
ESCROW TRUST AGREEMENT

Dated as of June 1, 2021

by and between the

CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI

and

UMB BANK, N.A.,
as paying agent and escrow agent

relating to

\$24,121,328.53
SEWERAGE SYSTEM REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS
(STATE OF MISSOURI – DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM)
SERIES 2021

OF THE

CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI

ESCROW TRUST AGREEMENT

THIS ESCROW TRUST AGREEMENT (this “Escrow Agreement”) is entered into as of June 1, 2021, between the CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, a home rule constitutional charter city and political subdivision of the State of Missouri (the “Participant”), and UMB BANK, N.A., a national banking association duly organized, existing and authorized to accept and execute trusts of the character herein set out by virtue of the laws of the United States of America, as paying agent and escrow agent (the “Paying Agent”). Terms not otherwise defined in the Recitals or Section 1 of this Escrow Agreement have the meanings set forth in the below-defined Purchase Agreement.

RECITALS

1. Pursuant to 10 CSR 20-4.040 through 10 CSR 20-4.041 and 10 CSR 20-4.050 of the Code of State Regulations, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (“DNR”), in cooperation with the Clean Water Commission of the State of Missouri (the “Commission”), has developed and implemented the State of Missouri Direct Loan Program (the “Direct Loan Program”) and has stated its intent to make loans and grants to political subdivisions of the State of Missouri.

2. The Commission has previously approved several loans to the Participant for the purpose of providing financing for improvements to the Participant’s wastewater treatment facilities (collectively, the “Prior Loans”), said loans being evidenced by the following bonds of the Participant (collectively, the “Refunded Bonds”):

<u>Name of Bond Issue/Loan No.</u>	<u>Dated Date</u>	<u>Principal Amount Authorized</u>	<u>Principal Amount Finally Issued</u>	<u>Principal Amount Outstanding</u>
Sewerage System Revenue Bonds (State of Missouri – Direct Loan Program – ARRA) Series 2010 (C295548-01)	January 26, 2010	Not to Exceed \$6,000,000	\$5,717,977.20	\$3,619,900
Sewerage System Revenue Bonds (State of Missouri – Direct Loan Program) Series 2011A (C295548-02)	January 26, 2011	Not to Exceed \$26,000,000	\$25,733,837.78	\$18,953,200
Sewerage System Revenue Bonds (State of Missouri – Direct Loan Program) Series 2014 (C295548-03)	October 27, 2014	Not to Exceed \$3,282,000	\$2,795,213.98	\$2,100,500

3. The Participant, with the consent of DNR, has exercised its option to prepay all of the outstanding Prior Loans.

4. DNR and the Participant have entered into a Purchase Agreement dated as of June 1, 2021 (the “Purchase Agreement”) for the purpose of approving a new loan (the “Loan”) to provide funds to refinance the improvements originally financed with the Prior Loans (collectively, the “Prior Project” as further described in the Purchase Agreement) and setting forth their covenants and agreements respecting the application of the net proceeds of the Loan to refinance the Prior Project and in satisfaction of the obligations

of DNR under the Federal Act and EPA guidance to preserve The Water and Wastewater Loan Fund in perpetuity.

5. The Loan will be evidenced by the Bonds of the Participant as further described in the Purchase Agreement.

6. As a condition to the execution and delivery of the Purchase Agreement, DNR has required that the Participant enter into this Escrow Agreement with the Paying Agent.

AGREEMENT

Section 1. Definitions. In addition to words and terms defined in the Recitals, elsewhere in this Escrow Agreement, in the Purchase Agreement and in the Ordinance, capitalized words and terms have the following meanings in this Escrow Agreement:

“Account” means any of the accounts established by Section 4.

“Administrative Expense Fund” means the Fund so designated and established by Section 4. The Administrative Expense Fund does not constitute part of the Direct Loan Program.

“Bonds” means the Sewerage System Refunding Revenue Bonds (State of Missouri – Direct Loan Program) Series 2021, issued by the Participant pursuant to the Ordinance.

“Business Day” means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday or any other day on which banking institutions in the State are either authorized or required to be closed.

“Debt Service Fund” means the Fund so designated and established by Section 4.

“Fund” means any of the funds established by Section 4.

