# IOWA FAIR PLAN INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 AND 2017

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Governing Board Iowa FAIR Plan West Des Moines, Iowa

We have audited the accompanying statutory financial statements of Iowa FAIR Plan (an Iowa partnership), which comprise the statutory statements of assets, liabilities, and unassigned surplus as of September 30, 2018 and 2017, and the related statutory statements of income and expense, unassigned surplus, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

# Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions prescribed or permitted by the Iowa Insurance Division. 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.

# Auditor's 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 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 Plan'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 Plan'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.

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

As described in Note 1, the financial statements are prepared by Iowa FAIR Plan on the basis of the financial reporting provisions prescribed or permitted by the Iowa Insurance Division, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to comply with the requirements of the Iowa Insurance Division. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

# Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of Iowa FAIR Plan as of September 30, 2018 and 2017, or the results of its operations or its cash flows for the years then ended.

# **Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and surplus of Iowa FAIR Plan as of September 30, 2018 and 2017, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with financial reporting provisions prescribed or permitted by the Iowa Insurance Division as described in Note 1.

# Disclaimer of Opinion on Nonaccounting Data

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The nonaccounting information shown on page 13, which is the responsibility of management, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The nonaccounting information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Cain Ellsworth & Company, LLP Certified Public Accountants

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Sheldon, Iowa November 9, 2018

# IOWA FAIR PLAN STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND UNASSIGNED SURPLUS - STATUTORY SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 AND 2017

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
INVESTMENTS		
Money Market Fund	\$ 3,030	\$ 57,080
Certificates of Deposit	1,800,000	2,000,000
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	1,803,030	2,057,080
CASH AND RECEIVABLES		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	27,945	113,470
Premiums Receivable	153,862	151,312
Other Receivable	12,564	8,908
TOTAL CASH AND RECEIVABLES	194,371	273,690
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,997,401	\$ 2,330,770
LIABILITIES AND UNASSIGNED SU	<u>JRPLUS</u>	
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Reserve for Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$ 128,670	\$ 79,170
Unearned Premiums	449,296	480,816 25,031
Advance Premiums and Other Deposits	21,987	6,813
Accrued Premium Taxes	6,268	36,129
Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities	36,794	627,959
TOTAL LIABILITIES	643,015	627,939
UNASSIGNED SURPLUS	1,354,386	1,702,811
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND	6 1 007 401	\$ 2,330,770
UNASSIGNED SURPLUS	\$ 1,997,401	φ 2,330,770

See Independent Auditor's Report. The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

# IOWA FAIR PLAN STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND EXPENSE - STATUTORY FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 AND 2017

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Underwriting Income Premiums Earned	\$ 864,798	\$ 953,658
Losses and Expenses Incurred Losses Loss Adjustment Expenses Underwriting Expenses TOTAL LOSSES AND EXPENSES INCURRED	668,150 54,883 553,562 1,276,595	426,912 57,082 565,695 1,049,689
NET UNDERWRITING LOSS	(411,797)	(96,031)
Investment Income Interest NET INVESTMENT INCOME	29,895 29,895	19,061 19,061
Other Income Miscellaneous Service Fee Income TOTAL OTHER INCOME	21,000 9,455 30,455	17,000 9,605 26,605
NET LOSS	\$ (351,447)	\$ (50,365)

See Independent Auditor's Report. The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

# IOWA FAIR PLAN STATEMENTS OF UNASSIGNED SURPLUS - STATUTORY FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 AND 2017

	2018	<u>2017</u>
UNASSIGNED SURPLUS - Beginning	\$ 1,702,811	\$ 1,750,154
Net Loss Change in Non-Admitted Assets	(351,447) 3,022	(50,365) 3,022
UNASSIGNED SURPLUS - Ending	\$ 1,354,386	\$ 1,702,811

See Independent Auditor's Report. The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

# IOWA FAIR PLAN STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS - STATUTORY FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 AND 2017

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net Loss	\$ (351,447)	\$ (50,365)
Adjustments for Non-Cash Items:		
Depreciation	 3,022_	 3,022
TOTAL FROM EARNINGS	(348,425)	(47,343)
Adjustments for Changes in Accruals:		
Increase in Premiums Receivable	(2,550)	(9,293)
Increase in Other Receivables	(3,656)	(3,052)
Increase (Decrease) in Reserve for Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses	49,500	(54,500)
Decrease in Unearned Premiums	(31,520)	(26,240)
Decrease in Advanced Premiums	(3,044)	(8,098)
Decrease in Accrued Premium Taxes	(545)	(385)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities	665	(1,719)
NET CASH USED BY		 
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(339,575)	(150,630)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
(Increase) Decrease in Money Market Fund	54,050	(49,160)
Decrease in Certificates of Deposit	200,000	200,000
NET CASH PROVIDED		 
BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	254,050	150,840
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH		 
AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(85,525)	210
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - Beginning	113,470	113,260
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - Ending	\$ 27,945	\$ 113,470

