

Hicks Ditch
Community Development District

Organizational Agenda

November 22, 2022

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Tuesday
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10:30 AM

Cooper Memorial Library
2525 Oakley Seaver Drive
Clermont, FL 34711

I. Introduction

- A. Roll Call
- B. Public Comment Period
- C. Oath of Office

II. Organizational Matters

- A. Confirmation of Notice of Meeting
- B. Information on Community Development Districts and Public Official Responsibilities and Florida Statutes Chapter 190
- C. Election of Officers
 - 1. Consideration of Resolution 2023-01 Appointing Officers

III. Retention of District Staff

- A. Consideration of Agreement for District Management Services
 - 1. Consideration of Resolution 2023-02 Appointing District Manager, Financial Disclosure Coordinator, Assessment Consultant, and Designated Investment Representative
- B. Consideration of Agreement for District Counsel Services
 - 1. Consideration of Resolution 2023-03 Appointing District Counsel
- C. Consideration of Resolution 2023-04 Selection of Registered Agent and Office
- D. Consideration of Resolution 2023-05 Appointing Interim District Engineer
- E. Consideration of Interim District Engineering Agreement
- F. Request Authorization to Issue RFQ for Engineering Services

IV. Designation of Meetings and Hearing Dates

- A. Consideration of Resolution 2023-06 Designation of Regular Monthly Meeting Date, Time and Location for Fiscal Year 2023
- B. Consideration of Resolution 2023-07 Designation of Landowner's Meeting Date, Time and Location

- C. Designation of Date of Public Hearing to Adopt Rules of Procedure in accordance with Section 120.54, Florida Statutes
 - 1. Consideration of Resolution 2023-08 Setting a Public Hearing to Consider the Proposed Rules of the District
- D. Designation of Date of Public Hearing on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2023
 - 1. Consideration of Resolution 2023-09 Setting the Public Hearing and Approving the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023
 - 2. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Funding Agreement
- E. Consideration of Resolution 2023-10 Setting Date of Public Hearing Expressing the District's Intent to Utilize the Uniform Method of Levying, Collecting and Enforcing Non Ad-Valorem Assessments in accordance with Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes

V. Other Organizational Matters

- A. Consideration of Resolution 2023-11 Designating a Qualified Public Depository
- B. Consideration of Resolution 2023-12 Authorization of Bank Account Signatories
- C. Consideration of Resolution 2023-13 Relating to Defense of Board Members
- D. Consideration of Resolution 2023-14 Approving or Ratifying District Counsel's Actions in Recording in the Property Records of Osceola County, Florida the "Notice of Establishment" in accordance with Chapter 190.0485, Florida Statutes
 - 1. Notice of Establishment
- E. Consideration of Resolution 2023-15 Adopting Investment Guidelines
- F. Consideration of Resolution 2023-16 Authorizing Execution of Public Depositor Report
- G. Consideration of Resolution 2023-17 Designating a Policy for Public Comment
- H. Consideration of Resolution 2023-18 Adopting a Travel and Reimbursement Policy
- I. Consideration of Resolution 2023-19 Adopting Prompt Payment Policy
- J. Consideration of Resolution 2023-20 Adopting a Records Retention Policy
- K. Consideration of Compensation to Board Members
- L. Consideration of Resolution 2023-21 Designating the Primary Administrative Office and Principal Headquarters of the District

M. Consideration of Resolution 2023-22 Selecting District Records Office within Osceola County

N. Consideration of Website Services Agreement

O. Authorization to Prepare Public Facilities Report in Accordance with Chapter 189.08 Florida Statutes to Coincide with Special District Filing Date of August 1st for Lake County

P. Consideration of Resolution 2023-23 Authorizing Chairperson to Execute Plats, Permits and Conveyances

VI. Capital Improvements

A. Appointment of Financing Team

1. Bond Counsel
2. Underwriter
3. Assessment Administrator
4. Trustee

B. Approval of Financing Team Funding Agreement

VII. Financing Matters

A. Consideration of Master Engineer's Report

B. Consideration of Master Assessment Methodology

C. Consideration of Resolution 2023-24 Declaring Special Assessments

D. Consideration of Resolution 2023-25 Setting a Public Hearing for Special Assessments

E. Consideration of Resolution 2023-26 Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Authorizing the Commencement of Validation Proceedings

VIII. Other Business

A. Staff Reports

- i. Attorney
- ii. Manager

B. Supervisor's Requests

C. Approval of Funding Request No. 1

IX. Adjournment

SECTION II

SECTION A

Order ID: 7325477

* Agency Commission not included

GROSS PRICE * : \$260.68**PACKAGE NAME:** Public Hearing/Bid/Misc_Legal**NOTICE OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

The organizational meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Hicks Ditch Community Development District will be held on November 22, 2022, at 10:30 AM at the Cooper Memorial Library, 2525 Oakley Seaver Drive, Clermont, FL 34711. The purpose of the meeting is to elect certain District officers, consider the appointment of staff to include but not limited to manager, attorney, engineer and others as deemed appropriate by the Board of Supervisors; to consider the services to be provided by the District and the financing plan for same; to appoint a team for purposes of issuing special assessment bonds and consider the associated funding agreement; and to conduct other business that may come before the Board.

The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. A copy of the meeting agenda may be obtained from the District Manager at 219 E. Livingston Street, Orlando, FL 32801.

The meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place as evidenced by motion of the majority of Board Members participating. There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors will participate by telephone.

Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the District Office at (407) 841-5524 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service (800) 955-8770, who can aid you in contacting the District Office.

Each person who decides to appeal any action taken at these meetings is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

George S. Flint
District Manager
Governmental Management Services –
Central Florida, LLC
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SECTION B

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

Q: What is a community development district?

A: A community development district (CDD) is an independent special-purpose unit of local government created pursuant to and governed by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. CDDs offer an attractive and cost-effective means of providing for the financing and management of major infrastructure systems and services to support the development of new communities throughout the State. When used effectively, CDDs can help to spread out development costs, meet the concerns of permitting agencies with respect to long-term maintenance of infrastructure, provide access to sources of increasingly scarce capital, and work cooperatively with other local governments struggling to avoid politically unpopular tax increases.

Q: What powers are CDDs permitted to exercise?

A. As special-purpose local governments, CDDs possess certain legal powers similar to cities and counties, such as the right to enter into contracts, to acquire and dispose of real and personal property, to adopt rules and regulations, and to obtain funds either by borrowing, issuing bonds, or levying non-ad valorem assessments and taxes. CDDs also have certain special powers relating to public improvements and community facilities.

All of these special powers, however, are authorized subject to the regulatory jurisdiction and permitting authority of all applicable governmental bodies, agencies, and special districts having authority with respect to any area included within the district's external boundaries. Indeed, CDDs do not have zoning, permitting, or comprehensive planning powers. The creation of a CDD does not change any requirements for governmental approvals of any activities or construction within the district. Planning, environmental and land development regulations apply to all development and construction within the CDD regardless of who undertakes the activity.

Q: How are CDDs governed?

A: CDDs are governed by a five-member board of supervisors elected initially by district landowners on a one-acre/one-vote basis. Any fraction of an acre is treated as one acre, entitling the owner to one vote. Commencing no sooner than six years following creation of the district, and only after there are at least 250 qualified electors, supervisors whose terms are expiring will begin to be elected by qualified electors of the district. A "qualified elector" is any person at least 18 years of age who is a United States citizen, a legal resident of Florida and of the district, and who is registered to vote with the supervisor of elections in the county in which the district land is located. Elections are held every two years on the first Tuesday in November.

Board meetings must be noticed in a local newspaper and are always conducted in a public forum. Subject to the requirements of the public records law, CDDs must make district records available for public inspection during normal business hours. The supervisors, themselves, are subject to the same financial disclosure requirements as are other local elected officials. These and other requirements related to public oversight of district activities make CDDs particularly visible in the relation to other entities exercising responsibility for the development of community infrastructure and services.

District supervisors are statutorily entitled to receive for their services an amount not to exceed \$200 per meeting. Each supervisor's maximum annual compensation is \$4,800 plus standard state travel and per diem, unless a higher compensation is approved by a referendum of the district's electors. A district manager, who is appointed by the board of supervisors, oversees the day-to-day operation of the district.

Q: How is a CDD different than other kinds of special districts and homeowners' associations?

A: While other kinds of special districts and homeowners' associations may address certain issues, none of them have the range of powers and options accorded CDDs. In addition to their inability to effectively finance major capital improvements, homeowners' associations generally do not meet regulatory agency requirements for stable, perpetual entities for long-term maintenance of permitted infrastructure. Other kinds of districts have only a limited range of available powers. CDDs, on the other hand, are perpetual entities with extensive financing capabilities, and, as noted previously, are statutorily permitted to exercise a list of general and special powers.

Q: How are district non-ad valorem special assessments determined?

A: Each property owner will pay an annual assessment to the district based on two component costs. One is the fixed amount required to amortize the debt assessed against each lot, parcel or acre for the facilities acquired or constructed by the district. The other is an annual assessment for district operations and maintenance of district facilities. The annual installment amount may vary in relation to the size and location of the property, and to the infrastructure benefit allocated to the property assessed. Each year, the district board of supervisors holds a public hearing to set its budget and the level of assessments. Consequently, district residents will know each year's assessment in advance.

Q: How are defaults on CDD assessments handled?

A: The law governing CDDs permits districts to utilize special assessments in which the debt obligation is assigned to each lot, tract or parcel on a pro rata basis

according to the benefit received from the facilities which are provided by the district. CDDs may use the procedure for levying and collecting assessments provided in either Chapter 170 or Chapter 197, Florida Statutes. The remedies available to the District under each method are slightly different. However, in either case, if there is a default by an owner of property within a CDD the bond holders are permitted to look only to the defaulting property for recovery of the delinquent assessment. Chapter 190 specifically provides that the local general purpose government is not responsible for debt issued by a CDD. See 190.002(3) and 190.016(15), Florida Statutes.

Q: Are CDDs permitted to issue general obligation bonds and levy ad valorem taxes?

A: District boards have the power to issue general obligation bonds and to levy and assess ad valorem taxes subject to referendum approval. Issuance of general obligation bonds is limited to financing or refinancing capital projects or to refunding outstanding bonds in an aggregate principal amount of bonds outstanding at any one time not in excess of 35 percent of the assessed value of the taxable property within the district. An ad valorem tax levied for operating purposes, exclusive of debt service on bonds, is limited to three mills. When authorized by a local general purpose government to exercise one or more of the special powers noted previously, districts may levy an additional two mills. In the event a CDD exercises its ad valorem taxing power, landowner election of supervisors will no longer be permitted. Prior to exercising such power, all board members must be elected by qualified electors of the district.

Q: What about revenue bonds?

A: Districts may issue revenue bonds without limitation as to amount and may do so without referendum approval. Revenue bonds may be secured, or payable from, the gross or net pledge of the revenues to be derived from any project or combination of projects, from the rates, fees, or other charges to be collected from the users of any project or projects, from any revenue producing undertaking or activity of the district, from special assessments, or from any other source or pledged security. All bonds issued by CDDs must be secured by a trust agreement, and any bonds maturing over a period of more than five years must be validated and confirmed by court decree (excluding refunding bonds).

Q: What are district rates, fees and charges?

A: CDDs are authorized, after a public hearing, to prescribe fix, establish, and collect rates, fees, rentals, or other charges for the facilities and services furnished by the district. Florida law provides that these revenues must be uniform, just and equitable for users of the same class. Additionally, if a CDD furnishes water management and control facilities or water and sewer and facilities, all lands,

buildings, premises, persons, firms, and corporations within the district will be required to use them.

Q: What kinds of disclosures are required with respect to the sale of real property within CDDs?

A: CDDs are required by statute to take affirmative steps to provide full disclosure of information relating to the public financing and maintenance of improvements to real property undertaken by the district. This information must be made available to all existing residents of the district and to all prospective residents. Moreover, the CDD is required to furnish developers of any residential development within the district enough copies of this information for distribution to each prospective purchaser. In addition, developers of residential developments within the district, when required by law to provide a public offering statement, must include a copy of information relating to public financing and maintenance of improvements in the public offering statement. Finally, Florida law requires that all contracts for sale of land within a CDD must include the following language:

THE (Name of District) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MAY IMPOSE AND LEVY TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS, OR BOTH TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, ON THIS PROPERTY. THESE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS PAY THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE COSTS OF CERTAIN PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES OF THE DISTRICT AND ARE SET ANNUALLY BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE DISTRICT. THESE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS ARE IN ADDITION TO COUNTY AND ALL OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS AND ALL OTHER TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS PROVIDED FOR BY LAW.

This disclosure language must appear in boldfaced and conspicuous type which is larger than the type in the remaining text of the contract and must be situated immediately prior to the space reserved in the contract for the signature of the purchaser. Additionally, this language must be recorded in the property records of the county in which the CDD is located as part of the CDD's duty to give notice of establishment of the district.

Q: Will the CDD continue indefinitely as a special-purpose local government responsible for the lands presently encompassed by the district?

A: Ordinarily, a CDD will remain in existence indefinitely less it is merged with another district, is dissolved, or unless all of the specific community development services it has been authorized to perform are transferred to a general-purpose unit of local government. A transfer of services is accomplished by adoption of an ordinance demonstrating the ability of the local general-purpose government to provide the service as efficiently and economically as the district, and at a level of quality equal to or higher than the level of quality actually delivered by the district.

Q: What experience does Hopping Green & Sams, P.A., have in the establishment and representation of CDDs?

A: Hopping Green & Sams has been providing clients with advice regarding the use of CDDs since the advent of Chapter 190. CDDs have been shown to provide extremely important and significant benefits to a project. However, it is not our view that CDDs are the right choice in circumstance. The benefits of a district do come at a cost. We believe it is important that each developer carefully evaluate the infrastructure and maintenance needs of the development, permitting requirements, the financial markets, the costs associated with the establishment and operation of the district, and, not insignificantly, the political climate in the affected area.

HGS presently serves as general counsel to the following CDDs: Brandy Creek; Double Branch; Rivercrest; St. Johns Forest; Harbor Bay; Hamal; Capital Region; Bartram Springs; Sampson Creek; Julington Creek Plantation; Marshall Creek; Indigo; Dunes; Dovera; Viera East; Central Viera; Mud Lake; Myrtle Creek; Boggy Creek; GreeneWay; Pier Park; Bella Terra; Harbor Isles; Urban Orlando; Falcon Trace; Poinciana; Brighton Lakes; Greyhawk Landing; Narcoossee; East Park; Tomoka; Celebration; and Enterprise. In addition, we serve as counsel for the petitioner in the pending petitions for establishment of the Aberdeen, Durbin Crossing, Heritage Park and World Commerce CDDs to be located in St. Johns County, the Middle Village CDD to be located in Clay County, the Westport CDD to be located in Duval County, the Freedom Commerce CDD, to be located in the City of Jacksonville, the Lake Austin CDD to be located in Orange County, the Amelia National CDD to be located in Nassau County, and the Connerton CDD to be located in Pasco County. Finally, we represent the petitioners in relation to the recently established Highlands CDD located in Hillsborough County, the Lexington CDD located in Manatee County, and the Arlington Ridge CDD located in the City of Leesburg. It has been our practice to view the creation of the CDD as part of a much larger process. This process includes an evaluation of the use of the district, its creation (whether by the Governor and Cabinet or by a local government), its initial set up and operation, and bond validation and issuance. In most cases, we continue to act as general counsel for the district, assisting in contract negotiations, bidding, budgeting, and other matters.

Our longstanding involvement with CDDs, from creation through continuing operation, has provided us with a particularly valuable perspective to bring to district

issues as they arise in the legislative process. We played a significant role in the amendments to Chapter 190 enacted in 1985, and on behalf of a number of clients, were instrumental in drafting and passing the 1991 amendments. Of particular significance were the amendments which provided for extended control of the district board by the landowners, rather than the voters. It should also be noted that the 1991 amendments were passed notwithstanding the media attention to district collapses in Colorado and elsewhere. Our knowledge of and involvement with CDDs allowed HGS to play a major role in providing legislators with accurate information on the differences in the legislative approaches in those states and in convincing them that Florida law contained significant safeguards not found in other state statutes.

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CHAPTER 190

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190.049 Special acts prohibited.

190.001 Short title.—This act may be cited as the “Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980.”

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407.

190.002 Legislative findings, policies, and intent.—

(1) The Legislature finds that:

(a) There is a need for uniform, focused, and fair procedures in state law to provide a reasonable alternative for the establishment, power, operation, and duration of independent districts to manage and finance basic community development services; and that, based upon a proper and fair determination of applicable facts, an independent district can constitute a timely, efficient, effective, responsive, and economic way to deliver these basic services, thereby providing a solution to the state’s planning, management, and financing needs for delivery of capital infrastructure in order to service projected growth without overburdening other governments and their taxpayers.

(b) It is in the public interest that any independent special district created pursuant to state law not outlive its usefulness and that the operation of such a district and the exercise by the district of its powers be consistent with applicable due process, disclosure, accountability, ethics, and government-in-the-sunshine requirements which apply both to governmental entities and to their elected and appointed officials.

(c) It is in the public interest that long-range planning, management, and financing and long-term maintenance, upkeep, and operation of basic services for community development districts be under one coordinated entity.

(2) It is the policy of this state:

(a) That the needless and indiscriminate proliferation, duplication, and fragmentation of local general-purpose government services by independent districts is not in the public interest.

(b) That independent districts are a legitimate alternative method available for use by the private and public sectors, as authorized by state law, to manage and finance basic services for community developments.

(c) That the exercise by any independent district of its powers as set forth by uniform general law comply with all applicable governmental laws, rules, regulations, and policies governing planning and permitting of the development to be serviced by the district, to ensure that neither the establishment nor operation of such district is a development order under chapter 380 and that the district so established does not have any zoning or permitting powers governing development.

(d) That the process of establishing such a district pursuant to uniform general law be fair and based only on factors material to managing and financing the service delivery function of the district, so that any matter concerning permitting or planning of the development is not material or relevant.

(3) It is the legislative intent and purpose, based upon, and consistent with, its findings of fact and declarations of policy, to authorize a uniform procedure by general law to establish an independent special district as an alternative method to manage and finance basic services for community development. It is further the legislative intent and purpose to provide by general law for the uniform operation, exercise of power, and procedure for termination of any such independent district. It is further the purpose and intent of the Legislature that a district created under this chapter not have or exercise any zoning or development permitting power, that the establishment of the independent community development district as provided in this act not be a development order within the meaning of chapter 380, and that all applicable planning and permitting laws, rules, regulations, and policies control the development of the land to be serviced by the district. It is further the purpose and intent of the Legislature that no debt or obligation of a district constitute a burden on any local general-purpose government without its consent.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 1, ch. 84-360.

190.003 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) "Ad valorem bonds" means bonds which are payable from the proceeds of ad valorem taxes levied on real and tangible personal property and which are generally referred to as general obligation bonds.

(2) "Assessable improvements" means, without limitation, any and all public improvements and community facilities that the district is empowered to provide in accordance with this act.

(3) "Assessment bonds" means special obligations of the district which are payable solely from proceeds of the special assessments levied for an assessable project.

(4) "Board" or "board of supervisors" means the governing board of the district or, if such board has been abolished, the board, body, or commission succeeding to the principal functions thereof or to whom the powers given to the board by this act have been given by law.

(5) "Bond" includes "certificate," and the provisions which are applicable to bonds are equally applicable to certificates. The term "bond" includes any general obligation bond, assessment bond, refunding bond, revenue bond, and other such obligation in the nature of a bond as is provided for in this act, as the case may be.

(6) "Community development district" means a local unit of special-purpose government which is created pursuant to this act and limited to the performance of those specialized functions authorized by this act; the governing head of which is a body created, organized, and constituted and authorized to function specifically as prescribed in this act for the purpose of the delivery of urban community development services; and the formation, powers, governing body, operation, duration, accountability, requirements for disclosure, and termination of which are as required by general law.

(7) "Compact, urban, mixed-use district" means a district located within a municipality and within a community redevelopment area created pursuant to s. 163.356, that consists of a maximum of 75 acres, and has development entitlements of at least 400,000 square feet of retail development and 500 residential units.

(8) "Cost," when used with reference to any project, includes, but is not limited to:

(a) The expenses of determining the feasibility or practicability of acquisition, construction, or reconstruction.

(b) The cost of surveys, estimates, plans, and specifications.

(c) The cost of improvements.

(d) Engineering, fiscal, and legal expenses and charges.

(e) The cost of all labor, materials, machinery, and equipment.

(f) The cost of all lands, properties, rights, easements, and franchises acquired.

(g) Financing charges.

(h) The creation of initial reserve and debt service funds.

(i) Working capital.

(j) Interest charges incurred or estimated to be incurred on money borrowed prior to and during construction and acquisition and for such reasonable period of time after completion of construction or acquisition as the board may determine.

(k) The cost of issuance of bonds pursuant to this act, including advertisements and printing.

(l) The cost of any election held pursuant to this act and all other expenses of issuance of bonds.

(m) The discount, if any, on the sale or exchange of bonds.

(n) Administrative expenses.

(o) Such other expenses as may be necessary or incidental to the acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of any project or to the financing thereof, or to the development of any lands within the district.

(p) Payments, contributions, dedications, fair share or concurrency obligations, and any other exactions required as a condition to receive any government approval or permit necessary to accomplish any district purpose.

(9) "District" means the community development district.

(10) "District manager" means the manager of the district.

(11) "District roads" means highways, streets, roads, alleys, sidewalks, landscaping, storm drains, bridges, and thoroughfares of all kinds and descriptions.

(12) "Elector" means a landowner or qualified elector.

(13) "General obligation bonds" means bonds which are secured by, or provide for their payment by, the pledge, in addition to those special taxes levied for their discharge and such other sources as may be provided for

their payment or pledged as security under the resolution authorizing their issuance, of the full faith and credit and taxing power of the district and for payment of which recourse may be had against the general fund of the district.

(14) "Landowner" means the owner of a freehold estate as appears by the deed record, including a trustee, a private corporation, and an owner of a condominium unit; it does not include a reversioner, remainderman, mortgagee, or any governmental entity, who shall not be counted and need not be notified of proceedings under this act. Landowner shall also mean the owner of a ground lease from a governmental entity, which leasehold interest has a remaining term, excluding all renewal options, in excess of 50 years.

(15) "Local general-purpose government" means a county, municipality, or consolidated city-county government.

(16) "Project" means any development, improvement, property, utility, facility, works, enterprise, or service now existing or hereafter undertaken or established under the provisions of this act.

(17) "Qualified elector" means any person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of Florida and of the district, and who registers to vote with the supervisor of elections in the county in which the district land is located.

(18) "Refunding bonds" means bonds issued to refinance outstanding bonds of any type and the interest and redemption premium thereon. Refunding bonds shall be issuable and payable in the same manner as the refinanced bonds, except that no approval by the electorate shall be required unless required by the State Constitution.

(19) "Revenue bonds" means obligations of the district which are payable from revenues derived from sources other than ad valorem taxes on real or tangible personal property and which do not pledge the property, credit, or general tax revenue of the district.

(20) "Sewer system" means any plant, system, facility, or property, and additions, extensions, and improvements thereto at any future time constructed or acquired as part thereof, useful or necessary or having the present capacity for future use in connection with the collection, treatment, purification, or disposal of sewage, including, without limitation, industrial wastes resulting from any process of industry, manufacture, trade, or business or from the development of any natural resource. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the term "sewer system" includes treatment plants, pumping stations, lift stations, valves, force mains, intercepting sewers, laterals, pressure lines, mains, and all necessary appurtenances and equipment; all sewer mains, laterals, and other devices for the reception and collection of sewage from premises connected therewith; and all real and personal property and any interest therein, rights, easements, and franchises of any nature relating to any such system and necessary or convenient for operation thereof.

(21) "Water management and control facilities" means any lakes, canals, ditches, reservoirs, dams, levees, sluiceways, floodways, curbs, gutters, pumping stations, or any other works, structures, or facilities for the conservation, control, development, utilization, and disposal of water, and any purposes appurtenant, necessary, or incidental thereto. The term "water management and control facilities" includes all real and personal property and any interest therein, rights, easements, and franchises of any nature relating to any such water management and control facilities or necessary or convenient for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, operation, or maintenance thereof.

(22) "Water system" means any plant, system, facility, or property and additions, extensions, and improvements thereto at any future time constructed or acquired as part thereof, useful or necessary or having the present capacity for future use in connection with the development of sources, treatment, or purification and distribution of water. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the term "water system" includes dams, reservoirs, storage, tanks, mains, lines, valves, hydrants, pumping stations, chilled water distribution systems, laterals, and pipes for the purpose of carrying water to the premises connected with such system, and all rights, easements, and franchises of any nature relating to any such system and necessary or convenient for the operation thereof.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 2, ch. 84-360; s. 10, ch. 87-363; s. 2, ch. 91-308; s. 33, ch. 2000-364; s. 1, ch. 2007-160; s. 1, ch. 2009-142.

(1) This act constitutes the sole authorization for the future establishment of independent community development districts which have any of the specialized functions and powers provided by this act.

(2) The adoption of chapter 84-360, Laws of Florida, does not affect the validity of the establishment of any community development district or other special district existing on June 29, 1984; and existing community development districts will be subject to the provisions of chapter 190, as amended. All actions taken prior to July 1, 2000, by a community development district existing on June 29, 1984, if taken pursuant to the authority contained in chapter 80-407, Laws of Florida, or this chapter are hereby deemed to have adequate statutory authority. Nothing herein shall affect the validity of any outstanding indebtedness of a community development district established prior to June 29, 1984, and such district is hereby authorized to continue to comply with all terms and requirements of trust indentures or loan agreements relating to such outstanding indebtedness.

(3) The establishment of an independent community development district as provided in this act is not a development order within the meaning of chapter 380. All governmental planning, environmental, and land development laws, regulations, and ordinances apply to all development of the land within a community development district. Community development districts do not have the power of a local government to adopt a comprehensive plan, building code, or land development code, as those terms are defined in the Community Planning Act. A district shall take no action which is inconsistent with applicable comprehensive plans, ordinances, or regulations of the applicable local general-purpose government.

(4) The exclusive charter for a community development district shall be the uniform community development district charter as set forth in ss. 190.006-190.041, including the special powers provided by s. 190.012.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 3, ch. 84-360; s. 27, ch. 85-55; s. 34, ch. 87-224; s. 34, ch. 99-378; s. 9, ch. 2000-304; s. 39, ch. 2011-139.

190.005 Establishment of district.—

(1) The exclusive and uniform method for the establishment of a community development district with a size of 2,500 acres or more shall be pursuant to a rule, adopted under chapter 120 by the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission, granting a petition for the establishment of a community development district.

(a) A petition for the establishment of a community development district shall be filed by the petitioner with the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission. The petition shall contain:

1. A metes and bounds description of the external boundaries of the district. Any real property within the external boundaries of the district which is to be excluded from the district shall be specifically described, and the last known address of all owners of such real property shall be listed. The petition shall also address the impact of the proposed district on any real property within the external boundaries of the district which is to be excluded from the district.

2. The written consent to the establishment of the district by all landowners whose real property is to be included in the district or documentation demonstrating that the petitioner has control by deed, trust agreement, contract, or option of 100 percent of the real property to be included in the district, and when real property to be included in the district is owned by a governmental entity and subject to a ground lease as described in s. 190.003(14), the written consent by such governmental entity.

3. A designation of five persons to be the initial members of the board of supervisors, who shall serve in that office until replaced by elected members as provided in s. 190.006.

4. The proposed name of the district.

5. A map of the proposed district showing current major trunk water mains and sewer interceptors and outfalls if in existence.

6. Based upon available data, the proposed timetable for construction of the district services and the estimated cost of constructing the proposed services. These estimates shall be submitted in good faith but are not binding and may be subject to change.

7. A designation of the future general distribution, location, and extent of public and private uses of land proposed for the area within the district by the future land use plan element of the effective local government comprehensive plan of which all mandatory elements have been adopted by the applicable general-purpose local government in compliance with the Community Planning Act.

8. A statement of estimated regulatory costs in accordance with the requirements of s. 120.541.

(b) Prior to filing the petition, the petitioner shall:

1. Pay a filing fee of \$15,000 to the county, if located within an unincorporated area, or to the municipality, if located within an incorporated area, and to each municipality the boundaries of which are contiguous with, or contain all or a portion of the land within, the external boundaries of the district.

2. Submit a copy of the petition to the county, if located within an unincorporated area, or to the municipality, if located within an incorporated area, and to each municipality the boundaries of which are contiguous with, or contain all or a portion of, the land within the external boundaries of the district.

3. If land to be included within a district is located partially within the unincorporated area of one or more counties and partially within a municipality or within two or more municipalities, pay a \$15,000 filing fee to each entity. Districts established across county boundaries shall be required to maintain records, hold meetings and hearings, and publish notices only in the county where the majority of the acreage within the district lies.

(c) Such county and each such municipality required by law to receive a petition may conduct a public hearing to consider the relationship of the petition to the factors specified in paragraph (e). The public hearing shall be concluded within 45 days after the date the petition is filed unless an extension of time is requested by the petitioner and granted by the county or municipality. The county or municipality holding such public hearing may by resolution express its support of, or objection to the granting of, the petition by the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission. A resolution must base any objection to the granting of the petition upon the factors specified in paragraph (e). Such county or municipality may present its resolution of support or objection at the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission hearing and shall be afforded an opportunity to present relevant information in support of its resolution.

(d) A local public hearing on the petition shall be conducted by a hearing officer in conformance with the applicable requirements and procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act. The hearing shall include oral and written comments on the petition pertinent to the factors specified in paragraph (e). The hearing shall be held at an accessible location in the county in which the community development district is to be located. The petitioner shall cause a notice of the hearing to be published for 4 successive weeks on a newspaper's website and the statewide legal notice website provided in s. 50.0211(5) or, if published in print, in a newspaper at least once a week for the 4 successive weeks immediately prior to the hearing as provided in chapter 50. Such notice shall give the time and place for the hearing, a description of the area to be included in the district, which description shall include a map showing clearly the area to be covered by the district, and any other relevant information which the establishing governing bodies may require. If published in the print edition of a newspaper, the advertisement may not be placed in the portion of the newspaper where legal notices and classified advertisements appear. The advertisement must be published in a newspaper in the county and of general interest and readership in the community pursuant to chapter 50. Whenever possible, the advertisement shall appear in a newspaper that is published at least weekly, unless the only newspaper in the community is published less than weekly. If the notice is published in the print edition of the newspaper, the map must also be included in any online advertisement pursuant to s. 50.0211. All affected units of general-purpose local government and the general public shall be given an opportunity to appear at the hearing and present oral or written comments on the petition.

(e) The Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission shall consider the entire record of the local hearing, the transcript of the hearing, resolutions adopted by local general-purpose governments as provided in paragraph (c), and the following factors and make a determination to grant or deny a petition for the establishment of a community development district:

1. Whether all statements contained within the petition have been found to be true and correct.

2. Whether the establishment of the district is inconsistent with any applicable element or portion of the state comprehensive plan or of the effective local government comprehensive plan.

3. Whether the area of land within the proposed district is of sufficient size, is sufficiently compact, and is sufficiently contiguous to be developable as one functional interrelated community.

4. Whether the district is the best alternative available for delivering community development services and facilities to the area that will be served by the district.

5. Whether the community development services and facilities of the district will be incompatible with the capacity and uses of existing local and regional community development services and facilities.

6. Whether the area that will be served by the district is amenable to separate special-district government.

(f) The Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission shall not adopt any rule which would expand, modify, or delete any provision of the uniform community development district charter as set forth in ss. 190.006-190.041, except as provided in s. 190.012. A rule establishing a community development district shall only contain the following:

1. A metes and bounds description of the external boundaries of the district and any real property within the external boundaries of the district which is to be excluded.

2. The names of five persons designated to be the initial members of the board of supervisors.

3. The name of the district.

(g) The Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission may adopt rules setting forth its procedures for considering petitions to establish, expand, modify, or delete uniform community development districts or portions thereof consistent with the provisions of this section.

(2) The exclusive and uniform method for the establishment of a community development district of less than 2,500 acres in size or a community development district of up to 7,000 acres in size located within a connected-city corridor established pursuant to s. 163.3246(13) shall be pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the county commission of the county having jurisdiction over the majority of land in the area in which the district is to be located granting a petition for the establishment of a community development district as follows:

(a) A petition for the establishment of a community development district shall be filed by the petitioner with the county commission. The petition shall contain the same information as required in paragraph (1)(a).

(b) A public hearing on the petition shall be conducted by the county commission in accordance with the requirements and procedures of paragraph (1)(d).

(c) The county commission shall consider the record of the public hearing and the factors set forth in paragraph (1)(e) in making its determination to grant or deny a petition for the establishment of a community development district.

(d) The county commission may not adopt any ordinance which would expand, modify, or delete any provision of the uniform community development district charter as set forth in ss. 190.006-190.041. An ordinance establishing a community development district shall only include the matters provided for in paragraph (1)(f) unless the commission consents to any of the optional powers under s. 190.012(2) at the request of the petitioner.

(e) If all of the land in the area for the proposed district is within the territorial jurisdiction of a municipal corporation, then the petition requesting establishment of a community development district under this act shall be filed by the petitioner with that particular municipal corporation. In such event, the duties of the county, hereinabove described, in action upon the petition shall be the duties of the municipal corporation. If any of the land area of a proposed district is within the land area of a municipality, the county commission may not create the district without municipal approval. If all of the land in the area for the proposed district, even if less than 2,500 acres, is within the territorial jurisdiction of two or more municipalities or two or more counties, except for proposed districts within a connected-city corridor established pursuant to s. 163.3246(13), the petition shall be filed with the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission and proceed in accordance with subsection (1).

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, within 90 days after a petition for the establishment of a community development district has been filed pursuant to this subsection, the governing body of the county or municipal corporation may transfer the petition to the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission, which shall make the determination to grant or deny the petition as provided in subsection (1). A county or municipal corporation shall have no right or power to grant or deny a petition that has been transferred to the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission.

(3) The governing body of any existing special district, created to provide one or more of the public improvements and community facilities authorized by this act, may petition for reestablishment of the existing district as a community development district pursuant to this act. The petition shall contain the information specified in subparagraphs (1)(a)1., 3., 4., 5., 6., and 7. and shall not require payment of a fee pursuant to

paragraph (1)(b). In such case, the new district so formed shall assume the existing obligations, indebtedness, and guarantees of indebtedness of the district so subsumed, and the existing district shall be terminated.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; ss. 4, 5, ch. 84-360; s. 28, ch. 85-55; s. 35, ch. 87-224; s. 34, ch. 96-410; s. 6, ch. 98-146; s. 35, ch. 99-378; s. 34, ch. 2000-364; s. 2, ch. 2007-160; s. 33, ch. 2008-4; s. 4, ch. 2009-142; s. 40, ch. 2011-139; s. 6, ch. 2012-212; s. 13, ch. 2015-30; s. 1, ch. 2016-94; s. 10, ch. 2018-158; s. 17, ch. 2021-17.

190.006 Board of supervisors; members and meetings.—

(1) The board of the district shall exercise the powers granted to the district pursuant to this act. The board shall consist of five members; except as otherwise provided herein, each member shall hold office for a term of 2 years or 4 years, as provided in this section, and until a successor is chosen and qualifies. The members of the board must be residents of the state and citizens of the United States.

(2)(a) Within 90 days following the effective date of the rule or ordinance establishing the district, there shall be held a meeting of the landowners of the district for the purpose of electing five supervisors for the district. Notice of the landowners' meeting shall be published once a week for 2 consecutive weeks in a newspaper which is in general circulation in the area of the district, the last day of such publication to be not fewer than 14 days or more than 28 days before the date of the election. The landowners, when assembled at such meeting, shall organize by electing a chair who shall conduct the meeting. The chair may be any person present at the meeting. If the chair is a landowner or proxy holder of a landowner, he or she may nominate candidates and make and second motions.

(b) At such meeting, each landowner shall be entitled to cast one vote per acre of land owned by him or her and located within the district for each person to be elected. A landowner may vote in person or by proxy in writing. Each proxy must be signed by one of the legal owners of the property for which the vote is cast and must contain the typed or printed name of the individual who signed the proxy; the street address, legal description of the property, or tax parcel identification number; and the number of authorized votes. If the proxy authorizes more than one vote, each property must be listed and the number of acres of each property must be included. The signature on a proxy need not be notarized. A fraction of an acre shall be treated as 1 acre, entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. For purposes of determining voting interests, platted lots shall be counted individually and rounded up to the nearest whole acre. The acreage of platted lots shall not be aggregated for determining the number of voting units held by a landowner or a landowner's proxy. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a period of 4 years, and the three candidates receiving the next largest number of votes shall be elected for a period of 2 years, with the term of office for each successful candidate commencing upon election. The members of the first board elected by landowners shall serve their respective 4-year or 2-year terms; however, the next election by landowners shall be held on the first Tuesday in November. Thereafter, there shall be an election of supervisors for the district every 2 years in November on a date established by the board and noticed pursuant to paragraph (a). The second and subsequent landowners' election shall be announced at a public meeting of the board at least 90 days prior to the date of the landowners' meeting and shall also be noticed pursuant to paragraph (a). Instructions on how all landowners may participate in the election, along with sample proxies, shall be provided during the board meeting that announces the landowners' meeting. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to serve for a 4-year period, and the remaining candidate elected shall serve for a 2-year period.

(3)(a)1. If the board proposes to exercise the ad valorem taxing power authorized by s. 190.021, the district board shall call an election at which the members of the board of supervisors will be elected. Such election shall be held in conjunction with a primary or general election unless the district bears the cost of a special election. Each member shall be elected by the qualified electors of the district for a term of 4 years, except that, at the first such election, three members shall be elected for a period of 4 years and two members shall be elected for a period of 2 years. All elected board members must be qualified electors of the district.

2.a. Regardless of whether a district has proposed to levy ad valorem taxes, commencing 6 years after the initial appointment of members or, for a district exceeding 5,000 acres in area or for a compact, urban, mixed-use district, 10 years after the initial appointment of members, the position of each member whose term has expired

shall be filled by a qualified elector of the district, elected by the qualified electors of the district. However, for those districts established after June 21, 1991, and for those existing districts established after December 31, 1983, which have less than 50 qualified electors on June 21, 1991, sub-subparagraphs b. and d. shall apply. If, in the 6th year after the initial appointment of members, or 10 years after such initial appointment for districts exceeding 5,000 acres in area or for a compact, urban, mixed-use district, there are not at least 250 qualified electors in the district, or for a district exceeding 5,000 acres or for a compact, urban, mixed-use district, there are not at least 500 qualified electors, members of the board shall continue to be elected by landowners.

b. After the 6th or 10th year, once a district reaches 250 or 500 qualified electors, respectively, then the positions of two board members whose terms are expiring shall be filled by qualified electors of the district, elected by the qualified electors of the district for 4-year terms. The remaining board member whose term is expiring shall be elected for a 4-year term by the landowners and is not required to be a qualified elector. Thereafter, as terms expire, board members shall be qualified electors elected by qualified electors of the district for a term of 4 years.

c. Once a district qualifies to have any of its board members elected by the qualified electors of the district, the initial and all subsequent elections by the qualified electors of the district shall be held at the general election in November. The board shall adopt a resolution if necessary to implement this requirement when the board determines the number of qualified electors as required by sub-subparagraph d., to extend or reduce the terms of current board members.

d. On or before June 1 of each year, the board shall determine the number of qualified electors in the district as of the immediately preceding April 15. The board shall use and rely upon the official records maintained by the supervisor of elections and property appraiser or tax collector in each county in making this determination. Such determination shall be made at a properly noticed meeting of the board and shall become a part of the official minutes of the district.

(b) Elections of board members by qualified electors held pursuant to this subsection shall be nonpartisan and shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by law for holding general elections. The district shall publish a notice of the qualifying period set by the supervisor of elections for each election at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the qualifying period. Board members shall assume the office on the second Tuesday following their election. If no elector qualifies for a seat to be filled in an election, a vacancy in that seat shall be declared by the board effective on the second Tuesday following the election. Within 90 days thereafter, the board shall appoint a qualified elector to fill the vacancy. Until such appointment, the incumbent board member in that seat shall remain in office.

(c) Candidates seeking election to office by qualified electors under this subsection shall conduct their campaigns in accordance with the provisions of chapter 106 and shall file qualifying papers and qualify for individual seats in accordance with s. 99.061.

(d) The supervisor of elections shall appoint the inspectors and clerks of elections, prepare and furnish the ballots, designate polling places, and canvass the returns of the election of board members by qualified electors. The county canvassing board shall declare and certify the results of the election.

(4) Members of the board shall be known as supervisors and, upon entering into office, shall take and subscribe to the oath of office as prescribed by s. 876.05. They shall hold office for the terms for which they were elected or appointed and until their successors are chosen and qualified. If, during the term of office, a vacancy occurs, the remaining members of the board shall fill the vacancy by an appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(5) A majority of the members of the board constitutes a quorum for the purposes of conducting its business and exercising its powers and for all other purposes. Action taken by the district shall be upon a vote of a majority of the members present unless general law or a rule of the district requires a greater number.

(6) As soon as practicable after each election or appointment, the board shall organize by electing one of its members as chair and by electing a secretary, who need not be a member of the board, and such other officers as the board may deem necessary.

(7) The board shall keep a permanent record book entitled "Record of Proceedings of (name of district) Community Development District," in which shall be recorded minutes of all meetings, resolutions, proceedings,

certificates, bonds given by all employees, and any and all corporate acts. The record book shall at reasonable times be opened to inspection in the same manner as state, county, and municipal records pursuant to chapter 119. The record book shall be kept at the office or other regular place of business maintained by the board in the county or municipality in which the district is located or within the boundaries of a development of regional impact or Florida Quality Development, or combination of a development of regional impact and Florida Quality Development, which includes the district.

(8) Each supervisor shall be entitled to receive for his or her services an amount not to exceed \$200 per meeting of the board of supervisors, not to exceed \$4,800 per year per supervisor, or an amount established by the electors at referendum. In addition, each supervisor shall receive travel and per diem expenses as set forth in s. 112.061.

(9) All meetings of the board shall be open to the public and governed by the provisions of chapter 286.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 6, ch. 84-360; s. 23, ch. 85-80; s. 3, ch. 91-308; s. 962, ch. 95-147; s. 36, ch. 99-378; s. 19, ch. 2000-158; s. 35, ch. 2004-345; s. 32, ch. 2004-353; s. 3, ch. 2007-160; s. 33, ch. 2008-95; s. 2, ch. 2009-142.

190.007 Board of supervisors; general duties.—

(1) The board shall employ, and fix the compensation of, a district manager. The district manager shall have charge and supervision of the works of the district and shall be responsible for preserving and maintaining any improvement or facility constructed or erected pursuant to the provisions of this act, for maintaining and operating the equipment owned by the district, and for performing such other duties as may be prescribed by the board. It shall not be a conflict of interest under chapter 112 for a board member or the district manager or another employee of the district to be a stockholder, officer, or employee of a landowner or of an entity affiliated with a landowner. The district manager may hire or otherwise employ and terminate the employment of such other persons, including, without limitation, professional, supervisory, and clerical employees, as may be necessary and authorized by the board. The compensation and other conditions of employment of the officers and employees of the district shall be as provided by the board. For purposes of s. 8(h)(2), Art. II of the State Constitution, a board member or a public employee of a district does not abuse his or her public position if the board member or public employee commits an act or omission that is authorized under this subsection, s. 112.313(7), (12), (15), or (16), or s. 112.3143(3)(b), and an abuse of a board member's public position does not include any act or omission in connection with a vote when the board member has followed the procedures required by s. 112.3143.

(2) The board shall designate a person who is a resident of the state as treasurer of the district, who shall have charge of the funds of the district. Such funds shall be disbursed only upon the order, or pursuant to the resolution, of the board by warrant or check countersigned by the treasurer and by such other person as may be authorized by the board. The board may give the treasurer such other or additional powers and duties as the board may deem appropriate and may fix his or her compensation. The board may require the treasurer to give a bond in such amount, on such terms, and with such sureties as may be deemed satisfactory to the board to secure the performance by the treasurer of his or her powers and duties. The financial records of the board shall be audited by an independent certified public accountant at least once a year.

(3) The board is authorized to select as a depository for its funds any qualified public depository as defined in s. 280.02 which meets all the requirements of chapter 280 and has been designated by the Chief Financial Officer as a qualified public depository, upon such terms and conditions as to the payment of interest by such depository upon the funds so deposited as the board may deem just and reasonable.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 7, ch. 84-360; s. 32, ch. 86-191; s. 963, ch. 95-147; s. 170, ch. 2003-261; s. 4, ch. 2007-160; s. 3, ch. 2020-77.

190.008 Budget; reports and reviews.—

(1) The district shall provide financial reports in such form and such manner as prescribed pursuant to this chapter and chapter 218.

(2)(a) On or before each June 15, the district manager shall prepare a proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal year to be submitted to the board for board approval. The proposed budget shall include at the direction of the board an estimate of all necessary expenditures of the district for the ensuing fiscal year and an estimate of

income to the district from the taxes, assessments, and other revenues provided in this act. The board shall consider the proposed budget item by item and may either approve the budget as proposed by the district manager or modify the same in part or in whole. The board shall indicate its approval of the budget by resolution, which resolution shall provide for a hearing on the budget as approved. Notice of the hearing on the budget shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the district once a week for 2 consecutive weeks, except that the first publication shall be not fewer than 15 days prior to the date of the hearing. The notice shall further contain a designation of the day, time, and place of the public hearing. At the time and place designated in the notice, the board shall hear all objections to the budget as proposed and may make such changes as the board deems necessary. At the conclusion of the budget hearing, the board shall, by resolution, adopt the budget as finally approved by the board. The budget shall be adopted prior to October 1 of each year.

(b) At least 60 days prior to adoption, the district board shall submit to the local governing authorities having jurisdiction over the area included in the district, for purposes of disclosure and information only, the proposed annual budget for the ensuing fiscal year and any proposed long-term financial plan or program of the district for future operations.

(c) The local governing authorities may review the proposed annual budget and any long-term financial plan or program and may submit written comments to the board for its assistance and information in adopting its annual budget and long-term financial plan or program.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 5, ch. 2007-160.

190.009 Disclosure of public financing.—

(1) The district shall take affirmative steps to provide for the full disclosure of information relating to the public financing and maintenance of improvements to real property undertaken by the district. Such information shall be made available to all existing residents, and to all prospective residents, of the district. The district shall furnish each developer of a residential development within the district with sufficient copies of that information to provide each prospective initial purchaser of property in that development with a copy, and any developer of a residential development within the district, when required by law to provide a public offering statement, shall include a copy of such information relating to the public financing and maintenance of improvements in the public offering statement. The district shall file the disclosure documents required by this subsection and any amendments thereto in the property records of each county in which the district is located.

(2) The Department of Economic Opportunity shall keep a current list of districts and their disclosures pursuant to this act and shall make such studies and reports and take such actions as it deems necessary.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 17, ch. 81-167; s. 15, ch. 83-55; s. 1, ch. 85-60; s. 2, ch. 90-46; s. 9, ch. 94-218; s. 37, ch. 99-378; s. 6, ch. 2007-160; s. 10, ch. 2008-240; s. 70, ch. 2011-142.

190.011 General powers.—The district shall have, and the body may exercise, the following powers:

(1) To sue and be sued in the name of the district; to adopt and use a seal and authorize the use of a facsimile thereof; to acquire, by purchase, gift, devise, or otherwise, and to dispose of, real and personal property, or any estate therein; and to make and execute contracts and other instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of its powers.

(2) To apply for coverage of its employees under the state retirement system in the same manner as if such employees were state employees, subject to necessary action by the district to pay employer contributions into the state retirement fund.

(3) To contract for the services of consultants to perform planning, engineering, legal, or other appropriate services of a professional nature. Such contracts shall be subject to public bidding or competitive negotiation requirements as set forth in s. 190.033.

(4) To borrow money and accept gifts; to apply for and use grants or loans of money or other property from the United States, the state, a unit of local government, or any person for any district purposes and enter into agreements required in connection therewith; and to hold, use, and dispose of such moneys or property for any district purposes in accordance with the terms of the gift, grant, loan, or agreement relating thereto.

(5) To adopt rules and orders pursuant to the provisions of chapter 120 prescribing the powers, duties, and functions of the officers of the district; the conduct of the business of the district; the maintenance of records; and the form of certificates evidencing tax liens and all other documents and records of the district. The board may also adopt administrative rules with respect to any of the projects of the district and define the area to be included therein. The board may also adopt resolutions which may be necessary for the conduct of district business.

(6) To maintain an office at such place or places as it may designate within a county in which the district is located or within the boundaries of a development of regional impact or a Florida Quality Development, or a combination of a development of regional impact and a Florida Quality Development, which includes the district, which office must be reasonably accessible to the landowners. Meetings pursuant to s. 189.015(3) of a district within the boundaries of a development of regional impact or Florida Quality Development, or a combination of a development of regional impact and a Florida Quality Development, may be held at such office.

(7)(a) To hold, control, and acquire by donation, purchase, or condemnation, or dispose of, any public easements, dedications to public use, platted reservations for public purposes, or any reservations for those purposes authorized by this act and to make use of such easements, dedications, or reservations for any of the purposes authorized by this act.

(b) When real property in the district is owned by a governmental entity and subject to a ground lease as described in s. 190.003(14), to collect ground rent from landowners pursuant to a contract with such governmental entity and to contract with the county tax collector for collection of such ground rent using the procedures authorized in s. 197.3631, other than the procedures contained in s. 197.3632.

(8) To lease as lessor or lessee to or from any person, firm, corporation, association, or body, public or private, any projects of the type that the district is authorized to undertake and facilities or property of any nature for the use of the district to carry out any of the purposes authorized by this act.

(9) To borrow money and issue bonds, certificates, warrants, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness as hereinafter provided; to levy such tax and special assessments as may be authorized; and to charge, collect, and enforce fees and other user charges.

(10) To raise, by user charges or fees authorized by resolution of the board, amounts of money which are necessary for the conduct of the district activities and services and to enforce their receipt and collection in the manner prescribed by resolution not inconsistent with law.

