

Anoka County FINANCE & CENTRAL SERVICES DIVISION

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MEMORANDUM

- **DATE:** May 16, 2023
- TO:Commissioner Matt Look
Chair, Finance & Capital Improvements Committee
- FROM: Cory Kampf, F&CS Division Manager
- **SUBJECT:** 2023 1st Quarter Investment Update

The Finance Committee has requested receiving information on investments on a periodic basis.

For the Quarter-ended March 31, 2023, the County had investments totaling \$503.4 million. Within the investment management system, we have broken down our investments into portfolios, which are defined below:

- Investment Manager RBC: Represents funds managed by RBC.
- **MAGIC Fund:** Represents short-term CD's, Term Notes, and liquid funds.
- **OPEB Irrevocable:** Investments with State Board of Investments (SBI) tied to our Retiree Health Care Liability.
- **<u>US Bank Fixed Income</u>**: Represents portfolio managed internally.
- **<u>US Bank Liquid Assets:</u>** Represents short-term liquid funds.
- <u>Wells Fargo Sweep:</u> Represents short-term overnight funds associated with main checking account.

Investing Strategy

The County's investing strategy focuses on safety, liquidity, and then yield. The yield is impacted by the constraints of the fixed income market and is secondary to maintaining safety in the investments chosen and the liquidity needed to manage operations. We strive for the best yield possible using a ladder maturity philosophy.

Anoka County Summary of Investments by Portfolio – March 31, 2023

Description	Beginning Face	Ending Face Amount/Shares	Buy Principal	Sell Principal	Interest Earned	Realized	Investment
	Amount/Shares				During Period-Book	Gain/Loss-	Income-
	Amount/Shares				Value	Book Value	Book Value
Investment Manager - RBC Capital	41,392,199.67	41,438,858.18	3,075,719.83	2,836,542.95	254,427.72	(199,365.77)	55,061.95
MAGIC Fund	90,700,863.79	91,745,228.14	60,544,364.35	59,500,000.00	891,009.17	-	891,009.17
OPEB Irrevocable	85,787,095.08	92,208,612.87	8,808,638.58	(2,383,028.39)	396,436.14	-	396,436.14
US Bank - Fixed Income	287,457,225.39	263,798,141.23	15,914,787.05	39,650,084.16	1,256,083.61	(81,494.15)	1,174,589.46
US Bank - Liquid Assets	12,583,051.23	9,637,164.21	93,950,744.50	96,896,631.52	100,358.28	-	100,358.28
Wells Fargo - Sweep	2,585,697.22	4,536,102.63	18,544,607.87	16,594,202.46	28,961.59	-	28,961.59
Total / Average	520,506,132.38	503,364,107.26	200,838,862.18	213,094,432.70	2,927,276.51	(280,859.92)	2,646,416.59
Less OPEB Investment Income		% of Budget as of 12.31.2023 34%					
Net Investment Income YTD							
2023 Investment Income Budget							
Investment Income (deficit) surplus Y	D						(4,350,019.55

Portfolio Performance

Total investment income earned during the quarter totaled \$2.646M, with \$(280.9 K) related to one time realized gain/losses due to regular activity by our RBC Capital Asset Manager \$(199.4) K and Internal activity (\$81.5). The overall portfolio performance as of the Quarter ended March 31, 2023, is an average book yield of 2.09% compared with 1.51% at the end of 2022. Short-term interest rates have continued to rise since the beginning of the year due to the Federal Reserve actions that are designed to help dampen inflation. The interest rate inversion along the yield curve continues to signal recession, which is a little concerning. The interest rates longer than one year have declined since the beginning of 2023 due to stress within the banking system. The Federal Reserve is considering a Pause in rate hikes as we enter June. The market believes the Fed may need to reduce rates; however, the Fed is not planning too anytime soon. Also, the OPEB Trust saw a 7.5% increase in its Market Value due to the current volatility in the equity markets.

See the chart below for a breakdown by Portfolio:

