	
Employer	344,326
Participant	644,632
Rollover	695,816
Net investment results, interest income and contributions	<u>1,830,011</u>
Benefits paid to participants	(45,379)
Administrative expenses	(9,714)
Total disbursements	<u>(55,093)</u>
Net increase	1,774,918
Net assets available for benefits:	
Beginning of year	<u>-</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 1,774,918</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

LJP Group Retirement Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Description of the Plan

The following description of LJP Group Retirement Plan (the Plan) provides general information only. 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 established on January 1, 2023, to provide retirement income and other benefits to employees of LJP Waste Solutions, LLC (the Employer of the Company or Plan Sponsor). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan after attaining age 21 and completing one year of service. A year of eligible service is a 12-month period in which an employee has completed 1,000 or more hours of service. Union employees, nonresident aliens, leased employees, residents of Puerto Rico and part-time/seasonal employees are not eligible to participate in the Plan. An employee will become a participant in the Plan on the first day of the following month after satisfying the Plan's eligibility requirements.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for oversight of the Plan. The Investment Committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, monitors investment performance and reports to the Plan's Board of Trustees.

Sponsors: In addition to the Plan Sponsor, the Plan has been adopted by the following related companies:

- Jendro, Inc.
- The Trash Man, LLC
- Buckingham Trucking, LLC
- Van's Sanitation LLC

Contributions: Participants may make voluntary contributions up to the maximum amount permitted by law. The Plan has an automatic enrollment feature that automatically withholds 6% of compensation, as defined, as a pretax 401(k) contribution, unless the participant elects otherwise. The deferral percentage can be changed by the participant at any time. Participants are also allowed to contribute Roth 401(k) deferrals. The Plan allows participants aged 50 and older to make catch-up contributions. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollovers).

The Company makes a safe-harbor matching contribution equal to 100% of participant deferrals up to 3%, plus 50% of the participants salary deferrals that exceed 3% of compensation, but do not exceed 4% of the participants compensation. The Plan allows for discretionary profit-sharing contributions. There were no discretionary profit-sharing contributions in 2023. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations.

Vesting: Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Employer contribution portion of their accounts plus earnings thereon is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100% vested in nondiscretionary contributions after two years of credited service, upon death or permanent disability during the term of employment, or upon retirement. A participant is 100% vested in discretionary profit-sharing contributions on a six-year graded scale. A participant is 100% vested after six years of credited service.

LJP Group Retirement Plan

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Note 1. Description of the Plan (Continued)

Participant accounts: Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the Employer's contributions, if any, and allocations of Plan earnings, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account balance.

Payment of benefits: Upon termination of service, death, permanent disability, or retirement (age 65), the participant may receive the value of the vested interest in their account in the form of a lump-sum distribution or installments. If a participant terminates employment and the participant's account balance is between \$1,000 and \$5,000, the Plan Administrator will authorize the rollover of the vested benefit to an individual retirement account (IRA) without the participant's consent. If a participant terminates employment and the participant's account balance is less than \$5,000, the Plan Administrator is allowed to authorize a lump-sum benefit payment without the participant's consent. Participants may receive in-service distributions upon attaining age 59½ or due to financial hardship, subject to Plan provisions.

Notes receivable from participants: Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. The notes are secured by the vested balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate as determined by the Plan Administrator. Participants are permitted to have no more than two outstanding loans at any given time. Note terms range from less than one year up to five years or longer if used for the purchase of a principal residence. Interest rates on outstanding notes at December 31, 2023, range from 10.0% to 10.5%. Principal and interest are paid ratably through ACH or check, and notes are due in various amounts through October 2028.

Forfeited accounts: Upon termination of service, any nonvested portion of the participant's account balance will be forfeited. Forfeited nonvested accounts may first be used to pay Plan expenses and then to fund future Employer contributions. Forfeitures of \$3,656 were used to pay Plan expenses for the year ended December 31, 2023. Forfeited nonvested accounts as of December 31, 2023, totaled \$5,425.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting: The accompanying financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) requires the Plan Administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment valuation and income recognition: Investments are reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts which are reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for the portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the plan. Fair value is the amount 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 Plan's Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the Plan's investment advisors and custodian. See Note 4 for a discussion of fair value measurements.

LJP Group Retirement Plan

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Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

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

Notes receivable from participants: Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balances plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023.

Notes receivable from participants are classified as an investment for Form 5500 reporting purposes and, accordingly, have been included as an investment in the supplemental schedule, schedule H, line 4i—schedule of assets (held at end of year).

Administrative expenses: Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment-related expenses are included as an offset to net appreciation in fair value of investments.

Contributions: Contributions from Plan participants and the matching contributions from the Employer are recorded in the year in which the employee contributions are withheld from compensation.

Benefit payments: Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Risks and uncertainties: The Plan provides for investment in a variety of investment securities. In general, investments are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of the investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the 2023 statement of net assets available for benefits.

Subsequent events: In preparing the financial statements, the Plan Administrator has evaluated subsequent events through October 14, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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Note 3. Information Certified or Provided by the Plan Custodian

The following is a summary of the Plan's asset information as of December 31, 2023 and for the year then ended, included throughout the Plan's financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, Schedule H, line 4i—schedule of assets (held at end of year), obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Minnesota Life Insurance Company (Minnesota Life), the custodian of the Plan, a qualified institution. Accordingly, as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the Plan Administrator instructed the Plan's independent auditors not to perform any auditing procedures with respect to information that appears throughout the financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule related to assets certified by the trustee as of December 31, 2023.

Investments, at fair value:	
Pooled separate accounts	\$ 1,738,106
Investments, at contract value:	
Group annuity contract	5,425
Notes receivable from participants	31,387
	<u>\$ 1,774,918</u>

Minnesota Life Insurance Company also certified as to the completeness and accuracy of \$143,785 of net appreciation in fair value of investments and \$1,452 of interest income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Note 4. Fair Value Measurements

Accounting standards establish the 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 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 are 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 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 specific (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

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Note 4. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

Level 3: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset's 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 is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023.

Pooled separate accounts: Pooled separate accounts invest in a single mutual fund or stocks. The net asset value (NAV) is the basis for the current transactions and the pooled separate account can be redeemed at NAV as of the measurement date. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate the fair value.

In accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Subtopic 820-10, the pooled separate accounts held by the Plan are not classified in the fair value hierarchy table that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value because they are measured at NAV per share as a practical expedient.

The methods described above may produce fair values 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 summarizes investments for which fair value is measured using the NAV per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2023. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments.

	Fair Value	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Pooled separate accounts:			
General Bond Funds (a)	\$ 316,287	Daily	None
U.S. Stock (b)	1,035,036	Daily	None
International Stock (c)	386,783	Daily	None

- (a) This category is composed of funds whose objective is to provide a total return through investing primarily in a portfolio of bonds.
- (b) This category is primarily composed of funds whose objective is to provide capital growth and total return through U.S. stocks.
- (c) This category is composed of funds whose objective is to provide long-term capital appreciation through investing primarily in non-U.S. stocks.

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Note 5. Group Annuity Contract

The Plan invests in the Minnesota Life Guaranteed Return Account under a benefit-responsive annuity contract (the Contract). Minnesota Life maintains the contributions governed by this contract in a general account that is managed by Minnesota Life Insurance Company. The contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and, therefore, is reported at contract value. Contract value, as reported by Minnesota Life, represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses. Minnesota Life may impose restrictions on the ability to move Plan assets into or out of this investment option or among investment options in general under the contract. Under the contract, Minnesota Life is contractually obligated to repay the Plan the principal and a specified interest rate. The crediting rate is based on a formula established by the contract issuer but may not be less than 0.25%. The crediting rate is reviewed on a quarterly basis for resetting and was 2.08% at December 31, 2023.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due is dependent on Minnesota Life's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include the following: (1) amendments to the Plan documents (including complete or partial Plan termination or merger with another plan), (2) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions, (3) bankruptcy of the Company or other Company events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan or (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA. The Plan Administrator does not believe the occurrence of any such event, which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants, is probable.

Note 6. Tax Status

The Plan has adopted a preapproved plan document that received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated June 30, 2020, stating that the form of the preapproved plan document was in compliance with applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC).

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 position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 7. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Plan Sponsor has the right, under the Plan, to discontinue its contributions and to terminate the Plan at any time, subject to the provisions of ERISA.

Note 8. Related-Party Transactions and Party-in-Interest Transactions

The Plan's investments are managed by Minnesota Life Insurance Company. Minnesota Life Insurance Company is the custodian, as defined by the Plan; therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

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Note 9. Nonexempt Transactions

During 2023, the Company inadvertently failed to deposit \$5,282 of participant deferrals within the required timeframe as stated by DOL regulations. The Company intends to reimburse the Plan for lost earnings in 2024 to correct this failure. The Company intends to file Form 5330 and pay the applicable excise tax in 2024. The excise tax payments will be made from the Company's assets and not from the assets of the Plan.

LJP Group Retirement Plan**Schedule H, Line 4a—Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions
Year Ended December 31, 2023**

Employer Identification Number: 41-1737795

Plan Number: 001

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Total that Constitutes Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
Check here if late participant loan repayments are included: ☐	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside of VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	

2023	\$	5,282	\$	5,282	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
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LJP Group Retirement Plan

Schedule H, Line 4i—Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) December 31, 2023

Employer Identification Number: 41-1737795

Plan Number: 001

Description of Investment	Current Value
Pooled separate accounts:	
iShares S&P 500 Index Service	\$ 733,564
TIAA-CREF International Eq Idx Instl	380,297
Vanguard Extended Market Index Admiral	288,592
PGIM Total Return Bond Z	165,457
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Admiral	147,420
MFS Growth R3	6,554
Vanguard Equity-Income Adm	5,108
Goldman Sachs Short Dur Govt Instl	3,410
Fidelity Emerging Markets Indx	2,267
Invesco Oppenheimer International Gr Y	2,133
Dodge & Cox International Stock Inv.	2,086
Janus Henderson Small Cap Value	612
Segall Bryant & Hamill Small Cap Growth	606
	<u>1,738,106</u>
Group annuity contract:	
MN Life Guaranteed Return Account	5,425
Notes receivable from participants, due in various amounts through October 2028, with interest rates ranging from 10.0% to 10.5%	<u>31,387</u>
	<u><u>\$ 1,774,918</u></u>

The above information has been certified by Minnesota Life Insurance Company, the custodian of the Plan, as complete and accurate. Minnesota Life Insurance Company is a party-in-interest.