

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

2024

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

- 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.) [X] a single-employer plan [ ] a DFE (specify) \_\_\_\_
B This return/report is: [ ] the first return/report [ ] the final return/report [ ] an amended return/report [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. [ ]
D Check box if filing under: [X] 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: COWLES COMPANY GROUP BENEFIT PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 502
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/1985
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): COWLES COMPANY
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 91-0420030
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 509-459-5220
2d Business code (see instructions): 511110

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.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature of plan administrator, Date, Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator. Includes rows for employer/plan sponsor and DFE.

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<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> 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: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN	
	<b>4d</b> PN	
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	509
<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ). <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year ..... <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year ..... <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits ..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. .... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> ..... <b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6a(1)</b>	509
	<b>6a(2)</b>	491
	<b>6b</b>	0
	<b>6c</b>	0
	<b>6d</b>	491
	<b>6e</b>	
	<b>6f</b>	
	<b>6g(1)</b>	
<b>6g(2)</b>		
<b>6h</b>		
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....	<b>7</b>	0

**8a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

**b** If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:  
4A 4B 4D 4H 4L 4Q

<b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	<b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust
(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor

**10** Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

<b>a Pension Schedules</b>	<b>b General Schedules</b>
(1) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information)	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information)
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan)
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>4</u>
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DCG</b> (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____	(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information)
(5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MEP</b> (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)	(5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
	(6) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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**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.

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**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 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SCHEDULE A</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p><b>Insurance Information</b></p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b></p> <p>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</p>	<p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: 24pt;"><b>2024</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b></p>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

<p><b>A</b> Name of plan <span style="color: blue;">COWLES COMPANY GROUP BENEFIT PLAN</span></p>	<p><b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p>	<p><span style="color: blue;">502</span></p>
<p><b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <span style="color: blue;">COWLES COMPANY</span></p>	<p><b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <span style="color: blue;">91-0420030</span></p>	

**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.

**1 Coverage Information:**

(a) Name of insurance carrier  
HARTFORD LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY

(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
06-0838648	70815	ETB-144093	491	03/10/2023	03/09/2024

**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.

<p><b>(a) Total amount of commissions paid</b></p> <p style="color: blue; font-size: 24pt;">0</p>	<p><b>(b) Total amount of fees paid</b></p> <p style="color: blue; font-size: 24pt;">0</p>
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**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

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

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

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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Investment and Annuity Contract Information</b> 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.
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<b>4</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end .....	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	<b>5</b>	

**6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:

<b>a</b> State the basis of premium rates ▶		
<b>b</b> Premiums paid to carrier .....	<b>6b</b>	
<b>c</b> Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year .....	<b>6c</b>	
<b>d</b> If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. .... Specify nature of costs ▶	<b>6d</b>	
<b>e</b> Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> individual policies                      (2) <input type="checkbox"/> group deferred annuity (3) <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) ▶		
<b>f</b> If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

<b>a</b> Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> deposit administration                      (2) <input type="checkbox"/> immediate participation guarantee (3) <input type="checkbox"/> guaranteed investment                      (4) <input type="checkbox"/> other ▶		
<b>b</b> Balance at the end of the previous year .....	<b>7b</b>	
<b>c</b> Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....	<b>7c(1)</b>	
	<b>7c(2)</b>	
	<b>7c(3)</b>	
	<b>7c(4)</b>	
	<b>7c(5)</b>	
	<b>7c(6)</b>	
(6) Total additions .....	<b>7c(6)</b>	
<b>d</b> Total of balance and additions (add lines <b>7b</b> and <b>7c(6)</b> ) .....	<b>7d</b>	
<b>e</b> Deductions: (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year .....	<b>7e(1)</b>	
	<b>7e(2)</b>	
	<b>7e(3)</b>	
	<b>7e(4)</b>	
	<b>7e(5)</b>	
(5) Total deductions .....	<b>7e(5)</b>	
<b>f</b> Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line <b>7e(5)</b> from line <b>7d</b> ).....	<b>7f</b>	

**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) ▶ **BUSINESS TRAVEL ACCIDENT**

**9** Experience-rated contracts:

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

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

<b>a</b> Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier .....	<b>10a</b>	0
<b>b</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. ....	<b>10b</b>	

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. ▶

DID NOT PROVIDE A SCHEDULE A.

