

Minnesota FAIR Plan

Statutory Financial Statements Together with Independent Auditors' Report

December 31, 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Governing Board of Directors
Minnesota FAIR Plan
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statutory financial statements of the Minnesota FAIR Plan (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statutory statements of admitted assets, liabilities and members' equity as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related statutory statements of operations, changes in members' equity and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions prescribed or permitted by the Department of Commerce of the State of Minnesota. Management is also responsible 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.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 2, the financial statements were prepared by the Minnesota FAIR Plan on the basis of the financial reporting provisions prescribed or permitted by the Department of Commerce of the State of Minnesota, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to comply with the requirements of the Department of Commerce of the State of Minnesota. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 2 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Minnesota FAIR Plan as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, or the results of its operations or its cash flows for the years then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the admitted assets, liabilities, and members' equity of Minnesota FAIR Plan as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with financial reporting provisions prescribed or permitted by the Department of Commerce of the State of Minnesota as described in Note 2.

Roseville, Minnesota
July 20, 2021

Olsen Thielens & Co., Ltd.

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STATUTORY STATEMENTS OF ADMITTED ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

ADMITTED ASSETS		
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Cash	<u>\$ 3,360,181</u>	<u>\$ 3,310,155</u>
TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS	<u>\$ 3,360,181</u>	<u>\$ 3,310,155</u>
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY		
LIABILITIES:		
Unpaid Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$ 699,752	\$ 498,928
Unearned Premiums	1,226,620	1,369,079
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	71,375	127,377
Total Liabilities	<u>1,997,747</u>	<u>1,995,384</u>
MEMBERS' EQUITY	<u>1,362,434</u>	<u>1,314,771</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY	<u>\$ 3,360,181</u>	<u>\$ 3,310,155</u>

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

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STATUTORY STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
UNDERWRITING INCOME:		
Premiums Earned	<u>\$ 3,214,887</u>	<u>\$ 3,425,561</u>
UNDERWRITING LOSSES AND EXPENSES:		
Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses	<u>1,319,086</u>	1,533,905
Commissions	<u>202,693</u>	222,151
Other Underwriting Expenses	<u>1,740,784</u>	<u>2,002,677</u>
Total Underwriting Losses and Expenses	<u>3,262,563</u>	<u>3,758,733</u>
UNDERWRITING LOSS	<u>(47,676)</u>	(333,172)
INVESTMENT INCOME	<u>23,912</u>	<u>25,813</u>
NET LOSS	<u>\$ (23,764)</u>	<u>\$ (307,359)</u>

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STATUTORY STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
BALANCE at Beginning of Year	\$ 1,314,771	\$ 1,560,196
Net Loss	(23,764)	(307,359)
Change in Non-Admitted Assets	<u>71,427</u>	<u>61,934</u>
BALANCE at End of Year	<u>\$ 1,362,434</u>	<u>\$ 1,314,771</u>

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STATUTORY STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Insurance Premiums Collected	\$ 3,072,442	\$ 3,347,598
Interest Received	23,912	25,813
Insurance Claims Paid, Net of Recoveries of \$266 and \$4,525	(1,025,978)	(1,406,755)
Loss Adjustment Expenses Paid	(92,284)	(135,722)
Commissions Paid to Agents and Brokers	(204,249)	(221,136)
Cash Paid to Suppliers and Employees	(1,795,244)	(2,037,776)
Net Cash Flows From Operating Activities	<u>(21,401)</u>	<u>(427,978)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Change in Non-Admitted Assets	71,427	61,934
Net Cash Flows From Investing Activities	<u>71,427</u>	<u>61,934</u>
NET CHANGE IN CASH	50,026	(366,044)
CASH at Beginning of Year	<u>3,310,155</u>	<u>3,676,199</u>
CASH at End of Year	<u>\$ 3,360,181</u>	<u>\$ 3,310,155</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net Loss	\$ (23,764)	\$ (307,359)
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Loss to Net Cash		
Flows From Operating Activities:		
Change in:		
Unpaid Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses	200,824	(8,572)
Unearned Premiums	(142,459)	(77,963)
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	(56,002)	(34,084)
Net Cash Flows From Operating Activities	<u>\$ (21,401)</u>	<u>\$ (427,978)</u>

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NOTES TO STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The Minnesota FAIR Plan (the Plan) was established by the legislature of the State of Minnesota in accordance with the provisions of the Minnesota FAIR Plan Act of 1969. The purpose of the Plan is to provide limited property insurance coverage for eligible property owners when insurance is not available through voluntary markets. The membership of the Plan includes every property insurer authorized to write property insurance in the State of Minnesota. The Plan's Governing Board of Directors has the authority to assess all property insurance companies (hereinafter referred to as Members) that are licensed and write premiums in the State of Minnesota.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The Plan prepares its financial statements in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department of Commerce of the State of Minnesota. Prescribed statutory accounting practices include a variety of publications of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, as well as state laws, regulations and general administrative rules. Permitted statutory accounting practices encompass all accounting practices not so prescribed. Statutory practices vary in certain respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects of such variances on the accompanying financial statements have not been determined. However, these differences are presumed to be material. The most significant variances are the charging of acquisition costs (principally commissions and premium taxes) to operations as incurred rather than ratably as the related premiums are earned, and the designation of certain assets as non-admitted for financial statement purposes.

Accounting Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with statutory practices requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The most significant area which requires the use of management's estimates is unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses.

Subsequent Events

In preparing these financial statements, the Plan has evaluated for recognition or disclosure the events or transactions that occurred through July 20, 2021, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no subsequent events that required recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Unpaid Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses

Insurance losses and related adjustment expenses are charged to operations as incurred. The liability for unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses includes an amount determined from loss reports and individual cases and an amount, based on past experience, for losses incurred but not reported. These liabilities are necessarily based on estimates and, while management believes that the amounts are adequate, the ultimate liabilities may exceed or be less than the amounts provided. The methods for making the estimates and for establishing the resulting liabilities are continually reviewed, and any adjustments are reflected in current operations.

Taxes

The Plan pays, on behalf of its Members, premium taxes to the state of Minnesota. The Plan is a nonprofit organization exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code, and from state income taxes under Section 290.05 of the Minnesota statutes.

Non-Admitted Assets

Certain assets, primarily furniture and equipment, purchased computer licenses, hardware and software (exceeding 3% of admitted assets), prepaid expenses and prepaid pension costs are designated as “non-admitted assets”. The net change in these assets is reflected directly in members’ equity. The aggregate net book value of these non-admitted assets was \$490,705 and \$562,132 as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Assessments

When made, member assessments are reflected in the accompanying statutory statements of changes in members’ equity and represent amounts approved by the Governing Board of Directors and billed to the Members during the year. As defined by state statute, assessments are allocated to the Members based upon each Member’s pro rata share of total premiums written in the state of Minnesota for selected lines of business two years prior to the year of assessment. Assessments, when necessary, are used to fund the ongoing operations of the Plan. There were no member assessments in either 2020 or 2019.

Premiums

Premiums are earned on a pro rata basis over the term of the policies. Premiums applicable to the unexpired terms of the policies in force are reported as “unearned premiums” at December 31, 2020 and 2019.

Policy Acquisition Costs

Commissions and other acquisition costs related to premiums written are charged to operations when the premiums are paid by the policyholder.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Risks and Uncertainties

In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared the novel strain of coronavirus (COVID-19) a global pandemic and recommended containment and mitigation measures worldwide. The Plan cannot reasonably estimate the length or severity of this pandemic, or the extent to which the disruption from this pandemic may impact the Plan's operations and financial statements.

NOTE 3 - UNPAID LOSSES AND LOSS ADJUSTMENT EXPENSES

The changes in unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 are as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Balance at Beginning of Year	\$ 498,928	\$ 507,500
Incurred During the Year:		
Losses	1,216,599	1,404,493
Loss Adjustment Expenses	102,487	129,412
Total Incurred	<u>1,319,086</u>	<u>1,533,905</u>
Paid During the Year:		
Losses	1,025,978	1,406,755
Loss Adjustment Expenses	92,284	135,722
Total Paid	<u>1,118,262</u>	<u>1,542,477</u>
Balance at End of Year	<u>\$ 699,752</u>	<u>\$ 498,928</u>

NOTE 4 - MEMBERS' EQUITY

The members' equity represents the accumulated results from operations and assessments and the effects of changes in non-admitted assets through December 31, 2020. No distributions have been made to the members since the inception of the Plan.

NOTE 5 - RETIREMENT PLANS

The Plan is a participating employer of the Pension Plan of Insurance Organizations (PPIO), a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan which covers all eligible employees.

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NOTE 5 - RETIREMENT PLANS (Continued)

Information with respect to the Plan's participation in this plan for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 is as follows:

Change in Plan Assets, Obligations and Funded Status

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Pension Benefits:		
Benefit Obligation at Beginning of Year	\$ 4,038,512	\$ 3,392,555
Service Cost	73,409	60,831
Interest Cost	130,953	143,515
Contributions by Plan Participants	—	—
Actuarial (Gain) Loss	220,526	600,520
Benefits Paid	(184,012)	(158,909)
Plan Amendments	—	—
Benefit Obligation at End of Year	<u>\$ 4,279,388</u>	<u>\$ 4,038,512</u>
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Change in Plan Assets:		
Fair Value of Plan Assets at Beginning of Year	\$ 3,577,401	\$ 3,007,933
Actual Return on Plan Assets	434,152	630,877
Employer Contributions	70,000	97,500
Contributions by Plan Participants	—	—
Benefits Paid	(184,012)	(158,909)
Fair Value of Plan Assets at End of Year	<u>\$ 3,897,541</u>	<u>\$ 3,577,401</u>
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Fund Status:		
Prepaid Benefit Costs	\$ 719,127	\$ 823,953
Overfunded Plan Assets	—	—
Liability for Pension Benefits	(381,847)	(461,111)
Total Assets (Nonadmitted)	<u>\$ (337,280)</u>	<u>\$ (362,842)</u>
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Net Period Benefit Cost:		
Service Cost	\$ 73,409	\$ 60,831
Interest Cost	130,953	143,515
Expected Return on Plan Assets	(175,713)	(164,750)
Gains and Losses	53,452	54,100
Prior Service Cost or Credit	13,461	13,461
Professional Fees	3,000	3,000
Benefit Cost Recognized for the Year in the Statements of Operations - Statutory Basis	<u>\$ 98,562</u>	<u>\$ 110,157</u>

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NOTE 5 - RETIREMENT PLANS (Continued)

Effect on Members Equity

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Amounts in Members' Equity Recognized as Components of Net Periodic Benefit Cost:		
Items Not Yet Recognized as a Component of Net Periodic Cost - Prior Year	\$ 823,953	\$ 757,121
Net Prior Service Cost Arising During the Period	—	—
Net Prior Service Cost Recognized	(13,461)	(13,461)
Net Gain and Loss Arising During the Period	(37,913)	134,393
Net Gain and Loss Recognized	<u>(53,452)</u>	<u>(54,100)</u>
Items Not Yet Recognized as a Component of Net Periodic Cost - Current Year	<u>\$ 719,127</u>	<u>\$ 823,953</u>
Amounts in Members' Equity that Have Not Yet Been Recognized as Components of Net Periodic Benefit Cost:		
Net Prior Service Cost	\$ 15,106	\$ 28,567
Net Recognized Gains and Losses	<u>704,021</u>	<u>795,386</u>
	<u>\$ 719,127</u>	<u>\$ 823,953</u>

Assumptions

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Weighted-Average Assumptions Used to Determine Benefit Obligations at End of Year:		
Discount Rate	<u>2.75%</u>	<u>3.25%</u>
Rate of Compensation Increase	<u>3.00%</u>	<u>3.00%</u>
Weighted-Average Assumptions Used to Determine Net Periodic Benefit Costs at Beginning of Year:		
Discount Rate	<u>3.25%</u>	<u>4.25%</u>
Average Rate of Compensation Increase	<u>3.00%</u>	<u>3.00%</u>
Expected Return on Plan Assets	<u>5.00%</u>	<u>5.50%</u>

Plan Assets

The Plan assets by asset category at December 31 are as follow:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Equity Securities	36.90%	36.00%
Debt Securities	58.20	59.00
Real Estate	4.40	4.80
Cash	<u>0.50</u>	<u>0.20</u>
	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

The target asset allocations are 40% for equity securities and 60% for debt securities.

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NOTE 5 - RETIREMENT PLANS (Continued)

Cash Flows

Expected future benefit payments are as follows:

2021	\$ 185,600
2022	197,663
2023	207,694
2024	211,793
2025	215,703
2026 - 2030	<u>1,142,632</u>
	<u>\$ 2,161,085</u>

Employer contributions expected to be paid during year ended December 31, 2021 are \$160,611.

The Plan also participates in a multi-employer 401(k) savings plan which is available to all eligible employees. Employees may make before-tax and/or after-tax contributions of not less than 1% and not more than 75% of their annual compensation, as permitted by law. The Plan matches 100% of the first 1% of employees' contributions and 70% of the next 5% of employees' contributions. The Plan's contribution is made each pay period. The Plan recognized \$19,603 and \$24,748 in expense relating to this plan during the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

NOTE 6 - COMMITMENTS

The Plan has a lease for office space expiring August 2021. In addition to rent, the Plan pays maintenance and operating costs on the leased office space.

Subsequent to yearend, the Plan will be moving and signed a lease for office space beginning September 1, 2021 and expiring March 31, 2030. In addition to rent, the Plan will pay for maintenance and operating costs on the leased office space.

The Plan has an agreement with Innovative Computer Systems, Inc. to provide operations software license, maintenance and support, and implementation of Finys through October 2022.

Rent and software maintenance expense and payments due over the remaining terms are as follows:

	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Software</u>	<u>Total</u>
Expense:			
2020	\$ 101,313	\$ 60,000	\$ 161,313
2019	101,891	60,000	161,891
Commitments:			
2021	35,658	60,000	95,658
2022	25,008	60,000	85,008
2023	33,735	—	33,735
2024	34,256	—	34,256
2025	34,777	—	34,777
Later Years	<u>153,565</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>153,565</u>
Total	<u>\$ 316,998</u>	<u>\$ 120,000</u>	<u>\$ 436,998</u>