“Interest Account” means the Interest Account established within the Repayment Fund.

“Paying Agent’s Fee” means (i) an initial one-time fee of \$1,000 payable on the date of issuance of the Bonds, plus (ii) a semiannual fee of 0.015% of the outstanding principal amount of the Bonds as of the Closing Date and the Business Day preceding each Interest Payment Date (but not less than \$525), for the Paying Agent’s fees and ordinary expenses (excluding any extraordinary fees and expenses), for services performed as paying agent and escrow agent under this Escrow Agreement and the Ordinance, as applicable. The amount described in clause (ii) is payable semiannually in arrears on each Interest Payment Date.

“Prepayment Fund” means the Fund so designated and established by Section 4.

“Principal Account” means the Principal Account established within the Repayment Fund.

“Quarterly Payment” means each quarterly payment to be made by the Participant to the Paying Agent under Section 502(a)(2) of the Ordinance.

“Repayment Fund” means the Fund so designated and established by Section 4. The Repayment Fund does not constitute part of the Direct Loan Program.

Section 2. DNR Actions. All approvals, notices, consents and other actions of DNR under the Purchase Agreement (other than the execution of the Purchase Agreement and any amendments thereto) will

be executed by the Director, Financial Assistance Center, Water Protection Program of DNR or any other person designated from time to time by the Director of DNR by a written instrument filed with the Participant and the Paying Agent.

Section 3. Receipt of Documents. The Paying Agent hereby acknowledges receipt of a certified copy or executed counterpart of each of the Purchase Agreement and the Ordinance. Reference or citation in this Escrow Agreement to any provisions of the Purchase Agreement or the Ordinance will incorporate the same as a part of this Escrow Agreement in the same manner and with the same effect as if they were fully set forth in this Escrow Agreement. On the Closing Date, the Participant will cause the documents described in Section 3.1 of the Purchase Agreement to be delivered to the Paying Agent.

Section 4. Establishment of Funds and Accounts. There are hereby created and established with the Paying Agent the following special and irrevocable separate trust funds and accounts, each of which will be held by the Paying Agent under this Escrow Agreement:

- (a) the Debt Service Fund;
- (b) the Prepayment Fund;
- (c) the Repayment Fund, consisting of a Principal Account and an Interest Account; and
- (d) the Administrative Expense Fund.

Section 5. Deposits of Bond Proceeds. On the Closing Date, proceeds of the Purchase Price Installment in the amount of \$24,121,328.53 will be deposited by the Paying Agent as follows: (a) \$23,797,324.51 in the Prepayment Fund, and (b) \$324,004.02 in the Administrative Expense Fund. All amounts on deposit in the Prepayment Fund shall be transferred by the Paying Agent, without further authorization, on the Closing Date in accordance with the Supplemental Instruction Letter attached as Exhibit A to the Participant's Closing Certificate.

Section 6. Debt Service Fund.

(a) There will be deposited in the Debt Service Fund moneys to be transferred from the Prepayment Fund and the Principal Account and the Interest Account of the Repayment Fund pursuant to Sections 7 and 8 on the dates and in the following order of priority:

- (1) First, on each Interest Payment Date, from the Prepayment Fund the investment earnings on moneys in the Prepayment Fund;
- (2) Second, on each Principal Payment Date, from the Principal Account of the Repayment Fund all moneys in the Principal Account to be applied solely to the payment of the principal component of the Bond Debt Service; and
- (3) Third, on each Interest Payment Date, to the extent moneys in the Debt Service Fund are not sufficient to pay the Bond Debt Service, from the Interest Account of the Repayment Fund an amount equal to such deficiency.

(b) Except as provided in (d) below, moneys on deposit in the Debt Service Fund will be applied solely to pay the Bond Debt Service as the same becomes due and payable. On each date fixed for redemption of the Bonds, each Principal Payment Date and each Interest Payment Date, the Paying Agent will remit to

the Owner an amount from the Debt Service Fund equal to the Bond Debt Service due and payable on such date.

(c) No later than the 15th day of the month after each Interest Payment Date, the Paying Agent will provide a written notice to the Participant of the amount remaining in the Debt Service Fund and the Interest Account of the Repayment Fund, which will constitute a credit against the Bond Payments in accordance with Section 502(a)(2)(A) of the Ordinance.