<p><b>SCHEDULE A</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b></p> <p>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p><b>Insurance Information</b></p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b></p> <p>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</p>	<p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p><b>2024</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b></p>
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<p><b>A</b> Name of plan <b>COWLES COMPANY GROUP BENEFIT PLAN</b></p>	<p><b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p>	<p><b>502</b></p>
<p><b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>COWLES COMPANY</b></p>	<p><b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>91-0420030</b></p>	

**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.

**1 Coverage Information:**

(a) Name of insurance carrier  
**SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA**

(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
38-1082080	80802	227281	453	02/01/2023	01/31/2024

**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>0</b>	(b) Total amount of fees paid <b>41364</b>
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**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  
**ALLIANT INSURANCE SERVICES, INC.**  
**3424 PEACHTREE ROAD NE**  
**SUITE 1400**  
**ATLANTA, GA 30326**

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
0	40566	OVERRIDE	3

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid  
**UMR, INC.**  
**115 WEST WAUSAU AVENUE**  
**WAUSAU, WI 54401**

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
0	798	BONUS	3

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

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
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<b>4</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end .....	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	<b>5</b>	

**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 ▶

<b>b</b> Balance at the end of the previous year .....			<b>7b</b>	
<b>c</b> Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....	<b>7c(1)</b>			
	<b>7c(2)</b>			
	<b>7c(3)</b>			
	<b>7c(4)</b>			
	<b>7c(5)</b>			
	(6) Total additions .....			
<b>d</b> Total of balance and additions (add lines <b>7b</b> and <b>7c(6)</b> ) .....			<b>7d</b>	
<b>e</b> Deductions:				
	<b>7e(1)</b>			
	<b>7e(2)</b>			
	<b>7e(3)</b>			
	<b>7e(4)</b>			
(5) Total deductions .....		<b>7e(5)</b>		
<b>f</b> Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line <b>7e(5)</b> from line <b>7d</b> ).....			<b>7f</b>	

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**8** Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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- b**  Dental
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- 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:

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

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

<b>a</b>	Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier .....	<b>10a</b>	442117
<b>b</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. .... Specify nature of costs.	<b>10b</b>	

**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 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

**2024**

**This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>COWLES COMPANY GROUP BENEFIT PLAN</b>		<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>502</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>COWLES COMPANY</b>		<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>91-0420030</b>

**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.

**1 Coverage Information:**

**(a)** Name of insurance carrier

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<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> NAIC code	<b>(d)</b> Contract or identification number	<b>(e)</b> Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	<b>Policy or contract year</b>	
				<b>(f)</b> From	<b>(g)</b> To
<b>12-2345678</b>	<b>00000</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>02/01/2023</b>	<b>01/31/2024</b>

**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.

<b>(a)</b> Total amount of commissions paid <b>0</b>	<b>(b)</b> Total amount of fees paid <b>0</b>
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**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

<b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid	<b>Fees and other commissions paid</b>		<b>(e)</b> Organization code
	<b>(c)</b> Amount	<b>(d)</b> Purpose	

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

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

**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.

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

**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 ▶

<b>b</b> Balance at the end of the previous year .....	<b>7b</b>	
<b>c</b> Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....	<b>7c(1)</b>	
	<b>7c(2)</b>	
	<b>7c(3)</b>	
	<b>7c(4)</b>	
	<b>7c(5)</b>	
(6) Total additions .....	<b>7c(6)</b>	
<b>d</b> Total of balance and additions (add lines <b>7b</b> and <b>7c(6)</b> ) .....	<b>7d</b>	
<b>e</b> Deductions: (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year .....	<b>7e(1)</b>	
	<b>7e(2)</b>	
	<b>7e(3)</b>	
	<b>7e(4)</b>	
	(5) Total deductions .....	<b>7e(5)</b>
<b>f</b> Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line <b>7e(5)</b> from line <b>7d</b> ).....	<b>7f</b>	

**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) ▶ **EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**9** Experience-rated contracts:

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

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

<b>a</b> Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier .....	<b>10a</b>	20696
<b>b</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. .... Specify nature of costs.	<b>10b</b>	

**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. ▶

<p><b>SCHEDULE A</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b></p> <p>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p><b>Insurance Information</b></p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b></p> <p>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</p>	<p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p><b>2024</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b></p>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

<p><b>A</b> Name of plan <b>COWLES COMPANY GROUP BENEFIT PLAN</b></p>	<p><b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p>	<p><b>502</b></p>
<p><b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>COWLES COMPANY</b></p>	<p><b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>91-0420030</b></p>	

**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.

**1 Coverage Information:**

(a) Name of insurance carrier  
**STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY**

(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
93-0242990	69019	471422	491	02/01/2023	01/31/2024

**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.

<p>(a) Total amount of commissions paid <b>11074</b></p>	<p>(b) Total amount of fees paid <b>4352</b></p>
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**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  
**ALLIANT INSURANCE SERVICES, INC. 701 B STREET, 6TH FLOOR SAN DIEGO, CA 92101**

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
11074	4352	CONTINGENT COMPENSATION	3

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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.