# 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Operations, Risks and Uncertainties

Iowa FAIR Plan has been formulated by the insurance industry for the purpose of making basic property insurance available to responsible applicants who have been unable to secure such insurance in the normal insurance market. The purpose of the program is to establish a plan (Fair Access to Insurance Requirements) through an industry placement facility and a joint reinsurance association for the equitable distribution and placement of risks among insurers. Membership requirements for the Iowa FAIR Plan state that an insurer must be licensed to write property insurance in Iowa and is engaged in writing property insurance in this state, including the property insurance components of multiperil on a direct basis.

The program became effective October 25, 1968 and may be terminated only by Iowa legislative amendment. Assessments are made on participating companies for funds as needed and may be refunded on the basis of underwriting and operating results in subsequent years. No assessments were made during the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017.

The process of preparing financial statements in conformity with statutory accounting principles requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, upon settlement, actual results could differ from estimated amounts.

# **Basis of Presentation**

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Iowa Insurance Division. Such practices vary from generally accepted accounting principles in the following respects:

Commissions and other underwriting expenses related to the issuance of new policies are expensed as such costs are incurred.

Premium income is recognized as earned.

Salvage and subrogation recoveries are recorded when received.

All types of leases are treated as operating leases.

The carrying values (cost less accumulated depreciation) of office furniture and fixtures are designated as "nonadmitted assets" and excluded from the financial statements.

# 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

# **Premiums Receivable**

Premiums receivable are carried at their estimated collectible amounts. Premiums receivable are written off 15 days after the due date of the installment upon notice of cancellation to the policyholder. Renewal policies lapse on the policy due date, and policyholders are given 15 days to reinstate the policy. The Plan does not require collateral to support premiums receivable.

On September 30, 2018 and 2017, carrying amounts were as follows:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Premiums Receivable (including \$0 held for sale) Allowance for uncollectible accounts	\$ 153,862	\$ 151,312
Premiums Receivable	\$ 153,862	\$ 151,312

# Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the plan considers as cash and cash equivalents all currency on hand and demand deposits with banks or other financial institutions. Since the plan's operations include investing funds, short-term savings deposits are classified as investments rather than cash equivalents.

The plan maintains an interest bearing and a non-interest bearing cash balance at a local bank, which at times may exceed federally insured limits. The Plan believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash.

# Reserve for Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses

The reserves for losses and loss adjustment expenses are determined using case-basis evaluations and statistical analyses and represent estimates of the ultimate net cost of all unpaid losses incurred through September 30 of each year. These reserves include estimates of future trends in claim severity, frequency and other factors that could vary as the losses are ultimately settled. Although considerable variability is inherent in such estimates, management believes that the reserves for losses and loss adjustment expenses are adequate. The estimates are continually reviewed and, as adjustments to these reserves become necessary, such adjustments are reflected in current operations.

# 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

**Premium Income Recognition** 

Premiums are recognized ratably over the terms of the respective policies. Unearned premiums are computed using the daily pro-rata method.

### **Fixed Assets**

Fixed assets are stated on the basis of cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Depreciation expense charged to operations was \$3,022 for 2018 and 2017. Expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged to operations as incurred. Expenditures for betterments and renewals that materially extend the useful lives of assets or increase their productivity are capitalized. The plan has not modified its capitalization policy since the prior year. At the time properties are retired or otherwise disposed of, the amounts of costs and accumulated depreciation thereon are eliminated from the accounts. Gains and losses on disposals are credited/charged to operations. The following estimated useful lives are used:

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Furniture and Equipment	5-10
Software	3
Electronic Data Processing Equipment	3

### **Investments**

In accordance with the requirements of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, investments are stated as follows:

Money Market Funds – at market value determined by public quotations [cost - \$3,030 (2018); \$57,080 (2017)]

Certificates of Deposit - at cost which approximates fair value

# 2. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOWS INFORMATION

Supplemental cash flows information is as follows:	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Interest Paid	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Income Taxes Paid During the Year	<u>\$</u>	\$ 7,687
Income Tax Refunds Received During the Year	<u>\$ 14,736</u>	<u>\$</u>

# 2. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOWS INFORMATION (Continued)

There were no non-cash investing or financing activities for the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017.

