# CHAUTAUQUA TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION

A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA, NEW YORK

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors Chautauqua Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation 3163 Airport Drive Jamestown, New York 14701

### **Report of Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Chautauqua Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation (CTASC), a component unit of the County of Chautauqua, New York, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise CTASC's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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 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 from 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 opinions.

### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of CTASC, as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the respective changes in financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Other-Matters

### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 5 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 1, 2021, on our consideration of CTASC's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provision 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 compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering CTASC's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

### Other Reporting Required by New York State Public Authorities Law

In accordance with New York Public Authorities Law, we have also issued our report dated March 1, 2021 on our consideration of CTASC's compliance with Section 2925(3)(f) of the New York State Public Authorities Law ("Law"). The purpose of that report is to describe the scope and results of our tests of compliance with the Law.

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JOHNSON, MACKOWIAK & ASSOCIATES, LLP

Fredonia, New York March 1, 2021

# CHAUTAUQUA TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

This discussion and analysis of the Chautauqua Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation (CTASC), a blended component unit of the County of Chautauqua, New York, financial performance provides an overview of CTASC's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2020. This document should be read in conjunction with CTASC's financial statements which begin on page 6.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- On November 6, 2014 CTASC refunded the 2000 Series bonds and reissued 2014 Series bonds in the amount of \$34,765,000. The sale of the bonds provided for the complete refunding of the 2000 series, purchase of the 2005 series S4B, provided \$600,000 of excess proceeds to Chautauqua County for the capital expansion of the Sherman Department of Public Facilities maintenance facilities, and created a \$120,000 CTASC operating reserve. The highlight of the bond sale was the \$600,000 payment to the county and the purchase of the 2005 S4B tranche. The S4B tranche was projected to never pay off which would have resulted in a probable default by 2060. If projected TSR's (Tobacco Settlement Revenues) maintain their rate of decline, the county may expect to once again receive residual payments from the TSRs.
- CTASC's net deficit decreased \$245,136 as a result of this year's activity.
- Total assets decreased by approximately \$775,000 from 2019 to 2020, primarily as a result of decreases in unamortized bond discount costs on capital appreciation bonds. Total liabilities decreased by approximately \$843,000, as a result of the repayment of debt and change in accrued interest.
- Tobacco settlement revenues increased by approximately \$279,000 from 2019 to 2020.

### USING THIS REPORT

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The statements of net position (deficit) and the statements of activities provide information regarding CTASC as a whole and present a longer-term view of CTASC's finances. Financial statements for each fund start on page 8. For governmental activities, these statements show how services were financed in the overall operation of CTASC in greater detail than CTASC-wide financial statements.

### REPORTING CTASC AS A WHOLE

### The Statements of Net Position (Deficit) and Statements of Activities

The statements of net position (deficit) and statements of activities show information about CTASC as a whole. These statements include all assets and liabilities of CTASC using the accrual basis of accounting which is used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report CTASC's net position (deficit) and the changes to it. CTASC's net position (deficit) – the difference between assets and liabilities – is a way to measure CTASC's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in CTASC's net position (deficit) are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating.

In the statements of net position (deficit) and the statements of activities, CTASC reports all its basic services as governmental activities. These services are primarily economic development.

### REPORTING CTASC'S MOST SIGNIFICANT FUNDS

### **Fund Financial Statements**

Our financial statement presentation of CTASC's major funds begins on page 8 and provide detail of CTASC's most significant funds on an individual basis rather than the Corporation taken as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by state or local law or by the nature of the federal and state funding for their operation. Currently CTASC utilizes two governmental funds (Capital Projects and Debt Service).

### Governmental Funds

The two funds of CTASC are considered governmental funds. This section focuses on how revenue flows into and out of this fund and the balance of the fund at year-end which is available for future spending. These funds are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting which measures cash and financial assets that can be readily converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of CTASC's general operations and the basic services it provides. This information helps determine the financial resources that can be spent to finance CTASC programs. The relationship between the governmental activities (accrual basis) and the governmental funds (modified accrual basis) is provided in reconciliations on pages 9 and 11.

### FACTORS BEARING ON THE CORPORATION'S FUTURE

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the Corporation was aware of the following circumstances that could significantly affect its financial health in the future:

- Prior to August 2013, the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) participants continued to withhold approximately 12% of the expected payments due to the dispute regarding the Non-Participating Manufacturers (NPM) percentage of market share growth. In August 2013, New York State was successful through arbitration in winning the NPM dispute for the payment year. The payment for this settlement on the 2003 NPM holdback was distributed to CTASC during the 2014 calendar year.
- On October 16, 2015 New York State resolved with Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) participants all outstanding Non-Participating Manufacturers (NPM) disputed holdbacks. For the 2004-10 Period, (A) the Original Participating Manufacturers ("OPMs") will receive a discount (each a "Settlement Credit") equal to a flat 10% of the allocable New York amount deposited by an OPM in the DPA for such period, and (B) the Subsequent Participating Manufacturers ("SPMs") will receive Settlement Credits pursuant to an adjusted formula based on the OPM formula for such period. For the 2011-14 period, (A) the OPMs will receive Settlement Credits based on formula relating to certain cigarettes for which the State did not collect New York Excise Tax during each year of such three year period, and (B) the SPMs will receive Settlement Credits pursuant to an adjusted formula based on the OPM formula for such period.

