Ozarks Unlimited Resources Educational Cooperative

Regulatory Basis Financial Statements and Other Reports

June 30, 2007



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Ozarks Unlimited Resources Educational Cooperative and Cooperative Board Members Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ozarks Unlimited Resources Educational Cooperative (the "Cooperative"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the Cooperative's regulatory basis financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Cooperative management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Cooperative has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by Arkansas Code, which practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effect on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Cooperative as of June 30, 2007, or the changes in financial position for the year then ended. Further, the Cooperative has not presented a management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Cooperative as of June 30, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position and budgetary results for the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 1, 2008 on our consideration of the Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

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LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Ozarks Unlimited Resources Educational Cooperative and Cooperative Board Members Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

We have audited the financial statements of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ozarks Unlimited Resources Educational Cooperative (the "Cooperative"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the Cooperative's regulatory basis financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 1, 2008. We issued an adverse opinion because the Cooperative prepared the financial statements using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Arkansas Code, which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effect on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material. However, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Cooperative as of June 30, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position and budgetary results for the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the regulatory basis financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Cooperative's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting as prescribed or permitted by Arkansas Code such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Cooperative's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Cooperative's internal control. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of Federal Award Programs - Findings and Questioned Costs as item 2007-1 to be a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Cooperative's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the significant deficiency described above, we consider item 2007-1 in the accompanying schedule of Federal Award Programs - Findings and Questioned Costs to be a material weakness.

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LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Ozarks Unlimited Resources Educational Cooperative and Cooperative Board Members Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Ozarks Unlimited Resources Educational Cooperative (the "Cooperative") with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2007. The Cooperative's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of Federal Award Programs - Findings and Questioned Costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of the Cooperative's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Cooperative's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Cooperative's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Cooperative's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the Cooperative complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2007.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the Cooperative is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Cooperative's internal control over compliance with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cooperative's internal control over compliance.

A control deficiency in an entity's internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Cooperative's ability to administer a federal program such that there is more than a remote likelihood that noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Cooperative's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented or detected by the Cooperative's internal control.

OZARKS UNLIMITED RESOURCES EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS JUNE 30, 2007

		Gover	nmental Funds		
	Ma	ajor			
			Special		Other
	 General	i	Revenue	A	ggregate
ASSETS					
Cash	\$ 434,349	\$	277,140	\$	155,928
Investments	491,979				
Accounts receivable	 17,389				
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 943,717	\$	277,140	\$	155,928
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 12,337	\$	83		
Fund Balances:					
Unreserved:					
Designated:					
Capital projects				\$	155,928
Undesignated	931,380		277,057		
Total Fund Balances	931,380		277,057		155,928
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND					
FUND BALANCES	\$ 943,717	\$	277,140	\$	155,928

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Exhibit B

OZARKS UNLIMITED RESOURCES EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

		Ma	ajor			
			,	Special		Other
DEVENUE		General		Revenue	/	Aggregate
REVENUES State assistance	\$	2 405 400				
Federal assistance	Ф	3,405,192	\$	687,177		
Investment income		51,836	Φ	007,177		
Other revenues		1,223,411		59,637		
TOTAL REVENUES		4,680,439	10	746,814		
EXPENDITURES						
Regular programs		1,372,682		14,107		
Special education		518,159		190,471		
Workforce education				81,098		
Compensatory education		384,721				
Other instructional programs		115,044				
Student support services		347,792		181,473		
Instructional staff support services		1,399,448		113,356		
General administration support services Business support services		161,222 127,142				
Operation and maintenance of plant services		100,104				
Facilities acquisition and construction services	V	1,075				
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		4,527,389		580,505		
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		153,050		166,309		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in					\$	155,928
Transfers out		(155,928)				
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		(155,928)				155,928
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES		(2,878)		166,309		155,928
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	2	934,258		110,748		
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$	931,380	\$	277,057	\$	155,928

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

OZARKS UNLIMITED RESOURCES EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