(d) Moneys remaining in the Debt Service Fund at the close of business on the date on which the Bonds are paid in full will be transferred to the Participant.

Section 7. Prepayment Fund.

(a) The Paying Agent will deposit in the Prepayment Fund the amount specified in Section 5.

(b) Investment earnings on moneys held in the Prepayment Fund, if any, will be deposited into the Prepayment Fund and then transferred to the Debt Service Fund pursuant to Section 6.

Section 8. Repayment Fund.

(a) The Paying Agent will deposit (i) in the Principal Account of the Repayment Fund, the principal component of each Quarterly Payment and any other moneys received from the Participant for deposit in the Principal Account, and (ii) in the Interest Account of the Repayment Fund, the balance of the Quarterly Payment and any other moneys received from the Participant for deposit in the Interest Account.

(b) Moneys in the Repayment Fund will be disbursed at the times, in the amounts and in the priority, as follows:

(1) First, on each Principal Payment Date, from the Principal Account of the Repayment Fund to the Debt Service Fund, the amount calculated in accordance with Section 6(a)(2);

(2) Second, on each Interest Payment Date or date on which interest is payable as a result of a redemption of the Bonds, from the Interest Account of the Repayment Fund to the Debt Service Fund, the amount calculated in accordance with Section 6(a)(3); and

(3) Third, upon the payment in full of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, all moneys remaining on deposit in the Repayment Fund to the Participant in accordance with Section 4.3 of the Purchase Agreement.

Section 9. Administrative Expense Fund. There will be deposited in the Administrative Expense Fund the amount set forth in Section 5 and such amounts as are received from the Participant for the payment of the Administrative Fee as provided in Section 502 of the Ordinance. On the Closing Date, the Paying Agent will disburse from the Administrative Expense Fund the amounts to the payees as set forth in Schedule 1 to the Participant's Closing Certificate delivered on the Closing Date. The Master Trust Bonds Expense will be transferred to the Master Trustee at the written direction of DNR or as DNR may otherwise direct in writing. The Paying Agent will promptly disburse the Administrative Fee to DNR.

Section 10. Reserved.

Section 11. Investments. Moneys in the Prepayment Fund, the Debt Service Fund and the Repayment Fund will at all times be invested by the Paying Agent in Investment Securities at the written

direction of the Participant, provided such Investment Securities will mature at such times and in such amounts as will make cash available for the purposes of such Funds and Accounts as needed. Net investment earnings on the Accounts of each Fund will be credited to such Accounts except that investment earnings on the Principal Account of the Repayment Fund will be deposited in the Interest Account of the Repayment Fund. If an investment is purchased at a premium above par, net earnings on such investment will be deemed to exclude the amount paid that is more than the principal paid upon maturity or sale. If an investment is purchased at a discount, net earnings are deemed to include the amount paid in excess of the discounted purchase price upon maturity or redemption of such investment, at the time such principal amount is received. The term "net earnings" means aggregate earnings less aggregate losses from investments during the applicable period, less any transaction fees incurred in purchasing or selling investments.

Section 12. Assignment of Moneys and Investment Securities. The Participant assigns and pledges to the Paying Agent its right, title and interest in the moneys and Investment Securities hereunder, and all earnings thereon, until used and applied in accordance with this Escrow Agreement for the benefit and security of the Owner to secure (i) the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds when due, (ii) the payment of all sums due under this Escrow Agreement and the Purchase Agreement in the manner herein and therein described, and (iii) the punctual performance by the Participant of all of its obligations under the terms and provisions of this Escrow Agreement, the Ordinance and the Purchase Agreement. The matured principal of and earnings on the Investment Securities and any cash in the Funds and Accounts are hereby pledged and assigned and will be applied solely for the payment of the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, except as otherwise expressly provided herein.

Section 13. Acceptance of the Trusts. The Paying Agent accepts the duties and obligations imposed upon it by this Escrow Agreement, and agrees to perform the trusts but only upon and subject to the following express terms and conditions, and no implied covenants or obligations will be read into this Escrow Agreement against the Paying Agent:

(a) The Paying Agent undertakes to perform such duties and only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Escrow Agreement. The Paying Agent will exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Escrow Agreement and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise as a prudent corporate trustee under reasonably similar circumstances would exercise or use under the circumstances.