For 2015 and thereafter, (A) the OPMs will receive Settlement Credits tied to the total instate sales volume of cigarettes that are manufactured on Native American reservations and sold tax-free from smoke shops on those reservations to New York consumers, and (B) the SPMs will receive Settlement Credits pursuant to an adjusted formula based on the OPM formula for such period. The Settlement Credits will be for a fixed amount per pack of cigarettes, but with a modifier based on overall volume of such cigarettes per year and an inflation adjustment. The annual volume information will be determined by a neutral, unappealable third party agreed upon by the State and Participating Manufacturers. The payment to CTASC of NPM settlement amounts less the settlement credits was received during April 2016 for the amount of \$2,034,372.

- As of February 2013, the three Original Participating Manufacturers (OPM) in the Master Settlement agreement with a market share totaling 80% were rated at BBB- or above by Moody's Investors Service. As discussed in the notes to the financial statements, the tobacco settlement revenues are dependent upon the volume of cigarettes shipped in the United States, which is primarily a function of domestic cigarette consumption.
- Fitch, Inc. withdrew all ratings on Tobacco Settlement ABS Criteria on June 15, 2016. The rating company does not believe that future payments from cigarette makers can be predicted reliably. Recent settlement agreements related to disputed payments connected to the non-participating manufacturer adjustment have eroded Fitch's confidence in the predictability of the calculation of MSA payments going forward.

### CONTACTING CTASC'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide the citizens of Chautauqua County, customers, and creditors with a general overview of CTASC's finances and to show CTASCS's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Darin Schulz, 3200 Deerwood Drive, Ashville, NY 14710.

### CHAUTAUQUA TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA, NEW YORK STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION (DEFICIT) DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

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		2020		2019
Restricted cash and cash equivalents Restricted investments Capital assets, net	\$	45,260 2,395,134 -	\$	43,299 2,531,330
Unamortized bond discount: Series 2005 Turbo Capital Appreciation Bonds Series 2014/2005 Bonds		75,874,130 363,918	*****	76,492,940 385,888
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	78,678,442	<u>\$</u>	79,453,457
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	V (DE	FICIT)		
LIABILITIES: Bonds payable:				
Due and payable within one year Due and payable after one year Turbo Capital Appreciation Bonds payable Accrued interest	\$	1,275,000 28,805,000 84,714,716 122,303	\$	1,035,000 29,885,000 84,714,716 125,386
TOTAL LIABILITIES	•	114,917,019	*****	115,760,102
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:  Deferred gain on refunding		2,906,346		3,083,414
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	West of the second	2,906,346		3,083,414
NET POSITION (DEFICIT):  Net investment in capital assets		<u>-</u>		_
Restricted for debt service Restricted for capital program Unrestricted deficit		2,273,644 166,750 (41,585,317)		2,396,459 178,170 (41,964,688)
TOTAL NET POSITION (DEFICIT)		(39,144,923)	-	(39,390,059)
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION (DEFICIT)	\$	78,678,442	\$	79,453,457

### CHAUTAUQUA TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA, NEW YORK STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

	 2020		2019
REVENUES:			
Tobacco settlement :	_		
Revenue	\$ 2,177,082	\$	1,897,742
Investment income:			
Interest income	58,705		102,542
Investment gain (loss)	61,929		111,083
Amortization of gain on refunding	 177,068		177,068
Total investment income (loss)	 297,702		390,693
TOTAL REVENUES	 2,474,784		2,288,435
EXPENSES:			
General and administrative expenses	82,926		78,558
Distributions to Chautauqua County			
for capital program	-		-
Interest expense	1,505,942		1,539,775
Bond accretion	608,234		571,714
Bond issuance costs / discount fees	 32,546		32,546
TOTAL EXPENSES	 2,229,648	ŧ	2,222,593
CHANGE IN NET POSITION (DEFICIT)	245,136		65,842
NET POSITION (DEFICIT), beginning of year	 (39,390,059)		(39,455,901)
NET POSITION (DEFICIT), end of year	\$ (39,144,923)	\$	(39,390,059)

# CHAUTAUQUA TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA, NEW YORK BALANCE SHEETS - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

				2020						2019		
		Capital Projects		Debt Service	ြ ဖိ ၂	Total Governmental Funds		Capital Projects		Debt Service	ဗိ	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS: Restricted cash and cash equivalents Restricted investments	<del>Ω</del>	45,204 121,546	↔	56 2,273,588	↔	45,260 2,395,134	છ	41,838 136,332	€9	1,461 2,394,998	€9	43,299 2,531,330
TOTAL ASSETS	မှာ	166,750	69	2,273,644	θ	2,440,394	₩.	178,170	↔	2,396,459	↔	2,574,629
FUND BALANCES: Restricted for capital program Restricted for debt service	€	166,750	€	2,273,644	€	166,750 2,273,644	↔	178,170	₩	2,396,459	↔	178,170 2,396,459
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	4	166,750	<b>⇔</b>	2,273,644	<b>⇔</b>	\$ 2,440,394	မှာ	178,170	ь	2,396,459	₩	2,574,629

# CHAUTAUQUA TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA, NEW YORK RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEETS TO THE STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION (DEFICIT) DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

