November 17, 2019

The Trustees of the Village of Prairie Grove
Prairie Grove, Illinois

I have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Village of Prairie Grove for the year ended April 30, 2019. Professional standards require that I provide you with information about my responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, Government Auditing Standards and the Uniform Guidance), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of my audit. I have communicated such information in my letter to you dated June 6, 2019. Professional standards also require that I communicate to you the following information related to my audit.

Significant Audit Matters

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Prairie Grove are described in Note 1.C. to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2018-19. I noted no transactions entered into by Prairie Grove during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management’s knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate(s) affecting the financial statements was:

Management’s estimate of the depreciation expense is based on estimated useful lives of the capital assets held by the district. I evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the depreciation expense in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

I encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing my audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit’s financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to my satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor’s report. I am pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of my audit.
Management Representations

I have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated December 13, 2019.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to Prairie Grove’s financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor’s opinion that may be expressed on those statements, my professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To my knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

I generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as Prairie Grove’s auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of my professional relationship and my responses were not a condition to my retention.

Other Matters

I applied certain limited procedures to Management Discussion and Analysis and Budgetary Comparison Schedules, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. My procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management’s responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

I was engaged to report on individual fund schedules, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, I made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to my audit of the financial statements. I compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

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This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Trustees and management of Prairie Grove and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

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