(b) The Paying Agent may execute any of the trusts or powers hereof and perform any of its duties by or through attorneys, agents, receivers, employees or such other professionals as may be reasonably necessary but will be answerable for the conduct of the same if not selected in accordance with the standard specified above, and will be entitled to act upon the opinion or advice of its counsel concerning all matters of trust hereof and the duties hereunder, and, subject to the provisions of Sections 6, 7 and 8, may in all cases pay such reasonable compensation to all such attorneys, agents, receivers, employees and such other professionals as may reasonably be employed in connection with the trusts hereof. The Paying Agent may act or refrain from acting upon the advice or an opinion of counsel, who may be an employee of the Paying Agent, and will not be responsible for any loss or damage resulting from any action or non-action by it taken or omitted to be taken in good faith in reliance upon any such advice or opinion of counsel.

(c) The Paying Agent will not be responsible for any recital herein or in the Ordinance or Purchase Agreement, or for the validity of the execution by the Participant of this Escrow Agreement or for any supplements hereto or instruments of further assurance, or for the sufficiency of the security for the Bonds, and the Paying Agent will not be bound to ascertain or inquire as to the performance or observance of any covenants, conditions or agreements on the part of the Participant in connection with the matters referred to in this Escrow Agreement, except as hereinafter set forth,

and the Paying Agent will not be responsible or liable for any loss suffered in connection with any investment of funds made by it in accordance with this Escrow Agreement.

(d) The Paying Agent may engage in or be interested in any financial or other transaction with the Participant.

(e) The Paying Agent will be protected in acting upon any notice, request, consent, certificate, order, affidavit, opinion of counsel, letter, telegram or other paper or document reasonably believed by it to be genuine and correct and to have been signed or sent by the proper person or persons.

(f) As to the existence or non-existence of any fact or as to the sufficiency or validity of any instrument, paper or proceeding, the Paying Agent will be entitled to rely upon a certificate signed on behalf of the Participant by the Authorized Representative as sufficient evidence of the facts therein contained, and prior to the occurrence of a default of which the Paying Agent has been notified as provided in subsection (h) of this Section, or of which by said subsection it is deemed to have notice, the Paying Agent will also be at liberty to accept a similar certificate to the effect that any particular dealing, transaction or action is necessary or expedient, but may at its discretion secure such further evidence deemed necessary or advisable, but will in no case be bound to secure the same. The Paying Agent may accept a certificate of the Authorized Representative to the effect that an ordinance in the form therein set forth has been adopted by the Participant as conclusive evidence that such ordinance has been duly adopted and is in full force and effect.

(g) The permissive right of the Paying Agent to do things enumerated in this Escrow Agreement will not be construed as a duty and the Paying Agent will not, except as provided in subsection (a) of this Section, be answerable for other than its negligence or willful misconduct.

(h) The Paying Agent will not be required to take notice or be deemed to have notice of any default hereunder except failure by the Participant to cause to be made any of the payments to the Paying Agent required to be made by or on behalf of the Participant pursuant to this Escrow Agreement, the Ordinance or the Purchase Agreement unless the Paying Agent will be specifically notified in writing of such default by the Participant or DNR; and all notices or other instruments required by this Escrow Agreement to be delivered to the Paying Agent, must, in order to be effective, be delivered at the principal corporate trust office of the Paying Agent and in the absence of such notice so delivered the Paying Agent may conclusively assume there is no default except as aforesaid.

(i) At any and all reasonable times the Paying Agent, and its duly authorized agents, attorneys, experts, engineers, accountants and representatives will have the right, but will not be required, to inspect all books, papers and records of the Participant pertaining to the Purchase Agreement and this Escrow Agreement, and to make copies thereof and take such memoranda therefrom and in regard thereto as may be desired.

(j) The Paying Agent will not be required to give any bond or surety in respect of the execution of the trusts and powers under this Escrow Agreement.

(k) Notwithstanding anything elsewhere in this Escrow Agreement contained, the Paying Agent will have the right, but will not be required, to demand, in respect to the withdrawal of any cash or any action whatsoever within the scope of this Escrow Agreement, any showings, certificates, opinions, appraisals or other information, or action or evidence thereof, in addition to that by the terms hereof required, as a condition of such action, deemed by the Paying Agent desirable for

the purpose of establishing the right of the Participant to the withdrawal of any cash or the taking of any other action by the Paying Agent.