	2020		2019	9
TOTAL FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	\$ 2,44	0,394	\$ 2,57	74,629
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position (deficit) are different because:				
Property and equipment used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore not reported in the governmental funds.				
Governmental property and equipment Less accumulated depreciation		4,189 4,189)		34,189 34,189)
Deferred inflow of resources related to the refinancing of debt are not reported in the governmental funds financial statements. The resulting gain is reported in the statement of net assets as a deferred inflow of resources. The difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt is amortized to interest expense over a period at a time that is the shorter of the remaining life of existing debt or				-
the life of the new debt.  Bond discounts are reported as other financing uses in governmental funds financial statements. However, in	(2,90	6,346)	(3,08	33,414)
the statement of net assets, bond discounts are reported as a component of bonds payable and amortized over the lives of the related debt.	76,23	8,048	76,87	78,828
Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period from currently available financial resources and are therefore not reported in the governmental funds financial statements. Those liabilities consist of:				
Governmental bonds payable Accrued interest	(114,79 (12	4,716) 2,303)	(115,63 (12	34,716) 25,386)
NET POSITION (DEFICIT) OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$ (39,14	4,923)	\$ (39,39	00,059)

# CHAUTAUQUA TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA, NEW YORK STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

		2020			2019	
			Total			Total
	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Governmental Funds	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Governmental Funds
REVENIES						
Tobacco settlement revenue Interest income	\$ 2,177,082 2,943	\$ 55,762	\$ 2,177,082 58,705	\$ 1,897,742 5,430	97,112	\$ 1,897,742 102,542
Investment earnings (loss)	(2,905)	64,834	61,929	(4,245)	115,328	111,083
TOTAL REVENUES	2,177,120	120,596	2,297,716	1,898,927	212,440	2,111,367
EXPENDITURES:  Bond interest expense		1,509,025	1,509,025	1 1	1,541,275	1,541,275 445,000
General and administrative expenses	82,926		82,926	78,558	-	78,558
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	82,926	2,349,025	2,431,951	78,558	1,986,275	2,064,833
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	2,094,194	(2,228,429)	(134,235)	1,820,369	(1,773,835)	46,534
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Operating transfers in Operating transfers out	(2,105,614)	2,105,614	2,105,614 (2,105,614)	(1,856,213)	1,856,213	1,856,213
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(2,105,614)	2,105,614	1	(1,856,213)	1,856,213	•
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	(11,420)	(122,815)	(134,235)	(35,844)	82,378	46,534
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	178,170	2,396,459	2,574,629	214,014	2,314,081	2,528,095
FUND BALANCES, end of year	\$ 166,750	\$ 2,273,644	\$ 2,440,394	\$ 178,170	\$ 2,396,459	\$ 2,574,629

# CHAUTAUQUA TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA, NEW YORK RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

	 2020	2019
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES - TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	\$ (134,235)	\$ 46,534
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report the cost of debt issuance as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of debt issuance is amortized over the lives of the related debt.	(32,546)	(32,546)
Governmental funds report bond proceeds net of repayment of debt. However, in the statement of activities, bond accretion, which results in an increase in the amount of the bond due is recognized.	(608,234)	(571,714)
Governmental funds report the gain on refunding of debt when the debt is issued. However, in the statement of activities these amounts are deferred and amortized over the lives of the related debt.	177,068	177,068
Governmental funds report bond principal payments as other financing uses. However, in the statement of activities, bond principal payments are recognized as liabilities and written down as they are paid.	840,000	445,000
Some expenses in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. This includes the change in accrued interest each year.	3,083	1,500
CHANGE IN NET POSITION (DEFICIT) OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$ 245,136	\$ 65,842

## CHAUTAUQUA TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA, NEW YORK NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### **NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION**

### Overview

Chautauqua Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation ("CTASC"), a component unit of Chautauqua County, New York (the County), is a special purpose, bankruptcy remote local development corporation organized under the provisions of Section 1411 of the New York State Not-For-Profit Corporation Law. CTASC is governed by a Board of three directors, consisting of the County Executive for Chautauqua County, New York; the Director of Finance for Chautauqua County, New York; and an independent director. Although legally separate from the County, the Corporation is a component unit of the County, and accordingly, is included in the County's financial statements as a blended component unit.

Pursuant to a Purchase and Sale Agreement with the County, CTASC purchased from the County all of its future rights, title and interest in the Tobacco Settlement Revenues (TSR's) under the Master Settlement Agreement ("MSA"). The MSA was entered into on November 23, 1998, among the attorneys general of 46 states (including New York), the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa and the Territory of the Northern Marianas and the four largest United States tobacco manufacturers: Philip Morris Incorporated, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation and Lorillard Tobacco Company. The MSA resolved cigarette smoking-related litigation between the Settling States. The MSA also imposed certain tobacco advertising and marketing restrictions, among other things. Neither the County nor CTASC is a party to the MSA.

CTASC financed the purchase through the issuance of Tobacco Settlement Revenue Bonds and the Residual Certificate. The Residual Certificate represents the entitlement to receive all amounts required to be distributed after payment of debt service, operating expenses and certain other costs as set forth in the Indenture. Payments on the Residual Certificate from TSR collections are subordinate to payments on the bonds and payment of certain other costs specified in the Indenture. Excess TSR's not required by CTASC to pay various expenses, debt service or required reserves with respect to the bonds are generally transferred to the CTASC Residual Trust, as owner of the Residual Certificate. The County is the beneficial owner of the Trust and thus the funds received by the Trust are transferred to the County.

### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

The entity-wide financial statements of CTASC, which include the statements of net position (deficit) and the statements of activities, are presented to display information about the reporting entity as a whole, in accordance with Statements No. 34 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The statements of net position (deficit) and the statements of activities are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.

CTASC's governmental fund financial statements are presented using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized when it becomes susceptible to accrual, which is when it becomes both measureable and available to finance expenditures in the current fiscal period. Measureable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recognized when the related liability is incurred, except for unmatured interest on bonds payable, which is recognized when due.