(11) To exercise within the district, or beyond the district with prior approval by resolution of the governing body of the county if the taking will occur in an unincorporated area or with prior approval by resolution of the governing body of the municipality if the taking will occur within a municipality, the right and power of eminent domain, pursuant to the provisions of chapters 73 and 74, over any property within the state, except municipal, county, state, and federal property, for the uses and purposes of the district relating solely to water, sewer, district roads, and water management, specifically including, without limitation, the power for the taking of easements for the drainage of the land of one person over and through the land of another.

(12) To cooperate with, or contract with, other governmental agencies as may be necessary, convenient, incidental, or proper in connection with any of the powers, duties, or purposes authorized by this act.

(13) To assess and impose upon lands in the district ad valorem taxes as provided by this act.

(14) To determine, order, levy, impose, collect, and enforce special assessments pursuant to this act and chapter 170. Such special assessments may, in the discretion of the district, be collected and enforced pursuant to the provisions of ss. 197.3631, 197.3632, and 197.3635, chapter 170, or chapter 173.

(15) To exercise all of the powers necessary, convenient, incidental, or proper in connection with any of the powers, duties, or purposes authorized by this act.

(16) To exercise such special powers as may be authorized by this act.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 8, ch. 84-360; s. 46, ch. 89-169; s. 4, ch. 91-308; s. 38, ch. 99-378; s. 1, ch. 2003-39; s. 7, ch. 2007-160; s. 5, ch. 2009-142; s. 69, ch. 2014-22.

190.012 Special powers; public improvements and community facilities.—The district shall have, and the board may exercise, subject to the regulatory jurisdiction and permitting authority of all applicable governmental bodies, agencies, and special districts having authority with respect to any area included therein, any or all of the following special powers relating to public improvements and community facilities authorized by this act:

(1) To finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate, and maintain systems, facilities, and basic infrastructures for the following:

(a) Water management and control for the lands within the district and to connect some or any of such facilities with roads and bridges.

(b) Water supply, sewer, and wastewater management, reclamation, and reuse or any combination thereof, and to construct and operate connecting intercepting or outlet sewers and sewer mains and pipes and water mains, conduits, or pipelines in, along, and under any street, alley, highway, or other public place or ways, and to dispose of any effluent, residue, or other byproducts of such system or sewer system.

(c) Bridges or culverts that may be needed across any drain, ditch, canal, floodway, holding basin, excavation, public highway, tract, grade, fill, or cut and roadways over levees and embankments, and to construct any and all of such works and improvements across, through, or over any public right-of-way, highway, grade, fill, or cut.

(d)1. District roads equal to or exceeding the applicable specifications of the county in which such district roads are located; roads and improvements to existing public roads that are owned by or conveyed to the local general-purpose government, the state, or the Federal Government; street lights; alleys; landscaping; hardscaping; and the undergrounding of electric utility lines. Districts may request the underground placement of utility lines by the local retail electric utility provider in accordance with the utility's tariff on file with the Public Service Commission and may finance the required contribution.

2. Buses, trolleys, transit shelters, ridesharing facilities and services, parking improvements, and related signage.

(e) Investigation and remediation costs associated with the cleanup of actual or perceived environmental contamination within the district under the supervision or direction of a competent governmental authority unless the covered costs benefit any person who is a landowner within the district and who caused or contributed to the contamination.

(f) Conservation areas, mitigation areas, and wildlife habitat, including the maintenance of any plant or animal species, and any related interest in real or personal property.

(g) Any other project within or without the boundaries of a district when a local government issued a development order pursuant to s. 380.06 approving or expressly requiring the construction or funding of the project by the district, or when the project is the subject of an agreement between the district and a governmental entity and is consistent with the local government comprehensive plan of the local government within which the project is to be located.

(h) Any other project, facility, or service required by a development approval, interlocal agreement, zoning condition, or permit issued by a governmental authority with jurisdiction in the district.

(2) After the local general-purpose government within the jurisdiction of which a power specified in this subsection is to be exercised consents to the exercise of such power by the district, the district shall have the power to plan, establish, acquire, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate, and maintain additional systems and facilities for:

(a) Parks and facilities for indoor and outdoor recreational, cultural, and educational uses.

(b) Fire prevention and control, including fire stations, water mains and plugs, fire trucks, and other vehicles and equipment.

(c) School buildings and related structures and site improvements, which may be leased, sold, or donated to the school district, for use in the educational system when authorized by the district school board.

(d) Security, including, but not limited to, guardhouses, fences and gates, electronic intrusion-detection systems, and patrol cars, when authorized by proper governmental agencies; except that the district may not exercise any police power, but may contract with the appropriate local general-purpose government agencies for an increased level of such services within the district boundaries. However, this paragraph does not prohibit a

district from contracting with a towing operator to remove a vehicle or vessel from a district-owned facility or property if the district follows the authorization and notice and procedural requirements in s. 715.07 for an owner or lessee of private property. The district's selection of a towing operator is not subject to public bidding if the towing operator is included in an approved list of towing operators maintained by the local government that has jurisdiction over the district's facility or property.

(e) Control and elimination of mosquitoes and other arthropods of public health importance.

(f) Waste collection and disposal.

(3) To adopt and enforce appropriate rules following the procedures of chapter 120, in connection with the provision of one or more services through its systems and facilities.

(4)(a) To adopt rules necessary for the district to enforce certain deed restrictions pertaining to the use and operation of real property within the district and outside the district pursuant to an interlocal agreement under chapter 163 if within another district or, if not within another district, with the consent of the county or municipality in which the deed restriction enforcement is proposed to occur. For the purpose of this subsection, the term "deed restrictions" means those covenants, conditions, restrictions, compliance mechanisms, and enforcement remedies contained in any applicable declarations of covenants and restrictions that govern the use and operation of real property and, for which covenants, conditions, and restrictions, there is no homeowners' association or property owner's association having respective enforcement powers unless, with respect to a homeowners' association whose board is under member control, the association and the district agree in writing to enforcement by the district. The district may adopt by rule all or certain portions of the deed restrictions that:

1. Relate to limitations, prohibitions, compliance mechanisms, or enforcement remedies that apply only to external appearances or uses and are deemed by the district to be generally beneficial for the district's landowners and for which enforcement by the district is appropriate, as determined by the district's board of supervisors; or
2. Are consistent with the requirements of a development order or regulatory agency permit.

(b) The board may vote to adopt such rules only when all of the following conditions exist:

1. The district was in existence on the effective date of this subsection, or is located within a development that consists of multiple developments of regional impact and a Florida Quality Development.
2. For residential districts, the majority of the board has been elected by qualified electors pursuant to the provisions of s. 190.006.

3. For residential districts, less than 25 percent of residential units are in a homeowners' association.

4. The declarant in any applicable declarations of covenants and restrictions has provided the board with a written agreement that such rules may be adopted. A memorandum of the agreement shall be recorded in the public records.

(c) Within 60 days after such rules take effect, the district shall record a notice of rule adoption stating generally what rules were adopted and where a copy of the rules may be obtained. Districts may impose fines for violations of such rules and enforce such rules and fines in circuit court through injunctive relief.

(d) The owners of property located outside the boundary of the district shall elect an advisor to the district board pursuant to paragraph (e). The sole responsibilities of the district board advisor are to review enforcement actions proposed by the district board against properties located outside the district and make recommendations relating to those proposed actions. Before the district board may enforce its rules against any owner of property located outside the district, the district board shall request the district board advisor to make a recommendation on the proposed enforcement action. The district board advisor must render a recommendation within 30 days after receiving a request from the district board or is deemed to have no objection to the district board's proposed decision or action.

(e)1. Whenever an interlocal agreement is entered into pursuant to paragraph (a), a district board advisor seat shall be created for one elected landowner whose property is within the jurisdiction of the governmental entity entering into the interlocal agreement but not within the boundaries of the district. The district board advisor shall be elected by landowners whose land is subject to enforcement by the district but whose land is not within the boundaries of the district. The district board advisor shall be elected for a 2-year term. The first election for a

district board advisor shall be within 90 days after the effective date of the interlocal agreement between the district and the government entity.

2. The election of the district board advisor shall occur at a meeting of eligible landowners. The district shall publish notice of the meeting and election once a week for 2 consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the parties to the interlocal agreement. The notice must include instructions on how all landowners may participate in the election and how to obtain a proxy form. The last day of publication may not be less than 14 days or more than 28 days before the date of the election. The landowners, when assembled at the meeting, shall organize by electing a chair who shall conduct the meeting. The chair may be any person present at the meeting. If the chair is a landowner or proxy holder of a landowner, he or she may nominate candidates and make and second motions.

3. At the meeting, each landowner is entitled to cast one vote per acre of land owned by him or her and located within the district for each person to be elected. A landowner may vote in person or by proxy in writing. Each proxy must be signed by one of the legal owners of the property for which the vote is cast and must contain the typed or printed name of the individual who signed the proxy; the street address, legal description of the property, or tax parcel identification number; and the number of authorized votes. If the proxy authorizes more than one vote, each property must be listed and the number of acres of each property must be included. The signature on a proxy need not be notarized. A fraction of an acre shall be treated as 1 acre, entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. For purposes of determining voting interests, platted lots shall be counted individually and rounded up to the nearest whole acre. The acreage of platted lots may not be aggregated for purposes of determining the number of voting units held by a landowner or a landowner's proxy.

4. If a vacancy occurs in the district advisor seat, a special landowner election shall be held within 60 days after the vacancy using the notice, proxy, and acreage voting provisions of this subsection.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 51, ch. 83-217; s. 9, ch. 84-360; s. 47, ch. 89-169; s. 8, ch. 93-51; s. 39, ch. 99-378; s. 15, ch. 2000-317; s. 47, ch. 2000-364; s. 33, ch. 2004-345; s. 30, ch. 2004-353; s. 8, ch. 2007-160; s. 9, ch. 2009-142; s. 2, ch. 2016-94; s. 11, ch. 2018-158.

190.0125 Purchase, privatization, or sale of water, sewer, or wastewater reuse utility by district.—No community development district may purchase or sell a water, sewer, or wastewater reuse utility that provides service to the public for compensation, or enter into a wastewater facility privatization contract for a wastewater facility, until the governing body of the community development district has held a public hearing on the purchase, sale, or wastewater facility privatization contract and made a determination that the purchase, sale, or wastewater facility privatization contract is in the public interest. In determining if the purchase, sale, or wastewater facility privatization contract is in the public interest, the community development district shall consider, at a minimum, the following:

- (1) The most recent available income and expense statement for the utility;
- (2) The most recent available balance sheet for the utility, listing assets and liabilities and clearly showing the amount of contributions-in-aid-of-construction and the accumulated depreciation thereon;
- (3) A statement of the existing rate base of the utility for regulatory purposes;
- (4) The physical condition of the utility facilities being purchased, sold, or subject to a wastewater facility privatization contract;
- (5) The reasonableness of the purchase, sales, or wastewater facility privatization contract price and terms;
- (6) The impacts of the purchase, sale, or wastewater facility privatization contract on utility customers, both positive and negative;

(7)(a) Any additional investment required and the ability and willingness of the purchaser or the private firm under a wastewater facility privatization contract to make that investment, whether the purchaser is the community development district or the entity purchasing the utility from the community development district;

(b) In the case of a wastewater facility privatization contract, the terms and conditions on which the private firm will provide capital investment and financing or a combination thereof for contemplated capital replacements, additions, expansions, and repairs. The community development district shall give significant weight to this criteria.

(8) The alternatives to the purchase, sale, or wastewater facility privatization contract and the potential impact on utility customers if the purchase, sale, or wastewater facility privatization contract is not made;

(9)(a) The ability of the purchaser or the private firm under a wastewater facility privatization contract to provide and maintain high-quality and cost-effective utility service, whether the purchaser is the community development district or the entity purchasing the utility from the community development district;

(b) In the case of a wastewater facility privatization contract, the community development district shall give significant weight to the technical expertise and experience of the private firm in carrying out the obligations specified in the wastewater facility privatization contract; and

(10) All moneys paid by a private firm to a community development district pursuant to a wastewater facility privatization contract shall be used for the purpose of reducing or offsetting property taxes, wastewater service rates, or debt reduction or making infrastructure improvements or capital asset expenditures or other public purpose; provided, however, nothing herein shall preclude the community development district from using all or part of the moneys for the purpose of the community development district's qualification for relief from the repayment of federal grant awards associated with the wastewater system as may be required by federal law or regulation.

The community development district shall prepare a statement showing that the purchase, sale, or wastewater facility privatization contract is in the public interest, including a summary of the purchaser's or private firm's experience in water, sewer, or wastewater reuse utility operation and a showing of financial ability to provide the service, whether the purchaser or private firm is the community development district or the entity purchasing the utility from the community development district.

History.—s. 3, ch. 84-84; s. 9, ch. 93-51; s. 9, ch. 96-202.

190.013 Water management and control plan.—In the event that the board assumes the responsibility for providing water management and control for the district as provided in s. 190.012(1)(a) which is to be financed by benefit special assessments, the board shall proceed to adopt water management and control plans, assess for benefits, and apportion and levy special assessments, as follows:

(1) The board shall cause to be made by the district's engineer, or such other engineer or engineers as the board may employ for that purpose, complete and comprehensive water management and control plans for the lands located within the district that will be improved in any part or in whole by any system of facilities that may be outlined and adopted, and the engineer shall make a report in writing to the board with maps and profiles of said surveys and an estimate of the cost of carrying out and completing the plans.

(2) Upon the completion of such plans, the board shall hold a hearing thereon to hear objections thereto, shall give notice of the time and place fixed for such hearing by publication once each week for 2 consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the general area of the district, and shall permit the inspection of the plan at the office of the district by all persons interested. All objections to the plan shall be filed at or before the time fixed in the notice for the hearing and shall be in writing.

(3) After the hearing, the board shall consider the proposed plan and any objections thereto and may modify, reject, or adopt the plan or continue the hearing to a day certain for further consideration of the proposed plan or modifications thereof.

(4) When the board approves a plan, a resolution shall be adopted and a certified copy thereof shall be filed in the office of the secretary and incorporated by him or her into the records of the district.

(5) The water management and control plan may be altered in detail from time to time until the appraisal record herein provided is filed, but not in such manner as to affect materially the conditions of its adoption. After the appraisal record has been filed, no alteration of the plan shall be made, except as provided by this act.

(6) Within 20 days after the final adoption of the plan by the board, the board shall proceed pursuant to s. 298.301.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 5, ch. 91-308; s. 964, ch. 95-147; s. 26, ch. 97-40.

190.014 Issuance of bond anticipation notes.—In addition to the other powers provided for in this act, and not in limitation thereof, the district shall have the power, at any time, and from time to time after the issuance of any bonds of the district shall have been authorized, to borrow money for the purposes for which such bonds are to be issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of such bonds and to issue bond anticipation notes in a principal sum not in excess of the authorized maximum amount of such bond issue. Such notes shall be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate as the board may determine in compliance with s. 215.84, mature at such time or times not later than 5 years from the date of issuance, and be in such form and executed in such manner as the board shall prescribe. Such notes may be sold at either public or private sale or, if such notes shall be renewal notes, may be exchanged for notes then outstanding on such terms as the board shall determine. Such notes shall be paid from the proceeds of such bonds when issued. The board may, in its discretion, in lieu of retiring the notes by means of bonds, retire them by means of current revenues or from any taxes or assessments levied for the payment of such bonds; but in such event a like amount of the bonds authorized shall not be issued. Non-ad valorem assessments levied to pay interest on bond anticipation notes shall not constitute an installment of assessments under s. 190.022.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 9, ch. 83-215; s. 9, ch. 2007-160.

190.015 Short-term borrowing.—The district at any time may obtain loans, in such amount and on such terms and conditions as the board may approve, for the purpose of paying any of the expenses of the district or any costs incurred or that may be incurred in connection with any of the projects of the district, which loans shall bear such interest as the board may determine in compliance with s. 215.84, and may be payable from and secured by a pledge of such funds, revenues, taxes, and assessments as the board may determine, subject, however, to the provisions contained in any proceeding under which bonds were theretofore issued and are then outstanding. For the purpose of defraying such costs and expenses, the district may issue negotiable notes, warrants, or other evidences of debt to be payable at such times, to bear such interest as the board may determine in compliance with s. 215.84, and to be sold or discounted at such price or prices not less than 95 percent of par value and on such terms as the board may deem advisable. The board shall have the right to provide for the payment thereof by pledging the whole or any part of the funds, revenues, taxes, and assessments of the district. The approval of the electors residing in the district shall not be necessary except when required by the State Constitution.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 80, ch. 81-259; s. 10, ch. 83-215.

190.016 Bonds.—

(1) **SALE OF BONDS.**—Bonds may be sold in blocks or installments at different times, or an entire issue or series may be sold at one time. Bonds may be sold at public or private sale after such advertisement, if any, as the board may deem advisable but not in any event at less than 90 percent of the par value thereof, together with accrued interest thereon. Bonds may be sold or exchanged for refunding bonds. Special assessment and revenue bonds may be delivered by the district as payment of the purchase price of any project or part thereof, or a combination of projects or parts thereof, or as the purchase price or exchange for any property, real, personal, or mixed, including franchises or services rendered by any contractor, engineer, or other person, all at one time or in blocks from time to time, in such manner and upon such terms as the board in its discretion shall determine. The price or prices for any bonds sold, exchanged, or delivered may be:

- (a) The money paid for the bonds;
- (b) The principal amount, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption or exchange, or outstanding obligations exchanged for refunding bonds; and
- (c) In the case of special assessment or revenue bonds, the amount of any indebtedness to contractors or other persons paid with such bonds, or the fair value of any properties exchanged for the bonds, as determined by the board.

(2) **AUTHORIZATION AND FORM OF BONDS.**—Any general obligation bonds, benefit bonds, or revenue bonds may be authorized by resolution or resolutions of the board which shall be adopted by a majority of all the members thereof then in office. Such resolution or resolutions may be adopted at the same meeting at which they are introduced and need not be published or posted. The board may, by resolution, authorize the issuance of bonds and

fix the aggregate amount of bonds to be issued; the purpose or purposes for which the moneys derived therefrom shall be expended, including, but not limited to, payment of costs as defined in s. 190.003(8); the rate or rates of interest, in compliance with s. 215.84; the denomination of the bonds; whether or not the bonds are to be issued in one or more series; the date or dates of maturity, which shall not exceed 40 years from their respective dates of issuance; the medium of payment; the place or places within or without the state where payment shall be made; registration privileges; redemption terms and privileges, whether with or without premium; the manner of execution; the form of the bonds, including any interest coupons to be attached thereto; the manner of execution of bonds and coupons; and any and all other terms, covenants, and conditions thereof and the establishment of revenue or other funds. Such authorizing resolution or resolutions may further provide for the contracts authorized by s. 159.825(1)(f) and (g) regardless of the tax treatment of such bonds being authorized, subject to the finding by the board of a net saving to the district resulting by reason thereof. Such authorizing resolution may further provide that such bonds may be executed in accordance with the Registered Public Obligations Act, except that bonds not issued in registered form shall be valid if manually countersigned by an officer designated by appropriate resolution of the board. The seal of the district may be affixed, lithographed, engraved, or otherwise reproduced in facsimile on such bonds. In case any officer whose signature shall appear on any bonds or coupons shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such bonds, such signature or facsimile shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if he or she had remained in office until such delivery.

(3) INTERIM CERTIFICATES; REPLACEMENT CERTIFICATES.—Pending the preparation of definitive bonds, the board may issue interim certificates or receipts or temporary bonds, in such form and with such provisions as the board may determine, exchangeable for definitive bonds when such bonds have been executed and are available for delivery. The board may also provide for the replacement of any bonds which become mutilated, lost, or destroyed.

(4) NEGOTIABILITY OF BONDS.—Any bond issued under this act or any temporary bond, in the absence of an express recital on the face thereof that it is nonnegotiable, shall be fully negotiable and shall be and constitute a negotiable instrument within the meaning and for all purposes of the law merchant and the laws of the state.

(5) DEFEASANCE.—The board may make such provision with respect to the defeasance of the right, title, and interest of the holders of any of the bonds and obligations of the district in any revenues, funds, or other properties by which such bonds are secured as the board deems appropriate and, without limitation on the foregoing, may provide that when such bonds or obligations become due and payable or shall have been called for redemption and the whole amount of the principal and interest and premium, if any, due and payable upon the bonds or obligations then outstanding shall be held in trust for such purpose and provision shall also be made for paying all other sums payable in connection with such bonds or other obligations, then and in such event the right, title, and interest of the holders of the bonds in any revenues, funds, or other properties by which such bonds are secured shall thereupon cease, terminate, and become void; and the board may apply any surplus in any sinking fund established in connection with such bonds or obligations and all balances remaining in all other funds or accounts other than money held for the redemption or payment of the bonds or other obligations to any lawful purpose of the district as the board shall determine.

(6) ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL BONDS.—If the proceeds of any bonds are less than the cost of completing the project in connection with which such bonds were issued, the board may authorize the issuance of additional bonds, upon such terms and conditions as the board may provide in the resolution authorizing the issuance thereof, but only in compliance with the resolution or other proceedings authorizing the issuance of the original bonds.

(7) REFUNDING BONDS.—The district shall have the power to issue bonds to provide for the retirement or refunding of any bonds or obligations of the district that at the time of such issuance are or subsequently thereto become due and payable, or that at the time of issuance have been called or are or will be subject to call for redemption within 10 years thereafter, or the surrender of which can be procured from the holders thereof at prices satisfactory to the board. Refunding bonds may be issued at any time when in the judgment of the board such issuance will be advantageous to the district. No approval of the qualified electors residing in the district shall be required for the issuance of refunding bonds except in cases in which such approval is required by the State Constitution. The board may by resolution confer upon the holders of such refunding bonds all rights, powers, and

remedies to which the holders would be entitled if they continued to be the owners and had possession of the bonds for the refinancing of which such refunding bonds are issued, including, but not limited to, the preservation of the lien of such bonds on the revenues of any project or on pledged funds, without extinguishment, impairment, or diminution thereof. The provisions of this act pertaining to bonds of the district shall, unless the context otherwise requires, govern the issuance of refunding bonds, the form and other details thereof, the rights of the holders thereof, and the duties of the board with respect to them.

(8) REVENUE BONDS.—

(a) The district shall have the power to issue revenue bonds from time to time without limitation as to amount. Such revenue bonds may be secured by, or payable from, the gross or net pledge of the revenues to be derived from any project or combination of projects; from the rates, fees, or other charges to be collected from the users of any project or projects; from any revenue-producing undertaking or activity of the district; from special assessments; or from any other source or pledged security. Such bonds shall not constitute an indebtedness of the district, and the approval of the qualified electors shall not be required unless such bonds are additionally secured by the full faith and credit and taxing power of the district.

(b) Any two or more projects may be combined and consolidated into a single project and may hereafter be operated and maintained as a single project. The revenue bonds authorized herein may be issued to finance any one or more of such projects, regardless of whether or not such projects have been combined and consolidated into a single project. If the board deems it advisable, the proceedings authorizing such revenue bonds may provide that the district may thereafter combine the projects then being financed or theretofore financed with other projects to be subsequently financed by the district and that revenue bonds to be thereafter issued by the district shall be on parity with the revenue bonds then being issued, all on such terms, conditions, and limitations as shall have been provided in the proceeding which authorized the original bonds.

(9) GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS.—

(a) The district shall have the power from time to time to issue general obligation bonds to finance or refinance capital projects or to refund outstanding bonds in an aggregate principal amount of bonds outstanding at any one time not in excess of 35 percent of the assessed value of the taxable property within the district as shown on the pertinent tax records at the time of the authorization of the general obligation bonds for which the full faith and credit of the district is pledged. Except for refunding bonds, no general obligation bonds shall be issued unless the bonds are issued to finance or refinance a capital project and the issuance has been approved at an election held in accordance with the requirements for such election as prescribed by the State Constitution. Such elections shall be called to be held in the district by the board of county commissioners of the county upon the request of the board of the district. The expenses of calling and holding an election shall be at the expense of the district, and the district shall reimburse the county for any expenses incurred in calling or holding such election.

(b) The district may pledge its full faith and credit for the payment of the principal and interest on such general obligation bonds and for any reserve funds provided therefor and may unconditionally and irrevocably pledge itself to levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the district, to the extent necessary for the payment thereof, without limitations as to rate or amount.

(c) If the board determines to issue general obligation bonds for more than one capital project, the approval of the issuance of the bonds for each and all such projects may be submitted to the electors on one and the same ballot. The failure of the electors to approve the issuance of bonds for any one or more capital projects shall not defeat the approval of bonds for any capital project which has been approved by the electors.

(d) In arriving at the amount of general obligation bonds permitted to be outstanding at any one time pursuant to paragraph (a), there shall not be included any general obligation bonds which are additionally secured by the pledge of:

1. Special assessments levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the general obligation bonds so additionally secured, which assessments have been equalized and confirmed by resolution or ordinance of the board pursuant to s. 170.08.

2. Water revenues, sewer revenues, or water and sewer revenues of the district to be derived from user fees in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the general obligation bonds so additionally secured.

