

**CRAIGHEAD COUNTY**  
**Annual Taxpayer Transparency Improvement District Report\***

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Name of recorded district Cache River Drainage District of Craighead, Jackson, and Lawrence Counties, Arkansas

1. Formation Date October 16, 1916

2. Formation Statute General Drainage Law, now AR Statute 21-901 thru 21-924

3. Description of district's boundaries (Attachment: map of district)

No boundary map has been found in legal files or courthouse records. Attached is a map of the two ditches involved,  
through the three counties.

4. District's commissioners, directors, or officers (name, phone number, address, email, term of Office )

a. Shannon Davis, 870-926-5050, P.O. Box 483, Bono, AR 72416, shannondavisfarms@gmail.com,

Term ends 12/31/2026

b. Maurice Watkins, 870-219-8722, 1412 CR 118, Bono, AR 72416, mmjj1967@yahoo.com, Term ends 12/31/2029

c. Joe Christian, 870-972-8154, 5116 Woodsprings Rd, Jonesboro, AR 72404, jlag@suddenlink.net,

Term ends 12/31/2022

d. Charles Frierson Secretary, 870-932-6643, 530 Southwest Drive, Jonesboro, AR 72401, cdfrierson3@hotmail.com

,annual election done by the board

e. \_\_\_\_\_

f. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Vacancies on the district board or commission

None

6. Annual Meeting

Date	Time	Location
First Thursday after January 1st	9:30	Cash Community Building, Cash, AR

7. General description of district's current and future maintenance and repairs

Maintain drainage through the two ditches in the three counties. Current maintenance now underway for entire Lengths. Once completed in 2023, general maintenance will continue.

8. Contracts (identity of parties to contracts and district's obligations)

a. Contract for clearing and cleanout totaling \$3,625,982.40 by Hessling Construction Inc (870-740-1613, 17328 County Road 632, Dexter, MO 63841

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

9. Current Indebtedness or Bond Indebtedness (with reason for indebtedness and payout or maturity date)

a. Bond issued through First Security Bank (1341 Red Wolf Blvd, Jonesboro, AR 72401) for \$4,000,000. Interest of 3.25 % due only for 2022 and 2023, then 15-year amount until 2036. Reason: the contract listed above.

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

10. Total existing delinquent assessments 62 totaling \$13,538.64

Responsible Delinquent Collector Craighead County Tax Collector 870-933-4560

11. District Assessor (name, phone number, address, email)

None

12. Payee for distribution from County Treasurer (name, phone number, email)

Charles Frierson, 870-932-6643, cdfrierson3@hotmail.com

13. Explanation of statutory penalties, interest, and cost

A penalty of 25% shall be added to any levies that are not paid by the maturity date with 6% interest for 60 days and  
the cost of court proceedings. See Arkansas Code §14-121-426

14. Method used to calculate assessments (flat fee; per acre; per structure; etc.)

Continued levy of benefits set by assessment when the district was formed.

New flat tax per acre \$4.50

15. Statement itemizing the income and expenditures of the district for the most recent fiscal year (Attachment: balance  
sheet/bank statement)

Fiscal year ending October 31, 2021. See attached copy of accounting

Completed By:

CHARLES FRIERSON

Print Name

870 932 6643

Phone Number



Signature

5-26-21

Date

\*Required by Arkansas Code Act 359 of 2021

Form provided by: Wes Eddington  
Craighead County Collector

Cache River

Greene

Lawrence

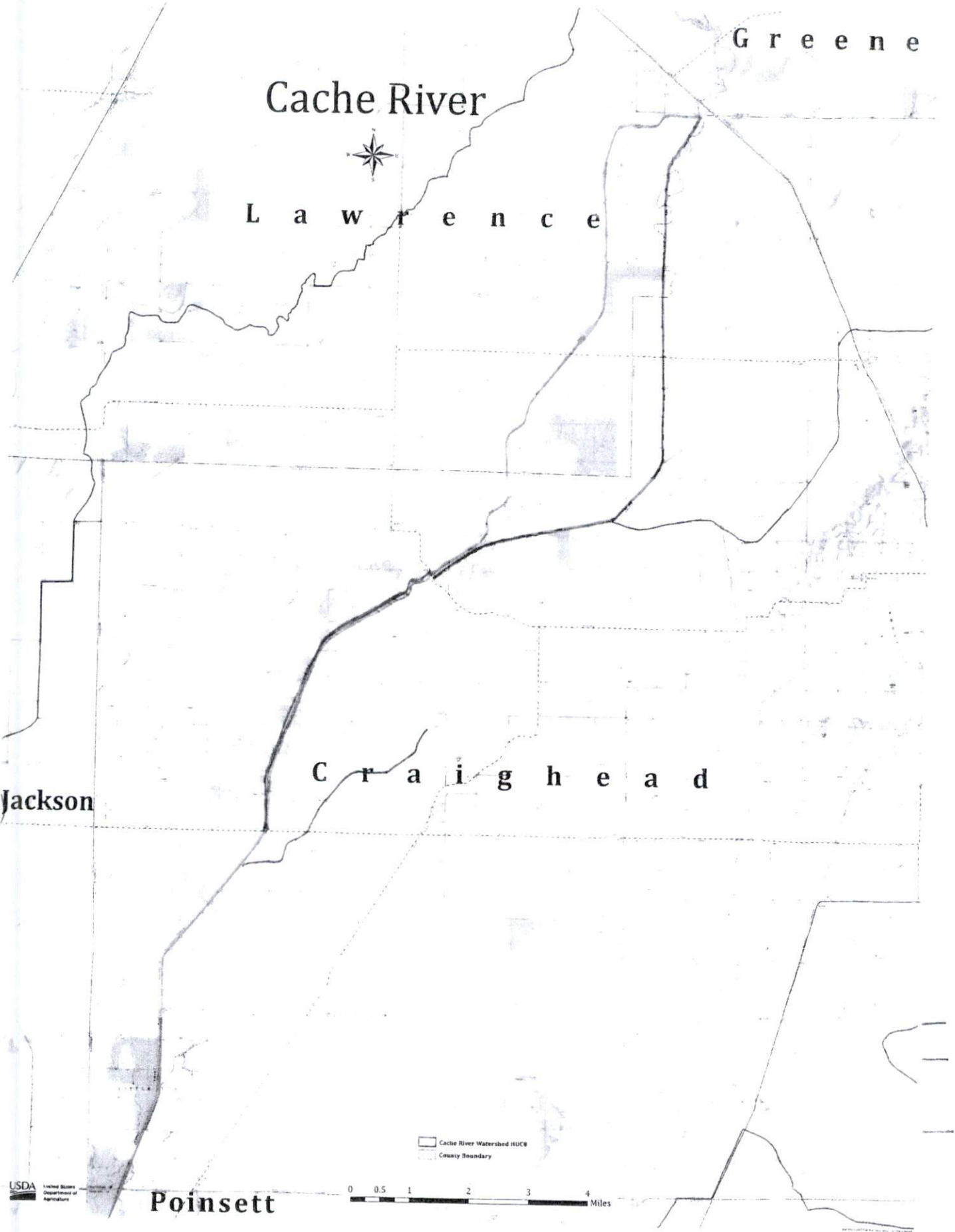
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Cache River Watershed HUC8  
County Boundary



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CACHE RIVER DRAINAGE DISTRICT OF CRAIGHEAD,  
LAWRENCE AND JACKSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

AUDITORS' REPORT AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OCTOBER 31, 2021



CACHE RIVER DRAINAGE DISTRICT OF CRAIGHEAD,  
LAWRENCE AND JACKSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

OCTOBER 31, 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

District Commissioners  
Cache River Drainage District of Craighead,  
Lawrence, and Jackson County, Arkansas  
Jonesboro, Arkansas

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Cache River Drainage District of Craighead, Lawrence, and Jackson County, Arkansas, which comprise the statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets (modified cash basis) as of October 31, 2021, and the related statement of cash receipts, disbursements, and changes in net assets (modified cash basis) for the year 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 modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. 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 audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' 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.

OPINION

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and net assets of the Cache River Drainage District of Craighead, Lawrence, and Jackson County, Arkansas as of October 31, 2021, and its cash receipts, disbursements, and changes in net assets for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

*Despain, Luther, Short  
& Company, CPAs, PA*

Jonesboro, Arkansas  
January 11, 2022



CACHE RIVER DRAINAGE DISTRICT OF CRAIGHEAD,  
LAWRENCE AND JACKSON, COUNTY ARKANSAS

STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS  
(MODIFIED CASH BASIS)

OCTOBER 31, 2021

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

CASH

\$ 88,423

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS

\$ 88,423

NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS

\$ 88,423

SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CACHE RIVER DRAINAGE DISTRICT OF CRAIGHEAD,  
LAWRENCE AND JACKSON, COUNTY ARKANSAS

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS,  
AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
(MODIFIED CASH BASIS)

YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2021

CASH RECEIPTS	
TAX COLLECTIONS	\$ 67,471
INTEREST INCOME	67
	<u>67,538</u>
CASH DISBURSEMENTS	
LEGAL FEES	3,318
FILING FEES	60
COMMISSIONER FEES	375
PUBLIC NOTICE	769
BANK CHARGES	0
INTEREST EXPENSE	5,820
LEVY AND DITCH MAINTENANCE WORK	26,991
ACCOUNTING FEES	575
	<u>37,908</u>
EXCESS OF CASH RECEIPTS OVER CASH DISBURSEMENTS	29,630
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>58,793</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 88,423</u></u>

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CACHE RIVER DRAINAGE DISTRICT OF CRAIGHEAD,  
LAWRENCE AND JACKSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(MODIFIED CASH BASIS)

OCTOBER 31, 2021

NOTE 1: ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

ORGANIZATION

Cache River Drainage District of Craighead, Lawrence, and Jackson County, Arkansas (the District) is a governmental district formed to manage and supervise activities related to the drainage ditches within its district.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The District's accounts are maintained on a modified cash basis, and the financial statements reflect only cash received and disbursed. On the modified cash basis, expenditures for certificates of deposit are not treated as expenses but shown as current assets on the statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets. The financial statements are not intended to present the financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

INCOME TAXES

The District is a non-taxable governmental entity.

NOTE 2: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through January 11, 2022, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.