REPORT ON AUDITS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF RIVERBANKS SOCIETY

A COMPONENT UNIT OF RICHLAND-LEXINGTON RIVERBANKS PARK DISTRICT

AS OF AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023



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Independent Auditor's Report

The Board of Directors Riverbanks Society Columbia, South Carolina

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Riverbanks Society (the "Society") (a Component Unit of Richland-Lexington Riverbanks Park District), a nonprofit organization, which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Riverbanks Society as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Society and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 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 auditor's 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards, 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 Society'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 Society'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.

Columbia, South Carolina

Scott and Company LLC

March 19, 2025

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Jur	ne 30,
	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,851,517	\$ 11,458,771
Accounts receivable	939	-
Prepaid expenses	87,353	45,395
Pledges receivable	71,500	-
Total assets	\$ 17,011,309	\$ 11,504,166
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 75,745	\$ 17,442
Unearned revenue	67,285	9,000
Due to Richland-Lexington Riverbanks Park District	981,606	23,104
Total liabilities	1,124,636	49,546
Net assets		
Net assets without donor restrictions		
Undesignated	2,110,166	2,648,890
Board designated	8,334,362	8,450,000
Net assets with donor restrictions		
Purpose restrictions	5,442,145	355,730
Total net assets	15,886,673	11,454,620
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 17,011,309	\$ 11,504,166

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Without Donor Restrictions					٧	Vith Donor		
	Ur	ndesignated	Воа	ard Designated	Total	R	Restrictions		Total
PUBLIC SUPPORT AND OTHER REVENUES									
Membership dues	\$	7,391,403	\$	- \$	7,391,403	\$	-	\$	7,391,403
Contributions		521,677		-	521,677		5,371,519		5,893,196
Investment earnings		643,990		-	643,990		2,164		646,154
Net assets released from restrictions		2,402,906		(1,915,638)	487,268		(487,268)		
Total public support and other revenues		10,959,976		(1,915,638)	9,044,338		4,886,415		13,930,753
EXPENSES									
Program services									
Support to Richland-Lexington Riverbanks Park District		5,281,035		-	5,281,035		-		5,281,035
Grants and donations		2,593,722		-	2,593,722		-		2,593,722
Member services		887,815		-	887,815		-		887,815
Total programs services		8,762,572		-	8,762,572		-		8,762,572
Support services									
Administration		342,397		-	342,397		-		342,397
Fundraising		393,731		-	393,731		-		393,731
Total support services		736,128		-	736,128		-		736,128
Total expenses		9,498,700		-	9,498,700		-		9,498,700
Transfers from undesignated to board designated		(1,800,000)		1,800,000	-		-		_
Transfers from without donor restrictions to with donor restrictions		(200,000)		<u>-</u>	(200,000)		200,000		
Increase (decrease) in net assets		(538,724)		(115,638)	(654,362)		5,086,415		4,432,053
Net assets, beginning of year		2,648,890		8,450,000	11,098,890		355,730		11,454,620
Net assets, end of year	\$	2,110,166	\$	8,334,362 \$	10,444,528	\$	5,442,145	\$	15,886,673

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

		Without Donor Restrictions		With Donor	With Donor			
	U	ndesignated	Board	Designated	Total	Restrictions		Total
PUBLIC SUPPORT AND OTHER REVENUES								
Membership dues	\$	7,459,860	\$	-	\$ 7,459,860	\$ -	\$	7,459,860
Contributions		727,849		-	727,849	198,061		925,910
Investment earnings		22,143		-	22,143	404		22,547
Miscellaneous income		6,085		-	6,085	-		6,085
Net assets released from restrictions		3,166,360		-	3,166,360	(3,166,360)		
Total public support and other revenues		11,382,297		-	11,382,297	(2,967,895)		8,414,402
EXPENSES								
Program services								
Support to Richland-Lexington Riverbanks Park District		4,585,325		-	4,585,325	-		4,585,325
Grants and donations		3,415,879		-	3,415,879	-		3,415,879
Member services		881,026		-	881,026	-		881,026
Total programs services		8,882,230		-	8,882,230	-		8,882,230
Support services								
Administration		344,717		-	344,717	-		344,717
Fundraising		376,637		-	376,637			376,637
Total support services		721,354		-	721,354	-		721,354
Total expenses		9,603,584		-	9,603,584	-		9,603,584
Transfers from undesignated to board designated		(6,000,000)		6,000,000	-	-		
Increase (decrease) in net assets		(4,221,287)		6,000,000	1,778,713	(2,967,895)		(1,189,182)
Net assets, beginning of year		6,870,177		2,450,000	9,320,177	3,323,625		12,643,802
Net assets, end of year	\$	2,648,890	\$	8,450,000	\$ 11,098,890	\$ 355,730	\$	11,454,620