3. Any combination of assessments and revenues described in subparagraphs 1. and 2.

(10) BONDS AS LEGAL INVESTMENT OR SECURITY.—

(a) Notwithstanding any provisions of any other law to the contrary, all bonds issued under the provisions of this act shall constitute legal investments for savings banks, banks, trust companies, insurance companies, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, and other fiduciaries and for any board, body, agency, instrumentality, county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state and shall be and constitute security which may be deposited by banks or trust companies as security for deposits of state, county, municipal, or other public funds or by insurance companies as required or voluntary statutory deposits.

(b) Any bonds issued by the district shall be incontestable in the hands of bona fide purchasers or holders for value and shall not be invalid because of any irregularity or defect in the proceedings for the issue and sale thereof.

(11) COVENANTS.—Any resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds may contain such covenants as the board may deem advisable, and all such covenants shall constitute valid and legally binding and enforceable contracts between the district and the bondholders, regardless of the time of issuance thereof. Such covenants may include, without limitation, covenants concerning the disposition of the bond proceeds; the use and disposition of project revenues; the pledging of revenues, taxes, and assessments; the obligations of the district with respect to the operation of the project and the maintenance of adequate project revenues; the issuance of additional bonds; the appointment, powers, and duties of trustees and receivers; the acquisition of outstanding bonds and obligations; restrictions on the establishing of competing projects or facilities; restrictions on the sale or disposal of the assets and property of the district; the priority of assessment liens; the priority of claims by bondholders on the taxing power of the district; the maintenance of deposits to assure the payment of revenues by users of district facilities and services; the discontinuance of district services by reason of delinquent payments; acceleration upon default; the execution of necessary instruments; the procedure for amending or abrogating covenants with the bondholders; and such other covenants as may be deemed necessary or desirable for the security of the bondholders.

(12) VALIDATION PROCEEDINGS.—The power of the district to issue bonds under the provisions of this act may be determined, and any of the bonds of the district maturing over a period of more than 5 years shall be validated and confirmed, by court decree, under the provisions of chapter 75 and laws amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto.

(13) ACT FURNISHES FULL AUTHORITY FOR ISSUANCE OF BONDS.—This act constitutes full and complete authority for the issuance of bonds and the exercise of the powers of the district provided herein. No procedures or proceedings, publications, notices, consents, approvals, orders, acts, or things by the board, or any board, officers, commission, department, agency, or instrumentality of the district, other than those required by this act, shall be required to perform anything under this act, except that the issuance or sale of bonds pursuant to the provisions of this act shall comply with the general law requirements applicable to the issuance or sale of bonds by the district. Nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize the district to utilize bond proceeds to fund the ongoing operations of the district.

(14) PLEDGE BY THE STATE TO THE BONDHOLDERS OF THE DISTRICT.—The state pledges to the holders of any bonds issued under this act that it will not limit or alter the rights of the district to own, acquire, construct, reconstruct, improve, maintain, operate, or furnish the projects or to levy and collect the taxes, assessments, rentals, rates, fees, and other charges provided for herein and to fulfill the terms of any agreement made with the holders of such bonds or other obligations and that it will not in any way impair the rights or remedies of such holders.

(15) DEFAULT.—A default on the bonds or obligations of a district shall not constitute a debt or obligation of a local general-purpose government or the state.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 11, ch. 83-215; s. 10, ch. 84-360; s. 24, ch. 85-80; s. 6, ch. 91-308; s. 965, ch. 95-147; s. 8, ch. 98-47; s. 6, ch. 2009-142.

190.017 Trust agreements.—Any issue of bonds shall be secured by a trust agreement by and between the district and a corporate trustee or trustees, which may be any trust company or bank having the powers of a trust

company within or without the state. The resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or such trust agreement may pledge the revenues to be received from any projects of the district and may contain such provisions for protecting and enforcing the rights and remedies of the bondholders as the board may approve, including, without limitation, covenants setting forth the duties of the district in relation to: the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, repair, operation, and insurance of any projects; the fixing and revising of the rates, fees, and charges; and the custody, safeguarding, and application of all moneys and for the employment of consulting engineers in connection with such acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, repair, or operation. It shall be lawful for any bank or trust company within or without the state which may act as a depository of the proceeds of bonds or of revenues to furnish such indemnifying bonds or to pledge such securities as may be required by the district. Such resolution or trust agreement may set forth the rights and remedies of the bondholders and of the trustee, if any, and may restrict the individual right of action by bondholders. The board may provide for the payment of proceeds of the sale of the bonds and the revenues of any project to such officer, board, or depository as it may designate for the custody thereof and may provide for the method of disbursement thereof with such safeguards and restrictions as it may determine. All expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of such resolution or trust agreement may be treated as part of the cost of operation of the project to which such trust agreement pertains.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407.

190.021 Taxes; non-ad valorem assessments.—

(1) **AD VALOREM TAXES.**—An elected board shall have the power to levy and assess an ad valorem tax on all the taxable property in the district to construct, operate, and maintain assessable improvements; to pay the principal of, and interest on, any general obligation bonds of the district; and to provide for any sinking or other funds established in connection with any such bonds. An ad valorem tax levied by the board for operating purposes, exclusive of debt service on bonds, shall not exceed 3 mills, except that a district authorized by a local general-purpose government to exercise one or more powers specified in s. 190.012(2) may levy an additional 2 mills for operating purposes, exclusive of debt service on bonds. The ad valorem tax provided for herein shall be in addition to county and all other ad valorem taxes provided for by law. Such tax shall be assessed, levied, and collected in the same manner and same time as county taxes. The levy of ad valorem taxes shall be approved by referendum when required by the State Constitution.

(2) **BENEFIT SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.**—The board shall annually determine, order, and levy the annual installment of the total benefit special assessments for bonds issued and related expenses to finance district facilities and projects which are levied under this act. These assessments may be due and collected during each year that county taxes are due and collected, in which case such annual installment and levy shall be evidenced to and certified to the property appraiser by the board not later than August 31 of each year, and such assessment shall be entered by the property appraiser on the county tax rolls, and shall be collected and enforced by the tax collector in the same manner and at the same time as county taxes, and the proceeds thereof shall be paid to the district. However, this subsection shall not prohibit the district in its discretion from using the method prescribed in either s. 197.363 or s. 197.3632 for collecting and enforcing these assessments. Notice of the proposed amount of the assessment pursuant to s. 200.069 that includes the date and time of the hearing may be used in lieu of the notice provisions of s. 197.3632(4)(b). These benefit special assessments shall be a lien on the property against which assessed until paid and shall be enforceable in like manner as county taxes. The amount of the assessment for the exercise of the district's powers under ss. 190.011 and 190.012 shall be determined by the board based upon a report of the district's engineer and assessed by the board upon such lands, which may be part or all of the lands within the district benefited by the improvement, apportioned between benefited lands in proportion to the benefits received by each tract of land.

(3) **MAINTENANCE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.**—To maintain and preserve the facilities and projects of the district, the board may levy a maintenance special assessment. This assessment may be evidenced to and certified to the property appraiser by the board of supervisors not later than August 31 of each year and shall be entered by the property appraiser on the county tax rolls and shall be collected and enforced by the tax collector in the same

manner and at the same time as county taxes, and the proceeds therefrom shall be paid to the district. However, this subsection shall not prohibit the district in its discretion from using the method prescribed in either s. 197.363 or s. 197.3632 for collecting and enforcing these assessments. Notice of the proposed amount of the assessment pursuant to s. 200.069 that includes the date and time of the hearing may be used in lieu of the notice provisions of s. 197.3632(4)(b). These maintenance special assessments shall be a lien on the property against which assessed until paid and shall be enforceable in like manner as county taxes. The amount of the maintenance special assessment for the exercise of the district's powers under ss. 190.011 and 190.012 shall be determined by the board based upon a report of the district's engineer and assessed by the board upon such lands, which may be all of the lands within the district benefited by the maintenance thereof, apportioned between the benefited lands in proportion to the benefits received by each tract of land.

(4) **ENFORCEMENT OF TAXES.**—The collection and enforcement of all taxes levied by the district shall be at the same time and in like manner as county taxes, and the provisions of the Florida Statutes relating to the sale of lands for unpaid and delinquent county taxes; the issuance, sale, and delivery of tax certificates for such unpaid and delinquent county taxes; the redemption thereof; the issuance to individuals of tax deeds based thereon; and all other procedures in connection therewith shall be applicable to the district to the same extent as if such statutory provisions were expressly set forth herein. All taxes shall be subject to the same discounts as county taxes.

(5) **WHEN UNPAID TAX IS DELINQUENT; PENALTY.**—All taxes provided for in this act shall become delinquent and bear penalties on the amount of such taxes in the same manner as county taxes.

(6) **TAX EXEMPTION.**—All bonds issued hereunder and interest paid thereon and all fees, charges, and other revenues derived by the district from the projects provided by this act are exempt from all taxes by the state or by any political subdivision, agency, or instrumentality thereof; however, any interest, income, or profits on debt obligations issued hereunder are not exempt from the tax imposed by chapter 220. Further, districts are not exempt from the provisions of chapter 212.

(7) **TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS.**—Nothing in this act shall be deemed to affect any benefit tax, maintenance tax, non-ad valorem assessment, ad valorem tax, or special assessment imposed by a community development district as of June 21, 1991. Nothing in this act shall be construed to affect any tax or assessment pledged to secure or authorized pursuant to a trust indenture under this chapter, and the district imposing such tax or assessment is hereby authorized to impose such tax or assessment under the terms required by the trust indenture. The terms benefit taxes or maintenance taxes used in this chapter prior to June 21, 1991, are redesignated as benefit or maintenance special assessments pursuant to this act, and such terms may be used interchangeably under the terms of an existing trust indenture.

(8) **STATUS OF ASSESSMENTS.**—Benefit special assessments, maintenance special assessments, and special assessments are non-ad valorem assessments as defined by s. 197.3632.

(9) **ASSESSMENTS CONSTITUTE LIENS; COLLECTION.**—Benefit special assessments and maintenance special assessments authorized by this section, and special assessments authorized by s. 190.022 and chapter 170, shall constitute a lien on the property against which assessed from the date of imposition thereof until paid, coequal with the lien of state, county, municipal, and school board taxes. These non-ad valorem assessments may be collected, at the district's discretion, by the tax collector pursuant to the provisions of s. 197.363 or s. 197.3632, or in accordance with other collection measures provided by law.

(10) **LAND OWNED BY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.**—Except as otherwise provided by law, no levy of ad valorem taxes or non-ad valorem assessments under this chapter, or chapter 170, chapter 197, or otherwise, by a board of a district on property of a governmental entity that is subject to a ground lease as described in s. 190.003(14), shall constitute a lien or encumbrance on the underlying fee interest of such governmental entity.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 11, ch. 84-360; s. 48, ch. 89-169; s. 7, ch. 91-308; s. 40, ch. 99-378; s. 35, ch. 2000-364; s. 10, ch. 2007-160; s. 7, ch. 2009-142.

190.022 Special assessments.—

(1) The board may levy special assessments for the construction, reconstruction, acquisition, or maintenance of district facilities authorized under this chapter using the procedures for levy and collection provided in chapter 170 or chapter 197.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 170.09, district assessments may be made payable in no more than 30 yearly installments.

*History.—*s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 12, ch. 84-360; s. 8, ch. 91-308; s. 41, ch. 99-378.

190.023 Issuance of certificates of indebtedness based on assessments for assessable improvements; assessment bonds.—

(1) The board may, after any assessments for assessable improvements are made, determined, and confirmed as provided in s. 190.022, issue certificates of indebtedness for the amount so assessed against the abutting property or property otherwise benefited, as the case may be; and separate certificates shall be issued against each part or parcel of land or property assessed, which certificates shall state the general nature of the improvement for which the assessment is made. The certificates shall be payable in annual installments in accordance with the installments of the special assessment for which they are issued. The board may determine the interest to be borne by such certificates, in compliance with s. 215.84, and may sell such certificates at either private or public sale and determine the form, manner of execution, and other details of such certificates. The certificates shall recite that they are payable only from the special assessments levied and collected from the part or parcel of land or property against which they are issued. The proceeds of such certificates may be pledged for the payment of principal of and interest on any revenue bonds or general obligation bonds issued to finance in whole or in part such assessable improvement, or, if not so pledged, may be used to pay the cost or part of the cost of such assessable improvements.

(2) The district may also issue assessment bonds or other obligations payable from a special fund into which such certificates of indebtedness referred to in the preceding subsection may be deposited; or, if such certificates of indebtedness have not been issued, the district may assign to such special fund for the benefit of the holders of such assessment bonds or other obligations, or to a trustee for such bondholders, the assessment liens provided for in this act unless such certificates of indebtedness or assessment liens have been theretofore pledged for any bonds or other obligations authorized hereunder. In the event of the creation of such special fund and the issuance of such assessment bonds or other obligations, the proceeds of such certificates of indebtedness or assessment liens deposited therein shall be used only for the payment of the assessment bonds or other obligations issued as provided in this section. The district is authorized to covenant with the holders of such assessment bonds or other obligations that it will diligently and faithfully enforce and collect all the special assessments and interest and penalties thereon for which such certificates of indebtedness or assessment liens have been deposited in or assigned to such fund; to foreclose such assessment liens so assigned to such special fund or represented by the certificates of indebtedness deposited in the special fund, after such assessment liens have become delinquent, and deposit the proceeds derived from such foreclosure, including interest and penalties, in such special fund; and to make any other covenants deemed necessary or advisable in order to properly secure the holders of such assessment bonds or other obligations.

(3) The assessment bonds or other obligations issued pursuant to this section shall have such dates of issue and maturity as shall be deemed advisable by the board; however, the maturities of such assessment bonds or other obligations shall not be more than 2 years after the due date of the last installment which will be payable on any of the special assessments for which such assessment liens, or the certificates of indebtedness representing such assessment liens, are assigned to or deposited in such special fund.

(4) Such assessment bonds or other obligations issued under this section shall bear such interest as the board may determine, not to exceed a rate which is in compliance with s. 215.84, and shall be executed, shall have such provisions for redemption prior to maturity, shall be sold in the manner and be subject to all of the applicable provisions contained in this act for revenue bonds, except as the same may be inconsistent with the provisions of this section.

(5) All assessment bonds or other obligations issued under the provisions of this act, except certificates of indebtedness issued against separate lots or parcels of land or property as provided in this section, shall be and constitute and shall have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the law merchant and the laws of the state.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 81, ch. 81-259; s. 12, ch. 83-215.

190.024 Tax liens.—All taxes of the district provided for in this act, together with all penalties for default in the payment of the same and all costs in collecting the same, including a reasonable attorney's fee fixed by the court and taxed as a cost in the action brought to enforce payment, shall, from January 1 for each year the property is liable to assessment and until paid, constitute a lien of equal dignity with the liens for state and county taxes and other taxes of equal dignity with state and county taxes upon all the lands against which such taxes shall be levied. A sale of any of the real property within the district for state and county or other taxes shall not operate to relieve or release the property so sold from the lien for subsequent district taxes or installments of district taxes, which lien may be enforced against such property as though no such sale thereof had been made. The provisions of ss. 194.171, 197.122, 197.333, and 197.432 shall be applicable to district taxes with the same force and effect as if such provisions were expressly set forth in this act.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 33, ch. 82-226; s. 202, ch. 85-342; s. 27, ch. 95-280.

190.025 Payment of taxes and redemption of tax liens by the district; sharing in proceeds of tax sale.—

(1) The district has the right to:

(a) Pay any delinquent state, county, district, municipal, or other tax or assessment upon lands located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the district; and

(b) To redeem or purchase any tax sales certificates issued or sold on account of any state, county, district, municipal, or other taxes or assessments upon lands located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the district.

(2) Delinquent taxes paid, or tax sales certificates redeemed or purchased, by the district, together with all penalties for the default in payment of the same and all costs in collecting the same and a reasonable attorney's fee, shall constitute a lien in favor of the district of equal dignity with the liens of state and county taxes and other taxes of equal dignity with state and county taxes upon all the real property against which the taxes were levied. The lien of the district may be foreclosed in the manner provided in this act.

(3) In any sale of land pursuant to s. 197.542 and amendments thereto, the district may certify to the clerk of the circuit court of the county holding such sale the amount of taxes due to the district upon the lands sought to be sold; and the district shall share in the disbursement of the sales proceeds in accordance with the provisions of this act and under the laws of the state.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 203, ch. 85-342.

190.026 Foreclosure of liens.—Any lien in favor of the district arising under this act may be foreclosed by the district by foreclosure proceedings in the name of the district in a court of competent jurisdiction as provided by general law in like manner as is provided in chapter 170 or chapter 173 and amendments thereto; the provisions of those chapters shall be applicable to such proceedings with the same force and effect as if those provisions were expressly set forth in this act. Any act required or authorized to be done by or on behalf of a municipality in foreclosure proceedings under chapter 170 or chapter 173 may be performed by such officer or agent of the district as the board of supervisors may designate. Such foreclosure proceedings may be brought at any time after the expiration of 1 year from the date any tax, or installment thereof, becomes delinquent; however no lien shall be foreclosed against any political subdivision or agency of the state. Other legal remedies shall remain available.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 11, ch. 2007-160.

190.031 Mandatory use of certain district facilities and services.—To the full extent permitted by law, the district shall require all lands, buildings, premises, persons, firms, and corporations within the district to use the water management and control facilities and water and sewer facilities of the district.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407.

190.033 Bids required.—

(1) No contract shall be let by the board for any goods, supplies, or materials to be purchased when the amount thereof to be paid by the district shall exceed the amount provided in s. 287.017 for category four, unless notice of bids or other competitive solicitation, including requests for proposals or qualifications, is advertised once in a newspaper in general circulation in the county and in the district. Any board seeking to construct or improve a public building, structure, or other public works shall comply with the bidding procedures of s. 255.20 and other applicable general law. In each case, the bid of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder shall be accepted unless all bids are rejected because the bids are too high, or the board determines it is in the best interests of the district to reject all bids. In each case in which requests for proposals, qualifications, or other competitive solicitations are used, the district shall determine which response is most advantageous for the district and award the contract to that proposer. The board may require the bidders or proposers to furnish bond with a responsible surety to be approved by the board. If the district does not receive a response to its competitive solicitation, the district may proceed to purchase such goods, supplies, materials, or construction services in the manner it deems in the best interests of the district. Nothing in this section shall prevent the board from undertaking and performing the construction, operation, and maintenance of any project or facility authorized by this act by the employment of labor, material, and machinery.

(2) The provisions of the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act, s. 287.055, apply to contracts for engineering, architecture, landscape architecture, or registered surveying and mapping services let by the board.

(3) Contracts for maintenance services for any district facility or project shall be subject to competitive solicitation requirements when the amount thereof to be paid by the district exceeds the amount provided in s. 287.017 for category four. The district shall adopt rules, policies, or procedures establishing competitive solicitation procedures for maintenance services. Contracts for other services shall not be subject to competitive solicitation unless the district adopts a rule, policy, or procedure applying competitive solicitation procedures to said contracts.

*History.—*s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 9, ch. 91-308; s. 113, ch. 94-119; s. 42, ch. 99-378; s. 12, ch. 2007-160.

190.035 Fees, rentals, and charges; procedure for adoption and modifications; minimum revenue requirements.—

(1) The district is authorized to prescribe, fix, establish, and collect rates, fees, rentals, or other charges, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "revenues," and to revise the same from time to time, for the facilities and services furnished by the district, within the limits of the district, including, but not limited to, recreational facilities, water management and control facilities, and water and sewer systems; to recover the costs of making connection with any district facility or system; and to provide for reasonable penalties against any user or property for any such rates, fees, rentals, or other charges that are delinquent.

(2) No such rates, fees, rentals, or other charges for any of the facilities or services of the district shall be fixed until after a public hearing at which all the users of the proposed facility or services or owners, tenants, or occupants served or to be served thereby and all other interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed rates, fees, rentals, or other charges. Rates, fees, rentals, and other charges shall be adopted under the administrative rulemaking authority of the district, but shall not apply to district leases. Notice of such public hearing setting forth the proposed schedule or schedules of rates, fees, rentals, and other charges shall have been published in a newspaper in the county and of general circulation in the district at least once and at least 10 days prior to such public hearing. The rulemaking hearing may be adjourned from time to time. After such hearing, such schedule or schedules, either as initially proposed or as modified or amended, may be finally adopted. A copy of the schedule or schedules of such rates, fees, rentals, or charges as finally adopted shall be kept on file in an office designated by the board and shall be open at all reasonable times to public inspection. The rates, fees, rentals, or charges so fixed for any class of users or property served shall be extended to cover any additional users or properties thereafter served which shall fall in the same class, without the necessity of any notice or hearing.

(3) Such rates, fees, rentals, and charges shall be just and equitable and uniform for users of the same class, and when appropriate may be based or computed either upon the amount of service furnished, upon the number of average number of persons residing or working in or otherwise occupying the premises served, or upon any other factor affecting the use of the facilities furnished, or upon any combination of the foregoing factors, as may be determined by the board on an equitable basis.

(4) The rates, fees, rentals, or other charges prescribed shall be such as will produce revenues, together with any other assessments, taxes, revenues, or funds available or pledged for such purpose, at least sufficient to provide for the items hereinafter listed, but not necessarily in the order stated:

(a) To provide for all expenses of operation and maintenance of such facility or service;

(b) To pay when due all bonds and interest thereon for the payment of which such revenues are, or shall have been, pledged or encumbered, including reserves for such purpose; and

(c) To provide for any other funds which may be required under the resolution or resolutions authorizing the issuance of bonds pursuant to this act.

(5) The board shall have the power to enter into contracts for the use of the projects of the district and with respect to the services and facilities furnished or to be furnished by the district.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 10, ch. 91-308.

190.036 Recovery of delinquent charges.—In the event that any rates, fees, rentals, charges, or delinquent penalties shall not be paid as and when due and shall be in default for 60 days or more, the unpaid balance thereof and all interest accrued thereon, together with reasonable attorney's fees and costs, may be recovered by the district in a civil action.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407.

190.037 Discontinuance of service.—In the event the fees, rentals, or other charges for water and sewer services, or either of them, are not paid when due, the board shall have the power, under such reasonable rules and regulations as the board may adopt, to discontinue and shut off both water and sewer services until such fees, rentals, or other charges, including interest, penalties, and charges for the shutting off and discontinuance and the restoration of such water and sewer services or both, are fully paid; and, for such purposes, the board may enter on any lands, waters, or premises of any person, firm, corporation, or body, public or private, within the district limits. Such delinquent fees, rentals, or other charges, together with interest, penalties, and charges for the shutting off and discontinuance and the restoration of such services and facilities and reasonable attorney's fees and other expenses, may be recovered by the district, which may also enforce payment of such delinquent fees, rentals, or other charges by any other lawful method of enforcement.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 82, ch. 81-259.

190.041 Enforcement and penalties.—The board or any aggrieved person may have recourse to such remedies in law and at equity as may be necessary to ensure compliance with the provisions of this act, including injunctive relief to enjoin or restrain any person violating the provisions of this act or any bylaws, resolutions, regulations, rules, codes, or orders adopted under this act. In case any building or structure is erected, constructed, reconstructed, altered, repaired, converted, or maintained, or any building, structure, land, or water is used, in violation of this act or of any code, order, resolution, or other regulation made under authority conferred by this act or under law, the board or any citizen residing in the district may institute any appropriate action or proceeding to prevent such unlawful erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, conversion, maintenance, or use; to restrain, correct, or avoid such violation; to prevent the occupancy of such building, structure, land, or water; and to prevent any illegal act, conduct, business, or use in or about such premises, land, or water.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 83, ch. 81-259.

190.043 Suits against the district.—Any suit or action brought or maintained against the district for damages arising out of tort, including, without limitation, any claim arising upon account of an act causing an injury or loss of property, personal injury, or death, shall be subject to the limitations provided in s. 768.28.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407.

190.044 Exemption of district property from execution.—All district property shall be exempt from levy and sale by virtue of an execution, and no execution or other judicial process shall issue against such property, nor shall any judgment against the district be a charge or lien on its property or revenues; however, nothing contained herein shall apply to or limit the rights of bondholders to pursue any remedy for the enforcement of any lien or pledge given by the district in connection with any of the bonds or obligations of the district.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407.

190.046 Termination, contraction, or expansion of district.—

(1) A landowner or the board may petition to contract or expand the boundaries of a community development district in the following manner:

(a) The petition shall contain the same information required by s. 190.005(1)(a)1. and 8. In addition, if the petitioner seeks to expand the district, the petition shall describe the proposed timetable for construction of any district services to the area, the estimated cost of constructing the proposed services, and the designation of the future general distribution, location, and extent of public and private uses of land proposed for the area by the future land use plan element of the adopted local government local comprehensive plan. If the petitioner seeks to contract the district, the petition shall describe what services and facilities are currently provided by the district to the area being removed, and the designation of the future general distribution, location, and extent of public and private uses of land proposed for the area by the future land element of the adopted local government comprehensive plan.

(b) For those districts initially established by county ordinance, the petition for ordinance amendment shall be filed with the county commission. If the land to be included or excluded is, in whole or in part, within the boundaries of a municipality, then the county commission shall not amend the ordinance without municipal approval. A public hearing shall be held in the same manner and with the same public notice as other ordinance amendments. The county commission shall consider the record of the public hearing and the factors set forth in s. 190.005(1)(e) in making its determination to grant or deny the petition for ordinance amendment.

