### 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, 2023 AND 2022



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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, 2023 and 2022, 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, 2023 and 2022, 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

June 20, 2024

### STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	June 30,				
		2023		2022	
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	11,458,771	\$	5,501,245	
Accounts Receivable		-		20,000	
Prepaid expenses		45,395		20,750	
Pledges receivable		-		2,663,500	
Due from Richland-Lexington Riverbanks Park District		-		4,504,217	
Total assets	\$	11,504,166	\$	12,709,712	
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS					
Liabilities					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	17,442	\$	38,910	
Unearned revenue		9,000		27,000	
Due to Richland-Lexington Riverbanks Park District		23,104			
Total liabilities		49,546		65,910	
Net assets					
Net assets without donor restrictions					
Undesignated		2,648,890		6,870,177	
Board designated		8,450,000		2,450,000	
Net assets with donor restrictions					
Purpose restrictions		355,730		3,323,625	
Total net assets		11,454,620		12,643,802	
Total liabilities and net assets	\$	11,504,166	\$	12,709,712	

#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

		Without Donor Restrictions		With Donor			
	Un	designated	Вс	ard 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	<u>-</u>	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	-	-	<u>-</u>
(Decrease) increase 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 ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Without Donor Restrictions		,	With Donor					
	U	ndesignated	Вс	ard Designated	Total	- 1	Restrictions		Total
PUBLIC SUPPORT AND OTHER REVENUES									
Membership dues	\$	7,246,080	\$	-	\$ 7,246,080	\$	-	\$	7,246,080
Contributions		2,301,471		-	2,301,471		7,097,063		9,398,534
Investment earnings		-		-	-		30		30
Miscellaneous income		5,590		-	5,590		-		5,590
Net assets released from restrictions		5,452,105		-	5,452,105		(5,452,105)		
Total public support and other revenues		15,005,246		-	15,005,246		1,644,988		16,650,234
EXPENSES									
Program services									
Support to Richland-Lexington Riverbanks Park District		3,748,173		-	3,748,173		-		3,748,173
Grants and donations		5,588,564		-	5,588,564		-		5,588,564
Member services		752,178		-	752,178		-		752,178
Total programs services		10,088,915		-	10,088,915		-		10,088,915
Support services									
Administration		254,362		-	254,362		-		254,362
Fundraising		365,849		-	365,849		-		365,849
Total support services		620,211		-	620,211		-		620,211
Total expenses		10,709,126		-	10,709,126		-		10,709,126
Other income (expenses)									
Loss on investment		(4,489)		-	(4,489)		-		(4,489)
Increase in net assets		4,291,631		-	4,291,631		1,644,988		5,936,619
Net assets, beginning of year		2,578,546		2,450,000	5,028,546		1,678,637		6,707,183
Net assets, end of year	\$	6,870,177	\$	2,450,000	\$ 9,320,177	\$	3,323,625	\$	12,643,802

### STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

		Program Services				Support Services								
	S	upport to	Grants and	Mer	mbership	To	tal Program					Tota	al Support	
		District	Donations	S	ervices		Services	Adm	inistration	Fu	ındraising	S	ervices	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

### STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

			Program	Sei	rvices			Support Services							
		Support to	Grants and	Ν	1embership	To	tal Program					To	otal Support		
		District	Donations		Services		Services	Adn	ninistration	F	undraising		Services		Total
Personnel reimbursement to District	\$	-	\$ -	\$	273,059	\$	273,059	\$	235,177	\$	172,774	\$	407,951	\$	681,010
Operating support		2,644,120	-		-		2,644,120		-		-		-		2,644,120
Capital projects support		915,638	-		-		915,638		-		-		-		915,638
Capital lease reimbursement		188,415	-		-		188,415		-		-		-		188,415
Professional development		-	39,770		-		39,770		-		-		-		39,770
Conservation		-	5,434,167		-		5,434,167		-		-		-		5,434,167
Other District staffing support		-	114,627		-		114,627		-		-		-		114,627
Professional services		-	-		-		-		4,680		20,000		24,680		24,680
Board related expenses		-	-		-		-		5,535		-		5,535		5,535
Direct mail acquisition expense		-	-		160,317		160,317		-		-		-		160,317
Printing and publications		-	-		137,151		137,151		-		7,360		7,360		144,511
Bank and credit card fees		-	-		118,340		118,340		6,039		2,076		8,115		126,455
Information technology		-	-		46,175		46,175		-		320		320		46,495
Insurance		-	-		-		-		973		-		973		973
Advertising, promotion and campaign expense		-	-		-		-		-		3,827		3,827		3,827
Postage and mailing services		-	-		16,986		16,986		-		8,277		8,277		25,263
Fundraising recognition expense		-	-		-		-		-		12,729		12,729		12,729
Supplies		-	-		-		-		1,514		6,174		7,688		7,688
Rental expenses		-	-		-		-		-		3,186		3,186		3,186
Food and beverage expenses		-	-		-		-		-		102,015		102,015		102,015
Entertainment		-	-		-		-		-		6,199		6,199		6,199
Auction expense		-	-		-		-		-		14,161		14,161		14,161
Event setup costs		-	-		-		-		-		5,068		5,068		5,068
Miscellaneous		<u> </u>			150		150		444		1,683		2,127		2,277
Total functional expenses	¢	3,748,173	\$ 5,588,564	¢	752 170	Ļ	10,088,915	Ļ	254,362	¢	365,849	Ļ	620 211	Ļ	10,709,12
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### STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	June 30,				
	2023	2022			
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		_			
(Decrease) increase in net assets	\$ (1,189,182)	\$ 5,936,619			
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:					
Accounts receivable	20,000	(20,000)			
Prepaid expenses	(24,645)	(11,062)			
Pledges receivable	2,663,500	(2,306,000)			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(21,468)	4,035			
Deferred revenue	(18,000)	12,000			
Due to/from Richland-Lexington Riverbanks Park District	4,527,321	(3,484,574)			
Net cash provided by operating activities	5,957,526	131,018			
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	5,957,526	131,018			
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	5,501,245	5,370,227			
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 11,458,771	\$ 5,501,245			

#### 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 \$930,000 and \$0 of deposits in excess of the federally insured limits at June 30, 2023 and 2022, 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 bad debt is required, as amounts are written off when management deems it uncollectible. Management has reviewed and believes all accounts are fully collectible at June 30, 2023 and 2022. Bad debt expense for the years ended June 30, 2023, and 2022 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 \$6,425 and \$3,827 for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, 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 2021, 2022 and 2023 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, 2022. At June 30, 2022, one private donor accounted for 98%, or \$2,600,000 of pledges receivable. There were no pledges receivable as of June 30, 2023.

### **NOTE 2 – REVENUE RECOGNITION**

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

	2023	2022
Membership dues	\$ 7,459,860	\$ 7,246,080
Total revenue from contracts with customers	7,459,860	7,246,080
Contributions	925,910	9,398,534
Investment earnings	22,547	30
Miscellaneous income	6,085	5,590
Total public support and other revenues	\$ 8,414,402	\$ 16,650,234

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:

	2023	2022
Financial assets available within one year	_	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,458,771	\$ 5,501,245
Accounts receivable – due in one year or less	-	20,000
Pledges receivable - due in one year or less	-	2,663,500
Due from Richland-Lexington Riverbanks Park District		4,504,217
Total financial assets available within one year	11,458,771	12,688,962
Less amounts not available to be used within one year		
Net assets with donor restrictions	355,730	3,323,625
Financial assets available to meet general expenditures over		
the next twelve months	\$ 11,103,041	\$ 9,365,337

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 \$0 and \$2,663,500 as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

### NOTE 5 – NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS

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

	2023	2022
Satch Krantz Conservation Fund	\$ 148,335	\$ 175,792
Donor-imposed restrictions	196,157	3,138,723
Laura Smith Memorial Fund	11,238	9,110
Total	\$ 355,730	\$3,323,625

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.

### NOTE 5 – NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS (CONTINUED)

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.

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the purpose or restrictions. Amounts used during June 30, 2023 and 2022 were \$3,166,360 and \$5,452,105, respectively.

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. The total of \$8,450,000 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:

	2023	2022
District's general fund		
Operating support	\$ 2,400,000	\$ 1,600,000
Explorer pass differential	996,910	1,044,120
Subtotal	3,396,910	2,644,120
Loan/lease payments	188,415	188,415
Total general fund	3,585,325	2,832,535
Capital projects	1,000,000	915,638
Total District support	\$ 4,585,325	\$ 3,748,173

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.

### NOTE 6 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

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 \$188,415 in lease payments associated with the lease for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022. At June 30, 2023 and 2022 the balance due on the lease was \$603,817 and \$776,051, 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 from/to the District:

	2023	2022
Due from District's general fund	\$ -	\$ 4,504,217
Due to District's general fund	\$ 23,104	\$ -

### **NOTE 7 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Society has evaluated all events subsequent to the balance sheet date of June 30, 2023 through the date these financial statements were available to be issued, June 20, 2024, in accordance with ASC 855, Subsequent Events.