				General				Spe	Special Revenue		
					Variance						Variance
					Favorable	Φ.			0.0		Favorable
		Budget		Actual	(Unfavorable)	le)	Budget		Actual		(Unfavorable)
KEVENUES State assistance Federal assistance	S	2,915,182	s	3,405,192	\$ 49	490,010	773 253	U	771 123	e	(270,28)
Investment income		21,000		51,836	6	30,836	003'0	,	111100	9	(00,000)
Other revenues		1,288,556		1,223,411	9)	(65,145)	000'9		59,637		53,637
TOTAL REVENUES		4,224,738		4,680,439	45	455,701	779,253		746,814		(32,439)
EXPENDITURES											
Regular programs		1,111,784		1,372,682	(26	(260,898)			14,107		(14,107)
Special education		454,837		518,159	9)	(63,322)	347,046		190,471		156,575
Compensatory education		358 110		384 721	6)	(26.611)	060,10		060,10		
Other instructional programs		119,104		115,044	1	4.060					
Student support services		313,000		347,792	(3	(34,792)	269,020		181,473		87.547
Instructional staff support services		1,397,564		1,399,448		(1,884)	147,863		113,356		34,507
General administration support services		144,331		161,222		16,891)					
Business support services		116,703		127,142	5	10,439)					
Operation and maintenance of plant services		183,983		100,104	. 8	83,879					
Facilities acquisition and construction services				1,075		(1,075)					
Non-programmed costs		70,000			7	70,000					
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		4,269,416		4,527,389	(25	(257,973)	845,027		580,505		264,522
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		(44,678)		153,050	19	197,728	(65,774)		166,309		232,083
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers out		26,605 (182,533)		(155,928)	(2	(26,605)					
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		(155,928)		(155,928)		0					
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES		(200,606)		(2,878)	19	197,728	(65,774)		166,309		232,083
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1		888,532		934,258	4	45,726	168,319		110,748		(57,571)
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	69	687,926	w	931,380	\$ 24	243,454 \$	102,545	69	277,057	55	174,512

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

OZARKS UNLIMITED RESOURCES EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2007

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Board of Education, a 16 member group, is the level of government, which has responsibilities over all activities within the jurisdiction of the Ozarks Unlimited Resources Educational Cooperative (Cooperative). The Cooperative serves Baxter, Boone, Carroll, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Newton and Searcy counties. The Cooperative's financial statements reflect all funds and accounts directly under the control of the Cooperative. There are no component units.

B. Description of Funds

Major governmental funds (per the regulatory basis of accounting) are defined as General and Special Revenue.

<u>General Fund</u> - The General Fund is the general operating fund and is used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be reported in another fund.

<u>Special Revenue Fund</u> – The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than trusts for individuals, private organizations, or other governments or for major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Other governmental funds, presented in the aggregate, consist of the following:

<u>Capital Projects Fund</u> – The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds or in trust funds for individuals, private organizations, or other governments).

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with a regulatory basis of accounting (RBA). This basis of accounting is prescribed by Arkansas Code Annotated §10-4-413(c), as provided in Act 2201 of 2005, and requires that financial statements be presented on a fund basis with, as a minimum, the general fund and special revenue fund presented separately and all other funds included in the audit presented in the aggregate. The law also stipulates that the financial statements consist of a balance sheet; a statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances; a comparison of the final adopted budget to the actual expenditures for the general fund and special revenue funds of the entity; notes to financial statements; and a supplemental schedule of capital assets, including land, buildings, and equipment. The law further stipulates that the State Board of Education shall promulgate the rules necessary to administer the regulatory basis of presentation.

The RBA is not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). GAAP require that basic financial statements present government-wide financial statements. Additionally, GAAP require the following major concepts: Management's Discussion and Analysis, accrual basis of accounting for government-wide financial statements, including depreciation expense, modified accrual basis of accounting for fund financial statements, separate financial statements for fiduciary fund types, separate identification of special and extraordinary items, inclusion of capital assets and debt in the financial statements, specific procedures for the identification of major governmental funds and applicable note disclosures. The RBA does not require government-wide financial statements or the previously identified concepts.

OZARKS UNLIMITED RESOURCES EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2007

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

G. Budget and Budgetary Accounting (Continued)

On-behalf payments as described at Note 7 are nonbudgeted data for the year ended June 30, 2007. Such payments are reported as actual revenues and expenditures in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual – General and Special Revenue Funds – Regulatory Basis (Exhibit C).

2: CASH DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Cash deposits are carried at cost (carrying value). A comparison of the bank balance and carrying value is as follows:

-1	Carrying Bank Amount Baland		
\$	174,914	\$	174,914
-	1,184,482		1,435,215
\$	1,359,396	\$	1,610,129
	\$	Amount \$ 174,914 1,184,482	Amount \$ 174,914 \$ \$ 1,184,482

The above total deposits include certificates of deposit of \$491,979 reported as investments and classified as nonparticipating contracts.

3: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The accounts receivable balance of \$17,389 at June 30, 2007 was comprised of the following:

	Govern	nmental Fund
		Major
Description	(General
State assistance	\$	17,389

4: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

The accounts payable and accrued liabilities balance of \$12,420 at June 30, 2007, was comprised of the following:

	Governm	ental Fun	ds		
	M	ajor	Mary St.		
	H AL THA AT	Sp	ecial		
Description	 Seneral	Rev	enue	_	Total
Vendor payables	\$ 8,857			\$	8,857
Other	3,480	\$	83	_	3,563
Totals	\$ 12,337	\$	83	\$	12,420

OZARKS UNLIMITED RESOURCES EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2007

8: RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

The Cooperative participates in the Public School Property Insurance Trust Fund Program administered by the Risk Management Division of the Arkansas Insurance Department. The program's general objectives are to formulate, develop and administer, on behalf of member entities, a program of insurance to obtain lower costs for property coverage, and to develop a comprehensive loss control program. The fund uses a reinsurance policy to reduce exposure to large losses on insured events. The Cooperative pays an annual premium for this coverage.

The Cooperative participates in the Public School Vehicle Insurance Trust Fund Program administered by the Risk Management Division of the Arkansas Insurance Department. The general objective of the program is to allow member entities a means of insuring vehicles. The fund uses a reinsurance policy to reduce exposure to large losses on insured events. The Cooperative pays an annual premium for this coverage.

Schedule 1

OZARKS UNLIMITED RESOURCES EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007 (Unaudited)

	Balance le 30, 2007
Nondepreciable capital assets: Land	\$ 103,369
Depreciable capital assets:	
Buildings	100,474
Improvements/infrastructure	8,323
Equipment	791,313
Total depreciable capital assets	900,110
Less accumulated depreciation for:	
Buildings	23,365
Equipment	511,506
Total accumulated depreciation	534,871
Total depreciable capital assets, net	 365,239
Capital assets, net	\$ 468,608

Schedule 2

OZARKS UNLIMITED RESOURCES EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER			
U. S. Department of Education			
Passed Through State Department of Education:			
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027	05-20	\$ 270,145
Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173	05-20	113,799
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER		hime in the sale	383,944
OTHER PROGRAMS U. S. Department of Education			
Passed Through State Department of Education:			
Title I Grants - Local Educational Agencies	84.010	05-20	123
State Grants for Innovative Programs	84.298	05-20	10,466
Reading First State Grants	84.357	05-20	
Passed Through State Department of Workforce Education:	04.337	05-20	90,668
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048	05-20	81,098
TOTAL OTHER PROGRAMS		Enthus Industria	182,355
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS		nto Comme w 1971	\$ 566,299

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

- Note 1: Basis of Presentation The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of Ozarks Unlimited Resources Educational Cooperative and is presented on the regulatory basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the regulatory basis financial statements.
- Note 2: During the year ended June 30, 2007, the Cooperative received Medicaid funding of \$33,128 from the State Department of Health and Human Services. Such payments are not considered Federal awards expended and therefore are not included in the above schedule.

OZARKS UNLIMITED RESOURCES EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS -FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY

2007-1. Segregation of Duties

Criteria: Financial accounting duties should be distributed among appropriate employees to enhance the design of the internal control process to ensure the preparation of reliable financial statements that are fairly presented in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting.

Condition: The Cooperative has not segregated financial accounting duties among appropriate employees to provide reasonable assurance about the achievement of the entity's objectives with regard to reliability of financial reporting.

Context: Completion of internal control questionnaire.

Effect: Financial accounting duties are not distributed among the Cooperative's employees to sufficiently reduce the risk that a material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud or error will not be prevented or detected.

Cause: Cost/benefit implications hinder the Cooperative's ability to adequately segregate financial accounting duties among employees.

Recommendation: To achieve effective internal control over financial reporting, accounting duties should be distributed among appropriate employees.

Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: We concur with the recommendation.

SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No findings and questioned costs noted.