(c) For those districts initially established by municipal ordinance pursuant to s. 190.005(2)(e), the municipality shall assume the duties of the county commission set forth in paragraph (b); however, if any of the land to be included or excluded, in whole or in part, is outside the boundaries of the municipality, then the municipality shall not amend its ordinance without county commission approval.

(d)1. For those districts initially established by administrative rule pursuant to s. 190.005(1), the petition shall be filed with the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission.

2. Prior to filing the petition, the petitioner shall pay a filing fee of \$1,500, to the county if the district or the land to be added or deleted from the district is located within an unincorporated area or to the municipality if the district or the land to be added or deleted is located within an incorporated area, and to each municipality the boundaries of which are contiguous with or contain all or a portion of the land within or to be added to or deleted from the external boundaries of the district. The petitioner shall submit a copy of the petition to the same entities entitled to receive the filing fee. In addition, if the district is not the petitioner, the petitioner shall file the petition with the district board of supervisors.

3. Each county and each municipality shall have the option of holding a public hearing as provided by s. 190.005(1)(c). However, the public hearing shall be limited to consideration of the contents of the petition and whether the petition for amendment should be supported by the county or municipality.

4. The district board of supervisors shall, in lieu of a hearing officer, hold the local public hearing provided for by s. 190.005(1)(d). This local public hearing shall be noticed in the same manner as provided in s. 190.005(1)(d). Within 45 days of the conclusion of the hearing, the district board of supervisors shall transmit to the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission the full record of the local hearing, the transcript of the hearing, any resolutions adopted by the local general-purpose governments, and its recommendation whether to grant the petition for amendment. The commission shall then proceed in accordance with s. 190.005(1)(e).

5. A rule amending a district boundary shall describe the land to be added or deleted.

(e)1. During the existence of a district initially established by administrative rule, the process to amend the boundaries of the district pursuant to paragraphs (a)-(d) shall not permit a cumulative net total greater than 50 percent of the land in the initial district, and in no event greater than 1,000 acres on a cumulative net basis.

2. During the existence of a district initially established by county or municipal ordinance, the process to amend the boundaries of the district pursuant to paragraphs (a)-(d) shall not permit a cumulative net total greater than 50 percent of the land in the initial district, and in no event greater than 1,000 acres on a cumulative net basis.

(f) Petitions to amend the boundaries of the district that exceed the amount of land specified in paragraph (e) shall be processed in accordance with s. 190.005, and the petition shall include only the elements set forth in s. 190.005(1)(a)1. and 5.-8. and the consent required by paragraph (g). However, the resulting administrative rule or ordinance may only amend the boundaries of the district and may not establish a new district or cause a new 6-year or 10-year period to begin pursuant to s. 190.006(3)(a)2. The filing fee for such petitions shall be as set forth in s. 190.005(1)(b), as applicable.

(g) In all cases of a petition to amend the boundaries of a district, the filing of the petition by the district board of supervisors constitutes consent of the landowners within the district. In all cases, written consent of those landowners whose land is to be added to or deleted from the district as provided in s. 190.005(1)(a)2. is required.

(h) For a petition to establish a new community development district of less than 2,500 acres on land located solely in one county or one municipality, sufficiently contiguous lands located within the county or municipality which the petitioner anticipates adding to the boundaries of the district within 10 years after the effective date of the ordinance establishing the district may also be identified. If such sufficiently contiguous land is identified, the petition must include a legal description of each additional parcel within the sufficiently contiguous land, the current owner of the parcel, the acreage of the parcel, and the current land use designation of the parcel. At least 14 days before the hearing required under s. 190.005(2)(b), the petitioner must give the current owner of each such parcel notice of filing the petition to establish the district, the date and time of the public hearing on the petition, and the name and address of the petitioner. A parcel may not be included in the district without the written consent of the owner of the parcel.

1. After establishment of the district, a person may petition the county or municipality to amend the boundaries of the district to include a previously identified parcel that was a proposed addition to the district before its establishment. A filing fee may not be charged for this petition. Each such petition must include:

- a. A legal description by metes and bounds of the parcel to be added;
- b. A new legal description by metes and bounds of the district;
- c. Written consent of all owners of the parcel to be added;
- d. A map of the district including the parcel to be added;
- e. A description of the development proposed on the additional parcel; and
- f. A copy of the original petition identifying the parcel to be added.

2. Before filing with the county or municipality, the person must provide the petition to the district and to the owner of the proposed additional parcel, if the owner is not the petitioner.

3. Once the petition is determined sufficient and complete, the county or municipality must process the addition of the parcel to the district as an amendment to the ordinance that establishes the district. The county or municipality may process all petitions to amend the ordinance for parcels identified in the original petition, even if, by adding such parcels, the district exceeds 2,500 acres.

4. The petitioner shall cause to be published in a newspaper qualified to publish legal notices in the proposed district a notice of the intent to amend the ordinance that establishes the district. The notice must be in addition to any notice required for adoption of the ordinance amendment. Such notice must be published as provided in chapter 50 at least 10 days before the scheduled hearing on the ordinance amendment. The notice must include a general description of the land to be added to the district and the date and time of the scheduled hearing to amend the ordinance. The petitioner shall deliver, including by mail or hand delivery, the notice of the hearing on the ordinance amendment to the owner of the parcel and to the district at least 14 days before the scheduled hearing.

5. The amendment of a district by the addition of a parcel pursuant to this paragraph does not alter the transition from landowner voting to qualified elector voting pursuant to s. 190.006, even if the total size of the district after the addition of the parcel exceeds 5,000 acres. Upon adoption of the ordinance expanding the district, the petitioner must cause to be recorded a notice of boundary amendment which reflects the new boundaries of the district.

6. This paragraph is intended to facilitate the orderly addition of lands to a district under certain circumstances and does not preclude the addition of lands to any district using the procedures in the other provisions of this section.

(2) The district shall remain in existence unless:

(a) The district is merged with another district as provided in subsection (3) or subsection (4);

(b) All of the specific community development systems, facilities, and services that it is authorized to perform have been transferred to a general-purpose unit of local government in the manner provided in subsections (5), (6), and (7); or

(c) The district is dissolved as provided in subsection (8), subsection (9), or subsection (10).

(3) The district may merge with other community development districts upon filing a petition for merger, which petition shall include the elements set forth in s. 190.005(1) and which shall be evaluated using the criteria set forth in s. 190.005(1)(e). The filing fee shall be as set forth in s. 190.005(1)(b). In addition, the petition shall state whether a new district is to be established or whether one district shall be the surviving district. A community development district may also merge with another type of special district created by special act pursuant to the terms of that special act or by filing a petition for establishment of a new district pursuant to s. 190.005. The government formed by a merger involving a community development district pursuant to this section shall assume all indebtedness of, and receive title to, all property owned by the preexisting special districts, and the rights of creditors and liens upon property are not impaired by such merger. Any claim existing or action or proceeding pending by or against any district that is a party to the merger may be continued as if the merger had not occurred, or the surviving district may be substituted in the proceeding for the district that ceased to exist. Prior to filing a petition, the districts desiring to merge shall enter into a merger agreement and shall provide for the proper allocation of the indebtedness so assumed and the manner in which such debt shall be retired. The approval of the merger agreement and the petition by the board of supervisors of the district shall constitute consent of the landowners within the district. A community development district merging with another type of district may also enter into a merger agreement to address issues of transition, including the allocation of indebtedness and retirement of debt.

(4)(a) To achieve economies of scale, reduce costs to affected district residents and businesses in areas with multiple existing districts, and encourage the merger of multiple districts, up to five districts that were established by the same local general-purpose government and whose board memberships are composed entirely of qualified electors may merge into one surviving district through adoption of an ordinance by the local general-purpose government, notwithstanding the acreage limitations otherwise set forth for the establishment of a district in this chapter. The filing of a petition by the majority of the members of each district board of supervisors seeking to merge constitutes consent of the landowners within each applicable district.

(b) In addition to meeting the requirements of subsection (3), a merger agreement entered into between the district boards subject to this subsection must also:

1. Require the surviving merged district board to consist of five elected board members.

2. Require each at-large board seat to represent the entire geographic area of the surviving merged district.

3. Ensure that each district to be merged is entitled to elect at least one board member from its former boundary.

4. Ensure a fair allocation of board membership to represent the districts being merged. To that end:

a. If two districts merge, two board members shall be elected from each of the districts and one member shall be elected at-large.

b. If three districts merge, one board member shall be elected from each of the three districts and two board members shall be elected at-large.

c. If four districts merge, one board member shall be elected from each of the four districts and one board member shall be elected at-large.

d. If five districts merge, one board member shall be elected from each of the five districts.

5. Require the election of board members for the surviving merged district to be held at the next general election following the merger, at which time all terms of preexisting board members shall end and the merger shall be legally in effect.

(c) Before filing the merger petition with the local general-purpose government under this subsection, each district proposing to merge must hold a public hearing within its district to provide information about and take public comment on the proposed merger, merger agreement, and assignment of board seats. Notice of the hearing shall be published at least 14 days before the hearing. If, after the public hearing, a district board decides that it no longer wants to merge and cancels the proposed merger agreement, the remaining districts must each hold another public hearing on the revised merger agreement. A petition to merge may not be filed for at least 30 days after the last public hearing held by the districts proposing to merge.

(5) The local general-purpose government within the geographical boundaries of which the district lies may adopt a nonemergency ordinance providing for a plan for the transfer of a specific community development service from a district to the local general-purpose government. The plan must provide for the assumption and guarantee of the district debt that is related to the service by the local general-purpose government and must demonstrate the ability of the local general-purpose government to provide such service:

(a) As efficiently as the district.

(b) At a level of quality equal to or higher than the level of quality actually delivered by the district to the users of the service.

(c) At a charge equal to or lower than the actual charge by the district to the users of the service.

(6) No later than 30 days following the adoption of a transfer plan ordinance, the board of supervisors may file, in the circuit court for the county in which the local general-purpose government that adopted the ordinance is located, a petition seeking review by certiorari of the factual and legal basis for the adoption of the transfer plan ordinance.

(7) Upon the transfer of all of the community development services of the district to a general-purpose unit of local government, the district shall be terminated in accordance with a plan of termination which shall be adopted by the board of supervisors and filed with the clerk of the circuit court.

(8) If, within 5 years after the effective date of the rule or ordinance establishing the district, a landowner has not received a development permit, as defined in chapter 380, on some part or all of the area covered by the district, then the district will be automatically dissolved and a judge of the circuit court shall cause a statement to that effect to be filed in the public records.

(9) In the event the district has become inactive pursuant to s. 189.062, the respective board of county commissioners or city commission shall be informed and it shall take appropriate action.

(10) If a district has no outstanding financial obligations and no operating or maintenance responsibilities, upon the petition of the district, the district may be dissolved by a nonemergency ordinance of the general-purpose local governmental entity that established the district or, if the district was established by rule of the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission, the district may be dissolved by repeal of such rule of the commission.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; ss. 13, 19, ch. 84-360; s. 49, ch. 89-169; s. 11, ch. 91-308; s. 43, ch. 99-378; s. 34, ch. 2004-345; s. 31, ch. 2004-353; s. 10, ch. 2009-142; s. 22, ch. 2013-15; s. 70, ch. 2014-22; s. 3, ch. 2016-94; s. 4, ch. 2017-3; s. 1, ch. 2019-164; s. 18, ch. 2021-17.

190.047 Incorporation or annexation of district.—

(1) Upon attaining the population standards for incorporation contained in s. 165.061 and as determined by the Department of Economic Opportunity, any district wholly contained within the unincorporated area of a county that also meets the other requirements for incorporation contained in s. 165.061 shall hold a referendum at a general election on the question of whether to incorporate. However, any district contiguous to the boundary of a municipality may be annexed to such municipality pursuant to the provisions of chapter 171.

(2) The Department of Economic Opportunity shall annually monitor the status of the district for purposes of carrying out the provisions of this section.

History.—s. 14, ch. 84-360; s. 13, ch. 2007-160; s. 71, ch. 2011-142.

190.048 Sale of real estate within a district; required disclosure to purchaser.—Subsequent to the establishment of a district under this chapter, each contract for the initial sale of a parcel of real property and each contract for the initial sale of a residential unit within the district shall include, immediately prior to the space reserved in the contract for the signature of the purchaser, the following disclosure statement in boldfaced and conspicuous type which is larger than the type in the remaining text of the contract: “THE (Name of District) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MAY IMPOSE AND LEVY TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS, OR BOTH TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, ON THIS PROPERTY. THESE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS PAY THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE COSTS OF CERTAIN PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES OF THE DISTRICT AND ARE SET ANNUALLY BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE DISTRICT. THESE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS ARE IN ADDITION TO COUNTY AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS AND ALL OTHER TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS PROVIDED FOR BY LAW.”

History.—s. 15, ch. 84-360; s. 3, ch. 90-46; s. 44, ch. 99-378.

190.0485 Notice of establishment.—Within 30 days after the effective date of a rule or ordinance establishing a community development district under this act, the district shall cause to be recorded in the property records in the county in which it is located a “Notice of Establishment of the Community Development District.” The notice shall, at a minimum, include the legal description of the district and a copy of the disclosure statement specified in s. 190.048.

History.—s. 45, ch. 99-378.

190.049 Special acts prohibited.—Pursuant to s. 11(a)(21), Art. III of the State Constitution, there shall be no special law or general law of local application creating an independent special district which has the powers enumerated in two or more of the paragraphs contained in s. 190.012, unless such district is created pursuant to the provisions of s. 189.031.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 16, ch. 84-360; s. 47, ch. 99-378; s. 71, ch. 2014-22.

SECTION C

SECTION 1

RESOLUTION 2023-01

A RESOLUTION ELECTING THE OFFICERS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, CITY OF EUSTIS, FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District ("Board") desires to elect the Officers of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The following persons are elected to the offices shown:

Chairperson	_____
Vice Chairperson	_____
Secretary	_____
Assistant Secretary	_____
Assistant Secretary	_____
Assistant Secretary	_____
Assistant Secretary	_____
Assistant Secretary	_____
Treasurer	_____
Assistant Treasurer	_____

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of November 2022.

ATTEST:

HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION III

SECTION A

RESOLUTION 2023-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPOINTING AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER; APPOINTING A FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE COORDINATOR; APPOINTING AN ASSESSMENT CONSULTANT IN CONTEMPLATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS; APPOINTING A DESIGNATED INVESTMENT REPRESENTATIVE TO ADMINISTER INVESTMENT DIRECTION WITH REGARD TO DISTRICT FUNDS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Eustis, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 190.007(1), *Florida Statutes*, the Board of Supervisors of the District (the “Board”) desires to employ and fix compensation of a District Manager; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to appoint a Financial Disclosure Coordinator to create, maintain and update a list of the names, e-mail addresses, physical addresses, and names of the agency of, and the office or position held by, the Board of Supervisors and other persons required by Florida law to file a statement of financial interest due to his or her affiliation with the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to appoint an Assessment Consultant to advise regarding the proposed issuance of special assessment bonds and other financing methods for District improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to appoint an Investment Representative to direct and advise on the investment of District funds including, but not limited to, directing the assigned Trustee; to invest District funds consistent with any and all Indentures and to maximize return; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the appointment of a Financial Disclosure Coordinator, Assessment Consultant, and Investment Representative is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to appoint a District Manager, Financial Disclosure Coordinator, Assessment Consultant, and Investment Representative, and to provide compensation for their services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC, is appointed as District Manager, Financial Disclosure Coordinator, Assessment Consultant, and Designated

Investment Representative and shall be compensated for their services in such capacity in the manner prescribed in the agreement incorporated herein by reference as **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 2. This authorization shall be continuing in nature until revoked by the District.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of November 2022.

ATTEST:

**HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: District Manager Fee Agreement

Exhibit A
District Manager Fee Agreement

**AGREEMENT FOR DISTRICT MANAGEMENT SERVICES BETWEEN
HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND
GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES - CENTRAL FLORIDA,
LLC**

Date of Agreement: 22nd day of November 2022.

Between: Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC
219 E. Livingston Street
Orlando, Florida 32801

(Hereinafter referred to as “Manager”);

And: Hicks Ditch Community Development District
A unit of special purpose local government located in Lake County
Florida

(Hereinafter referred to as “District”).

**GENERAL MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND ACCOUNTING
SERVICES**

This engagement is for the Manager to provide District Management Services for the District. The duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

Meetings, Hearings, Workshops, Etc.

- The Manager will organize, conduct, and provide minutes for all meetings of the District. This includes, but is not limited to, scheduling meetings, providing agenda packages and meeting materials in the form requested by the District Board of Supervisors, and publishing Board meeting, public hearing notices, and landowner election notices pursuant to Florida law.
- The Manager will consult with the District Board of Supervisors and its designated representatives, and when necessary, organize such meetings, discussions, project site visits, workshops, and hearings as may pertain to the administration and accomplishment of the various projects and services provided by the District.

Records

- The Manager will maintain “Record of Proceedings” for the District within the boundaries of the local government in which the District is located and include meeting minutes, agreements, resolutions and other records required by law or contract and provide access to such records as necessary for proper District function or compliance with Florida’s public records laws.

District Operations

- The Manager will act as the primary point of contact for District-related matters.
- The Manager will consult with and advise the District on matters related to the operation and maintenance of the District’s public infrastructure.
- The Manager will make recommendations and assist in matters relating to solicitation, approval, rejection, amendment, renewal, and cancellation of contracts for services to the District. In advance of expiration of contracts, the Manager will advise the Board as to need for renewal or additional procurement activities and implement same.
- On or before October 1st of every year, the Manager will prepare an annual inventory of all District owned tangible personal property and equipment in accordance with all applicable rules and standards.
- The Manager will recommend and advise the Board, in consultation with the District Engineer of the appropriate amount and type of insurance and be responsible for procuring all necessary insurance.
- The Manager will ensure compliance with all statutes affecting the District by performing the following tasks (and such other tasks required by law but not specifically identified herein):
 - File name and location of the Registered Agent and Office location annually with Department of Community Affairs and the County.
 - Provide legal description and boundary map as provided by District Engineer to the Supervisor of Elections
 - Provide the regular meeting schedule of the Board to County.
 - File all required financial reports to the Department of Revenue, Auditor General, the County, and other governmental agencies with jurisdiction in compliance with Florida law.

- File request letter to the Supervisor of Election of the County for number of registered voters as of April 15, each year. Report annually the number of registered voters in the District by June 1, of each year.
- Transmit Public Facilities Report and related updates to appropriate agencies.
- Prepare and file annual public depositor report.

Accounting and Reporting

- The Manager will implement an integrated management reporting system compliant with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for government and fund accounting which will allow the District to represent fairly and with full disclosure the financial position of the District. The District's accounting activities will be overseen by a degreed accountant.
- The Manager will prepare reports as appropriate under applicable law, accounting standards, and bond trust indenture requirements. The Manager will track the District's general fund and bond fund activities and provide monthly and annual financial statements (including budget to actual summary).
- The Manager will administer the processing, review and approval, and timely payment of all invoices and purchase orders.
- The Manager will oversee District's capital and general fund accounts.
- The Manager will recommend and implement investment policies and procedures pursuant to State law, and provide Cash Management services to obtain maximum earnings for District operations through investment of surplus funds to the State Board of Administration.

Audits

- The Manager will provide audit support to auditors for the required Annual Audit, and will ensure completion and submission of audit and Annual Financial Statements to the County, Auditor General, and other appropriate government entities in compliance with Florida law.

Budgeting

- The Manager will prepare and provide for a proposed budget for Board approval and submission to County in compliance with state law. The Manager will prepare final budget and backup material for and present the budget at all budget meetings, hearings and workshops. The Manager will ensure that all budget meetings, hearings, and workshops are properly noticed.

- The Manager will administer the adopted budget and prepare budget amendments on an ongoing basis as necessary.

Capital Program Administration

- The Manager will maintain proper capital fund and project fund accounting procedures and records.
- The Manager will coordinate with District staff to provide for appropriate bid and or proposal/qualification processes for Capital Project Construction.
- The Manager will oversee and implement bond issue related compliance, i.e., coordination of annual arbitrage report, transmittal of annual audit and budget to the trustee, transmittal of annual audit to bond holders and underwriters, annual/quarterly disclosure reporting, etc.

Maintenance Contract Administration

- Upon direction by the District's Board of Supervisors and upon mutual agreement of the parties hereto, Manager will provide Maintenance Contract Administration for District in general accordance with the fees outlined in Exhibit A. The parties further understand and recognize that the scope and number of contracts to be administered under said fee may be limited and/or multiple fees may be required. Any Maintenance Contract Administration shall be by separate agreement between the parties.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Assessments & Revenue Collection

- The Manager will develop and administer the annual assessment roll for the District. This includes administering the tax roll for the District for assessments collected by the County and administering assessments for Off Tax Roll parcels/lots.
- The Manager will provide payoff information and pre-payment amounts as requested by property owners, and collect prepayment of assessments as necessary.
- The Manager will monitor development of the District and perform Assessment True-up Analysis when appropriate.

- The Manager will issue estoppel letters as needed for property transfers.
- The Manager will maintain the District's Lien Book, in which is recorded the details of any District debt and the related debt service assessments. The Lien Book will account for all District debt and show the allocation of debt principal to assessed properties within the District.

FEES AND TERM OF SERVICES

All services will be completed on a timely basis in accordance with the District needs and statutory requirements.

The District agrees to compensate the Manager in accordance with the fee schedule set forth in the attached Exhibit A. Payment shall be made in equal monthly installments at the beginning of each month, and may be amended annually as evidenced by the budget approved by the Board.

This Agreement shall automatically renew each Fiscal Year of the District, unless otherwise terminated by either party. The District will consider price adjustments each twelve (12) month period to compensate for market conditions and the planned workload of the District to be performed during the next twelve (12) month period. Evidence of price or fee adjustments will be approved by the Board in its adopted or amended Fiscal Year Budget.

DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

The District shall provide for the timely services of its legal counsel, engineer and any other consultants, contractors or employees, as required, for the Manager to perform the duties outlined in this Contract. Expenses incurred in providing this support shall be the sole responsibility of the District.

TERMINATION OF THIS CONTRACT

This Contract may be terminated as follows:

1. By the District for "good cause," which shall include misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance or dereliction of duties by the Manager which termination may be immediate; or
2. By the Manager or District, for any reason, upon 60 days written notice.

In the event this Contract is terminated in either manner above stated, the Manager will make all reasonable effort to provide for an orderly transfer of the books and records of the District to the District or its designee.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. All invoices are due and payable when received.
2. This Contract shall be interpreted in accordance with and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida.
3. In the event that any provision of this contract shall be determined to be unenforceable or invalid by a court such unenforceability or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of the Contract which shall remain in full force and effect.
4. The rights and obligations of the District as defined by this Contract shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of the District. There shall be no assignment of this Contract by the Manager, without the approval of the District.
5. The District acknowledges that the Manager is not a Municipal Advisor or Securities Broker, nor is the Manager registered to provide such services as described in Section 15B of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Similarly, the District acknowledges that the Manager does not provide the District with financial advisory services or offer investment advice.
6. To the extent allowable under applicable law (and only to the extent of the limitations of liability set forth in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes), except to the extent caused by the negligence, reckless, and/or willful misconduct of the Manager, the District agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Manager and its officers, supervisors, staff, and employees from and against any and all liability, claims, actions, suits, demands, assessments or judgments asserted and any and all losses, liabilities, damages, costs, court costs, and expenses, including attorney's fees, that Manager may hereafter incur, become responsible for, or be caused to pay out arising out of or relating to the grossly negligent or intentionally wrongful acts or omissions of the District. The indemnification provided for herein shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the Manager may be entitled and shall continue after the Manager has ceased to be engaged under this Contract.

The Manager agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the District and its officers, supervisors, staff, and employees from and against any and all liability,

claims, actions, suits, demands, assessments or judgments asserted and any and all losses, liabilities, damages, costs, court costs, and expenses, including attorney's fees, that the Manager may hereafter incur, become responsible for, or be caused to pay out arising out of or relating to the failure to perform under this Contract or at law, or grossly negligent, reckless, and/or intentionally wrongful acts or omissions of the Manager. The indemnification provided for herein shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the District may be entitled and shall continue after the Manager has ceased to be engaged under this Contract.

7. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of the District's sovereign immunity or any waiver of the limitations of liability as provided in Section 768.28 Florida Statutes, or other applicable law. Nothing in this Contract shall inure to the benefit of any third party for the purpose of allowing any claim which would otherwise be barred under the Doctrine of Sovereign Immunity or by operation of law.
8. Any amendment or change to this Contract shall be in writing and executed by all parties.
9. The Manager, on behalf of itself and its subcontractors, hereby warrants compliance with all federal immigration laws and regulations applicable to their employees. The Manager further agrees that the District is a public employer subject to the E-Verify requirements provided in Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, and such provisions of said statute are applicable to this Agreement, including, but not limited to registration with and use of the E-Verify system. The Manager agrees to utilize the E-Verify system to verify work authorization status of all newly hired employees. The Manager shall provide sufficient evidence that it is registered with the E-Verify system before commencement of performance under this Agreement. If the District has a good faith belief that the Manager is in violation of Section 448.09(1), Florida Statutes, or has knowingly hired, recruited, or referred an alien that is not duly authorized to work by the federal immigration laws or the Attorney General of the United States for employment under this Agreement, the District shall terminate this Agreement. The Manager shall require an affidavit from each subcontractor providing that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. The Manager shall retain a copy of each such affidavit for the term of this Agreement and all renewals thereof. If the District has a good faith belief that a subcontractor of the Manager performing work under this Agreement is in violation of Section 448.09(1), Florida Statutes, or has knowingly hired, recruited, or referred an alien that is not duly authorized to work by the federal immigration laws or the Attorney General of the United States for employment under this Agreement, the District promptly notify the Manager

and order the Manager to immediately terminate its subcontract with the subcontractor. The Manager shall be liable for any additional costs incurred by the District as a result of the termination of any contract, including this Agreement, based on Manager's failure to comply with the E-Verify requirements referenced in this subsection.

10. Manager shall, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, comply with the public records laws of the State of Florida. Failure of the Manager to comply with Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, may subject the Manager to penalties pursuant to Section 119.10, Florida Statutes. In the event Manager fails to comply with this section or Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, the District shall be entitled to all remedies at law or in equity. The following statement is required to be included in this Agreement pursuant to Section 119.0701(2), Florida Statutes:

IF THE MANAGER HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE MANAGER'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT/CONTRACT, THE MANAGER MAY CONTACT THE MANAGER CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS FOR THE DISTRICT AT:

GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES-
CENTRAL FLORIDA, LLC
219 EAST LIVINGSTON STREET
ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32801
TELEPHONE: (407) 841-5524
EMAIL: GFLINT@GMSCFL.COM

NOTICES

All notices required in this Agreement shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or express mail with proof of receipt. If sent to the District, notice shall be to:

Hicks Ditch Community Development District
219 E. Livingston Street
Orlando, Florida 32801
Attn: Chairman

With a copy to:

Kutak Rock, LLP
P.O. box 10230
Tallahassee, FL 32302

If notice is sent to Manager, it shall be sent to:

Governmental Management Services - Central Florida, LLC
219 E. Livingston Street
Orlando, Florida 32801
Attn: George S. Flint

This Contract shall represent the entire agreement between the Manager and the District. Both Manager and District understand and agree with the terms and conditions as set forth herein.

Approved by:

Board of Supervisors Hicks Ditch
Community Development District

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

By: _____
Chairman

Governmental Management Services
- Central Florida, LLC

Witness

George S. Flint, Vice-President

**EXHIBIT A
DISTRICT MANAGEMENT FEE SCHEDULE
MARCH 2022**

Management, Administrative, and Accounting Services

- Annual Fee paid in equal monthly payments (plus reimbursables) \$ 37,500

Annual Assessment Administration \$ 5,000
(Beginning with the first assessment to individual unit owners, direct assessment or utilizing tax collector)

Information Technology and Website Maintenance \$ 3,000

Other Services*

- Maintenance Contract Administration Negotiated
- Pre-paid Assessment Collection Fee \$ 100 (per lot/unit)
- Bond Issuance Cost \$ 15,000 (per bond issue)
- Annual Dissemination Agent Fee \$ 5,000 (first bond issue)
(\$1,000 for each addtl series)
- SERC Preparation & Assistance w/ Petition \$ 2,500
- Assessment Methodology Preparation \$ 15,000

*Costs for other services shall be by separate agreement or work authorization and may be adjusted based upon the scope of services provided.

SECTION B

RESOLUTION 2023-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPOINTING LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING ITS COMPENSATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Eustis, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 190.011, *Florida Statutes*, the District's Board of Supervisors (the "Board") may contract for the services of consultants to perform planning, engineering, legal or other appropriate services of a professional nature; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to appoint a District Counsel and to provide compensation for their services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. Kutak Rock LLP, is appointed as District Counsel and shall be compensated for their services in such capacity in the manner prescribed in **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of November 2022.

ATTEST:

HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Attorney Retainer Agreement

RETENTION AND FEE AGREEMENT

I. PARTIES

THIS RETENTION AND FEE AGREEMENT (“**Agreement**”) is made and entered into by and between the following parties:

- A. Hicks Ditch Community Development District (“**Client**”)
c/o Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC
219 East Livingston Street
Orlando, FL 32801

and

- B. Kutak Rock LLP (“**Kutak Rock**”)
107 West College Avenue
Tallahassee, FL 32301

II. SCOPE OF SERVICES

In consideration of the mutual undertakings and agreements contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

- A. The Client agrees to employ and retain Kutak Rock as its attorney and legal representative for general advice, counseling and representation of Client and its Board of Supervisors.
- B. Kutak Rock accepts such employment and agrees to serve as attorney for and provide legal representation to the Client in connection with those matters referenced above. No other legal representation is contemplated by this Agreement. Any additional legal services to be provided under the terms of this Agreement shall be agreed to by Client and Kutak Rock in writing. Unless set forth in a separate agreement to which Client consents in writing, Kutak Rock does not represent individual members of the Client’s Board of Supervisors.

III. CLIENT FILES

The files and work product materials (“**Client File**”) of the Client generated or received by Kutak Rock will be maintained confidentially to the extent permitted by law and in accordance with the Florida Bar rules. At the conclusion of the representation, the Client File will be stored by Kutak Rock for a minimum of five (5) years. After the five (5) year storage period, the Client hereby acknowledges and consents that Kutak Rock may confidentially destroy or shred the Client File. Notwithstanding the prior sentence, if the Client provides Kutak Rock with a written request for the return of the Client File before the end of the five (5) year storage period, then Kutak Rock will return the Client File to Client at Client’s expense.

IV. FEES

- A. The Client agrees to compensate Kutak Rock for services rendered in connection with any matters covered by this Agreement on an hourly rate basis plus actual expenses incurred by Kutak Rock in accordance with the attached Expense Reimbursement Policy (Attachment A, incorporated herein by reference). Time will be billed in increments of one-tenth (1/10) of an hour. Certain work related to issuance of bonds and bond anticipation notes may be performed under a flat fee to be separately established prior to or at the time of bond or note issuance.
- B. Attorneys and staff, if applicable, who perform work for Client will be billed at their regular hourly rates, as may be adjusted from time to time. The regular hourly rates of those initially expected to handle the bulk of Client’s work are as follows:

Sarah R. Sandy	\$320
Associates	\$275-\$285
Paralegals	\$170

Kutak Rock’s regular hourly billing rates are reevaluated annually and are subject to change not more than once in a calendar year. Client agrees to Kutak Rock’s annual rate increases to the extent hourly rates are not increased beyond \$15/hour.

- C. To the extent practicable and consistent with the requirements of sound legal representation, Kutak Rock will attempt to reduce Client’s bills by assigning each task to the person best able to perform it at the lowest rate, so long as he or she has the requisite knowledge and experience.
- D. Upon consent of Client, Kutak Rock may subcontract for legal services in the event that Client requires legal services for which Kutak Rock does not have adequate capabilities.
- E. Kutak Rock will include costs and expenses (including interest charges on past due statements) on its billing statements for Client reimbursement in accordance with the attached Expense Reimbursement Policy.

V. BILLING AND PAYMENT

The Client agrees to pay Kutak Rock’s monthly billings for fees and expenses incurred within thirty (30) days following receipt of an invoice, or the time permitted by Florida law, whichever is greater. Kutak Rock shall not be obligated to perform further legal services under this Agreement if any such billing statement remains unpaid longer than thirty (30) days after submittal to and receipt by Client. Non-payment of billing statements shall be a basis for Kutak Rock to immediately withdraw from the representation without regard to remaining actions necessitating attention by Kutak Rock as part of the representation.

VI. DEFAULT; VENUE

In any legal proceeding to collect outstanding balances due under this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees in addition to costs and outstanding balances due under this Agreement. Venue of any such action shall be exclusive in the state courts of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Leon County, Florida.

VII. CONFLICTS

It is important to disclose that Kutak Rock represents a number of special districts, trustees ("Trustees"), bondholders, developers, builders, and other entities throughout Florida and the United States of America relating to community development districts, special districts, local governments and land development. Kutak Rock or its attorneys may also have represented the entity which petitioned for the formation of the Client. Kutak Rock understands that Client may enter into an agreement with a Trustee in connection with the issuance of bonds, and that Client may request that Kutak Rock simultaneously represent Client in connection with the issuance of bonds, while Kutak Rock is also representing such Trustee on unrelated matters. By accepting this Agreement Client agrees that (1) Client was provided with an explanation of the implications of the common representation(s) and the advantages and risks involved; (2) Kutak Rock will be able to provide competent and diligent representation of Client, regardless of Kutak Rock's other representations, and (3) there is not a substantial risk that Kutak Rock's representation of Client would be materially limited by Kutak Rock's responsibilities to another client, a former client or a third person or by a personal interest. Acceptance of this Agreement will constitute Client's waiver of any "conflict" with Kutak Rock's representation of various special districts, Trustees, bondholders, developers, builders, and other entities relating to community development districts, special districts, local governments and land development.

VIII. ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Client acknowledges that the Kutak Rock cannot make any promises to Client as to the outcome of any legal dispute or guarantee that Client will prevail in any legal dispute.

IX. TERMINATION

Either party may terminate this Agreement upon providing prior written notice to the other party at its regular place of business. All fees due and payable in accordance with this Agreement shall accrue and become payable pursuant to the terms of this Agreement through the date of termination.

X. EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be deemed fully executed upon its signing by Kutak Rock and the Client. The contract formed between Kutak Rock and the Client shall be the operational contract between the parties.

XI. ENTIRE CONTRACT

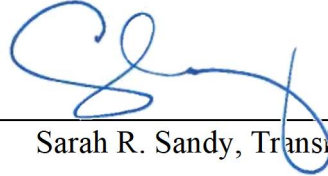
This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

Accepted and Agreed to:

**HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

KUTAK ROCK LLP

By: _____

By:  _____
Sarah R. Sandy, Transition Partner

Its: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____ November 16, 2022 _____

ATTACHMENT A

KUTAK ROCK LLP CDD EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

The following is Kutak Rock's expense reimbursement policy for community development district representation. This policy applies unless a different arrangement has been negotiated based on the unique circumstances of a particular client or matter.

All expenses are billed monthly. Billings ordinarily reflect expenses for the most recent month, except where there are delays in receiving bills from third party vendors.

Photocopying and Printing. In-house photocopying and printing are charged at \$0.25 per page (black & white) and \$0.50 per page (color). Outside copying is billed as a pass-through of the outside vendor's charges.

Postage. Postage is billed at actual cost.

Overnight Delivery. Overnight delivery is billed at actual cost.

Local Messenger Service. Local messenger service is billed at 44.5 cents per mile pursuant to Section 112.061, Florida Statutes. Should the State increase the mileage allowance specified in Section 112.061, Florida Statutes, Kutak Rock shall, without further action, be entitled to reimbursement at the increased rate.

Computerized Legal Research. Charges for computerized legal research are billed at an amount approximating actual cost.

Travel. Travel (including air fare, rental cars, taxicabs, hotel, meals, tips, etc.) is billed at actual cost. Where air travel is required, coach class is used wherever feasible. Out-of-town mileage is billed at 44.5 cents per mile pursuant to Section 112.061, Florida Statutes. Should the State increase the mileage allowance specified in Section 112.061, Florida Statutes, Kutak Rock shall, without further action, be entitled to reimbursement at the increased rate. Reasonable travel-related expenses for meals, lodging, gratuities, taxi fares, tolls, and parking fees shall also be reimbursed.

Consultants. Unless prior arrangements are made, consultants are ordinarily employed directly by the client. Where consulting or testifying experts are employed by the firm, their charges are passed through with no mark-up. The client is responsible for notifying the firm of any particular billing arrangements or procedures which the client requires of the consulting or testifying experts.

Other Expenses. Other outside expenses, such as court reporters, agency copies, conference calls, etc. are billed at actual cost.

SECTION C

RESOLUTION 2023-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Eustis, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District is statutorily required to designate a registered agent and a registered office location for the purposes of accepting any process, notice, or demand required or permitted by law to be served upon the District in accordance with Section 189.014(1), *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. Sarah R. Sandy is hereby designated as the Registered Agent for the Hicks Ditch Community Development District.

SECTION 2. The District’s Registered Office shall be located at Kutak Rock LLP, 107 W. College Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida 32301 (Phone: 850-992-7300; Fax: 850-692-7319).

SECTION 3. In accordance with Section 189.014, *Florida Statutes*, the District’s Secretary is hereby directed to file certified copies of this Resolution with the City of Eustis, Florida and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of November 2022.

ATTEST:

HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION D

RESOLUTION 2023-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPOINTING AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE INTERIM DISTRICT ENGINEER AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Eustis, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 190.011, *Florida Statutes*, the District’s Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) may contract for the services of consultants to perform planning, engineering, legal or other appropriate services of a professional nature; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to appoint an Interim District Engineer and to provide compensation for their services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. Appian Engineering, LLC, is appointed as Interim District Engineer and shall be compensated for their services in such capacity in the manner prescribed in the agreement incorporated herein by reference as **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 2. This authorization shall be continuing in nature until revoked by the District.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of November 2022.

ATTEST:

HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Interim District Engineer Fee Agreement

Exhibit A
Interim District Engineer Fee Agreement

SECTION E

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND APPIAN ENGINEERING, LLC, FOR INTERIM PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) made and entered into this 22nd day of November 2022 (“Effective Date”), by and between:

Hicks Ditch Community Development District, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and located in the City of Eustis, Florida, with a mailing address c/o Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC, 219 East Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801 (“District”); and

Appian Engineering, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, with a mailing address of 2221 Lee Road, Suite 27, Winter Park, Florida, 32789 (“Engineer,” and together with the District, the “Parties”).

WHEREAS, the District is a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, as codified in Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes* (“Uniform Act”), by ordinance of the City of Eustis, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized to plan, finance, construct, install, acquire and/or maintain improvements, facilities and services in conjunction with the development of the lands within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District intends to employ Engineer on an interim basis to perform engineering, surveying, planning, construction administration, environmental management and permitting, financial and economic studies, as defined by a separate work authorization; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer shall serve as District’s professional representative in each service or project to which this Agreement applies and will give consultation and advice to the District during performance of his services.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the acts and deeds to be performed by the Parties and the payments by the District to the Engineer of the sums of money herein specified, it is mutually covenanted and agreed as follows:

Article 1. Scope of Services

- A. The Engineer will provide general engineering services, including:
 - 1. Preparation of any necessary reports and attendance at meetings of the District’s Board of Supervisors.

2. Assistance in meeting with necessary parties involving bond issues, special reports, feasibility studies, or other tasks.
3. Any other items requested by the Board of Supervisors.

Article 2. Method of Authorization. Each service or project shall be authorized in writing by the District. The written authorization shall be incorporated in a work authorization which shall include the scope of work, compensation, project schedule, and special provisions or conditions specific to the service or project being authorized and shall be in a form similar to the form set forth in **Exhibit A** hereto (the "Work Authorization"). Authorization of services or projects under the contract shall be at the sole option of the District. Work Authorization No. 1 attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby **APPROVED**.

Article 3. Compensation. It is understood and agreed that the services rendered by Engineer under this Agreement and the payment of compensation for services under this Agreement shall be stipulated in each Work Authorization. One of the following methods will be utilized:

- A. Lump Sum Amount - The District and Engineer shall mutually agree to a lump sum amount for the services to be rendered payable monthly in direct proportion to the work accomplished.
- B. Hourly Personnel Rates - For services or projects where scope of services is not clearly defined, or recurring services or other projects where the District desires the use of the hourly compensation rates outlined in **Exhibit "B."**

Article 4. Reimbursable Expenses. Reimbursable expenses consist of actual expenditures made by Engineer, its employees, or its consultants in the interest of the project for the incidental expenses as listed as follows:

- A. Expenses of transportation and living when traveling in connection with a project, for long distance phone calls and telegrams, and fees paid for securing approval of authorities having jurisdiction over the project. All expenditures shall be made in accordance with Chapter 112, *Florida Statutes*, and with the District's travel and reimbursement policy.
- B. Expense of reproduction, postage and handling of drawings and specifications.

Article 5. Term of Agreement. It is understood and agreed that this Agreement is for interim engineering services. It is further understood and agreed that the term of this Agreement will be from the time of execution of this Agreement by the Parties until such time as the District notifies Engineer that it has entered into a subsequent agreement for engineering services.

Article 6. Special Consultants. When authorized in writing by the District, additional special consulting services may be utilized by Engineer and paid for on a cost basis.

Article 7. Books and Records. Engineer shall maintain comprehensive books and records relating to any services performed under this Agreement, which shall be retained by Engineer for a period of at least four (4) years from and after completion of any services hereunder. The District, or its authorized representative, shall have the right to audit such books and records at all reasonable times upon prior notice to Engineer.

Article 8. Ownership of Documents.

A. All rights in and title to all plans, drawings, specifications, ideas, concepts, designs, sketches, models, programs, software, creation, inventions, reports, or other tangible work product originally developed by Engineer pursuant to this Agreement (the "Work Product") shall be and remain the sole and exclusive property of the District when developed and shall be considered work for hire.

B. The Engineer shall deliver all Work Product to the District upon completion thereof unless it is necessary for Engineer, in the District's sole discretion, to retain possession for a longer period of time. Upon early termination of Engineer's services hereunder, Engineer shall deliver all such Work Product whether complete or incomplete upon payment of all outstanding balances due Engineer for Work Product. The District shall have all rights to use any and all Work Product. Engineer shall retain copies of the Work Product for its permanent records, provided the Work Product is not used without the District's prior express written consent. Engineer agrees not to recreate any Work Product contemplated by this Agreement, or portions thereof, which if constructed or otherwise materialized, would be reasonably identifiable with the Project. If said Work Product is used by the District for any purpose other than that purpose which is intended by this Agreement, the District shall indemnify Engineer from any and all claims and liabilities which may result from such re-use, in the event Engineer does not consent to such use.

C. The District exclusively retains all manufacturing rights to all materials or designs developed under this Agreement. To the extent the services performed under this Agreement produce or include copyrightable or patentable materials or designs, such materials or designs are work made for hire for the District as the author, creator, or inventor thereof upon creation, and the District shall have all rights therein including, without limitation, the right of reproduction, with respect to such work. Engineer hereby assigns to the District any and all rights Engineer may have including, without limitation, the copyright, with respect to such work. The Engineer acknowledges that the District is the motivating factor for, and for the purpose of copyright or patent, has the right to

direct and supervise the preparation of such copyrightable or patentable materials or designs.

Article 9. Accounting Records. Records of Engineer pertaining to the services provided hereunder shall be kept on a basis of generally accepted accounting principles and shall be available to the District or its authorized representative for observation or audit at mutually agreeable times.

Article 10. Reuse of Documents. All documents including drawings and specifications furnished by Engineer pursuant to this Agreement are instruments of service. They are not intended or represented to be suitable for reuse by District or others on extensions of the work for which they were provided or on any other project. Any reuse without specific written consent by Engineer will be at the District's sole risk and without liability or legal exposure to Engineer.

Article 11. Estimate of Cost. Since Engineer has no control over the cost of labor, materials or equipment or over a contractor's(s') methods of determining prices, or over competitive bidding or market conditions, his opinions of probable cost provided as a service hereunder are to be made on the basis of his experience and qualifications and represent his best judgment as a design professional familiar with the construction industry, but Engineer cannot and does not guarantee that proposals, bids, or the construction costs will not vary from opinions of probable cost prepared by him. If the District wishes greater assurance as to the construction costs, it shall employ an independent cost estimator at its own expense. Services to modify approved documents to bring the construction cost within any limitation established by the District will be considered additional services and justify additional fees.

Article 12. Insurance. Engineer shall, at its own expense, maintain insurance during the performance of its services under this Agreement, with limits of liability not less than the following:

Workers Compensation	Statutory
General Liability	
Bodily Injury (including Contractual)	\$500,000/\$1,000,000
Property Damage (including Contractual)	\$500,000/\$1,000,000
Automobile Liability	
Bodily Injury	\$500,000/\$1,000,000
Property Damage	\$100,000

Professional Liability for
Errors and Omissions

\$1,000,000

Engineer shall provide District with a certificate evidencing compliance with the above terms and naming the District and its supervisors, employees, agents and staff as additional insureds. Engineer shall provide the District with thirty (30) days' notice of cancellation. At no time shall Engineer be without insurance in the above amounts.

Article 13. Contingent Fee. The Engineer warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Engineer, to solicit or secure this Agreement and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Engineer, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement.

Article 14. Audit. The Engineer agrees that the District or any of its duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of three (3) years after expenditure of funds under this Agreement, have access to and the right to examine any books, documents, papers, and records of the Engineer involving transactions related to the Agreement. The Engineer agrees that payment made under the Agreement shall be subject to reduction for amounts charged thereto that are found on the basis of audit examination not to constitute allowable costs. All required records shall be maintained until an audit is completed and all questions arising therefrom are resolved, or three (3) years after completion of all work under the Agreement.

Article 15. Indemnification.

A. The Engineer agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to indemnify and hold harmless the District, its officers, supervisors, agents, staff, and representatives from any and all liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, paralegal fees, and expert witness fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct or errors or omissions of the Engineer and persons employed or utilized by the Engineer in the performance of this Agreement.

B. Engineer agrees and covenants that nothing herein shall constitute or be construed as a waiver of the District's sovereign immunity pursuant to Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or other applicable law.

C. The following shall apply only to the extent a limitation on liability is required by Section 725.06, *Florida Statutes* or other applicable law: liability under this section shall in no event exceed the sum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000). Engineer shall carry, at its own expense, insurance in a company satisfactory to District to cover the

aforementioned liability. Engineer agrees such limitation bears a reasonable commercial relationship to the Agreement.

D. Disclaimer of Consequential Damages - Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Parties shall have no liability to each other for indirect, consequential, or special damages including, but not limited to, liability or damages for delays of any nature, loss of anticipated revenues or profits, costs of shutdown or startup.

E. UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, AND SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 558.0035, *FLORIDA STATUTES*, WHICH REQUIREMENTS ARE EXPRESSLY INCORPORATED HEREIN, AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF ENGINEER MAY NOT BE HELD INDIVIDUALLY LIABLE FOR NEGLIGENCE.

Article 16. Public Records. The Engineer understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and, accordingly, the Engineer agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including, but not limited to, Section 119.0701, *Florida Statutes*. Among other requirements and to the extent applicable by law, the Engineer shall 1) keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, provide the District with the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time period at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*; 3) ensure that public records which are exempt or confidential, and exempt from public records disclosure requirements, are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of this Agreement term and following this Agreement term if the Engineer does not transfer the records to the Public Records Custodian of the District; and 4) upon completion of this Agreement, transfer to the District, at no cost, all public records in the Engineer's possession or, alternatively, keep, maintain and meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records pursuant to Florida laws. When such public records are transferred by the Engineer, the Engineer shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District in a format that is compatible with Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats. The Engineer acknowledges that the designated Public Records Custodian for the District is George Flint.

IF THE ENGINEER HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, *FLORIDA STATUTES*, TO THE ENGINEER DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS

CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (407) 841-5524, GFLINT@GMSCFL.COM, OR 219 EAST LIVINGSTON STREET, ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32801.

Article 17. Employment Verification. The Engineer agrees that it shall bear the responsibility for verifying the employment status, under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, of all persons it employs in the performance of this Agreement.

Article 18. Controlling Law. Engineer and the District agree that this Agreement shall be controlled and governed by the laws of the State of Florida.

Article 19. Assignment. Neither the District nor the Engineer shall assign, sublet, or transfer any rights under or interest in this Agreement without the express written consent of the other. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent the Engineer from employing such independent professional associates and consultants as Engineer deems appropriate, pursuant to Article 6 herein.

Article 20. Termination. The District and the Engineer may terminate this Agreement without cause upon notice. At such time as Engineer receives notification by the District to terminate the contract, Engineer shall not perform any further services unless directed to do so by the Board of Supervisors. In the event of any termination, Engineer will be paid for services rendered to the date of termination and all reimbursable expenses incurred to the date of termination.

Article 21. Recovery of Costs and Fees. In the event either Party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the prevailing Party shall be entitled to recover from the other Party all costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

Article 22. Acceptance. Acceptance of this Agreement is indicated by the signature of the authorized representative of the District and the Engineer in the spaces provided below.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these present to be executed the day and year first above written.

HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

APPIAN ENGINEERING, LLC

Witness

By: *major stacy*

Its: *Principal*

Exhibit A Work Authorization
Exhibit B Fee Schedule

Exhibit A: Work Authorization

November 22, 2022

Hicks Ditch Community Development District
City of Eustis, Florida

Subject: **Work Authorization Number 1**
Hicks Ditch Community Development District

Dear Chairman, Board of Supervisors:

Appian Engineering, LLC, is pleased to submit this work authorization to provide interim engineering services for the Hicks Ditch Community Development District ("District"). We will provide these services pursuant to our current agreement dated November 22, 2022 ("Engineering Agreement") as follows:

I. Scope of Work

The District will engage the services of Appian Engineering, LLC, as Interim Engineer to perform those services regarding preparation of Master Engineer's Report for Capital Improvements, Validation of Bonds and attendance at District meetings and related work thereto.

II. Fees

The District will compensate Appian Engineering, LLC, pursuant to the hourly rate schedule contained in the Engineering Agreement. The District will reimburse Appian Engineering, LLC, all direct costs which include items such as printing, drawings, travel, deliveries, et cetera, pursuant to the Agreement.

This proposal, together with the Engineering Agreement, represents the entire understanding between the District and Appian Engineering, LLC, with regard to the referenced work authorization. If you wish to accept this work authorization, please sign both copies where indicated, and return one complete copy to our office. Upon receipt, we will promptly schedule our services.

Thank you for considering Appian Engineering, LLC. We look forward to helping you create a quality project.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED

Sincerely,

By: _____

Authorized Representative of
Hicks Ditch Community
Development District



By: major stacy

Its: principal

Appian Engineering, LLC

EXHIBIT ~~"A"~~ B HOURLY RATE SHEET

Principal / Expert Witness	\$250.00 / Hour
Sr. Project Manager	\$185.00 / Hour
Project Manager	\$165.00 / Hour
Sr. Engineer / Sr. Planner	\$150.00 / Hour
Sr. CADD Designer	\$135.00 / Hour
Project Engineer	\$120.00 / Hour
Project Planner	\$110.00 / Hour
Engineer III	\$105.00 / Hour
Engineer II	\$95.00 / Hour
CADD Designer	\$85.00 / Hour
Permitting Administrator	\$80.00 / Hour
Jr. Engineer	\$80.00 / Hour
CADD Technician / Operator	\$70.00 / Hour
Administrative Assistant	\$65.00 / Hour
Engineering Intern	\$55.00 / Hour
Word Processor / Secretary	\$55.00 / Hour
Mileage	\$0.625/mile + 15%
Tolls	Actual Cost + 15%
Copies (In-House)	
B&W 8.5 x 11	\$0.25 / page
8.5 x 14	\$0.30 / page
11 x 17	\$0.40 / page
12 x 18	\$0.65 / page
Color 8.5 x 11	\$1.00 / page
8.5 x 14	\$1.35 / page
11 x 17	\$1.75 / page
12 x 18	\$2.00 / page
Out of House Prints (Full Submittals, Reports, and Spec Books, etc.)	Actual Cost + 15%
Shipping/Overnight Parcels/Postage	Actual Cost + 15%
Immediate Courier Service	Actual Cost + 15%
Application / Permits Fees	Actual Cost
Sub-Consultant Services / Fees	Actual Cost + 15%
Reference Data (Codes, Maps, Aerials, etc.)	Actual Cost + 15%
Equipment / Specialty Rentals	Actual Cost + 15%

THESE HOURLY RATES ARE VALID THROUGH October 31, 2023

SECTION F

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES
FOR THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

RFQ for Engineering Services

The Hicks Ditch Community Development District (“District”), located in the City of Eustis, Florida, announces that professional engineering services will be required on a continuing basis for the District’s capital improvement plan, including stormwater management system, landscaping improvements, utilities, roadway improvements, and other public improvements authorized by Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*. The engineering firm selected will act in the general capacity of District Engineer and provide District engineering services, as required.

Any firm or individual (“Applicant”) desiring to provide professional services to the District must: 1) hold applicable federal, state and local licenses; 2) be authorized to do business in Florida in accordance with Florida law; and 3) furnish a statement (“Qualification Statement”) of its qualifications and past experience on U.S. General Service Administration’s “Architect-Engineer Qualifications, Standard Form No. 330,” with pertinent supporting data. Among other things, Applicants must submit information relating to: a) the ability and adequacy of the Applicant’s professional personnel; b) whether the Applicant is a certified minority business enterprise; c) the Applicant’s willingness to meet time and budget requirements; d) the Applicant’s past experience and performance, including but not limited to past experience as a District Engineer for any community development districts and past experience with the City of Eustis and Lake County, Florida; e) the geographic location of the Applicant’s headquarters and offices; f) the current and projected workloads of the Applicant; and g) the volume of work previously awarded to the Applicant by the District. Further, each Applicant must identify the specific individual affiliated with the Applicant who would be handling District meetings, construction services, and other engineering tasks.

The District will review all Applicants and will comply with Florida law, including the Consultant’s Competitive Negotiations Act, Chapter 287, *Florida Statutes* (“CCNA”). All applicants interested must submit eight (8) copies of Standard Form No. 330 and Qualification Statement by _____ a/p.m. on _____ to the attention of George Flint, GMS – Central Florida, LLC, 219 East Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801 (“District Manager’s Office”).

The Board shall select and rank the Applicants using the requirements set forth in the CCNA and the evaluation criteria on file with the District Manager, and the highest ranked Applicant will be requested to enter into contract negotiations. If an agreement cannot be reached between the District and the highest ranked Applicant, negotiations will cease and begin with the next highest ranked Applicant, and if these negotiations are unsuccessful, will continue to the third highest ranked Applicant.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all Qualification Statements. Additionally, there is no express or implied obligation for the District to reimburse Applicants for any expenses associated with the preparation and submittal of the Qualification Statements in response to this request.

Any protest regarding the terms of this Notice, or the evaluation criteria on file with the District Manager, must be filed in writing, within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the publication of this Notice. The formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. Failure to timely file a notice of protest or failure to timely file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of any right to object or protest with respect to aforesaid Notice or evaluation criteria provisions. Any person who files a notice of protest shall provide to the District, simultaneous with the filing of the notice, a protest bond with a responsible surety to be approved by the District and in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). Additional information and requirements regarding protests are set forth in the District’s proposed Rules of Procedure, which are available from the District Manager.

Publish on _____ (DM: must be published at least 14 days prior to submittal deadline in a newspaper of general circulation. Please set submittal deadline based on when able to publish notice.)

**HICKS DITCH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

DISTRICT ENGINEER PROPOSALS

COMPETITIVE SELECTION CRITERIA

1) Ability and Adequacy of Professional Personnel (Weight: 25 Points)

Consider the capabilities and experience of key personnel within the firm including certification, training, and education; affiliations and memberships with professional organizations; etc.

2) Consultant's Past Performance (Weight: 25 Points)

Past performance for other community development districts in other contracts; amount of experience on similar projects; character, integrity, reputation, of respondent; etc.

3) Geographic Location (Weight: 20 Points)

Consider the geographic location of the firm's headquarters, offices and personnel in relation to the project.

4) Willingness to Meet Time and Budget Requirements (Weight: 15 Points)

Consider the consultant's ability and desire to meet time and budget requirements including rates, staffing levels and past performance on previous projects; etc.

5) Certified Minority Business Enterprise (Weight: 5 Points)

Consider whether the firm is a Certified Minority Business Enterprise. Award either all eligible points or none.

6) Recent, Current and Projected Workloads (Weight: 5 Points)

Consider the recent, current and projected workloads of the firm.

7) Volume of Work Previously Awarded to Consultant by District (Weight: 5 Points)

Consider the desire to diversify the firms that receive work from the District; etc.

SECTION IV

SECTION A

RESOLUTION 2023-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING THE ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and situated entirely within the City of Eustis, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District is required by Section 189.015, *Florida Statutes*, to file quarterly, semi-annually, or annually a schedule (including date, time, and location) of its regular meetings with local governing authorities; and

WHEREAS, further, in accordance with the above-referenced statute, the District shall also publish quarterly, semi-annually, or annually the District’s regular meeting schedule in a newspaper of general paid circulation in the county in which the District is located; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt the annual meeting schedule beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023 (“Fiscal Year 2023”) attached as **Exhibit A**.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The Fiscal Year 2023 annual meeting schedule attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved and shall be published in accordance with the requirements of Florida law and also provided to applicable governing authorities.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of November 2022.

ATTEST:

HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Meeting Schedule

Exhibit A

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING DATES HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2023

The Board of Supervisors of the Hicks Ditch Community Development District will hold their regular meetings for Fiscal Year 2023 at Cooper Memorial Library, 2525 Oakley Seaver Drive, Clermont, FL 34711, at **9:00 a.m.** unless otherwise indicated as follows:

December 28, 2022
January 25, 2023
February 22, 2023
March 22, 2023
April 26, 2023
May 24, 2023
June 28, 2023
July 26, 2023
August 23, 2023
September 27, 2023

The meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provision of Florida Law for Community Development Districts.

The meetings may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. A copy of the agenda for these meetings may be obtained from the District Manager, Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC, 219 East Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801, or by calling (407) 841-5524.

There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors or staff will participate by speaker telephone. Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (407) 841-5524 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Office.

A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

George S. Flint
District Manager
Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC

SECTION B

RESOLUTION 2023-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION FOR LANDOWNERS' MEETING OF THE DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Eustis, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Supervisors ("Board") is statutorily authorized to exercise the powers granted to the District; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the Board shall be open to the public and governed by provisions of Chapter 286, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the effective date of Ordinance 22-21 creating the District (the "Ordinance") was November 3, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the District is statutorily required to hold a meeting of the landowners of the District for the purpose of electing five (5) supervisors for the District within ninety (90) days after the effective date of the Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. In accordance with Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*, the initial meeting of the landowners to elect five (5) supervisors of the District, shall be held on the ____ day of _____, 2022 at _____.m., at _____.
Information about the meeting may be obtained by contacting the Office of the District Manager, Governmental Management Services - Central Florida, LLC, located at 219 East Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801; (Ph): 407-841-5524 ("Office of the District Manager").

SECTION 2. The District's Secretary is hereby directed to publish notice of this landowners' meeting and election in accordance with the requirements of Section 190.006(2)(a), *Florida Statutes*.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to Section 190.006(2)(b), *Florida Statutes*, the landowners' meeting and election is hereby announced at the Board's organizational meeting held on November 22, 2022. A sample notice of landowners' meeting and election, proxy, ballot form and instructions were presented at such meeting and are attached hereto as **Composite Exhibit A**. Such documents are available for review and copying during normal business hours at the Office of the District Manager.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of November 2022.

ATTEST:

**HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Composite Exhibit A: Sample Notice of Landowners' Meeting and Election, Proxy, Ballot Form
and Instructions

Composite Exhibit A

Sample Notice of Landowners' Meeting and Election, Proxy, Ballot Form and Instructions

NOTICE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING AND ELECTION OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given to the public and all landowners within the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (the "District"), the location of which is generally described as comprising a parcel or parcels of land containing approximately 244.043 acres, generally located north of County Road 44, southwest of the Pine Meadows Conservation Area, and east of County Road 19A, in the City of Eustis, Florida, advising that a meeting of landowners will be held for the purpose of electing five (5) persons to the District Board of Supervisors.

DATE: _____, 2022
TIME: _____m.
PLACE: _____

Each landowner may vote in person or by written proxy. Proxy forms may be obtained upon request by contacting the office of the District Manager Governmental Management Services Central Florida, LLC, 219 East Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801; Ph: (407) 841-5524 ("District Office"). At said meeting each landowner or his or her proxy shall be entitled to nominate persons for the position of Supervisor and cast one vote per acre of land, or fractional portion thereof, owned by him or her and located within the District for each person to be elected to the position of Supervisor. A fraction of an acre shall be treated as one acre, entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Platted lots shall be counted individually and rounded up to the nearest whole acre. The acreage of platted lots shall not be aggregated for determining the number of voting units held by a landowner or a landowner's proxy. At the landowners' meeting the landowners shall select a person to serve as the meeting chair and who shall conduct the meeting.

The landowners' meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. The meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at such meeting. A copy of the agenda for this meeting may be obtained from the District Office.

Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in these meetings is asked to contact the District Office at (Ph): 407-841-5524, at least forty-eight (48) hours before the hearing. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 7-1-1 or (800) 955-8770 for aid in contacting the District Office.

A person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that such person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

George Flint
District Manager

Run Date(s): _____ & _____

PUBLISH: ONCE A WEEK FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS, THE LAST DAY OF PUBLICATION TO BE NOT FEWER THAN 14 DAYS OR MORE THAN 28 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF ELECTION, IN A NEWSPAPER WHICH IS IN GENERAL CIRCULATION IN LAKE COUNTY

**INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO LANDOWNERS' MEETING OF
HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FOR THE ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS**

DATE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING: _____, 2022

TIME: _____ .M.

LOCATION:

Pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and after a Community Development District ("**District**") has been established and the landowners have held their initial election, there shall be a subsequent landowners' meeting for the purpose of electing members of the Board of Supervisors ("**Board**") every two years until the District qualifies to have its board members elected by the qualified electors of the District. The following instructions on how all landowners may participate in the election are intended to comply with Section 190.006(2)(b), Florida Statutes.

A landowner may vote in person at the landowners' meeting, or the landowner may nominate a proxy holder to vote at the meeting in place of the landowner. Whether in person or by proxy, each landowner shall be entitled to cast one vote per acre of land owned by him or her and located within the District, for each position on the Board that is open for election for the upcoming term. A fraction of an acre shall be treated as one (1) acre, entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Please note that a particular parcel of real property is entitled to only one vote for each eligible acre of land or fraction thereof; therefore, two or more people who own real property in common, that is one acre or less, are together entitled to only one vote for that real property.

At the landowners' meeting, the first step is to elect a chair for the meeting, who may be any person present at the meeting. The landowners shall also elect a secretary for the meeting who may be any person present at the meeting. The secretary shall be responsible for the minutes of the meeting. The chair shall conduct the nominations and the voting. If the chair is a landowner or proxy holder of a landowner, he or she may nominate candidates and make and second motions. Candidates must be nominated and then shall be elected by a vote of the landowners. Nominees may be elected only to a position on the Board that is open for election for the upcoming term.

Five (5) seats on the Board will be up for election by landowners. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. The three candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. The term of office for each successful candidate shall commence upon election.

A proxy is available upon request. To be valid, each proxy must be signed by one of the legal owners of the property for which the vote is cast and must contain the typed or printed name of the individual who signed the proxy; the street address, legal description of the property or tax parcel identification number; and the number of authorized votes. If the proxy authorizes more than one vote, each property must be listed and the number of acres of each property must be included. The signature on a proxy does not need to be notarized.

**LANDOWNER PROXY
HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
CITY OF EUSTIS, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – _____, 2022**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned, the fee simple owner of the lands described herein, hereby constitutes and appoints _____ (**"Proxy Holder"**) for and on behalf of the undersigned, to vote as proxy at the meeting of the landowners of Hicks Ditch Community Development District to be held at _____, on _____, 2022, at _____ .m. and at any adjournments thereof, according to the number of acres of unplatted land and/or platted lots owned by the undersigned landowner that the undersigned would be entitled to vote if then personally present, upon any question, proposition, or resolution or any other matter or thing that may be considered at said meeting including, but not limited to, the election of members of the Board of Supervisors. Said Proxy Holder may vote in accordance with his or her discretion on all matters not known or determined at the time of solicitation of this proxy, which may legally be considered at said meeting.

Any proxy heretofore given by the undersigned for said meeting is hereby revoked. This proxy is to continue in full force and effect from the date hereof until the conclusion of the landowners' meeting and any adjournment or adjournments thereof, but may be revoked at any time by written notice of such revocation presented at the landowners' meeting prior to the Proxy Holder's exercising the voting rights conferred herein.

Printed Name of Legal Owner

Signature of Legal Owner

Date

<u>Parcel Description</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Authorized Votes</u>
See Attachment A	244.043	245
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Total Number of Authorized Votes: 245

NOTES: Pursuant to Section 190.006(2)(b), *Florida Statutes* (2022), a fraction of an acre is treated as one (1) acre entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Moreover, two (2) or more persons who own real property in common that is one acre or less are together entitled to only one vote for that real property.

If the fee simple landowner is not an individual, and is instead a corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership or other entity, evidence that the individual signing on behalf of the entity has the authority to do so should be attached hereto (e.g., bylaws, corporate resolution, etc.).

OFFICIAL BALLOT
HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
CITY OF EUSTIS, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – _____, 2022

For Election (5 Supervisors): The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will each receive a four (4) year term, and the three (3) candidates receiving the next highest number of votes will each receive a two (2) year term, with the term of office for the successful candidates commencing upon election.

The undersigned certifies that he/she/it is the fee simple owner of land, or the proxy holder for the fee simple owner of land, located within the Lake Harris Community Development District and described as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
See Attachment A	244.043
_____	_____
_____	_____

or

Attach Proxy.

I, _____, as Landowner, or as the proxy holder of _____, (Landowner) pursuant to the Landowner's Proxy attached hereto, do cast my votes as follows:

NAME OF CANDIDATE	NUMBER OF VOTES
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

Attachment A
Legal Description

That part of the East 169.5 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, lying South of the Southerly line of the right of way known as Pine Meadows Golf Course Road.

AND

The Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, LESS right of way for Pine Meadows Golf Course Road. Also LESS and EXCEPT Lots 1 and 2, Pine Meadows Fairway Estates, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 17, Page 56, Public Records of Lake County, Florida.

AND

Tracts 21 to 26, inclusive, and Tracts 37 to 40, inclusive, Eustis Meadows, according to the Map or Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, Public Records of Lake County, Florida, LESS and EXCEPT therefrom the right of way for Pine Meadows Golf Course Road, as shown on Plat Book 17, Page 56 and the right of way for Fairway Drive, as shown on Plat Book 17, Page 56, and the right of way for Pine-Meadows Road, as shown on Plat Book 17, Page 12. Also, LESS and EXCEPT Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28, Pine Meadows Fairway Estates, according to the Map or Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 17, Page 56, Public Records of Lake County, Florida.

AND

Parcel A:

That part of Lot 12, in Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Map of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded In Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; and that part of Blocks 3 and 15, in Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Town Plat of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded In Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Begin at a 5/8" Iron rod and cap (PLS 3351) at the Northeast corner of Lot 12 of said Map of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; run thence South 87°04'27" West, along the North line of said Lot 12, also being the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, a distance of 651.38 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 12; thence South 00°32'04" East, along the West line of said Lot 12, a distance of 1,280.21 feet to a 4" octagonal monument at the Southwest corner of said Lot 12; thence North 87°33'44" East, along the South line of said Lot 12, a distance of 15.01 feet; thence South 00°32'04" East, a distance of 15.01 feet to the Northwest corner of Block 3 of said Town Plat of Eustis Meadows; thence North 87°33'44" East, along the South right of way line of North Street, a distance of 10.01 feet; thence South 00°32'04" East, along a line 10 feet East of when measured at right angles to and parallel with the East right of way line of Cedar Street, a distance of 433.22 feet to an intersection with a line that is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with, when measured of right angles thereto, the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A; thence North 88°02'40" East, along said line which is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with the North

right of way line of County Road No. 44-A, a distance of 111.02 feet, to an intersection with the Westerly top of the bank of a canal known as Hicks Ditch; thence North 24°12'31" East, along said top of bank, 108.49 feet; thence North 21°03'29" East, along said top of bank, 200.06 feet; thence North 19°20'32" East, along said top of bank, 200.30 feet; thence North 20°32'44" East, along said top of bank, 394.93 feet; thence North 19°41'20" East, along said top of bank, 541.12 feet to an intersection with the East line of said Lot 12; thence North 00°44'07" West, along the East line of said Lot 12, 402.85 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Together with a 50 feet wide ingress and egress easement along the Easterly line bounded and described as follows: Commence at a 5/8" iron rod and cap (PLS 3351) at the Northeast corner of Lot 12 of Map of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; run thence South 00°44'07" East, along the East line of said Lot 12, a distance of 402.85 feet to the Point of Beginning; run thence North 00°44'07" West, along the East line of said Lot 12, a distance of 125.70 feet; thence South 22°42'12" West, 116.65 feet; thence South 19°41'20" West, 542.07 feet; thence South 20°32'44" West, 395.08 feet; thence South 19°20'32" West, 200.08 feet; thence South 21°03'29" West, 197.94 feet; thence South 24°12'31" West, 131.68 feet to an intersection with a line that is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with when measured at right angles thereto the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A; thence North 88°02'40" East, along said line which is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A, a distance of 55.71 feet, to an intersection with the Westerly top of the bank of a canal known as Hicks Ditch; thence North 24°12'31" East, along said top of bank, 108.49 feet; thence North 21°03'29" East, along said top of bank, 200.06 feet; thence North 19°20'32" East, along said top of bank, 200.30 feet; thence North 20°32'44" East, along said top of bank, 394.93 feet; thence North 19°41'20" East, along said top of bank, 541.12 feet to the Point of Beginning.

AND

Parcel B:

That part of Blocks 2 and 14, and that part of a vacated portion of Orange Street, in Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Town Plat of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a 5/8" iron rod and cap (PLS 3351) at the Northeast corner of Lot 12 of Map Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; run thence South 87°04'27" West, along the North line of said Lot 12, also being the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, a distance of 651.38 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 12; thence continue South 87°04'27" West, along the North line of Lot 11, said Map of Eustis Meadows, also being the North line of the said Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, a distance of 175.55 feet to an intersection with the East line of the West 150.00 feet of the East 1/2 of said Lot 11; thence South 00°26'01" East, along the East line of the West 150.00 feet of the East 1/2 of said Lot 11 and its prolongation thereof, a distance of 1,293.80 feet to an intersection with the South right of way line of North Street and the Point of Beginning; thence North 87°33'44" East, along the South right of way line of North Street, a distance of 152.76 feet to a line 10 feet West of when measured at right angles to and parallel with the West right of way line of Cedar Street; thence South 00°32'04" East,

along said line 10 feet West of when measured at right angles to and parallel with the West right of way line of Cedar Street, a distance of 432.80 feet to an intersection with a line that is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with when measured at right angles to the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A; thence South 88°02'40" West, along said line which is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A, a distance of 153.49 feet, to an intersection with a line which bears South 00°26'01" East from the Point of Beginning; thence North 00°26'01" West, along the Southerly prolongation of the East line of the West 150.00 feet of the East 1/2 of said Lot 11, a distance of 431.53 feet to the Point of Beginning.

AND

Parcel C:

That part of Lot 11, in Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Map of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a 5/8" iron rod and cap (PLS 3351) at the Northeast corner of Lot 12 of Map of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; run thence South 87°04'27" West, along the North line of said Lot 12, also being the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, a distance of 651.38 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 12, and the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 87°04'27" West, along the North line of Lot 11, said Map of Eustis Meadows, also being the North line of the said Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, a distance of 175.55 feet to an intersection with the East line of the West 150.00 feet of the East 1/2 of said Lot 11; thence South 00°26'01" East, along the East line of the West 150.00 feet of the East 1/2 of said Lot 11, a distance of 1,243.77 feet to an intersection with a line 35.00 feet North of when measured at right angles to and parallel with the North right of way line of North Street; thence North 87°33'44" East, along said line 35.00 feet North of when measured at right angles to and parallel with the North right of way line of North Street, a distance of 177.69 feet to an intersection with the West line of said Lot 12; thence North 00°32'04" West, along said West line of Lot 12, a distance of 1,245.19 feet to the Point of Beginning.

TOGETHER WITH:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A STRIP OF LAND, BEING A PORTION OF PINE MEADOWS GOLF COURSE ROAD AS DESCRIBED IN THAT CERTAIN INDENTURE, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 666, PAGE 1637 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING IN LOTS 21 THROUGH 24, EUSTIS MEADOWS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 2, OF SAID PUBLIC RECORDS. BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FAIRWAY DRIVE, PINE MEADOWS FAIRWAY ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 17, PAGE 56 AND BOUNDED ON THE EAST BY THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 24.

TOGETHER WITH:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A STRIP OF LAND, BEING NORTH STREET AND CEDAR STREET, LYING EAST OF THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 150 FEET OF THE EAST HALF OF LOT 11, EUSTIS MEADOWS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 2, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND LYING NORTH OF THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF EAST COUNTY ROAD 44.

All of the above containing approximately 244.043 acres, +/-

SECTION C

RESOLUTION 2023-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO DESIGNATE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF SUCH HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING RULES OF PROCEDURE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Eustis, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (the "Board") is authorized by Section 190.011(5), *Florida Statutes*, to adopt rules and orders pursuant to Chapter 120, *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. A Public Hearing will be held to adopt Rules of Procedure on _____, 2022, at _____ .m., at _____.

SECTION 2. The District Secretary is directed to publish notice of the hearing in accordance with Section 120.54, *Florida Statutes*.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of November 2022.

ATTEST:

**HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

**RULES OF PROCEDURE
HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

EFFECTIVE AS OF November 22, 2022

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Rule 1.0 General.

- (1) The Hicks Ditch Community Development District (the “District”) was created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes, and was established to provide for the ownership, operation, maintenance, and provision of various capital facilities and services within its jurisdiction. The purpose of these rules (the “Rules”) is to describe the general operations of the District.
- (2) Definitions located within any section of these Rules shall be applicable within all other sections, unless specifically stated to the contrary.
- (3) Unless specifically permitted by a written agreement with the District, the District does not accept documents filed by electronic mail or facsimile transmission. Filings are only accepted during normal business hours.
- (4) A Rule of the District shall be effective upon adoption by affirmative vote of the District Board. After a Rule becomes effective, it may be repealed or amended only through the rulemaking procedures specified in these Rules. Notwithstanding, the District may immediately suspend the application of a Rule if the District determines that the Rule conflicts with Florida law. In the event that a Rule conflicts with Florida law and its application has not been suspended by the District, such Rule should be interpreted in the manner that best effectuates the intent of the Rule while also complying with Florida law. If the intent of the Rule absolutely cannot be effectuated while complying with Florida law, the Rule shall be automatically suspended.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Rule 1.1 Board of Supervisors; Officers and Voting.

