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March 3, 2022

**VIA EMAIL**

Mr. Brian Helminger  
District Director  
Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District  
801 Thilmany Road  
Kaukauna, WI 54130

Scope of Engagement Re: Proposed Issuance of Approximately \$15,000,000 Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District (the "District") Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2022 (Clean Water Fund Loan)

Dear Mr. Helminger:

We are pleased to be working with you again as the District's bond counsel.

The purpose of this letter is to set forth the role we propose to serve and responsibilities we propose to assume as bond counsel in connection with the issuance of the above-referenced bonds (the "Bonds") by the District.

**Role of Bond Counsel**

Bond counsel is engaged as a recognized independent expert whose primary responsibility is to render an objective legal opinion with respect to the authorization and issuance of municipal obligations. As bond counsel we will: examine applicable law; prepare authorizing and closing documents; consult with the parties to the transaction, including the District's financial advisor (if any), prior to the issuance of the Bonds; review certified proceedings; and undertake such additional duties as we deem necessary to render the opinion. As bond counsel, we do not advocate the interests of the District or any other party to the transaction. We assume that the parties to the transaction will retain such counsel as they deem necessary and appropriate to represent their interests in this transaction.

Subject to the completion of proceedings to our satisfaction, we will render our opinion that:

- 1) the District has authority to issue the Bonds for the purpose in question and has followed proper procedures in doing so;
- 2) the Bonds are valid and binding obligations of the District according to their terms; and,
- 3) the interest paid on the Bonds will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes (subject to certain limitations which may be expressed in the opinion).

The opinion will be executed and delivered by us in written form on the date the Bonds are exchanged for their purchase price (the "Closing") and will be based on facts and law existing as of its date. Upon delivery of the opinion, our responsibilities as bond counsel will be concluded with respect to this financing; specifically, but without implied limitation, we do not undertake (unless separately engaged) to provide any post-closing compliance services including any assistance with the District's continuing disclosure commitment, ongoing advice to the District or any other party concerning any actions necessary to assure that interest paid on the Bonds will continue to be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, or participating in an Internal Revenue Service, Securities and Exchange Commission or other regulatory body survey or investigation regarding or audit of the Bonds.

In rendering the opinion, we will rely upon the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials and other persons furnished to us without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation.

The services we will provide under this engagement are strictly limited to legal services. We are neither qualified nor engaged to provide financial advice and we will make no representation about the desirability of the proposed plan of finance, the feasibility of the projects financed or refinanced by the Securities, or any related matters.

#### Diversity of Practice; Consent to Unrelated Engagements

Because of the diversity of practice of our firm, members of our firm other than those who serve you may be asked to represent other clients who have dealings with the District regarding such matters as zoning, licensing, land division, real estate, property tax or other matters which are unrelated to our bond counsel work. Ethical requirements sometimes dictate that we obtain the District's consent to such situations even though our service to you is limited to the specialized area of bond counsel. We do not represent you in legal matters regularly, although we may be called upon for special representation occasionally, and our bond counsel work does not usually provide us information that will be disadvantageous to you in other representations. We do not believe that such representations of others would adversely affect our relationship with you, and we have found that local governments generally are agreeable to the type of unrelated representation described above. By engaging our services under the terms of this letter, the District consents to our firm undertaking representations of this type. Your

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approval of this letter will serve to confirm that the District has no objection to our representation of other clients who have dealings with the District, unrelated to the borrowing and finance area or any other area in which we have agreed to serve it. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this consent further, please call us.

We also want to advise you that from time to time we represent the purchaser of the Bonds, the State of Wisconsin, and various departments and agencies of the State (collectively, the "State") or other bond market participants such as the District's financial advisor, if any. In past and current transactions that are not related to the issuance of the Bonds and our role as bond counsel to the District, we may have served or be serving as bond counsel or other counsel to the State or the District's financial advisor. We may also be asked to represent the State or the District's financial advisor in future transactions that are not related to the issuance of the Bonds or our role as bond counsel to the District. We would like to have an understanding with you that the District consents to our firm undertaking representations of this type.

As bond counsel, we will not assume or undertake responsibility for the preparation of an Official Statement or other disclosure document with respect to the Bonds, nor are we responsible for performing an independent investigation to determine the accuracy, completeness or sufficiency of any such document. However, if a disclosure document is prepared and adopted or approved by the District, we will either prepare or review any description therein of:

- i) Wisconsin and federal law pertinent to the validity of the Bonds and the tax treatment of interest paid thereon and
- (ii) our opinion.

#### Fees

Based upon: (i) our current understanding of the terms, structure, size and schedule of the financing, (ii) the duties we will undertake pursuant to this letter, (iii) the time we anticipate devoting to the financing, and (iv) the responsibilities we assume, we estimate that our fee as bond counsel would be approximately \$22,000, including all expenses. Such fee and expenses may vary: (i) if the principal amount of Bonds actually issued differs significantly from the amount stated above, (ii) if material changes in the structure of the financing occur, or (iii) if unusual or unforeseen circumstances arise which require a significant increase in our time, expenses or responsibility. If at any time we believe that circumstances require an adjustment of our original fee estimate, we will consult with you. It is our understanding that the District is responsible for our fee.

If, for any reason, the financing is not consummated or is completed without the rendition of our opinion as bond counsel, we will expect to be compensated at our normal hourly rates for time actually spent, plus out-of-pocket expenses. Our fee is usually paid either at the Closing out of proceeds of the Bonds or pursuant to a statement rendered shortly thereafter. We customarily do not submit any statement until the Closing unless there is a substantial delay in completing the financing.

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Limited Liability Partnership

Our firm is a limited liability partnership ("LLP"). Because we are an LLP, no partner of the firm has personal liability for any debts or liabilities of the firm except as otherwise required by law, and except that each partner can be personally liable for his or her own malpractice and for the malpractice of persons acting under his or her actual supervision and control. As an LLP we are required by our code of professional conduct to carry at least \$10,000,000 of malpractice insurance; currently, we carry coverage with limits substantially in excess of that amount. Please call me if you have any questions about our status as a limited liability partnership.

Conclusion and Request for Signed Copy

If the foregoing terms of this engagement are acceptable to you, please so indicate by returning a copy of this letter dated and signed by an appropriate officer, retaining the original for your files. If we do not hear from you within thirty (30) days, we will assume that these terms are acceptable to you, but we would prefer to receive a signed copy of this letter from you.

We are looking forward to working with you and the District in this regard.

Very truly yours,

QUARLES & BRADY LLP



Rebecca A. Speckhard

RAS:TAB  
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cc: Ms. Tracy Berrones (via email)

Accepted and Approved:

HEART OF THE VALLEY  
METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE  
DISTRICT

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

Title

Date: \_\_\_\_\_