### Property, Equipment and Depreciation

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Depreciation is computed over the estimated useful lives of the property and equipment on the straight-line method in the entity-wide financial statements. The governmental funds financial statements recognize property and equipment acquisitions as an expense in the period in which they are acquired. Depreciation is not recognized in the governmental funds financial statements.

### **Bond Premiums and Discounts**

Bond premiums and discounts are capitalized and amortized over the lives of the related debt using the straight-line method in the entity-wide financial statements. The governmental funds financial statements recognize bond premiums and discounts during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuance are reported as other financing uses.

### Interest Expense

Interest expense is recognized on the accrual basis in the entity-wide financial statements. Interest expenditures are recognized when paid in the individual governmental funds financial statements.

### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires CTASC's management to make estimates and assumptions in determining the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### Tax Status

The Corporation is exempt from federal income tax under Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code. The Corporation believes that it has appropriate support for any tax position taken, and as such, does not have any uncertain tax positions that are material to the financial statements.

### Cash and Cash Equivalents

CTASC's cash and cash equivalents are currently limited to bank deposits, U.S. Government securities, and Insured Money Market funds. At December 31, 2020, the Corporation's cash and cash equivalents consisted of insured Money Market funds of \$348,948 and bank deposits of \$45,260. At December 31, 2019, the Corporation's cash and cash equivalents consisted of insured Money Market funds of \$250,471 and bank deposits of \$43,299. Investments with an original maturity date of three months or less are classified as cash and cash equivalents. Bank deposits up to \$250,000 are insured by Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

All deposits of the Corporation, including money market deposits, are insured under the provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act. Excess deposits are not secured.

### **Accounting and Reporting Changes**

In May 2020, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 95 - Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance. The primary objective of this Statement is to provide temporary relief to governments and other stakeholders in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. CTASC implemented Statement No. 95 effective for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020. The guidance postpones by one year the effective dates of certain provisions in the following pronouncements that affect the Corporation:

- Statement No. 89 Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period
- Statement No. 91 Conduit Debt Obligations
- Statement No. 92 Omnibus 2020
- Statement No. 93 Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates

The Statement postpones the effective dates of the following pronouncements by 18 months:

· Statement No. 87 - Leases

In November 2016, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 83 - Certain Asset Retirement Obligations. This Statement addresses accounting and financial reporting for certain asset retirement obligations (AROs). An ARO is a legally enforceable liability associated with the retirement of a tangible capital asset. A government that has legal obligations to perform future asset retirement activities related to its tangible capital assets should recognize a liability based on the guidance in this Statement. CTASC implemented Statement No. 83 effective for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019. The adoption of Statement No. 83 had no effect on CTASC's financial statements.

In January 2017, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 84 - Fiduciary Activities. The objective of this Statement is to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. CTASC implemented Statement No. 84 effective for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019. The adoption of Statement No. 84 had no effect on CTASC's financial statements.

In April 2018, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 88 - Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements. The primary objective of this Statement is to improve the information that is disclosed in notes to government financial statements related to debt, including direct borrowings and direct placements. It also clarifies which liabilities governments should include when disclosing information related to debt. CTASC implemented Statement No. 88 effective for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019. The adoption of Statement No. 88 had no effect on CTASC's financial statements.

In August 2018, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 90 - Majority Equity Interests - an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 61. The primary objectives of this Statement are to improve the consistency and comparability of reporting a government's majority equity interest in a legally separate organization and to improve the relevance of financial statement information for certain component units. It defines a majority equity interest and specifies that a majority equity interest in a legally separate organization should be reported as an investment if a government's holding of the equity interest meets the definition of an investment. A majority equity interest that meets the definition of an investment should be measured using the equity method, unless it is held by a special-purpose government engaged only in fiduciary activities, a fiduciary fund, or an endowment (including permanent and term endowments) or permanent fund. Those governments and funds should measure the majority equity interest at fair value. CTASC implemented Statement No. 90 effective for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019. The adoption of Statement No. 90 had no effect on CTASC's financial statements.

### **Future Impacts of Accounting Pronouncements**

CTASC has not completed the process of evaluating the impact that will result from adopting Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 87 - Leases, effective for the year ending December 31, 2022; GASB Statement No. 89 - Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period, effective for the year ending December 31, 2021, GASB Statement No. 91 - Conduit Debt Obligations, effective for the year ending December 31, 2022, GASB Statement No. 92 - Omnibus 2020, effective for the year ending December 31, 2023, GASB Statement No. 93 - Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates, effective for the year ending December 31, 2022, GASB Statement No. 94 - Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements, effective for the year ending December 31, 2023 and GASB Statement No. 96 - Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements, effective for the year ending December 31, 2023.

CTASC is therefore unable to disclose the impact that adopting these GASB Statements will have on its financial position and results of operation when such statements are adopted.

### **Deficit Net Position**

At December 31, 2020, CTASC reported a net position deficit of \$39,144,923. The deficit is caused by long-term obligations that are greater than currently available resources.

**Total Investments** 

Investments are reported at fair value. The Corporation's trustee holds investments for the funds included in the financial statements. The Corporation invests in authorized investments as described in the bond resolution such as obligations of the United States of America.

Custodial Credit Risk - For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Corporation will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Corporation's investments at December 31, 2020 and 2019 were in U.S. Government and Municipal Obligations.

Concentration of Credit Risk - The Corporation places no limit on the amount that it may invest within any one issuer. The Corporation's investments at December 31, 2020 and 2019 were in U.S. Government and Municipal Obligations.