# 3. FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets as of September 30, 2018 and 2017, are summarized by major classification as follows:

	<u>2018</u>		<u>2017</u>
Furniture and Equipment Software Electronic Data Processing Equipment	\$ 169 18,144 7,262	\$	169 18,144 13,789
	\$ 25,575	\$	32,102
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	\$ (23,057) 2,518	\$	(26,562) 5,540
Less: Non-Admitted Assets	 (2,518)	,	(5,540)
Total Admitted Assets	\$ -	\$	-

# 4. FEDERAL INCOME TAXES

No provision has been made for federal income taxes as the income or loss for the Plan is included in the tax returns of the members. Because Iowa FAIR Plan has a September rather than a December year end, a federal income tax deposit, which is adjusted each year based on the preceding year's income or loss, may be required. The amount required to be on deposit was \$0 and \$7,687 for September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

# 5. RESERVE FOR LOSSES AND LOSS ADJUSTMENT EXPENSES

Activity in the reserve for losses and loss adjustment expenses is summarized as follows:

	<u>20</u>	<u>)18</u>	:	<u> 2017</u>
Balance At Beginning Of Year Incurred Related To:	\$	79,170	\$	133,670
Current Year	7	61,523		597,774
Prior Years		38,490)		(113,780)
Total Incurred	\$ 7	23,033	\$	483,994
Paid Related To:		10.050	ф	505 712
Current Year	•	42,853	\$	505,713
Prior Years		30,680		32,781
Total Paid		73,533		538,494
Balance At End Of Year		28,670		79,170

# 6. LEASES

Rent expense for the Iowa FAIR Plan's facilities amounted to \$21,324 and \$19,686 for the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

Minimum future rental payments under non-cancelable operating leases having remaining terms in excess of one year as of September 30, 2018, for each of the next five years and in the aggregate are:

	<u>Amount</u>
Year Ended September 30, 2019	\$ 22,236 21,146
2020 2021	6,651
2022 2023	 
Total Minimum Future Rental Payments	 50,033

# 7. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The plan is subject to pending lawsuits and unasserted claims arising out of usual and customary claims filed pursuant to policies of insurance issued in the normal course of business and in the normal course of settlement. Management, after review and consultation with counsel, considers that any liability from these pending lawsuits would not materially affect the financial position of the plan.

# 8. ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENTS

Iowa FAIR Plan provides administrative services under a contract with Iowa Insurance Guaranty Association. Iowa FAIR Plan receives operating expense reimbursements from Iowa Insurance Guaranty Association. The amounts of \$21,000 and \$17,000 for the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, are reported as miscellaneous income in the accompanying financial statements.

Iowa FAIR Plan provides sole funding and administration for the Iowa Arson Alert Program based on program needs. Total funding provided was \$0 and \$2,500 for the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

# 9. DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

The Iowa FAIR Plan sponsors a 401(k) defined contribution plan that covers all employees of the Company. The Plan began on July 1, 2015. For the year ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, contributions to the Plan were \$8,018 and \$7,865. The Company contributes 5% of each employee's salary to their 401(k).

# 10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On September 26, 2018, the Governing Committee approved a carrier member assessment of \$1,000,000. The assessment was sent to members on October 23, 2018.

Management has evaluated subsequent events through November 9, 2018, the date which the financial statements were available for issue.

# IOWA FAIR PLAN ORGANIZATION DATA SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Date Organized

October 25, 1968

**Business Address** 

2700 Westown Pkwy Ste 415

West Des Moines, Iowa 50266-1431

Nature of Business

To make basic property insurance available to responsible applicants who have been unable to secure such insurance in the normal insurance

market.

Governing Board:

American Insurance Association – Represented by Travelers, John Hyde, Representative

Property Casualty Insurers Association of America – Represented by Employers Mutual Casualty Company, Dalith Wells, Representative

Iowa Insurance Institute – Represented by Nationwide Insurance Company, Bob Brodersen, Representative

Mutual Insurance Association of Iowa – Represented by Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company, Jeff Menary, Representative

Independent Insurance Agents of Iowa - Represented by Tom O'Meara

All Other Insurers – Represented by State Farm Insurance Company, Rory Hansen, Representative; IMT Insurance, Brad Buchanan, Representative

# Officers and Staff:

Brad Buchanan Chairman

John Hyde Vice Chairman
Bob Brodersen Secretary/Treasurer

Bob Brodersen Secretary/Treasurer
Bob Conroy Executive Director

Vicky Barr Manager
Amy Miller Staff
Kathy Lewis Staff

# Servicing Companies:

Nationwide Insurance Company

Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company

Employers Mutual Casualty Company

**IMT** Insurance

Travelers

State Farm Fire and Casualty Company