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

**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 ▶

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

**c** Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year ..... **7c(1)**  
 (2) Dividends and credits..... **7c(2)**  
 (3) Interest credited during the year..... **7c(3)**  
 (4) Transferred from separate account ..... **7c(4)**  
 (5) Other (specify below)..... **7c(5)**  
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(6) Total additions ..... **7c(6)**

**d** Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) ..... **7d**

**e** Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year ..... **7e(1)**  
 (2) Administration charge made by carrier..... **7e(2)**  
 (3) Transferred to separate account ..... **7e(3)**  
 (4) Other (specify below)..... **7e(4)**  
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(5) Total deductions ..... **7e(5)**

**f** Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)..... **7f**

**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) ▶ **ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT**

**9** Experience-rated contracts:

<b>a</b> Premiums: (1) Amount received .....		<b>9a(1)</b>	220704
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid .....		<b>9a(2)</b>	-6785
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve .....		<b>9a(3)</b>	0
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)) .....		<b>9a(4)</b>	213919
<b>b</b> Benefit charges (1) Claims paid .....		<b>9b(1)</b>	66200
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves .....		<b>9b(2)</b>	22505
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)) .....		<b>9b(3)</b>	88705
(4) Claims charged .....		<b>9b(4)</b>	88705
<b>c</b> Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions .....	<b>9c(1)(A)</b>	14207	
(B) Administrative service or other fees .....	<b>9c(1)(B)</b>	0	
(C) Other specific acquisition costs .....	<b>9c(1)(C)</b>	500	
(D) Other expenses .....	<b>9c(1)(D)</b>	28187	
(E) Taxes .....	<b>9c(1)(E)</b>	4279	
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies .....	<b>9c(1)(F)</b>	20934	
(G) Other retention charges .....	<b>9c(1)(G)</b>	57114	
(H) Total retention .....	<b>9c(1)(H)</b>	125221	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.) .....		<b>9c(2)</b>	0
<b>d</b> Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement .....		<b>9d(1)</b>	0
(2) Claim reserves .....		<b>9d(2)</b>	221596
(3) Other reserves .....		<b>9d(3)</b>	0
<b>e</b> Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).) .....		<b>9e</b>	0

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

<b>a</b> Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier .....	<b>10a</b>	3373
<b>b</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. .... Specify nature of costs.	<b>10b</b>	

**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. ▶

<b>SCHEDULE C</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Service Provider Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>COWLES COMPANY GROUP BENEFIT PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>502</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>COWLES COMPANY</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>91-0420030</b>	

**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)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
12	CLAIMS PROCESSING	128971	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
12	CLAIMS PROCESSING	108488	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
12	CLAIMS PROCESSING	37929	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
10	AUDITOR	22600	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
55	BROKER	15506	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

(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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

**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.

<b>(a)</b> Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	<b>(b)</b> Service Codes (see instructions)	<b>(c)</b> Enter amount of indirect compensation
<b>(d)</b> Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	<b>(e)</b> Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
<b>(a)</b> Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	<b>(b)</b> Service Codes (see instructions)	<b>(c)</b> 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.

<b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	<b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s)	<b>(c)</b> 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)

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>SCHEDULE H</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Financial Information</b>  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).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning <b>01/01/2024</b> and ending <b>12/31/2024</b>	
<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>COWLES COMPANY GROUP BENEFIT PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>502</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>COWLES COMPANY</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>91-0420030</b>

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Asset and Liability Statement</b>
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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.

	(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>	
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):		
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>	243917
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	323849
<b>c</b> General investments:		
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>	3043772
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>	2995083
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):		
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>	
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>	
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):		
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>	
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>	
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>	
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>	
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>	
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>	
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>	
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>	
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>	
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>	
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>	
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	<b>1c(14)</b>	
<b>(15)</b> Other.....	<b>1c(15)</b>	197000
		197000

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	<b>1d(1)</b>		
(2) Employer real property.....	<b>1d(2)</b>		
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	<b>1e</b>		
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	<b>1f</b>	3484689	3515932
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>	818771	299056
<b>h</b> Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>	3636	42327
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....	<b>1i</b>		
<b>j</b> Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>		
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	<b>1k</b>	822407	341383
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	<b>1l</b>	2662282	3174549

**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.

<b>Income</b>		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers.....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	3318465	
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>	1308400	
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>		
(2) Noncash contributions.....	<b>2a(2)</b>		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> .....	<b>2a(3)</b>		4626865
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
<b>(1) Interest:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	<b>2b(1)(A)</b>	76548	
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities.....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments.....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>		
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>		
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans.....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>		
<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>		
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		76548
<b>(2) Dividends:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred stock.....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common stock.....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>		
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Rents.....	<b>2b(3)</b>		
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds.....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result.....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>		
<b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Real estate.....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(C)</b>		

		(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)		
(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)		
<b>c</b> Other income .....	2c		
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	2d		4703413

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	2e(1)		
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....	2e(2)		
(3) Other .....	2e(3)	3380678	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3) .....	2e(4)		3380678
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	2f		
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	2g		
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	2h		
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	2i(2)	275388	
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	2i(4)	22600	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	2i(5)	2500	
(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)	509980	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) .....	2i(12)		810468
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	2j		4191146

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d .....	2k		512267
<b>l</b> 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: DECORIA, BLAIR & TEAGUE, PS

(2) EIN: 26-0152208

**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
<b>a</b> 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.)		X	
<b>b</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.)		X	
<b>c</b> 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.)		X	
<b>d</b> 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.)		X	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		1000000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
<b>g</b> 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?		X	
<b>h</b> 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?		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
<b>j</b> 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.)	X		
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)			
<b>n</b> 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.)

<b>5b(1)</b> Name of plan(s)	<b>5b(2)</b> EIN(s)	<b>5b(3)</b> 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

**Cowles Company Medical Plan  
Financial Statements  
Supplemental Schedules**  
*December 31, 2024*



**Cowles Company Medical Plan**  
**Financial Statements**  
*Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023*

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Trustees  
Cowles Company Medical Plan

### ***Opinion***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Cowles Company Medical Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Cowles Company Medical Plan as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 Cowles Company Medical Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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 Cowles Company Medical Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards, 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 Cowles Company Medical 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 Cowles Company Medical Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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.

### ***Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA***

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedules of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024 and reportable transactions for the year ended December 31, 2024 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedules is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

*DeCoria, Blair & Teague, PS*

DeCoria, Blair & Teague, PS  
Spokane, Washington  
September 25, 2025

**Cowles Company Medical Plan**  
**Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits**  
*December 31, 2024 and 2023*

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b><i>ASSETS</i></b>		
Investment, at fair value (which is the same as cost):		
Cash equivalent funds (Note 3)	<u>\$ 2,675,640</u>	<u>\$ 2,714,937</u>
Receivables:		
Interest	5,518	6,843
Stop-loss insurance and other claims reimbursements	<u>318,331</u>	<u>237,074</u>
Total receivables	<u>323,849</u>	<u>243,917</u>
Security deposit held by third party administrator	<u>197,000</u>	<u>197,000</u>
Total assets	<u>3,196,489</u>	<u>3,155,854</u>
<b><i>LIABILITIES</i></b>		
Accrued administrative expenses	<u>42,233</u>	<u>625</u>
Total liabilities	<u>42,233</u>	<u>625</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 3,154,256</u>	<u>\$ 3,155,229</u>

***The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.***

**Cowles Company Medical Plan**  
**Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits**  
*Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023*

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b><i>ADDITIONS</i></b>		
Contributions:		
Employer	\$ 3,208,904	\$ 2,911,075
Participants	<u>1,129,249</u>	<u>1,104,770</u>
	4,338,153	4,015,845
Interest income	<u>76,548</u>	<u>69,069</u>
Total additions	<u>4,414,701</u>	<u>4,084,914</u>
<b><i>DEDUCTIONS</i></b>		
Benefit obligations paid, net of claims reimbursements	3,654,978	3,192,042
Administrative expenses	<u>760,696</u>	<u>726,407</u>
Total deductions	<u>4,415,674</u>	<u>3,918,449</u>
Net increase (decrease) in net assets available for benefits	<u>(973)</u>	<u>166,465</u>
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	<u>3,155,229</u>	<u>2,988,764</u>
Net assets available for benefits at end of year	<u>\$ 3,154,256</u>	<u>\$ 3,155,229</u>

***The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.***

## **Cowles Company Medical Plan Notes to Financial Statements**

### **1. Description of the Plan**

#### **General**

The Cowles Company Medical Plan (the Plan) is a defined benefit health and welfare plan covering virtually all employees of Cowles Company (the Plan Sponsor); Cowles Publishing Company (dba The Spokesman-Review); Northwest Offset Printing, Inc.; Cowles Real Estate Company; River Park Square, LLC; Centennial Property Management Company; KHQ, Incorporated; Nickel's Worth Publications, Inc.; Northwest Business Press, Inc.; Mid-Columbia Media, Inc. and Cowles Montana Media Company (collectively referred to as the Company).

The following brief description of the Plan is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended.

#### **Eligibility**

Regular employees are eligible to participate in the Plan after they have worked full-time for one (1) continuous month. Full-time is defined as working at least 30 hours per week. In addition, the spouses and dependents of participating employees are also eligible to participate.

#### **Contributions**

At the beginning of each Plan year, the Company determines and publishes combined contribution rates that it believes will be necessary to cover anticipated benefit payments and administrative expenses. Participants are required to contribute all of the combined rates during their second month of employment and a portion of the combined rates thereafter, through periodic payroll deductions. The participant portion is generally small for the employee and larger for covered spouses and dependents. The remainder of the combined rates is contributed by the Company (employer) once the participant has completed two (2) months of continuous full-time employment.

#### **Benefit Payments**

The Plan makes payments to service providers on behalf of participants for medical care. These payments are specifically defined amounts based on the nature of the services provided, up to annual and lifetime maximums. Participants must satisfy a co-pay or deductible for most medical services before the Plan makes partial or complete payments to service providers. The Plan utilizes two third party administrators, United Medical Resources (UMR) and Kaiser Permanente to process, adjudicate and pay claims for benefits.

## **Cowles Company Medical Plan Notes to Financial Statements**

### **1. Description of the Plan (continued)**

#### **Benefit Payments (continued)**

The Plan has \$197,000 of cash on deposit with UMR, which serves as security for the Plan's pending reimbursement of benefit claims being paid by UMR.

#### **Stop-Loss Insurance**

The Plan has a stop-loss insurance policy in force with Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada that covers both individual and aggregate benefit payments. Under this policy, the Plan is reimbursed to the extent that benefits paid on specific individual claims exceed defined levels (\$275,000 for the first such claim in a year and \$100,000 for any such claims thereafter in a year), with no lifetime maximum. This policy also provides coverage, and reimburses the Plan, to the extent that aggregate claims exceed 120% of expected claims for a year (as set at the beginning of each year).

#### **Plan Termination**

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right to terminate the Plan at any time subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event the Plan terminates, it is not liable for the failure or omission to pay any benefits under the Plan. Therefore, if the Plan's assets are not sufficient to pay claims incurred upon termination, it will distribute payments based on the ratio of remaining claims to net assets available for payment.

### **2. Summary of Accounting Policies**

ASC Topic 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures, establishes a fair value hierarchy for those assets and liabilities measured at fair value, that distinguishes between assumptions based on market data (observable inputs) and the Plan's own assumptions (unobservable inputs). The hierarchy consists of: Level 1 – quoted market prices in active markets for identical instruments; Level 2 – inputs other than Level 1 inputs that are observable; and Level 3 – unobservable inputs developed using estimates and assumptions determined by the Plan. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the only financial assets or liabilities of the Plan measured at fair value on a recurring basis was an investment of \$2,675,640 and \$2,714,937, respectively, representing a fair value hierarchy Level 1 asset. Due to the nature of the investment (see Note 3), fair value is the same as cost. The Plan has no assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis at December 31, 2024 or 2023.

## Cowles Company Medical Plan Notes to Financial Statements

### 2. Summary of Accounting Policies (continued)

Third party administrator, custodian, stop-loss insurance, audit and consultant fees are paid by the Plan. All other costs associated with administering the Plan, which are not significant, are paid by the Plan Sponsor.

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Plan has evaluated all subsequent events through September 25, 2025 which is the date as of which the Plan's financial statements are available to be issued.

### 3. Investment

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Plan's investment was held by the custodian Principal Bank (Principal).

The Plan's investment is stated at fair value, which is the same as cost. The Plan's investment consists solely of a Principal Bank deposit sweep program (cash equivalent fund). The investment manager has authority to invest the funds in short and medium-term investments, as necessary, to meet the cash flow requirements of the Plan.

### 4. Benefit Obligations

Benefit obligations payable consist of the following at December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Claims reported but not paid	\$ 33,056	\$ 19,924
Claims incurred but not reported (IBNR)	<u>260,000</u>	<u>790,000</u>
	<u>\$ 293,056</u>	<u>\$ 809,924</u>

The claims IBNR liability as of December 31 is determined by reviewing all claim payments made through July 31 of the ensuing year, and accruing those that relate to the current year. In addition, an estimate is accrued in IBNR for claims expected to be paid after July 31 of the ensuing year, based on historical experience. Historically, IBNR payments made beyond seven months after year end have been infrequent and not material.

**Cowles Company Medical Plan  
Notes to Financial Statements**

**4. Benefit Obligations (continued)**

Changes in benefit obligations payable for the periods ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 are as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Gross benefit obligations payable, beginning of year	\$ 809,924	\$ 260,470
Less stop-loss insurance and other reimbursements receivable	<b>(237,074)</b>	(296,413)
Net benefit obligations (receivable) payable, beginning of year	<u>572,850</u>	<u>(35,943)</u>
Claims incurred during the period:		
Gross claims reported	4,341,718	3,481,822
Increase (decrease) in claims IBNR	<b>(530,000)</b>	555,000
Stop-loss insurance and other reimbursements	<b>(673,608)</b>	(295,326)
Total net claims incurred during the year	<u>3,138,110</u>	<u>3,741,496</u>
Claims paid during the period:		
Gross claims paid to participants	<b>(4,328,586)</b>	(3,487,368)
Stop-loss insurance and other reimbursements received	<b>592,351</b>	354,665
Total net claims paid during the year	<u>(3,736,235)</u>	<u>(3,132,703)</u>
Net benefit obligations (receivable) payable, end of year	<b>(25,275)</b>	572,850
Add stop-loss insurance and other reimbursements receivable	<b>318,331</b>	237,074
Gross benefit obligations payable, end of year	<u>\$ 293,056</u>	<u>\$ 809,924</u>

**5. Federal Income Tax Status**

The Plan received a favorable determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service dated March 4, 2008 stating that the Plan is tax exempt under the provisions of Section 501(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) as a Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Association. The Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its tax-exempt status. The Plan Administrator believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and, therefore, believes that it remains tax exempt.

**Cowles Company Medical Plan  
Notes to Financial Statements**

**6. Reconciliation of 2024 Financial Statements to Form 5500**

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

Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	<b>\$ 3,154,256</b>
Benefit claims payable	<b><u>(293,056)</u></b>
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<b><u><u>\$ 2,861,200</u></u></b>

The following is a reconciliation of claims paid per the financial statements to the form 5500:

Benefit obligations paid (net) per the financial statements	<b>\$ 3,654,978</b>
Add amounts payable at December 31, 2024	<b>293,056</b>
Less amounts payable at December 31, 2023	<b><u>(809,924)</u></b>
Benefit payments per Form 5500	<b><u><u>\$ 3,138,110</u></u></b>

**Cowles Company Medical Plan**  
**EIN: 91-0420030, PN: 502**  
**Schedule H, Line 4(i) – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)**  
**December 31, 2024**

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue	(c) Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Par, or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	Principal Bank Deposit Sweep Program	2,675,640 units, 2.5% interest – cash equivalent bank deposit sweep	\$2,675,640	\$2,675,640

\* Indicates party-in-interest to the Plan.

**Cowles Company Medical Plan**  
**EIN: 91-0420030, PN: 502**  
**Schedule H, Line 4(j) – Schedule of Reportable Transactions**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

(a) Identity of Party Involved	(b) Description of Asset	(c) Purchase Price	(d) Selling Price	(e) Lease Rental	(f) Expense Incurred with Transaction	(g) Cost of Asset	(h) Current Value of Asset on Transaction Date	(i) Net Gain (Loss)
<u>Category (i) – Individual transactions in excess of 5% of Plan assets.</u>								
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	\$327,667	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$327,667	\$327,667	\$ –
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	316,870	–	–	–	316,870	316,870	–
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	251,637	–	–	–	251,637	251,637	–
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	363,111	–	–	–	363,111	363,111	–
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	–	431,778	–	–	431,778	431,778	–
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	309,844	–	–	–	309,844	309,844	–
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	–	175,578	–	–	175,578	175,578	–
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	356,542	–	–	–	356,542	356,542	–
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	334,343	–	–	–	334,343	334,343	–
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	364,342	–	–	–	364,342	364,342	–
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	–	185,176	–	–	185,176	185,176	–
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	353,681	–	–	–	353,681	353,681	–
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	322,596	–	–	–	322,596	322,596	–
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	362,358	–	–	–	362,358	362,358	–
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	358,781	–	–	–	358,781	358,781	–

There were no Category (ii), (iii), or (iv) reportable transactions during 2024.

**Cowles Company Dental Care Plan  
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*December 31, 2024*



**Cowles Company Dental Care Plan**  
**Financial Statements**  
*Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023*

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Trustees  
Cowles Company Dental Care Plan

### ***Opinion***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Cowles Company Dental Care Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Cowles Company Dental Care Plan as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 Cowles Company Dental Care Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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 Cowles Company Dental Care Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards, 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 Cowles Company Dental Care 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 Cowles Company Dental Care Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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.

*DeCoria, Blair & Teague, PS*

DeCoria, Blair & Teague, PS  
Spokane, Washington  
September 25, 2025

**Cowles Company Dental Care Plan**  
**Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits**  
*December 31, 2024 and 2023*

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b><i>ASSETS</i></b>		
Cash	<b>\$ 319,443</b>	\$ 328,835
Total assets	<b>319,443</b>	328,835
<b><i>LIABILITIES</i></b>		
Accrued administrative expenses	<b>94</b>	3,011
Total liabilities	<b>94</b>	3,011
Net assets available for benefits	<b>\$ 319,349</b>	\$ 325,824

***The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.***

**Cowles Company Dental Care Plan**  
**Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits**  
*Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023*

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b><i>ADDITIONS</i></b>		
Contributions:		
Employer	\$ 109,561	\$ 102,464
Participants	179,151	173,110
Total additions	<u>288,712</u>	<u>275,574</u>
<b><i>DEDUCTIONS</i></b>		
Benefit obligations paid	245,415	238,569
Administrative expenses	49,772	47,065
Total deductions	<u>295,187</u>	<u>285,634</u>
Net decrease in net assets available for benefits	(6,475)	(10,060)
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	<u>325,824</u>	335,884
Net assets available for benefits at end of year	<u><u>\$ 319,349</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 325,824</u></u>