Interest Rate Risk - The Corporation's investment policies are governed by resolution of the Board of Directors. It is the policy of CTASC to diversify its deposits and investments by maturity scheduling as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from interest rates.

Fair Value Measurements - Fair values of assets measured on a recurring basis at December 31, 2020 and 2019, are as follows:

	Г			Capital Pr	oject	s Fund		
		2	2020			20	19	
Investment Description	4-04-04	Cost	Fa	air Value		Cost	F	air Value
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	121,546	\$	121,546	\$	23,427	\$	23,427
Debt Service - U.S. Government Agencies	***************************************					117,150		112,905
Total investments	\$ -	121,546	\$	121,546	\$	140,577	\$	136,332
				Debt Se	rvice			
			2020				119	
Investment Description	-	Cost	F	air Value		Cost	F	air Value
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	227,402	\$	227,402	\$	227,044	\$	227,044
Debt Service - U.S. Government Agencies Municipal Obligations Mortgage Backed Securities		220,751 920,498 10,747		223,721 928,523 10,390		1,003,011 1,179,690 15,983		993,244 1,159,409 15,301

Credit Quality Ratings - Municipal and Tax-Exempt Obligations - The Corporation invested in various NYS Municipal and Tax-Exempt Obligations during 2020 and 2019. The credit quality rating of these investments as of December 31, 2020 are as follows:

2,265,056

2,273,588

2,425,728

2,394,998

Municipal Obligation	Fai	ir Value	CUSIP No.	Maturity Date	Moody's / S&P
New York State Dorm Auth Revenues Higher Education Buffalo & Erie Cnty New York Indl Higher Education New York City NY Hsg Dev Corp Multifamily Housing Revenue	\$	30,167 202,052 37,212	64990CFX4 11943KED0 64972ELU1	7/1/2023 11/1/2025 5/1/2026	Baa2 BBB AA2
New York State Transprtn Dev Corp Airport Revenue New York City New York Revenue Bonds		30,830 349,844	650116BF2 64971XQZ4	7/1/2030 8/1/2035	BAA3 AA1
New York State Dorm Auth Revenues Medical Facilities New York State Dorm Auth Revenue Bonds		38,237 240,181	64990CPA3 64990CER8	7/1/2036 7/1/2046	AA3 AA2
Total municipal obligations	\$	928,523			
U.S. Tax-Exempt Fixed Income	Fa	ir Value	CUSIP No.	Maturity Date	Moody's / S&P
Jamestown New York City Sch Dist General Obligation		389,914	470592NC6	6/15/2022	A1
Met Transportation Authority New York Revenue Transportation		169,526	59261AE78	2/1/2023	A3
Windham-Ashland-Jewett New York Cent General Obligation		98,066	973258EJ1	6/15/2028	AA
Met Transportation Authority New York Revenue Transportation		193,714	59261ANN3	11/1/2030	A3
Windham-Ashland-Jewett New York Cent General Obligation Total U.S. tax-exempt fixed income	\$	32,332 883,552	973258EP7	6/15/2033	AA

The credit quality rating of these investments at December 31, 2019 are as follows:

Municipal Obligation	F	air Value	CUSIP No.	Maturity Date	Moody's
New York State Dorm Auth Revenues Higher Education	\$	99,728	64990CFX4	7/1/2023	Baa2
New York State Transprtn Dev Corp Airport Revenue		31,300	650116BF2	7/1/2030	Baa3
Port Auth of New York & New Jersey Transportation Revenue		363,813	73358WTZ7	10/15/2034	Aa3
New York State Dorm Auth Revenues Medical Facilities		37,557	64990CPA3	7/1/2036	AA2
New York State Dorm Auth Revenue Bonds		232,623	64990CER8	7/1/2046	AA2
New York State Transprtn Dev Corp Airport Revenue		394,388	650116BX3	7/1/2046	A2
Total municipal obligations	\$	1,159,409	•		

Property, equipment and depreciation consist of the following:

Property, equipment and depreciation consist of the following:			Yea	ar ended D	ecember :	31, 2020	 
		ginning alance	Ad	ditions		ements/ sifications	 Ending Balance
Governmental activities: Property and equipment that is depreciated: Office improvements Furniture and fixtures	\$	3,277 30,912	\$	-	\$		\$ 3,277 30,912
Total depreciable historical cost		34,189		-		-	 34,189
Less accumulated depreciation: Office improvements Furniture and fixtures		3,277 30,912		-		-	 3,277 30,912
Total accumulated depreciation		34,189		-		-,	 34,189
Total depreciable historical cost, net	\$	•	\$		\$		\$ _
			Ye	ar ended D	ecember	31, 2019	
		eginning Balance	Ac	ditions		rements/ sifications	 Ending Balance
Governmental activities: Property and equipment that is depreciated: Office improvements Furniture and fixtures				dditions - -			\$ •
Property and equipment that is depreciated: Office improvements	<u>E</u>	Balance 3,277		dditions - -	Reclas		\$ Balance 3,277
Property and equipment that is depreciated: Office improvements Furniture and fixtures	<u>E</u>	3,277 30,912		dditions	Reclas		\$ 3,277 30,912
Property and equipment that is depreciated:     Office improvements     Furniture and fixtures      Total depreciable historical cost  Less accumulated depreciation:     Office improvements	<u>E</u>	3,277 30,912 34,189 3,277		dditions	Reclas		\$ 3,277 30,912 34,189 3,277

### NOTE 5 - BOND REFINANCING

On November 6, 2014 CTASC refunded the Series 2000 Bonds and reissued Series 2014 Bonds in the amount of \$34,765,000. The sale of the bonds provided for the complete refunding of the Series 2000 Bonds, purchase of the Series 2005 S4B Bonds, provided \$600,000 of excess proceeds to Chautauqua County for the capital expansion of the Sherman Department of Public Facilities maintenance facility, and created a \$120,000 operating reserve. See Note 7.

### **NOTE 6 - DISCOUNT FEES**

The Corporation has incurred discount fees associated with the Series 2014, Series 2005 and Series 2000 Bond issues. These costs are expensed as incurred in the Corporation's governmental fund financial statements. Such discount fees are deferred and amortized over the life of related debt in the government-wide statements. Discount fees for the 2000 Series totaling \$155,787 will be amortized over 40 years (9/15/2000 through 8/31/2040). This Series was refinanced on November 6, 2014 and replaced by the Series 2014 Bonds. The discount fees for the 2005 Series totaling \$221,944 will be amortized over 21 years (12/01/05 - 11/20/2026). The discount fees for the 2014 Series totaling \$495,738 will be amortized over 23 years (11/06/14 - 06/01/2037). This will result in a matching of the amortization of the asset with the related payment of the liability.

Balances at December 31, 2020 are as follows:

	2000 Series Discount Fees		2005 Series		2014 Series	
			Dis	count Fees	Discount Fees	
Cost	\$	-	\$	221,944	\$	495,738
Less: Accumulated Amortization	<u> </u>			160,403		131,820
Net	\$	-	\$	61,541	\$	363,918
Balances at December 31, 2019 are as follows:						
	2000	Series	20	05 Series	20	14 Series
	Disco	unt Fees	Dis	count Fees	Dis	count Fees
Cost	\$	-	\$	221,944	\$	495,738
Less: Accumulated Amortization	<del></del>			149,827		109,850
Net	\$	-	\$	72,117	\$	385,888

### NOTE 7 - BONDS PAYABLE

### **SERIES 2014 BONDS**

### Overview

As stated above the Series 2014 Bond was created in the refinancing of the 2000 Series Bonds.

The Series 2014 Bonds are issued in fully registered form in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC") who acts as Securities Depository for the Series 2014 Bonds. Individual purchases are in book-entry form only, in the principal amount of \$5,000, or integral multiples thereof. Purchasers do not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the Series 2014 Bonds.

Interest on the Series 2014 Bonds is payable semi-annually on June 1 and December 1 in each year until maturity or prior redemption. Principal and interest on the Series 2014 Bonds will be paid by the Indenture Trustee to DTC which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its Participants, for subsequent distribution to the Beneficial Owners of the Series 2014 Bonds.

### Security for the Series 2014 Bonds

Pursuant to a Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated September 1, 2000 (the "TSR Purchase Agreement"), the County sold to CTASC all of its rights, title and interest under the MSA and the Decree, including the County's right to be paid its portion of the State of New York's (the "State") allocable shares of future initial Payments and Annual Payments under the MSA (the "Tobacco Settlement Revenues").

### **Debt Service Reserve Account**

Under the Indenture, the Indenture Trustee has established and holds a Debt Service Reserve Account which is funded from Series 2014 Bond proceeds. Except after an Event of Default, CTASC is required to maintain a balance in the Debt Service Reserve Account to the extent of available funds equal to the maximum annual debt service on the Series 2014 Bonds in the current year or any future year. The amount in this account at December 31, 2020 and 2019 was \$2,273,588 and \$2,394,998, respectively.

### **Maturity**

The following is a summary of maturity of indebtedness:

					Juistanung at
Description of Issue	Issue Date	Final Maturity	Interest Rate	Dec	cember 31, 2020
Serial Bonds	11/6/2014	6/1/2037	3.125 - 5.000%	\$	30,080,000

The following is a summary of maturing debt service requirements for the year ending December 31:

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$ 1,275,000	\$ 1,456,150	\$ 2,731,150
2022	1,125,000	1,396,150	2,521,150
2023	1,180,000	1,338,525	2,518,525
2024	1,235,000	1,278,150	2,513,150
2025	1,305,000	1,214,650	2,519,650
2026 - 2030	7,710,000	5,001,406	12,711,406
2031 - 2035	10,060,000	2,854,831	12,914,831
2036 - 2037	6,190,000	346,500	6,536,500
	\$ 30,080,000	\$ 14,886,362	\$ 44,966,362

### NOTE 7 - BONDS PAYABLE, continued

The Series 2014 Bonds consist of various Term and Serial Bonds with varying maturity dates. The following is a summary of the maturing debt service requirements that make up the Series 2014 Bonds.

The 2022 Turbo Term Bond tranche was paid off during 2016 with proceeds from the New York State NPM Settlement. This tranche was expected to mature in June 1, 2020 and interest rates varied from 4.00% to 5.00%.

The Serial Bond tranche was paid off during 2020. This tranche matured on June 1, 2020 and interest rates varied from 4.00% to 5.00%.

### 2029 Turbo Term Bond

	Year		Principal		Interest		Total
	2021	\$	1,275,000	\$	169,875	\$	1,444,875
	2022	,	1,125,000		109,875		1,234,875
	2023		1,180,000		52,250		1,232,250
	2024		455,000		11,375		466,375
	2024	\$	4,035,000	\$	343,375	\$	4,378,375
2034 Turbo Term Bond							
	Year		Principal		Interest		Total
	2021	\$	-	\$	282,500	\$	282,500
	2022		-		282,500		282,500
	2023		-		282,500		282,500
	2024		780,000		263,000		1,043,000
	2025		1,305,000		210,875		1,515,875
	2026 - 2029		3,565,000		234,875		3,799,875
		\$	5,650,000	\$	1,556,250	\$	7,206,250
		<del>1</del>					
2039 Turbo Term Bond							
	Year	*****	Principal		Interest		Total
	2021	\$	-	\$	303,525	\$	303,525
	2022		-		303,525		303,525
	2023		-		303,525		303,525
	2024		=		303,525		303,525
	2025		-		303,525		303,525
	2026 - 2030		4,145,000		1,265,281		5,410,281
	2031 - 2032		2,245,000		74,456		2,319,456
		\$	6,390,000	\$	2,857,362	\$	9,247,362
2048 Turbo Term Bond							
	Year		Principal		Interest		Total
	2021	\$	- 111101001	\$	700,250	\$	700,250
	2022	Ψ	_	٧	700,250	*	700,250
	2023		_		700,250		700,250
	2023		-		700,250		700,250
	2024		_		700,250		700,250
			-		3,501,250		3,501,250
	2026 - 230		7,815,000		2,780,375		10,595,375
	2031 - 2035						6,536,500
	2036 - 2037	•	6,190,000		346,500 10,129,375	\$	24,134,375
		\$	14,005,000	, Þ	10,128,373	Φ	24,104,070

### **SERIES 2005 BONDS**

### <u>Overview</u>

The New York Counties Tobacco Trust V issued \$202,792,505 aggregate principal amount of Tobacco Settlement Pass-Through Bonds in four series. These Series 2005 NYCTT Bonds represent direct, pass-through interest in corresponding bonds of certain series of tobacco settlement asset-backed bonds issued by one or more of the 24 tobacco asset securitization corporations ("TASC") of which CTASC is one. These bonds are subordinate to the Series 2014 bonds discussed above.

There are not scheduled payments of principal or interest on the Series 2005 NYCTT Bonds other than on their respective maturity dates because the bonds are Capital Appreciation Bonds. All interest accretes until both principal and accreted interest is paid. Turbo (accelerated) amortization payments are required to be made against the outstanding principal providing that CTASC receives sufficient TSR's to make the Turbo payments. Since there is no certainty that CTASC will receive sufficient TSR's to make these Turbo payments, the outstanding amount of the bonds and the related discount have not been reduced on the statements of net deficits.

### Security for the Series 2005 Bonds

In order to secure payment of its prior bonds and Series 2005 TASC Bonds, each TASC has pledged to the TASC Trustee all of the TASC's rights, title, and interest whether now owned or hereafter acquired, in (i) the TSR Purchase Agreement and the TSR's (ii) the Pledged Series 2005 Accounts, and all investment earnings on amounts on deposit in or credited to the Pledged Series 2005 Accounts; and (iii) all present and future claims, demands, and causes in action in respect to the foregoing.

### Series 2005 Bond Fund

A Series 2005 Bond Fund will be established with the Trustee and money will be deposited therein as provided in the Series 2005 Supplemental Indenture. The money in the Bond Fund will be held in trust and, except as otherwise provided in the Series 2005 Supplemental Indenture, will be applied solely to the payment of Debt Service. The Series 2005 Bond Fund includes a Series 2005 Turbo Redemption Account, a Series 2005 Lump Sum Redemption Account and a Series 2005 Extraordinary Payment Account.

### Maturity

CTASC originally issued bonds out of three series of the 2005 issuances. As described in Note 5 above, the Series S4B tranche was repurchased during 2014 in the refinancing of CTASC's debt. The total bonds issued and their terms are summarized as follows:

Series	 Issuance Amount	 Maturity Amount	Interest Rate	Maturity
Series S2	\$ 2,400,150	\$ 3,481,000	6.10%	June 1, 2050
Series S3	\$ 1,820,337	\$ 51,090,000	6.85%	June 1, 2055

What follows is a schedule of Projected TASC Turbo Redemption Payments for the portion of the bonds attributable to CTASC. Although not mandatory redemptions, these are the redemptions originally anticipated based upon projected cash flows. Because these bonds are capital appreciation bonds, there is not differentiation between principal and interest with respect to each payment.

Year	Series 2005 S2		Series 2005 S3		Total		
2037	\$ 1,0	16,494	\$		\$	1,016,494	
2038	2,6	01,330		-		2,601,330	
2039	2,6	04,935		-		2,604,935	
2040	2,6	07,262		-		2,607,262	
2041	885,066			1,729,291		2,614,357	
2042	-			2,616,311		2,616,311	
2043	_			2,620,363		2,620,363	
2044		_		2,624,178		2,624,178	
2045				2,625,985		2,625,985	
2046	-			2.628.973		2,628,973	
2047				2,631,269		2,631,269	
2048		-		2,630,497		2,630,497	
2049		-		2,636,862		2,636,862	
2050		_		2,652,770		2,652,770	
2050		_		2.005.028		2,005,028	
2001	\$ 9.7	715,087	\$	27,401,527	\$	37,116,614	
	Ψ 0,1	10,007		27,101,021	<u> </u>		

### A. Government-wide Statements

In the entity-wide statements, there are three classes of net assets:

Net Investment in Capital Assets - This class consists of net capital assets (cost less accumulated depreciation) reduced by outstanding balances of related debt obligations from the acquisition, construction or improvements of these assets.

Restricted Net Assets - Restricted net assets report constraints placed on assets that are either legally imposed by creditors (such as through covenants), grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Restrictions of net assets have been recorded in the entity-wide financial statements of the Corporation at December 31, 2020 and 2019 as follows:

Restricted for Capital - represents resources that are committed for future transfers to the CTASC Residual Trust.

Restricted for Debt Service - represents resources that are committed to retiring the outstanding obligations of the corporation.

Unrestricted Net Assets - Designations are not legally required restrictions, but are segregated for a specific purpose. At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Corporation had not designated any unrestricted net assets. The unrestricted net deficit balance represents the outstanding bond liability to be paid off with future rights to receive tobacco revenues.

### **B. Fund Statements**

In the fund basis statements there are five classifications of fund balance:

Non-Spendable - includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The Corporation did not have any nonspendable fund balance at December 31, 2020 and 2019.

Restricted - includes amounts with constraints placed on the use of resources either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments; or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The Corporation has established the following restricted fund balances.

Restricted For Capital - represents resources that are restricted for future transfers to the CTASC Residual Trust.

Restricted For Debt Service - represents resources that are contractually committed to the retirement of outstanding debt

Committed - includes amounts that can only be used for the specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Corporation's highest level of decision making authority, i.e., the Board of Directors. At December 31, 2020 and 2019 the Corporation did not have any committed fund balances.

Assigned - includes amounts that are constrained by the Corporation's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The Corporation did not have any assigned fund balances at December 31, 2020 or 2019.

Unassigned - includes all other General Fund net assets that do not meet the definition of the above four classifications and are deemed to be available for general use by the Corporation.

Order of Use of Fund Balance - The Corporation's policy is to apply expenditures against nonspendable fund balance, restricted fund balance, committed fund balance, assigned fund balance and unassigned fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. For all funds, nonspendable fund balances are determined first and then restricted fund balances for specific purposes are determined.

### NOTE 9 - TOBACCO SETTLEMENT REVENUE

During the year ended December 31, 2017, pursuant to New York's NPM Settlement with the MSA participating manufacturers (PMs), the PMs are entitled to a credit against their annual payments based on volume of nontaxed Native American cigarettes sold each year. This year the PMs are entitled to a credit against their 2017 payments for 2015 tribal sales. The total amount that was required to be returned by CTASC pertaining to this credit was \$52.141.

### **NOTE 10 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS**

The operations of the Corporation give rise to certain transactions between funds. Net interfund transfers of \$2,105,614 and \$1,856,213 were made between the governmental funds primarily for debt service during 2020 and 2019, respectively.

### **NOTE 11 - OPERATING LEASE**

CTASC entered into a three-year operating lease with Chautauqua County for office space for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022. Annual rents amounted to \$11,000 and \$10,000 for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

### **NOTE 12 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

As part of the purchase price of the Master Settlement Agreement ("MSA"), CTASC has created a residual trust that is funded by Tobacco Settlement Revenues received by CTASC that are not required to pay expenses, debt service or required reserves with respect to the Series 2000 and Series 2014 Bonds. During the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, no residual proceeds were transferred to the trust. The County appoints the governing board of CTASC but is not responsible for the operations of the Corporation.

Chautauqua County provides CTASC financial services. Payments to Chautauqua County for services rendered totaled \$5,000 for each of the years ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019.

### **NOTE 13 - ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY**

The primary security and source of payments for the principal and interest on the Series 2000 and Series 2014 Bonds is Tobacco Settlement Revenues pursuant to the Master Settlement Agreement and the decree. The Tobacco Settlement Revenues are primarily dependent upon the volume of cigarettes shipped in the United States, which is primarily a function of domestic cigarette consumption.

### **NOTE 14 - CONTINGENCIES**

Future tobacco settlement revenues are subject to adjustment based upon tobacco consumption, inflation and other potential reductions. Pursuant to the Purchase and Sales Agreement these adjustments and other events could trigger additional debt service reserve requirements.

Certain smokers, smokers' rights organizations, consumer groups, cigarette importers, cigarette distributors, cigarette manufacturers, Native American tribes, taxpayers, taxpayers' groups and other parties have filed actions against some, and in certain cases all, of the signatories of the MSA. In the event of an adverse court ruling in such types of litigation, Bondholders could incur a complete loss of their investments.

### NOTE 15 - COVID 19 PANDEMIC

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus outbreak a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern" and on March 10, 2020, declared it to be a pandemic. Actions taken around the world to help mitigate the spread of the coronavirus include restrictions on travel, guarantines in certain areas, and forced closures of certain types of businesses.

The coronavirus and actions taken to mitigate it have had and are expected to continue to have an adverse impact on the economy. It is unknown how long these conditions will last and what the complete financial effect will be on the Corporation.

### **NOTE 16 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Events and transactions which have occurred from December 31, 2020 through March 1, 2021, the date of these financial statements, have been evaluated by management for the purpose of determining whether there were any events that might require disclosure in these financial statements.



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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

To the Board of Directors Chautauqua Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation 3163 Airport Drive Jamestown, New York 14701

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Chautauqua Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation ("CTASC"), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise CTASC's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 1, 2021.

### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered CTASC's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of CTASC's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of CTASC's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control 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 and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statement will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether CTASC's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 2925(3)(f) OF THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES LAW

To the Board of Directors Chautauqua Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation 3163 Airport Drive Jamestown, New York 14701

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Chautauqua Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation ("CTASC"), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise CTASC's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 1, 2021.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that CTASC failed to comply with Section 2925(3)(f) of the New York State Public Authorities Law regarding investment guidelines during the years ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding CTASC's noncompliance with the above rules and regulations.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope and results of our testing. This communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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