(l) Before taking any action under this Escrow Agreement other than any action under Sections 6, 7 and 8, the Paying Agent may, in its discretion, require that satisfactory indemnity be furnished to it by the Owner or other parties for the reimbursement of all expenses which it may incur or advance and to protect it against all liability, except liability which is adjudicated to have resulted from its negligence or willful misconduct, by reason of any action so taken. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any indemnity provided hereunder by the Owner or other parties shall be limited to the extent permitted by law.

(m) All moneys received by the Paying Agent shall, until used or applied or invested as herein provided, be held in trust in the manner and for the purposes for which they were received but need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by this Escrow Agreement or law. The Paying Agent will not be under any liability for interest on any moneys received hereunder except such as may be agreed upon.

(n) Pursuant to Section 34.600 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri (the "Anti-Boycott Act"), the Paying Agent hereby certifies to the Participant and DNR that the Paying Agent (including all wholly owned subsidiaries, majority-owned subsidiaries, parent companies or affiliates of the Paying Agent) is not currently engaged in and shall not, for the duration of this Escrow Agreement, engage in a boycott of goods or services from the State of Israel, companies doing business in or with Israel or authorized by, licensed by, or organized under the laws of the State of Israel, or persons or entities doing business in the State of Israel within the meaning of the Anti-Boycott Act. The foregoing certification shall not be deemed an admission or agreement that the Anti-Boycott Act is applicable to this Escrow Agreement but the foregoing certification is provided if the Anti-Boycott Act is applicable. If the Anti-Boycott Act is initially deemed or treated as applicable to this Escrow Agreement but is subsequently determined not to apply to this Escrow Agreement for any reason including by reason of applicable federal law including, without limitation, 50 U.S.C. Section 4607, the repeal or amendment of the Anti-Boycott Act or any ruling of a court of competent jurisdiction as to the unenforceability or invalidity of the Anti-Boycott Act, then the foregoing certification shall cease and not exist.

Section 14. Records; Reporting Requirements.

(a) The Paying Agent's records related to activities performed under this Escrow Agreement are subject to audit and inspection by the State, the Comptroller General of the United States and the EPA in accordance with (i) the Office of Management and Budget's Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Grants Guidance) and (ii) 2 CFR Part 200. The Paying Agent will maintain such financial transaction records in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

(b) The Paying Agent will provide monthly financial reports to DNR, with a copy of each monthly financial report to the Participant. Each financial report will cover financial activities during the preceding period. These reports will consist of financial transaction registers. Financial transaction register means a register of all financial transactions during the reporting period for each Fund and Account maintained under this Escrow Agreement. Each financial transaction register will identify the Bonds and contain, for each Fund and Account, a date, description and amount for all financial transactions and starting and ending balances.

Section 15. Obligations of Paying Agent Limited. In order to make the payments required by this Escrow Agreement, the Paying Agent is hereby authorized to redeem or otherwise dispose of Investment Securities in order to provide sufficient amounts to make such payments. The liability of the Paying Agent to make the payments required by this Escrow Agreement will be limited solely to the money and Investment Securities in the Funds and Accounts hereunder. The Paying Agent will not be liable for any loss resulting from any investment, sale, transfer or other disposition made pursuant to this Escrow Agreement in compliance with the provisions hereof. The Paying Agent will not be liable for the accuracy of the calculations as to the sufficiency of the Quarterly Payments to make the Bond Debt Service. So long as the Paying Agent applies the amounts in the Funds and Accounts as provided herein, the Paying Agent will not be liable for any deficiencies in the amounts necessary to pay the Bonds caused by such calculations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Paying Agent will not be relieved of liability arising from and proximate to its failure to comply fully with the terms of this Escrow Agreement.

Section 16. Fees, Charges and Expenses of the Paying Agent.