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

		Program Services				Support Services									
	Su	pport to	Grants a	nd	Membership	To	otal Program					Total	Support		
		District	Donatio	ns	Services		Services	Adn	ninistration	Fu	ndraising	Ser	vices		Total
Personnel reimbursement to District	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 350,841	\$	350,841	\$	287,416	\$	217,155	\$	504,571	\$	855,412
Operating support		4,092,620		-	-		4,092,620		-		-		-		4,092,620
Capital projects support		1,000,000		-	-		1,000,000		-		-		-		1,000,000
Capital lease reimbursement		188,415		-	-		188,415		-		-		-		188,415
Professional development		-	156	,740	-		156,740		-		-		-		156,740
Conservation		-	2,215	,004	-		2,215,004		-		-		-		2,215,004
Other District staffing support		-	221	,978	-		221,978		-		-		-		221,978
Professional services		-		-	11,125		11,125		33,344		-		33,344		44,469
Board related expenses		-		-	-		-		4,277		-		4,277		4,277
Direct mail acquisition expense		-		-	174,524		174,524		-		-		-		174,524
Printing and publications		-		-	158,993		158,993		-		2,118		2,118		161,111
Bank and credit card fees		-		-	136,345		136,345		12,664		2,222		14,886		151,231
Information technology		-		-	41,079		41,079		-		359		359		41,438
Insurance		-		-	-		-		2,859		-		2,859		2,859
Advertising, promotion and campaign expense		-		-	-		-		-		324		324		324
Postage and mailing services		-		-	11,633		11,633		-		16,879		16,879		28,512
Fundraising recognition expense		-		-	-		-		-		18,025		18,025		18,025
Supplies		-		-	-		-		1,488		1,882		3,370		3,370
Rental expenses		-		-	-		-		-		5,886		5,886		5,886
Food and beverage expenses		-		-	-		-		-		105,553		105,553		105,553
Entertainment		-		-	-		-		-		7,723		7,723		7,723
Auction expense		-		-	-		-		-		11,677		11,677		11,677
Event setup costs		-		-	-		-		-		1,779		1,779		1,779
Miscellaneous		_		-	3,275		3,275		349		2,149		2,498		5,773

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	 Program Services				Support Services									
	 Support to		Grants and	Μ	1embership	To	tal Program					Tota	al Support	
	 District		Donations		Services		Services	Ad	ministration	Fu	ndraising	S	Services	Total
Personnel reimbursement to District	\$ -	\$	-	\$	351,402	\$	351,402	\$	257,130	\$	188,468	\$	445,598	\$ 797,000
Operating support	3,396,910		-		-		3,396,910		-		-		-	3,396,910
Capital projects support	1,000,000		-		-		1,000,000		-		-		-	1,000,000
Capital lease reimbursement	188,415		-		-		188,415		-		-		-	188,415
Professional development	-		97,347		-		97,347		-		-		-	97,347
Conservation	-		3,181,889		-		3,181,889		-		-		-	3,181,889
Other District staffing support	-		136,643		-		136,643		-		-		-	136,643
Professional services	-		-		-		-		64,361		-		64,361	64,361
Board related expenses	-		-		-		-		9,904		-		9,904	9,904
Direct mail acquisition expense	-		-		174,004		174,004		-		-		-	174,004
Printing and publications	-		-		169,485		169,485		-		8,336		8,336	177,821
Bank and credit card fees	-		-		126,764		126,764		5,851		2,546		8,397	135,161
Information technology	-		-		40,084		40,084		-		316		316	40,400
Insurance	-		-		-		-		2,335		-		2,335	2,335
Advertising, promotion and campaign expense	-		-		-		-		-		6,425		6,425	6,425
Postage and mailing services	-		-		19,250		19,250		-		10,928		10,928	30,178
Fundraising recognition expense	-		-		-		-		-		25,128		25,128	25,128
Supplies	-		-		-		-		2,899		5,804		8,703	8,703
Rental expenses	-		-		-		-		-		27		27	27
Food and beverage expenses	-		-		-		-		-		98,211		98,211	98,211
Entertainment	-		-		-		-		-		6,568		6,568	6,568
Auction expense	-		-		-		-		-		8,586		8,586	8,586
Event setup costs	-		-		-		-		-		13,820		13,820	13,820
Miscellaneous	 -		-		37		37		2,237		1,474		3,711	3,748
Total functional expenses	\$ 4,585,325	\$	3,415,879	\$	881,026	\$	8,882,230	\$	344,717	\$	376,637	\$	721,354	\$ 9,603,584