***The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements***

# **Cowles Company Dental Care Plan**

## **Notes to Financial Statements**

### **1. Description of the Plan**

#### **General**

The Cowles Company Dental Care Plan (the Plan) is a defined benefit health and welfare plan covering virtually all employees of Cowles Company (the Plan Sponsor); Cowles Publishing Company (dba The Spokesman-Review); Northwest Offset Printing, Inc.; Cowles Real Estate Company; River Park Square, LLC; Centennial Property Management Company; KHQ, Incorporated; Nickel's Worth Publications, Inc.; Northwest Business Press, Inc.; Mid-Columbia Media, Inc. and Cowles Montana Media Company (collectively referred to as the Company).

The following brief description of the Plan is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended.

#### **Eligibility**

Regular employees are eligible to participate in the Plan after they have worked full-time for one (1) continuous month. Full-time is defined as working at least 30 hours per week. In addition, the spouses and dependents of participating employees are also eligible to participate.

#### **Contributions**

At the beginning of each Plan year, the Company determines and publishes combined contribution rates that it believes will be necessary to cover anticipated benefit payments and administrative expenses. Participants are required to contribute all of the combined rates during their second full calendar month of employment and a portion of the combined rates thereafter, through periodic payroll deductions. This participant portion is generally small for the employee and larger for covered spouses and dependents. The remainder of the combined rates is contributed by the Company (employer) once the participant has completed two (2) months of continuous full-time employment.

## **Cowles Company Dental Care Plan Notes to Financial Statements**

### **1. Description of the Plan (continued)**

#### **Benefit Payments**

The Plan furnishes participants with defined classes of reimbursement for dental care, based on the nature of the service provided. Participants must satisfy a deductible before reimbursement for most dental services. The Plan utilizes a third party administrator, Delta Dental of Washington, to process, adjudicate and pay claims for benefits.

#### **Plan Termination**

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right to terminate the Plan at any time subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event the Plan terminates, it is not liable for the failure or omission to pay any benefits under the Plan. Therefore, if the Plan's assets are not sufficient to pay claims incurred upon termination, it will distribute payments based on the ratio of remaining claims to net assets available for payment.

### **2. Summary of Accounting Policies**

Cash is comprised of a non-interest bearing checking account at a federally insured financial institution. Any cash equivalents would be recorded at cost, which would be the same as fair value. The Plan considers cash equivalents to be any highly liquid investment with an original maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase.

ASC Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, establishes a fair value hierarchy for those assets and liabilities measured at fair value, that distinguishes between assumptions based on market data (observable inputs) and the Plan's own assumptions (unobservable inputs). The hierarchy consists of: Level 1 – quoted market prices in active markets for identical instruments; Level 2 – inputs other than Level 1 inputs that are observable; and Level 3 – unobservable inputs developed using estimates and assumptions determined by the Plan. The Plan has no assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring or nonrecurring basis at December 31, 2024 or 2023.

## Cowles Company Dental Care Plan Notes to Financial Statements

### 2. Summary of Accounting Policies (continued)

Third party administrator, custodian and audit fees are paid by the Plan. All other costs associated with administering the Plan are paid by the Company.

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Plan has evaluated all subsequent events through September 25, 2025 which is the date as of which the Plan's financial statements are available to be issued.

### 3. Plan Benefit Obligations

Benefit obligations payable consist of the following at December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Claims reported but not paid	\$ —	\$ 1,847
Claims incurred but not reported (IBNR)	<b>6,000</b>	7,000
	<u><b>\$ 6,000</b></u>	<u>\$ 8,847</u>

The claims IBNR liability as of December 31 is determined by reviewing all claim payments made through April 30 of the ensuing year, and accruing those that relate to the current year. In addition, an estimate is accrued in IBNR for claims expected to be paid after April 30 of the ensuing year, based on historical experience. Historically, IBNR claim payments made beyond four months after year end have been infrequent and not material.

Changes in benefit obligations payable for the periods ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 are as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Benefits obligations payable, beginning of year	\$ <b>8,847</b>	\$ 11,238
Claims incurred	<b>243,568</b>	238,178
Claims paid to participants	<b>(245,415)</b>	(238,569)
Decrease in claims IBNR	<b>(1,000)</b>	(2,000)
Benefits obligations payable, end of year	<u><b>\$ 6,000</b></u>	<u>\$ 8,847</u>

## **Cowles Company Dental Care Plan Notes to Financial Statements**

### **4. Federal Income Tax Status**

The Plan received an exemption letter from the Internal Revenue Service dated September 20, 1983, stating that the Plan is tax exempt under the provisions of Section 501(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code), as a Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Association. Subsequent to the issuance of the exemption letter, the Plan was amended. Once exempted, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its tax-exempt status. The Plan Administrator believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and, therefore, believes that it remains tax exempt.

### **5. Reconciliation of 2024 Financial Statements to Form 5500**

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

Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	<b>\$ 319,349</b>
Benefit claims payable	<u><b>(6,000)</b></u>
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u><b>\$ 313,349</b></u>

The following is a reconciliation of claims paid per the financial statements to the form 5500:

Benefit obligations paid per the financial statements	<b>\$ 245,415</b>
Add amounts payable at December 31, 2024	<b>6,000</b>
Less amounts payable at December 31, 2023	<u><b>(8,847)</b></u>
Benefit payments paid per Form 5500	<u><u><b>\$ 242,568</b></u></u>

<p><b>Form 5500</b></p> <p>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p><b>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</b></p> <p>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).</p> <p>▶ <b>Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</b></p>	<p>OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">2024</p> <hr/> <p><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b></p>
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**Part I Annual Report Identification Information**  
 For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

- 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) \_\_\_\_\_
- B** This return/report is:  the first return/report  the final return/report
- an amended return/report  a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
- C** If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶
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- 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**

<p><b>1a</b> Name of plan <u>COWLES COMPANY GROUP BENEFIT PLAN</u></p>	<p><b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>502</u></p>
<p><b>2a</b> 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) <u>COWLES COMPANY</u></p> <p><u>999 W RIVERSIDE AVE</u> <u>SPOKANE, WA 99201</u></p>	<p><b>1c</b> Effective date of plan <u>01/01/1985</u></p> <p><b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>91-0420030</u></p> <p><b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>509-459-5220</u></p> <p><b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions) <u>511110</u></p>

**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.

<b>SIGN HERE</b>	<p style="font-size: 8pt;">Signed by:</p> <p style="font-size: 18pt; font-family: cursive;">Michelle Melsen</p> <p style="font-size: 8pt;">ZATCD4TTB498468...</p>	10/6/2025	Michelle Nielsen
	<b>Signature of plan administrator</b>	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	<b>Signature of employer/plan sponsor</b>	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	<b>Signature of DFE</b>	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN  <b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number  
<b>4</b> 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: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN  <b>4d</b> PN
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b> 509
<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ). <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year ..... <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year ..... <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits ..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. .... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> ..... <b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6a(1)</b> 509 <b>6a(2)</b> 491 <b>6b</b> 0 <b>6c</b> 0 <b>6d</b> 491 <b>6e</b> <b>6f</b> <b>6g(1)</b> <b>6g(2)</b> <b>6h</b>
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....	<b>7</b>

**8a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

**b** If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

4A 4B 4D 4H 4L 4Q

<b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	<b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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
- (4)  **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5)  **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6)  **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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**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.

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**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 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Cowles Company Medical Plan**  
**EIN: 91-0420030, PN: 502**  
**Schedule H, Line 4(j) – Schedule of Reportable Transactions**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

(a) Identity of Party Involved	(b) Description of Asset	(c) Purchase Price	(d) Selling Price	(e) Lease Rental	(f) Expense Incurred with Transaction	(g) Cost of Asset	(h) Current Value of Asset on Transaction Date	(i) Net Gain (Loss)
<u>Category (i) – Individual transactions in excess of 5% of Plan assets.</u>								
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	\$327,667	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$327,667	\$327,667	\$ –
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	316,870	–	–	–	316,870	316,870	–
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	251,637	–	–	–	251,637	251,637	–
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	363,111	–	–	–	363,111	363,111	–
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	–	431,778	–	–	431,778	431,778	–
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	309,844	–	–	–	309,844	309,844	–
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	–	175,578	–	–	175,578	175,578	–
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	356,542	–	–	–	356,542	356,542	–
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	334,343	–	–	–	334,343	334,343	–
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	364,342	–	–	–	364,342	364,342	–
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	–	185,176	–	–	185,176	185,176	–
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	353,681	–	–	–	353,681	353,681	–
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	322,596	–	–	–	322,596	322,596	–
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	362,358	–	–	–	362,358	362,358	–
Principal Bank	Deposit Sweep Program	358,781	–	–	–	358,781	358,781	–

There were no Category (ii), (iii), or (iv) reportable transactions during 2024.

**Cowles Company Medical Plan**  
**EIN: 91-0420030, PN: 502**  
**Schedule H, Line 4(i) – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)**  
**December 31, 2024**

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue	(c) Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Par, or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	Principal Bank Deposit Sweep Program	2,675,640 units, 2.5% interest – cash equivalent bank deposit sweep	\$2,675,640	\$2,675,640

\* Indicates party-in-interest to the Plan.