(a) The Participant will pay to the Paying Agent reasonable compensation for all services performed by the Paying Agent under this Escrow Agreement, and also the reasonable expenses, charges and other disbursements of the Paying Agent, and those of its attorneys, agents, employees and other professionals as may be reasonably incurred in and about the administration and execution of the trusts hereby created and performance of its powers and duties hereunder; provided that the total amount of the fees and charges for the ordinary services of the Paying Agent under this Escrow Agreement will not exceed the Paying Agent's Fees. Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this Section, the Paying Agent will be entitled to reimbursement from the Participant of its reasonable out-of-pocket, legal or extraordinary fees, charges and expenses incurred in carrying out the duties, terms or provisions of this Escrow Agreement including, but not limited to, costs incurred for giving notice of the redemption of the Bonds. Claims for such reimbursement may be made to the Participant.

(b) Neither the Paying Agent nor any of its directors, officers or employees shall be liable to anyone for any action taken, or omitted to be taken, by it or any of its directors, officers or employees hereunder except in the case of negligence or willful misconduct. The Participant hereby covenants and agrees, to the extent permitted by law, to indemnify the Paying Agent and hold it harmless without limitation from and against any loss, liability or expense of any nature incurred by the Paying Agent arising out of or in connection with this Escrow Agreement or with the administration of its duties hereunder including, but not limited to, legal fees and expenses and other costs and expenses of defending or preparing to defend against any claim of liability in the premises, unless such loss, liability or expense shall be caused by the Paying Agent's negligence or willful misconduct.

Section 17. Resignation or Removal of Paying Agent; Successor Paying Agent.

(a) The Paying Agent at the time acting hereunder may at any time resign and be discharged from its duties and responsibilities hereby created by giving written notice by registered or certified mail to the Participant and the Owner not less than 60 days prior to the date when the resignation is to take effect. Such resignation will take effect immediately upon the acceptance by the Participant and the Owner of the resignation, the appointment of a successor Paying Agent (which may be a temporary Paying Agent) by the Participant, with the prior written consent of the Owner, the acceptance of such successor Paying Agent of the terms, covenants and conditions of this Escrow Agreement, the transfer of the Funds and Accounts hereunder, including the money and Investment Securities held therein, to such successor Paying Agent and the completion of any other actions required for the principal of and interest on the Investment Securities to be made payable to such successor Paying Agent rather than the resigning Paying Agent.

(b) The Paying Agent may be removed at any time by an instrument or concurrent instruments in writing, signed by the Owner and delivered to the Paying Agent and the Participant. The Paying Agent may also be removed by the Participant, with the prior written consent of the Owner, by an instrument or concurrent instruments in writing, signed by the Participant and delivered to the Paying Agent, if the Paying Agent fails to make timely payment on any Interest Payment Date or Principal Payment Date to DNR of the amounts required by Section 6 to be paid by it on such Interest Payment Date or Principal Payment Date or fails to perform its other duties or obligation hereunder. Any removal pursuant to this paragraph will become effective upon the appointment of a successor Paying Agent (which may be a temporary successor Paying Agent) by the Participant, with the prior written consent by the Owner, the acceptance of such successor Paying Agent of the terms, covenants and conditions of this Escrow Agreement, the transfer of the Funds and Accounts hereunder, including the money and Investment Securities held therein, to such successor Paying Agent and the completion of any other actions required for the principal of and interest on the Investment Securities to be made payable to such successor Paying Agent rather than the Paying Agent being removed.

(c) If the Paying Agent resigns or is removed, or is dissolved, or is in the course of dissolution or liquidation, or otherwise becomes incapable of acting hereunder, or if the Paying Agent is taken under the control of any public officer or officers, or of a receiver appointed by a court, the Participant, with the prior written consent of the Owner, will appoint a temporary Paying Agent to fill such vacancy until a successor Paying Agent is appointed by the Participant, with the prior written consent of the Owner, in the manner above provided, and any such temporary Paying Agent so appointed by the Participant, with the prior written consent of the Owner, will immediately and without further act be superseded by the successor Paying Agent so appointed.

(d) If no appointment of a successor Paying Agent or a temporary successor Paying Agent has been made by DNR or the Participant, with the prior written consent of the Owner, pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section within 60 days after written notice of resignation of the Paying Agent has been given to the Participant and the Owner, the Owner or any retiring Paying Agent may apply to any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Paying Agent, and such court may thereupon, after such notice, if any, as it deems proper, appoint a successor Paying Agent.