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	June 30,				
	2024			2023	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$	4,432,053	\$	(1,189,182)	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:					
Accounts receivable		(939)		20,000	
Prepaid expenses		(41,958)		(24,645)	
Pledges receivable		(71,500)		2,663,500	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		58,303		(21,468)	
Deferred revenue		58,285		(18,000)	
Due to/from Richland-Lexington Riverbanks Park District		958,502		4,527,321	
Net cash provided by operating activities		5,392,746		5,957,526	
Increase in cash and cash equivalents		5,392,746		5,957,526	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		11,458,771		5,501,245	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$	16,851,517	\$	11,458,771	

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization and Nature of Activities

The Riverbanks Society (the Society) is a South Carolina corporation organized to provide financial support for the Richland-Lexington Riverbanks Park District (the District) and its activities. The District is a governmental entity that owns and operates a public zoo and botanical garden for the citizens of South Carolina. The Society is supported primarily through donor contributions received from a broad base of citizens of Richland and Lexington Counties. The Society is a nonprofit organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is exempt from federal and state income taxes.

The Board of the Society is self-perpetuating and fluctuates between 15 and 21 members. Although the District does not control the timing or amount of receipts from the Society, the majority is undesignated and the majority of resources or income thereon that the Society holds and invests is restricted to the activities of the District by the donors. Because these restricted resources held by the Society can only be used by, or for the benefit of, the District, the Society is considered a component unit for the District and is discretely presented in the District's financial statements.

Basis of Accounting

The Society's financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Basis of Presentation

The Society is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to the following net asset classifications:

<u>Net assets without donor restrictions</u> — Net assets of contributions without donor-imposed restrictions that are available for use in carrying out the purpose of the Society. The Board uses these net assets to support the District and its activities as requested by the District and approved by the Society. Board designated net assets consist of contributions that are reserved by the Board for either capital or operating activities.

<u>Net assets with donor restrictions</u> – Net assets of contributions that are donor restricted with respect to purpose or time. When a donor restriction expires or is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents represent cash on deposit with banks and investments in cash and money market accounts. The Society had approximately \$16,218,000 and \$930,000 of deposits in excess of the federally insured limits at June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods. These payments are shown as prepaid items to reflect consumption in the future reporting period.

Receivables

The Society records receivables when earned and due. No allowance for credit losses is required at June 30, 2024 or 2023, as management has reviewed and believes all accounts are fully collectible. Bad debt expense for the years ended June 30, 2024, and 2023 was \$0.

Donated Services

The Society generally pays for services requiring specific expertise. However, many individuals volunteer their time and perform a variety of tasks that assist the Society with fund-raising and special projects. Such services do not meet the criteria for recognition as contributions; therefore, their value is not reflected in these financial statements.

Advertising Costs

Expenditures for advertising and public relations are charged to expense as incurred. Total fundraising advertising expense was \$324 and \$6,425 for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Income Taxes

The Internal Revenue Service has approved the Society's exemption from federal income taxes under provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and comparable state law, whereby only unrelated business income, as defined by Section 509(a)(1) of the Code is subject to federal income tax. The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued guidance that requires tax effects from uncertain tax positions to be recognized in the financial statements only if the position is more likely than not to be sustained if the position were to be challenged by the taxing authority. Management has determined that there are no material uncertain positions that require recognition in the financial statements. The Society is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The fiscal years ended 2022, 2023 and 2024 are still open to audit for both federal and state purposes.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The statement of functional expenses presents expenses by function and natural classification. Expenses directly attributable to a specific functional area are reported as expenses of those functional areas.

Estimates

Management may use estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could vary from the estimates that were assumed in preparing the financial statements.

Concentrations of Credit Risk

The Society had certain donors whose pledges receivable balances individually represented 10% or more of the Society's total pledges receivables as of June 30 2024. At June 30, 2024, one corporate donor accounted for 52%, or \$37,500 of pledges receivable, and another corporate donor accounted for 42%, or \$30,000 of pledges receivable. There were no pledges receivable as of June 30, 2023.

Recently Implemented Accounting Standard

In June, 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2016-13, Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments. This ASU and its related amendments (collectively, the "Credit Loss Standard") modified the credit loss model to utilize an expected loss methodology in place of an incurred loss methodology for financial instruments, including trade receivables, contract assets, long term receivables and off-balance sheet credit exposures. The Credit Loss Standard requires consideration of a broader range of information to estimate expected credit losses, including historical information, current conditions and a reasonable future period. This ASU requires that the statement of activities reflect the measurement of credit losses for newly recognized financial assets as well as an expected increase or decrease of expected credit losses that have taken place during the period, which may result in an earlier recognition. The Society adopted the Credit Loss Standard effective July 1, 2023, utilizing a modified retrospective approach, and the Society has determined that the adoption of this ASU did not have a material impact on these financial statements.

NOTE 2 – REVENUE RECOGNITION

The following table shows the Society's revenue disaggregated between revenue categories at June 30:

	2024	2023
Membership dues	\$ 7,391,403	\$ 7,459,860
Total revenue from contracts with customers	7,391,403	7,459,860
Contributions	5,893,196	925,910
Investment earnings	646,154	22,547
Miscellaneous income		6,085
Total public support and other revenues	\$ 13,930,753	\$ 8,414,402

The Society's revenues from contracts with customers were all recognized at a point in time according to the timing of transfer of services.

NOTE 3 – AVAILABILITY AND LIQUIDITY

The following represents the Society's financial assets at June 30:

	2024	2023
Financial assets available within one year		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,851,517	\$ 11,458,771
Accounts receivable – due in one year or less	939	-
Pledges receivable – due in one year or less	71,500	-
Total financial assets available within one year	16,923,956	11,458,771
Less amounts not available to be used within one year		
Net assets with donor restrictions	5,442,145	355,730
Financial assets available to meet general expenditures over		
the next twelve months	\$ 11,481,811	\$ 11,103,041

The Society's financial assets available within one year of the statements of financial position date are available to cover general expenditures, liabilities and other obligations as they become due. All remaining assets are available for use by the District as requested by the District and approved by the Society.

NOTE 4 – PLEDGES RECEIVABLE

The Society periodically has capital campaigns to raise money for District projects. Conditional promises to give are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Unconditional promises to give were valued at \$71,500 and \$0 as of June 30 2024 and 2023, respectively.

NOTE 5 - NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS

Net assets with donor restrictions are available for the following purposes as of June 30:

	2024	 2023
Satch Krantz Conservation Fund	\$ 285,946	\$ 148,335
Donor-imposed restrictions	5,090,791	196,157
Laura Smith Memorial Fund	13,919	11,238
Weinkle Family Conservation Fund	51,489	
Total	\$ 5,442,145	\$ 355,730

The Satch Krantz Conservation Fund, originally known as the Riverbanks Conservation Support Fund, provides financial support in an array of wildlife conservation projects both in the US and abroad.

Donor-Imposed restrictions are contributions with requirements to be used for a specific purpose either by the passage of time or by fulfilling an action by the Society or the District. The restrictions for both years relate to use by the District.

The Laura Smith Memorial Fund provides assistance in the care and wellbeing of the Zoo's mammal collection through such things as husbandry and veterinarian care, exhibit construction, repair and renovation.

The Weinkle Family Conservation Fund awards an annual scholarship for a graduating ZooTeen who has demonstrated potential as an emerging conservation leader and is pursuing an advanced degree in a conservation or science field including biology, zoology, or veterinary studies as well as an annual needs-based scholarship for qualified individuals participating in a zookeeping or horticulture internship at Riverbanks.

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the purpose or restrictions. Amounts used during June 30, 2024 and 2023 were \$487,268 and \$3,166,360, respectively.

NOTE 5 – NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS (CONTINUED)

During 2020, the Board approved the establishment of an operating reserve of \$1,200,000 in net assets without donor restrictions for emergency, but also available for general operating use as needed. The Board also approved \$1,250,000 to be designated for various capital projects for the District. During 2023, the Board approved designating an additional \$6,000,000 for capital projects. During 2024, the Board approved designating an additional \$1,800,000 for capital projects, and \$1,915,638 of the reserve was used to fund expenses incurred in the District's capital fund. The total of \$8,334,362 is included in net assets without donor restrictions – board designated in the statement of financial position.

NOTE 6 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Each year, to fulfill its purpose, the Society provides direct support for the District from its donations and from specific fundraising campaigns. The Society's contributions to the District are as follows for the years ended:

	2024	2023
District's general fund		
Operating support	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 2,400,000
Explorer pass differential	1,092,620	996,910
Subtotal	4,092,620	3,396,910
Loan/lease payments	188,415	188,415
Total general fund	4,281,035	3,585,325
Capital projects	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total District support	\$ 5,281,035	\$ 4,585,325

The Society does not retain any employees and uses the District's staff to perform services on behalf of the Society. The Society reimburses the District for use of its employees and any other shared operating expenses, such as postage, printing and other costs.

The District is the sole guarantor on a lease for which the Society has agreed to make payments until the maturity of the lease. The Society paid in each of the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 approximately \$188,415 in lease payments associated with the lease. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, the balance due on the lease was \$427,545 and \$603,817, respectively, which is due in monthly equal installments of \$15,701 until October 2026.

At June 30, the Society had the following expenditures and contributions due to the District:

	 2024	2023
Due to District's general fund	\$ 981,606	\$ 23,104

NOTE 7 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Society has evaluated all events subsequent to the statement of financial position date of June 30, 2024 through the date these financial statements were available to be issued, March 19, 2025, in accordance with ASC 855, *Subsequent Events*.