From: <u>Stephens, Jesse</u>
To: <u>Perkins, Drew</u>

Subject: BCRSD Auditor - Item H(1)(F)

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Dear Board of Trustees,

I was informed on October 22nd, that Gerding, Korte & Chitwood could no longer continue as our auditor moving forward into 2026. I did inquire if there were any issues causing this and was informed it was simply due to them not having enough staff to continue to keep us as a client. Please find their attached resignation letter.

After internal discussions with staff, and in consultation with the new Finance Manager, we need to move quickly to replace them. It likely cannot wait until the new Finance Manager arrives. You'll find a consideration to put forth an RFP for Auditor services.



Jesse Stephens, PE - Executive Director

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October 22, 2025

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Dear Jesse,

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After careful consideration, we have decided to not continue as auditors for Boone County Regional Sewer District, effective for the December 31, 2025 audit. We will be happy to assist in the transition from our firm to new auditors and will cooperate fully with your new auditor as needed.

We hope that by informing you of this decision now, you will have adequate time to engage new auditors for the upcoming year-end audit. Thank you for your understanding and please let me know if we can be of any assistance with this transition.

PARTNERS

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Sincerely,

Jeff Chitwood, CPA

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Robert A. Gerding Fred W. Korte, Jr.