

<p>Form 5500</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>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</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>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</p>	<p>OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">2024</p> <hr/> <p>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</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. ▶

D Check box if filing under: Form 5558 automatic extension the DFVC program

special extension (enter description)

E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

<p>1a Name of plan <u>JAMES M. PLEASANTS COMPANY, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</u></p>	<p>1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>002</u></p>
<p>2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>JAMES M. PLEASANTS COMPANY, INC.</u></p> <p><u>PO BOX 16706</u> <u>603 DIAMOND HILL COURT</u> <u>GREENSBORO, NC 27416</u> <u>GREENSBORO, NC 27406</u></p>	<p>1c Effective date of plan <u>12/13/1983</u></p> <p>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>56-0797189</u></p> <p>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>336-378-9911</u></p> <p>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>423700</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.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	01/06/2026	REBECCA KRAUSS
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN	
	3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN	
	4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	193
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6a(1)	183
	6a(2)	190
	6b	1
	6c	17
	6d	208
	6e	2
	6f	210
	6g(1)	178
6g(2)	209	
6h	3	
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
2I 2O 2Q 3I

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(1) <input 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 type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	(4) <input 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)

- a Pension Schedules**
- (1) **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
 - (2) **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
 - (3) **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
 - (4) **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
 - (5) **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

- b General Schedules**
- (1) **H** (Financial Information)
 - (2) **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
 - (3) **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 0
 - (4) **C** (Service Provider Information)
 - (5) **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
 - (6) **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 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 _____

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024	
A Name of plan JAMES M. PLEASANTS COMPANY, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 JAMES M. PLEASANTS COMPANY, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-0797189

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
Assets			
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	909452	341515
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	4179162
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)	97899	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	1091478	283011
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	12135870	11639180
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	4662	452181
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)	61420882	72587190
(2) Employer real property.....	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	1f	75660243	89482239
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g		
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i		
j Other liabilities.....	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	75660243	89482239

Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers.....	2a(1)(A)	4739320	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		4739320
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)	492821	
(B) U.S. Government securities.....	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments.....	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants).....	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		492821
(2) Dividends:			
(A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock.....	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents.....	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:			
(A) Aggregate proceeds.....	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result.....	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:			
(A) Real estate.....	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other.....	2b(5)(B)	11080137	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		16312278

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	2490192	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		2490192
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	90	
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		90
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		2490282

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		13821996
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: HUGHES PITTMAN & GUPTON, LLP

(2) EIN: 56-1415202

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		X	
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	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		5000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>JAMES M. PLEASANTS COMPANY, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>56-0797189</u>	

Part I	Distributions
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	<u>473988</u>
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): <u>58-1428634</u>		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.			
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a		
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.			
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

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

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: <input type="checkbox"/> last contributing employer <input type="checkbox"/> alternative <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....	14b	
c The second preceding plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....	14c	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers.....	16b	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment

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

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

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
 Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%
 High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:
 0-5 years 5-10 years 10-15 years 15 years or more

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

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

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:
 Yes.
 No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.
 No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.
 No. Other. Provide explanation: _____

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? Yes No

21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).
 Design-based safe harbor method
 "Prior year" ADP test
 "Current year" ADP test
 N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter ___/___/____ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number _____.

JAMES M. PLEASANTS COMPANY, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2024 and 2023
(with supplemental information)

JAMES M. PLEASANTS COMPANY, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Retirement Committee, Participants, Beneficiaries, and Trustee of the James M. Pleasants Company, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan

Opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the James M. Pleasants Company, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), which comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2024, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the 2024 financial statements.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2024 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 Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 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 auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Other Matters

2024 Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year), as of December 30, 2024, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 2024 financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS.



In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, including the form and content, is 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 schedule 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.

Auditors' Report on the 2023 Financial Statements

The 2023 financial statements of the Plan were audited by predecessor auditors whose report dated October 24, 2024, expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements.

