

2024 Third Quarter | CEO Quarterly Letter

To Our Shareholders,

As we enter the final months of 2024, I want to take this opportunity to thank our employees for their dedication and commitment to delivering outstanding service to our customers throughout the year. As a result of their hard work, the Company achieved record revenues of \$479,400,000 in the third quarter, an increase of \$28,806,000, or 6.4%, compared to the same period in 2023. Sales growth was strong across both reporting segments, with the Residential/Commercial (R/C) service line increasing by 8.5% and the Utility segment rising by 4.3% compared to the third quarter of last year. Income from operations also reached an all-time high of \$40,960,000, up from \$36,237,000 in the third quarter of 2023, reflecting an increase of \$4,723,000, or 13.0%. Furthermore, net income for the quarter was \$26,024,000, up \$5,327,000 compared to the third quarter of 2023. This boost in profitability was largely driven by enhanced service line performance, revenue mix and storm-related work during the quarter from Hurricanes Beryl and Helene.

The first nine months of the year produced record revenues of \$1,365,903,000 which was an increase of \$98,729,000, or 7.8%, over the same period in 2023. The R/C segment was up \$44,349,000 or 7.9%, and the Utility segment was up \$53,040,000 or 7.6% compared to 2023. In the R/C segment, both the Resource Group and Commercial Landscape Services had impressive year-to-date revenue growth of 20.3% and 7.0% respectively. In the Utility segment, Eastern Utility grew by 15.6% over the prior year while Western Utility increased revenue by 11.1%, driven primarily by additional contract awards and storm related cleanup work. Overall, the first nine months' performance exceeded the record setting performance for the first nine months in 2023 as demand for our services remains strong. This strong demand and momentum bodes well as we enter into the fourth quarter.

For the first nine months of 2024, income from operations was \$87,672,000, representing a 9.8% decline from the previous year, while net income stood at \$53,469,000, down 9.0% compared to the same period in 2023. Operational profitability was affected due to Q1/Q2 weather-related impacts on high-margin services, changes in consumer spending habits and the absence of several large projects that increased profitability in 2023. Administratively, investments have been made in anticipation of future growth. We also continue to battle inflationary pressures on critical items like equipment, materials, and labor that have often outpaced our ability for consumer rate recovery. As we start planning for 2025, our management team remains dedicated to managing costs, supporting our Davey teammates and providing our clients with outstanding value, operational efficiency, and proven solutions to meet their needs.

Our balance sheet remains solid even with our investments in the Davey SEED (Science, Employee Education, and Development) Campus training facility, and our transition to the SAP



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S/4HANA® system, among other projects. As a result, we finished the third quarter of 2024 with a higher level of debt compared to 2023, as anticipated. This increase in debt, combined with rising interest rates, resulted in interest expense of \$14,608,000 for the first nine months of 2024, compared to \$13,588,000 for the same period last year. While we continue to invest in these long-term initiatives, we remain dedicated to preserving the company's strong working capital and liquidity. During the quarter, we successfully extended our credit facility for another five-year term and renewed our private placement shelf agreement, positioning us well for our continued growth. I would like to express my gratitude to all our lenders for their partnership and continued support.

As we continue to celebrate our 45th year of employee ownership, we are grateful for the dedicated efforts of our employees, and thankful to our shareholders for your continued support of our management team.

Best wishes to you and your families, for a safe and happy holiday season.

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Abbreviated Interim Financial Data (Unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended				Nine Months Ended			
	Septe	ember 28, 2024	Septem	ber 30, 2023	Septe	ember 28, 2024	Septemb	er 30, 2023
Operating Statement Data:								
Revenues	\$	479,440	\$	450,634	\$	1,365,903	\$	1,267,174
Costs and expenses:								
Operating		300,535		285,019		881,620		808,509
Selling		84,319		84,982		235,806		229,480
General and administrative		36,956		31,155		112,817		95,041
Depreciation and amortization		17,860		14,935		51,639		43,479
Gain on sale of assets, net		(1,190)		(1,694)		(3,651)		(6,530)
Income from operations		40,960		36,237		87,672		97,195
Interest expense		(5,319)		(4,751)		(14,608)		(13,588)
Interest income		970		502		2,494		1,329
Other, net		(1,111)		(2,890)		(4,644)		(4,365)
Income before income taxes		35,500		29,098		70,914		80,571
Income taxes		9,476		8,401		17,445		21,835
Net income	\$	26,024	\$	20,697	\$	53,469	\$	58,736
Net income per share:								
Basic	\$.63	\$.48	\$	1.27	\$	1.35
Diluted	\$. 60	\$.46	\$	1.21	\$	1.29
Weighted average shares outstanding:								
Basic		41,629		43,123		42,209		43,394
Diluted		43,302		45,186		44,059		45,501
Dividends per share	\$.025	\$.020	\$.075	\$.060
Balance Sheet Data:	Septe	ember 28, 2024	Decem	ber 31, 2023				
Cash and accounts receivable	\$	401,731	\$	371,540				
Current:								
Assets		534,185		506,680				
Liabilities		301,730		276,272				
Net working capital	\$	232,455	\$	230,408				
Long-term debt	\$	407,444	\$	367,855				
Other long-term liabilities		315,584		295,779				
Total equity		374,522		341,154				
Total assets		399,280	\$	1,281,060				
Common shares, net outstanding								

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