(e) No successor Paying Agent will be appointed unless such successor Paying Agent (i) is a corporation with trust powers authorized to do business in the State and organized under the banking or corporate laws of the United States of America or the State, (ii) either (A) has at the time of appointment capital and surplus of not less than \$10,000,000, or (B) is owned by a company that has at the time of appointment capital and surplus of not less than \$10,000,000, and (iii) has assets under corporate trust management of not less than \$500,000,000.

(f) Every successor Paying Agent appointed under this Escrow Agreement will execute, acknowledge and deliver to its predecessor and to the Participant and the Owner an instrument in writing accepting such appointment hereunder, and thereupon such successor Paying Agent without any further act, deed or conveyance will become fully vested with all the rights, immunities, powers, trusts, duties and obligations of its predecessor, but such predecessor shall, nevertheless, on the written request of such successor Paying Agent, the Participant or the Owner, execute and deliver an instrument transferring to such successor Paying Agent all the estates, properties, rights, powers and trusts of such predecessor hereunder, and every predecessor Paying Agent will deliver all securities and money held by it to its successor. Should any transfer, assignment or instrument in writing from the Participant be required by any predecessor or successor Paying Agent for more fully and certainly vesting in such successor Paying Agent the estates, rights, powers and duties hereby vested or intended to be vested in the predecessor Paying Agent, any such transfer, assignment and instruments in writing shall, on request, be executed, acknowledged and delivered by the Participant.

(g) Any corporation into which the Paying Agent may be merged or consolidated, to which the Paying Agent sells all or substantially all of its corporate trust business, or that results from any merger, conversion, consolidation or reorganization involving the Paying Agent, will be the successor Paying Agent under this Escrow Agreement without the execution or filing of any paper or any other act on the part of the parties hereto.

Section 18. Amendment. This Escrow Agreement is made for the benefit of the Participant and the Owner, and it will not be repealed, revoked, altered or amended without the written consent of the parties hereto and the Owner.

Section 19. Notices. All notices, filings and other communications will be given by first-class mail, postage pre-paid, or delivered by a reputable private courier or overnight delivery service, addressed as follows; provided, however, that notice to the Paying Agent shall be effective only upon receipt:

DNR:

Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Water Protection Program
P.O. Box 176 (Zip Code 65102)
1101 Riverside Drive
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101
Attention: Director, Financial Assistance Center

Paying Agent:

UMB Bank, N.A.
2 South Broadway, Suite 600
St. Louis, Missouri 63102
Attention: Corporate Trust Department

Participant:

City of Joplin, Missouri
602 South Main Street
Joplin, Missouri 64801
Attention: Finance Director

Each party may change its address by giving written notice of the new address to the other parties.

Section 20. Payments Due on Other Than Business Day. If any Interest Payment Date, Principal Payment Date or other date for the payment of interest on or principal of the Bonds or any other payment is due hereunder is not a Business Day, then such payment shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if made on the scheduled date.

Section 21. Electronic Transactions. The transactions described in this Escrow Agreement may be conducted and related documents may be sent, received or stored by electronic means. Copies, telecopies, facsimiles, electronic files and other reproductions of original executed documents shall be deemed to be authentic and valid counterparts of such original documents for all purposes, including the filing of any claim, action or suit in the appropriate court of law.

Section 22. Severability of Invalid Provisions. If any one or more of the covenants or agreements provided in this Escrow Agreement on the part of the Paying Agent or the Participant to be performed should be contrary to law, then such covenant or covenants or agreement or agreements will be deemed severable from the remaining covenants and agreements and will in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this Escrow Agreement.

Section 23. Execution in Counterparts. This Escrow Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be executed by the Paying Agent and the Participant and all of which will be regarded for all purposes as one original and will constitute and be but one and the same instrument.

Section 24. Survival. This Escrow Agreement, including all representations, warranties, covenants and obligations, will remain in effect until the Paying Agent and the Participant have fully performed all of its obligations hereunder.

Section 25. Applicable Law. This Escrow Agreement will be governed exclusively by the applicable laws of the State.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be signed by their duly authorized officers or signatories and dated as of the day and year first above written.

UMB BANK, N.A., as Paying Agent

By _____
Title: Vice President

CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI

Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

City Clerk