EisnerAmper LLP

EISNERAMPER LLP
Raleigh, North Carolina
December 19, 2025

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JAMES M. PLEASANTS COMPANY, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31,	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
ASSETS		
Investments:		
Investment in James M. Pleasants Company, Inc. common stock, at fair value	\$ 72,587,190	\$ 61,420,882
Interest-bearing cash	283,011	151,892
Corporate bonds	11,639,180	12,135,870
Money market and mutual funds	452,181	944,248
	<u>84,961,562</u>	<u>74,652,892</u>
Total investments		
	84,961,562	74,652,892
Employer contributions receivable	4,179,162	-
Accrued interest	-	97,899
Cash	341,515	909,452
	<u>341,515</u>	<u>909,452</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 89,482,239</u>	<u>\$ 75,660,243</u>

JAMES M. PLEASANTS COMPANY, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits Year Ended December 31, 2024

Additions:

Investment income:

Net realized/unrealized appreciation in value of investments	\$ 11,080,137
Interest and dividend income	492,821

Total investment income	11,572,958
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Employer contributions	4,739,320
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Total additions	16,312,278
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Deductions:

Distributions to participants	2,490,192
Administrative expenses	90

Total deductions	2,490,282
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Net increase	13,821,996
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Net assets available for benefits as of beginning of year	75,660,243
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Net assets available for benefits as of end of year	\$ 89,482,239
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JAMES M. PLEASANTS COMPANY, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2024 and 2023

NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the James M. Pleasants Company, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a complete description of the Plan's provisions.

[1] General:

James M. Pleasants Company, Inc. (the "Company") established the Plan effective December 13, 1983. The Plan operates as an employee stock ownership plan ("ESOP") and is designed to comply with Section 4975(e)(7) and the regulations thereunder of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") of 1986, as amended, and is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). The Plan was most recently amended effective January 1, 2025. Assets of the Plan are held in a trust overseen by a trustee who is independent of the Company ("Trustee"). The Plan is administered by the Retirement Committee appointed by the Board of Directors.

[2] Eligibility:

Employees become eligible to participate in the Plan after completing 12 consecutive calendar months of credited service with at least 1,000 hours of service, as defined in the Plan agreement, and if they are age 18 or older. Participants are eligible to enter the Plan on January 1 or July 1 after such requirements are met. Participants who do not meet these criteria and are not employed on the last working day of the Plan year are generally not eligible for an allocation of Company contributions for such year.

Employees who are covered by a collective bargaining agreement between the Company and a union are not eligible to participate in the Plan.

[3] Contributions:

All contributions to the Plan are determined and made by the Company. Employee contributions are not permitted. Cash contributed to the Plan is used to purchase Company stock or, if Company stock is not available, other investments.

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company contributed \$4,739,320 for allocation to participant accounts for Company stock purchases, current and future distributions to participants, and to invest in other investments.

[4] Participants' accounts:

The Plan is a defined contribution plan under which a separate individual account is established for each participant and each account consists of a company stock account and an other investments account. Investments are nonparticipant-directed. Only those participants who are eligible employees of the Company as of the last day of the Plan year or have retired during the Plan year will receive an allocation. Allocations of employer contributions and forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested accounts are based on a participant's eligible compensation relative to total eligible compensation.

Each participant's account is credited with (a) investment earnings, (b) employer contributions, if any, (c) distributions under IRC Section 1368(a) on S Corporation stock, (d) a reallocation of forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested accounts, and (e) Company stock repurchased from vested terminated employees.

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NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)

[4] Participants' accounts: (continued)

Allocation of any earnings or losses (excluding dividends) and Company stock repurchased from vested terminated employees is based on the total of the participants' cash accounts to the total of all participants' and former participants' cash accounts before the current period allocation of employer contributions and forfeitures. Allocation of dividends and distributions under IRC Section 1368(a) on S Corporation stock is based on the total number of shares in the participant's stock account to the total shares of all participants' and former participants' Company stock accounts as of the cash dividend or distribution date.

[5] Vesting:

Each participant has a nonforfeitable and fully vested interest in his or her account upon the attainment of age 62, death, or disability prior to termination of employment. All other employees are fully vested after six years of eligible service. Participants are 20% vested after two years of credited service, increasing 20% for each additional year of service.

[6] Payment of benefits:

If a participant's employment terminates at or after the normal retirement age of 62 or at the early retirement age of 57 with six years of completed vested service, the participant is entitled to receive the total amount credited to the participant's account. The amount to be distributed is based upon the immediately preceding valuation date and will be distributed as soon as administratively feasible after the close of the Plan year in which the participant terminated employment with the Company. If the amount to be distributed exceeds \$5,000, unless the participant elects otherwise, the participant will receive an annuity providing monthly payments. Participants may elect to receive a lump sum distribution, installments over a period not to exceed their life expectancy, or a qualified optional survivor annuity. For termination of service due to other reasons, a participant receives the amount of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump-sum distribution.

[7] Share repurchase:

Under the provisions of the Plan, the Company is obligated to repurchase participant shares, which have been distributed under the terms of the Plan or if the shares are subject to trading limitations. During 2024, the Company repurchased 5,034 participant shares from terminated participants at a price determined by an independent appraiser and allocated such participant shares in accordance with Plan provisions.

[8] Forfeitures:

Plan forfeitures may be used to pay administrative expenses and/or used to offset future employer contributions. There were no forfeitures during the year ended December 31, 2024.

[9] Administration of plan assets:

The Plan's assets, which consist principally of the Company's common shares and other investments in corporate bonds, money market funds, a mutual fund, and interest-bearing cash, are held in a trust by the Company. Company contributions are managed by the Trustee, who invests cash received and interest and dividend income, and makes distributions to participants.

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NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)

[10] Voting rights:

Shares of the Company stock in the Plan are voted on by the Trustee in accordance with instructions from the Retirement Committee.

[11] Put options:

Under federal income tax regulations, the employer stock that is held by the Plan and its participants and is not readily tradeable on an established market, or is subject to trading limitations, includes a put option. The put option is a right to demand that the Company buy any shares of its stock distributed to participants for which there is no market. The put price is representative of the fair market value of the stock. The purpose of the put option is to ensure that the participant has the ability to ultimately obtain cash.

[12] Diversification:

Participants who are at least age 55 with at least ten years of participation in the Plan and are invested in common stock with a fair value of \$500 or greater, may elect to diversify a portion of their accounts. Diversification is offered to each eligible participant over a six-year period. In each of the first five years, a participant may diversify up to 25% of the value of Company stock allocated to his or her account, less any common stock previously diversified. In the sixth year, the percentage changes to 50%. Participants who elect to diversify receive a cash distribution.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

[1] Basis of accounting:

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual method of accounting.

[2] Subsequent events:

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through December 19, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

[3] Investment valuation and income recognition:

Common stock of the Company is not traded in the open market; thus, quoted market values for these securities are not available. For valuation and distribution purposes, the Trustee engages an independent third party to appraise and value the Company's common stock each year. The Company has the right to purchase any common stock offered for sale by Plan participants for a price not to exceed the valuation price established by the annual appraisal.

The Plan's investments, including the common stock of the Company, are valued at estimated fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note D for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

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Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2024 and 2023

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

[4] Payment of benefits:

Benefits are recorded when paid.

[5] Plan expenses:

The Plan's expenses are paid either by the Plan or the Company, as provided in the Plan document. Expenses of maintaining the Plan that are paid directly by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Certain administrative functions are performed by employees of the Company. No such employee receives compensation from the Plan.

[6] Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and when applicable, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE C - INVESTMENTS

The Plan's investments as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 are presented in the following table:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
James M. Pleasants Company, Inc. common stock, 176,766 shares: *		
Estimated fair value	\$ 72,587,190	\$ 61,420,882
Cost	\$ 5,216,365	\$ 5,216,365
Interest-bearing cash*	\$ 283,011	\$ 151,892
Corporate bonds*	\$ 11,639,180	\$ 12,135,870
Money market and mutual funds	\$ 452,181	\$ 944,248

* Nonparticipant-directed

The estimated fair value of the Company's common stock as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 was \$410.64 and \$347.47 per share, respectively.

NOTE D - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Financial Accounting Standards Board's Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides the framework for measuring fair value. The framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements), and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

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NOTE D - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

- Level 1* – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.
- Level 2* – Inputs to the valuation methodology include: (1) quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; (2) quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; (3) inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; or (4) inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
- Level 3* – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Company common stock - The Company's common stock is valued at the price per share, which is calculated based upon a third-party valuation of the fair market value of the Company's common stock assuming a nonmarketable, majority ownership interest by the Plan. This valuation was based upon the capitalization of earnings method to value the Company from an income-based approach and the adjusted net asset value method to value the Company from an asset-based approach.

The capitalization of earnings method is based on capitalizing some measure of financial performance such as earnings, dividends, or excess earnings, using a capitalization rate which reflects both the risk and long-term growth prospects of the Company. The adjusted net asset value method examines the fair market value of all recorded and unrecorded assets, and then subtracting the estimated fair value of liabilities. The valuation specialist took into account historical cash flow and net income, and the estimated fair value of Company assets and liabilities, which are all considered to be unobservable inputs. In addition, Plan management has concluded that a market participant would also require a discount for lack of marketability, which is also considered to be an unobservable input.

Since the value of the Company's shares is not based on observable inputs, it is classified as level 3 within the valuation hierarchy.

Corporate bonds - Valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs for similar securities. This includes basing value on yields currently available on comparable securities of issuers with similar credit ratings. When quoted prices are not available for identical or similar bonds, the bond is valued under a discounted cash flow approach that maximizes observable inputs, such as current yields of similar instruments, but includes adjustments for certain risks that may not be observable, such as credit and liquidity risk or a broker quote, if available.

Mutual funds - Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the funds. The mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value ("NAV") and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

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NOTE D - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

Money market fund - Valued at one dollar per share held by the Plan at year end. Money market funds held by the Plan are mutual funds invested in highly liquid, near-term instruments and are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily NAV and to transact at that price. The money market funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Interest-bearing cash - Valued at cost, which approximates fair value, as reported by a financial institution.

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

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investment assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

Investments at Fair Value as of December 21, 2024

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Company common stock	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 72,587,190	\$ 72,587,190
Corporate bonds	-	11,639,180	-	11,639,180
Money market fund	281,791	-	-	281,791
Mutual funds	170,390	-	-	170,390
Interest-bearing cash	283,011	-	-	283,011
	<u>735,192</u>	<u>11,639,180</u>	<u>72,587,190</u>	<u>84,961,562</u>
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 735,192</u>	<u>\$ 11,639,180</u>	<u>\$ 72,587,190</u>	<u>\$ 84,961,562</u>

Investments at Fair Value as of December 21, 2023

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Company common stock	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61,420,882	\$ 61,420,882
Corporate bonds	-	12,135,870	-	12,135,870
Money market fund	939,586	-	-	939,586
Mutual funds	3,979	-	-	3,979
Interest-bearing cash	151,892	-	-	151,892
	<u>1,096,140</u>	<u>12,135,870</u>	<u>61,420,882</u>	<u>74,652,892</u>
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 1,096,140</u>	<u>\$ 12,135,870</u>	<u>\$ 61,420,882</u>	<u>\$ 74,652,892</u>

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NOTE D - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

Changes in Fair Value of Level 3 Assets and Related Gains and Losses

The following table sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of the Plan’s level 3 investment for the Plan year ended December 31, 2024:

Balance as of December 31, 2023	\$ 61,420,882
Unrealized gain relating to Company common stock still held at the reporting date	<u>11,166,308</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 72,587,190</u>

Changes in Fair Value Levels

The availability of observable market data is monitored to assess the appropriate classification of financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy. Changes in economic conditions or model-based valuation techniques may require the transfer of financial instruments from one fair value level to another.

NOTE E - TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) has determined and informed the Company by a determination letter dated June 15, 2015, that the Plan is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Plan administrator and the Plan’s tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believe that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by a government authority. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2024, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine examinations by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no examinations for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE F - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

The Plan investments consist of the Company’s common stock shares, corporate bonds, money market and mutual funds, and interest-bearing cash. Transactions related to these investments qualify as party- in-interest transactions that are allowable under ERISA. The Company pays substantially all Plan expenses, while \$90 in fees were allocated and charged to participant accounts. The Plan has a number of service providers. Such providers are parties in interest under ERISA.

Additionally, the Company provides certain accounting, administrative, and investment management services to the Plan for which no fees are charged.

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NOTE G - RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in the Company's common stock, which is exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks, as well as valuation assumptions based on earnings, cash flows, and other such techniques. Additionally, the securities risk of the Company's common stock held in the Plan is concentrated into a single company, and future changes involved are largely dependent on the future performance of the Company. Due to the level of risk associated with the investment in the Company common stock, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

The Plan maintains cash in various bank deposit accounts which, at times, could exceed federally insured limits. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, there were no uninsured cash balances.

Volatility in the financial markets may significantly impact the subsequent valuation of the Plan's investments. Accordingly, the valuation of investments at December 31, 2024 may not necessarily be indicative of amounts that could be realized in a current market exchange.

NOTE H - PLAN TERMINATION

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

NOTE I - MUTUAL FUND FEES

Certain investments in mutual funds are subject to sales charges in the form of front-end loads, back-end loads or 12b-1 fees. 12b-1 fees are ongoing fees allowable under Section 12b-1 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. These annual fees are used to pay for marketing and distribution costs of the funds. These fees are deducted prior to the allocation of the Plan's investment earnings activity, and thus not separately identifiable as an expense.

NOTE J - SUBSEQUENT EVENT

The Company is delinquent on filing a complete Form 5500 for the Plan year ended December 31, 2024.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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