- (1) Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors of the District (the “Board”) shall consist of five (5) members. Members of the Board (“Supervisors”) appointed by ordinance or rule or elected by landowners must be citizens of the United States of America and residents of the State of Florida. Supervisors elected or appointed by the Board to elector seats must be citizens of the United States of America, residents of the State of Florida and of the District and registered to vote with the Supervisor of Elections of the county in which the District is located and for those elected, shall also be qualified to run by the Supervisor of Elections. The Board shall exercise the powers granted to the District under Florida law.
 - (a) Supervisors shall hold office for the term specified by Section 190.006 of the Florida Statutes. If, during the term of office, any Board member(s) vacates their office, the remaining member(s) of the Board shall fill the vacancies by appointment for the remainder of the term(s). If three or more vacancies exist at the same time, a quorum, as defined herein, shall not be required to appoint replacement Board members.
 - (b) Three (3) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of conducting business, exercising powers and all other purposes. A Board member shall be counted toward the quorum if physically present at the meeting, regardless of whether such Board member is prohibited from, or abstains from, participating in discussion or voting on a particular item.
 - (c) Action taken by the Board shall be upon a majority vote of the members present, unless otherwise provided in the Rules or required by law. Subject to Rule 1.3(10), a Board member participating in the Board meeting by teleconference or videoconference shall be entitled to vote and take all other action as though physically present.
 - (d) Unless otherwise provided for by an act of the Board, any one Board member may attend a mediation session on behalf of the Board. Any agreement resulting from such mediation session must be approved pursuant to subsection (1)(c) of this Rule.
- (2) Officers. At the first Board meeting held after each election where the newly elected members take office, the Board shall select a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer.
 - (a) The Chairperson must be a member of the Board. If the Chairperson resigns from that office or ceases to be a member of the Board, the Board shall select a Chairperson. The Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board. The Chairperson shall be authorized to execute resolutions and contracts on the District’s behalf. The Chairperson shall convene and conduct all meetings of the Board. In the event the Chairperson is unable

to attend a meeting, the Vice-Chairperson shall convene and conduct the meeting. The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson may delegate the responsibility of conducting the meeting to the District's manager ("District Manager") or District Counsel, in whole or in part.

- (b) The Vice-Chairperson shall be a member of the Board and shall have such duties and responsibilities as specifically designated by the Board from time to time. The Vice-Chairperson has the authority to execute resolutions and contracts on the District's behalf in the absence of the Chairperson. If the Vice-Chairperson resigns from office or ceases to be a member of the Board, the Board shall select a Vice-Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board.
- (c) The Secretary of the Board serves at the pleasure of the Board and need not be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the minutes of Board meetings and may have other duties assigned by the Board from time to time. An employee of the District Manager may serve as Secretary. The Secretary shall be bonded by a reputable and qualified bonding company in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), or have in place a fidelity bond, employee theft insurance policy, or a comparable product in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) that names the District as an additional insured.
- (d) The Treasurer need not be a member of the Board but must be a resident of the State of Florida. The Treasurer shall perform duties described in Section 190.007(2) and (3) of the Florida Statutes, as well as those assigned by the Board from time to time. The Treasurer shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Treasurer shall either be bonded by a reputable and qualified bonding company in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), or have in place a fidelity bond, employee theft insurance policy, or a comparable product in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) that names the District as an additional insured.
- (e) In the event that both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are absent from a Board meeting and a quorum is present, the Board may designate one of its members or a member of District staff to convene and conduct the meeting. In such circumstances, any of the Board members present are authorized to execute agreements, resolutions, and other documents approved by the Board at such meeting. In the event that the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are both unavailable to execute a document previously approved by the Board, the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may execute such document.

- (f) The Board may assign additional duties to District officers from time to time, which include, but are not limited to, executing documents on behalf of the District.
 - (g) The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and any other person authorized by District Resolution may sign checks and warrants for the District, countersigned by the Treasurer or other persons authorized by the Board.
- (3) Committees. The Board may establish committees of the Board, either on a permanent or temporary basis, to perform specifically designated functions. Committees may include individuals who are not members of the Board. Such functions may include, but are not limited to, review of bids, proposals, and qualifications, contract negotiations, personnel matters, and budget preparation.
- (4) Record Book. The Board shall keep a permanent record book entitled “Record of Proceedings,” in which shall be recorded minutes of all meetings, resolutions, proceedings, certificates, and corporate acts. The Records of Proceedings shall be located at a District office and shall be available for inspection by the public.
- (5) Meetings. For each fiscal year, the Board shall establish a schedule of regular meetings, which shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located and filed with the local general-purpose governments within whose boundaries the District is located. All meetings of the Board and Committees serving an advisory function shall be open to the public in accord with the provisions of Chapter 286 of the Florida Statutes.
- (6) Voting Conflict of Interest. The Board shall comply with Section 112.3143 of the Florida Statutes, so as to ensure the proper disclosure of conflicts of interest on matters coming before the Board for a vote. For the purposes of this section, "voting conflict of interest" shall be governed by the Florida Constitution and Chapters 112 and 190 of the Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time. Generally, a voting conflict exists when a Board member is called upon to vote on an item which would inure to the Board member’s special private gain or loss or the Board member knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of a principal by whom the Board member is retained, the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal, a business associate, or a relative including only a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law.
- (a) When a Board member knows the member has a conflict of interest on a matter coming before the Board, the member should notify the Board’s Secretary prior to participating in any discussion with the Board on the matter. The member shall publicly announce the conflict of interest at the meeting. This announcement shall appear in the minutes.

If the Board member was elected at a landowner's election or appointed to fill a vacancy of a seat last filled at a landowner's election, the Board member may vote or abstain from voting on the matter at issue. If the Board member was elected by electors residing within the District, the Board member is prohibited from voting on the matter at issue. In the event that the Board member intends to abstain or is prohibited from voting, such Board member shall not participate in the discussion on the item subject to the vote.

The Board's Secretary shall prepare a Memorandum of Voting Conflict (Form 8B) which shall then be signed by the Board member, filed with the Board's Secretary, and provided for attachment to the minutes of the meeting within fifteen (15) days of the meeting.

- (b) If a Board member inadvertently votes on a matter and later learns he or she has a conflict on the matter, the member shall immediately notify the Board's Secretary. Within fifteen (15) days of the notification, the member shall file the appropriate Memorandum of Voting Conflict, which will be attached to the minutes of the Board meeting during which the vote on the matter occurred. The Memorandum of Voting Conflict shall immediately be provided to other Board members and shall be read publicly at the next meeting held subsequent to the filing of the Memorandum of Voting Conflict. The Board member's vote is unaffected by this filing.
- (c) It is not a conflict of interest for a Board member, the District Manager, or an employee of the District to be a stockholder, officer or employee of a landowner or of an entity affiliated with a landowner.
- (d) In the event that a Board member elected at a landowner's election or appointed to fill a vacancy of a seat last filled at a landowner's election, has a continuing conflict of interest, such Board member is permitted to file a Memorandum of Voting Conflict at any time in which it shall state the nature of the continuing conflict. Only one such continuing Memorandum of Voting Conflict shall be required to be filed for each term the Board member is in office.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 112.3143, 190.006, 190.007, Fla. Stat.

Rule 1.2 District Offices; Public Information and Inspection of Records; Policies; Service Contract Requirements; Financial Disclosure Coordination.

- (1) District Offices. Unless otherwise designated by the Board, the official District office shall be the District Manager's office identified by the District Manager. If the District Manager's office is not located within the county in which the District is located, the Board shall designate a local records office within such county which shall at a minimum contain, but not be limited to, the following documents:
- (a) Agenda packages for prior 24 months and next meeting;
 - (b) Official minutes of meetings, including adopted resolutions of the Board;
 - (c) Names and addresses of current Board members and District Manager, unless such addresses are protected from disclosure by law;
 - (d) Adopted engineer's reports;
 - (e) Adopted assessment methodologies/reports;
 - (f) Adopted disclosure of public financing;
 - (g) Limited Offering Memorandum for each financing undertaken by the District;
 - (h) Proceedings, certificates, bonds given by all employees, and any and all corporate acts;
 - (i) District policies and rules;
 - (j) Fiscal year end audits; and
 - (k) Adopted budget for the current fiscal year.

The District Manager shall ensure that each District records office contains the documents required by Florida law.

- (2) Public Records. District public records include all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data processing software, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received in connection with the transaction of official business of the District. All District public records not otherwise restricted by law may be copied or inspected at the District Manager's office during regular business hours. Certain District records can also be inspected and copied at the District's local records office during regular business hours. All written public records requests shall be directed to the Secretary who by these rules is appointed

as the District's records custodian. Regardless of the form of the request, any Board member or staff member who receives a public records request shall immediately forward or communicate such request to the Secretary for coordination of a prompt response. The Secretary, after consulting with District Counsel as to the applicability of any exceptions under the public records laws, shall be responsible for responding to the public records request. At no time can the District be required to create records or summaries of records, or prepare opinions regarding District policies, in response to a public records request.

- (3) Service Contracts. Any contract for services, regardless of cost, shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws. The District Manager shall be responsible for initially enforcing all contract provisions related to a contractor's duty to comply with public records laws.
- (4) Fees; Copies. Copies of public records shall be made available to the requesting person at a charge of \$0.15 per page for one-sided copies and \$0.20 per page for two-sided copies if not more than 8 ½ by 14 inches. For copies of public records in excess of the sizes listed in this section and for outside duplication services, the charge shall be equal to the actual cost of reproduction. Certified copies of public records shall be made available at a charge of one dollar (\$1.00) per page. If the nature or volume of records requested requires extensive use of information technology resources or extensive clerical or supervisory assistance, the District may charge, in addition to the duplication charge, a special service charge that is based on the cost the District incurs to produce the records requested. This charge may include, but is not limited to, the cost of information technology resource, employee labor, and fees charged to the District by consultants employed in fulfilling the request. In cases where the special service charge is based in whole or in part on the costs incurred by the District due to employee labor, consultant fees, or other forms of labor, those portions of the charge shall be calculated based on the lowest labor cost of the individual(s) who is/are qualified to perform the labor, taking into account the nature or volume of the public records to be inspected or copied. The charge may include the labor costs of supervisory and/or clerical staff whose assistance is required to complete the records request, in accordance with Florida law. For purposes of this Rule, the word "extensive" shall mean that it will take more than 15 minutes to locate, review for confidential information, copy and re-file the requested material. In cases where extensive personnel time is determined by the District to be necessary to safeguard original records being inspected, the special service charge provided for in this section shall apply. If the total fees, including but not limited to special service charges, are anticipated to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), then, prior to commencing work on the request, the District will inform the person making the public records request of the estimated cost, with the understanding that the final cost may vary from that estimate. If the person making the public records request decides to proceed with the request, payment of the estimated cost is required in advance. Should the person fail to pay the estimate, the District is under no duty to produce

the requested records. After the request has been fulfilled, additional payments or credits may be due. The District is under no duty to produce records in response to future records requests if the person making the request owes the District for past unpaid duplication charges, special service charges, or other required payments or credits.

- (5) Records Retention. The Secretary of the District shall be responsible for retaining the District's records in accordance with applicable Florida law.
- (6) Policies. The Board may adopt policies related to the conduct of its business and the provision of services either by resolution or motion.
- (7) Financial Disclosure Coordination. Unless specifically designated by Board resolution otherwise, the Secretary shall serve as the Financial Disclosure Coordinator ("Coordinator") for the District as required by the Florida Commission on Ethics ("Commission"). The Coordinator shall create, maintain and update a list of the names, e-mail addresses, physical addresses, and names of the agency of, and the office or position held by, all Supervisors and other persons required by Florida law to file a statement of financial interest due to his or her affiliation with the District ("Reporting Individual"). The Coordinator shall provide this list to the Commission by February 1 of each year, which list shall be current as of December 31 of the prior year. Each Supervisor and Reporting Individual shall promptly notify the Coordinator in writing if there are any changes to such person's name, e-mail address, or physical address. Each Supervisor and Reporting Individual shall promptly notify the Commission in the manner prescribed by the Commission if there are any changes to such person's e-mail address.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 112.31446(3), 112.3145(8)(a)1., 119.07, 119.0701, 190.006, Fla. Stat.

Rule 1.3 Public Meetings, Hearings, and Workshops.

- (1) Notice. Except in emergencies, or as otherwise required by statute or these Rules, at least seven (7) days, but no more than thirty (30) days public notice shall be given of any public meeting, hearing or workshop of the Board. Public notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. "General circulation" means a publication that is printed and published at least once a week for the preceding year, offering at least 25% of its words in the English language, qualifies as a periodicals material for postal purposes in the county in which the District is located, is for sale to the public generally, is available to the public generally for the publication of official or other notices, and is customarily containing information of a public character or of interest or of value to the residents or owners of property in the county where published, or of interest or of value to the general public. The annual meeting notice required to be published by Section 189.015 of the Florida Statutes, shall be published in a newspaper not of limited subject matter, which is published at least five days a week, unless the only newspaper in the county is published less than five days a week. Each Notice shall state, as applicable:
- (a) The date, time and place of the meeting, hearing or workshop;
 - (b) A brief description of the nature, subjects, and purposes of the meeting, hearing, or workshop;
 - (c) The District office address for the submission of requests for copies of the agenda, as well as a contact name and telephone number for verbal requests for copies of the agenda; and
 - (d) The following or substantially similar language: "Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting/hearing/workshop is asked to advise the District Office at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting/hearing/workshop by contacting the District Manager at (407) 841-5524. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1 (800) 955-8770 or 1 (800) 955-8771, who can aid you in contacting the District Office."
 - (e) The following or substantially similar language: "A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting/hearing/workshop with respect to any matter considered at the meeting/hearing/workshop is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."

- (f) The following or substantially similar language: “The meeting [or hearing or workshop] may be continued in progress without additional notice to a time, date, and location stated on the record.”
- (2) Mistake. In the event that a meeting is held under the incorrect assumption that notice required by law and these Rules has been given, the Board at its next properly noticed meeting shall cure such defect by considering the agenda items from the prior meeting individually and anew.
- (3) Agenda. The District Manager, under the guidance of District Counsel and the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, shall prepare an agenda of the meeting/hearing/workshop. The agenda and any meeting materials available in an electronic format, excluding any confidential and any confidential and exempt information, shall be available to the public at least seven days before the meeting/hearing/workshop, except in an emergency. Meeting materials shall be defined as, and limited to, the agenda, meeting minutes, resolutions, and agreements of the District that District staff deems necessary for Board approval. Inclusion of additional materials for Board consideration other than those defined herein as “meeting materials” shall not convert such materials into “meeting materials.” For good cause, the agenda may be changed after it is first made available for distribution, and additional materials may be added or provided under separate cover at the meeting. The requirement of good cause shall be liberally construed to allow the District to efficiently conduct business and to avoid the expenses associated with special meetings.

The District may, but is not required to, use the following format in preparing its agenda for its regular meetings:

- Call to order
- Roll call
- Public comment
- Organizational matters
- Review of minutes
- Specific items of old business
- Specific items of new business
- Staff reports
 - (a) District Counsel
 - (b) District Engineer
 - (c) District Manager
 - 1. Financial Report
 - 2. Approval of Expenditures
- Supervisor’s requests and comments
- Public comment
- Adjournment

- (4) Minutes. The Secretary shall be responsible for preparing and keeping the minutes of each meeting of the Board. Minutes shall be corrected and approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting. The Secretary may work with other staff members in preparing draft minutes for the Board's consideration.
- (5) Special Requests. Persons wishing to receive, by mail, notices or agendas of meetings, may so advise the District Manager or Secretary at the District Office. Such persons shall furnish a mailing address in writing and shall be required to pre-pay the cost of the copying and postage.
- (6) Emergency Meetings. The Chairperson, or Vice-Chairperson if the Chairperson is unavailable, upon consultation with the District Manager and District Counsel, if available, may convene an emergency meeting of the Board without first having complied with sections (1) and (3) of this Rule, to act on emergency matters that may affect the public health, safety, or welfare. Whenever possible, the District Manager shall make reasonable efforts to provide public notice and notify all Board members of an emergency meeting twenty-four (24) hours in advance. Reasonable efforts may include telephone notification. Notice of the emergency meeting must be provided both before and after the meeting on the District's website, if it has one. Whenever an emergency meeting is called, the District Manager shall be responsible for notifying at least one newspaper of general circulation in the District. After an emergency meeting, the Board shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, the time, date and place of the emergency meeting, the reasons why an emergency meeting was necessary, and a description of the action taken. Actions taken at an emergency meeting may be ratified by the Board at a regularly noticed meeting subsequently held.
- (7) Public Comment. The Board shall set aside a reasonable amount of time at each meeting for public comment and members of the public shall be permitted to provide comment on any proposition before the Board. The portion of the meeting generally reserved for public comment shall be identified in the agenda. Policies governing public comment may be adopted by the Board in accordance with Florida law.
- (8) Budget Hearing. Notice of hearing on the annual budget(s) shall be in accord with Section 190.008 of the Florida Statutes. Once adopted in accord with Section 190.008 of the Florida Statutes, the annual budget(s) may be amended from time to time by action of the Board. Approval of invoices by the Board in excess of the funds allocated to a particular budgeted line item shall serve to amend the budgeted line item.
- (9) Public Hearings. Notice of required public hearings shall contain the information required by applicable Florida law and by these Rules applicable to meeting notices and shall be mailed and published as required by Florida law. The District Manager shall ensure that all such notices, whether mailed or published, contain the information required by Florida law and these Rules and are mailed and

published as required by Florida law. Public hearings may be held during Board meetings when the agenda includes such public hearing.

- (10) Participation by Teleconference/Videoconference. District staff may participate in Board meetings by teleconference or videoconference. Board members may also participate in Board meetings by teleconference or videoconference if in the good judgment of the Board extraordinary circumstances exist; provided however, at least three Board members must be physically present at the meeting location to establish a quorum. Such extraordinary circumstances shall be presumed when a Board member participates by teleconference or videoconference, unless a majority of the Board members physically present determines that extraordinary circumstances do not exist.
- (11) Board Authorization. The District has not adopted Robert's Rules of Order. For each agenda item, there shall be discussion permitted among the Board members during the meeting. Unless such procedure is waived by the Board, approval or disapproval of resolutions and other proposed Board actions shall be in the form of a motion by one Board member, a second by another Board member, and an affirmative vote by the majority of the Board members present. Any Board member, including the Chairperson, can make or second a motion.
- (12) Continuances. Any meeting or public hearing of the Board may be continued without re-notice or re-advertising provided that:
 - (a) The Board identifies on the record at the original meeting a reasonable need for a continuance;
 - (b) The continuance is to a specified date, time, and location publicly announced at the original meeting; and
 - (c) The public notice for the original meeting states that the meeting may be continued to a date and time and states that the date, time, and location of any continuance shall be publicly announced at the original meeting and posted at the District Office immediately following the original meeting.
- (13) Attorney-Client Sessions. An Attorney-Client Session is permitted when the District's attorneys deem it necessary to meet in private with the Board to discuss pending litigation to which the District is a party before a court or administrative agency or as may be authorized by law. The District's attorney must request such session at a public meeting. Prior to holding the Attorney-Client Session, the District must give reasonable public notice of the time and date of the session and the names of the persons anticipated to attend the session. The session must commence at an open meeting in which the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson announces the commencement of the session, the estimated length of the session, and the names of the persons who will be attending the session. The discussion during the session is confined to settlement negotiations or strategy related to

litigation expenses or as may be authorized by law. Only the Board, the District's attorneys (including outside counsel), the District Manager, and the court reporter may attend an Attorney-Client Session. During the session, no votes may be taken and no final decisions concerning settlement can be made. Upon the conclusion of the session, the public meeting is reopened, and the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson must announce that the session has concluded. The session must be transcribed by a court-reporter and the transcript of the session filed with the District Secretary within a reasonable time after the session. The transcript shall not be available for public inspection until after the conclusion of the litigation.

- (14) Security and Firesafety Board Discussions. Portions of a meeting which relate to or would reveal a security or firesafety system plan or portion thereof made confidential and exempt by section 119.071(3)(a), Florida Statutes, are exempt from the public meeting requirements and other requirements of section 286.011, Florida Statutes, and section 24(b), Article 1 of the State Constitution. Should the Board wish to discuss such matters, members of the public shall be required to leave the meeting room during such discussion. Any records of the Board's discussion of such matters, including recordings or minutes, shall be maintained as confidential and exempt records in accordance with Florida law.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 189.069(2)(a)16, 190.006, 190.007, 190.008, 286.0105, 286.011, 286.0113, 286.0114, Fla. Stat.

Rule 1.4 Internal Controls to Prevent Fraud, Waste and Abuse

- (1) Internal Controls. The District shall establish and maintain internal controls designed to:
- (a) Prevent and detect “fraud,” “waste” and “abuse” as those terms are defined in section 11.45(1), Florida Statutes; and
 - (b) Promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules contracts, grant agreements, and best practices; and
 - (c) Support economical and efficient operations; and
 - (d) Ensure reliability of financial records and reports; and
 - (e) Safeguard assets.
- (2) Adoption. The internal controls to prevent fraud, waste and abuse shall be adopted and amended by the District in the same manner as District policies.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: § 218.33(3), Fla. Stat.

Rule 2.0 Rulemaking Proceedings.

- (1) Commencement of Proceedings. Proceedings held for adoption, amendment, or repeal of a District rule shall be conducted according to these Rules. Rulemaking proceedings shall be deemed to have been initiated upon publication of notice by the District. A “rule” is a District statement of general applicability that implements, interprets, or prescribes law or policy, or describes the procedure or practice requirements of the District (“Rule”). Nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the District to consider or adopt rules unless required by Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes. Policies adopted by the District which do not consist of rates, fees, rentals or other monetary charges may be, but are not required to be, implemented through rulemaking proceedings.

- (2) Notice of Rule Development.
 - (a) Except when the intended action is the repeal of a Rule, the District shall provide notice of the development of a proposed rule by publication of a Notice of Rule Development in a newspaper of general circulation in the District before providing notice of a proposed rule as required by section (3) of this Rule. Consequently, the Notice of Rule Development shall be published at least twenty-nine (29) days prior to the public hearing on the proposed Rule. The Notice of Rule Development shall indicate the subject area to be addressed by rule development, provide a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed rule, cite the specific legal authority for the proposed rule, and include a statement of how a person may promptly obtain, without cost, a copy of any preliminary draft, if available.

 - (b) All rules as drafted shall be consistent with Sections 120.54(1)(g) and 120.54(2)(b) of the Florida Statutes.

- (3) Notice of Proceedings and Proposed Rules.
 - (a) Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule other than an emergency rule, the District shall give notice of its intended action, setting forth a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed action, a reference to the specific rulemaking authority pursuant to which the rule is adopted, and a reference to the section or subsection of the Florida Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific. The notice shall include a summary of the District’s statement of the estimated regulatory costs, if one has been prepared, based on the factors set forth in Section 120.541(2) of the Florida Statutes, and a statement that any person who wishes to provide the District with a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), must do so in writing within twenty-one (21) days after publication of the notice. The notice shall additionally include a statement that any affected person may request a public hearing

by submitting a written request within twenty-one (21) days after the date of publication of the notice. Except when intended action is the repeal of a rule, the notice shall include a reference to both the date on which and the place where the Notice of Rule Development required by section (2) of this Rule appeared.

- (b) The notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and each county in which the District is located not less than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the intended action. The proposed rule shall be available for inspection and copying by the public at the time of the publication of notice.
 - (c) The notice shall be mailed to all persons named in the proposed rule and to all persons who, at least fourteen (14) days prior to such mailing, have made requests of the District for advance notice of its rulemaking proceedings. Any person may file a written request with the District Manager to receive notice by mail of District proceedings to adopt, amend, or repeal a rule. Such persons must furnish a mailing address and may be required to pay the cost of copying and mailing.
- (4) Rule Development Workshops. Whenever requested in writing by any affected person, the District must either conduct a rule development workshop prior to proposing rules for adoption or the Chairperson must explain in writing why a workshop is unnecessary. The District may initiate a rule development workshop but is not required to do so.
- (5) Petitions to Initiate Rulemaking. All Petitions to Initiate Rulemaking proceedings must contain the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner, the specific action requested, the specific reason for adoption, amendment, or repeal, the date submitted, the text of the proposed rule, and the facts showing that the petitioner is regulated by the District or has a substantial interest in the rulemaking. Not later than sixty (60) calendar days following the date of filing a petition, the Board shall initiate rulemaking proceedings or deny the petition with a written statement of its reasons for the denial. If the petition is directed to an existing policy that the District has not formally adopted as a rule, the District may, in its discretion, notice and hold a public hearing on the petition to consider the comments of the public directed to the policy, its scope and application, and to consider whether the public interest is served adequately by the application of the policy on a case-by-case basis, as contrasted with its formal adoption as a rule. However, this section shall not be construed as requiring the District to adopt a rule to replace a policy.
- (6) Rulemaking Materials. After the publication of the notice referenced in section (3) of this Rule, the Board shall make available for public inspection and shall provide, upon request and payment of the cost of copies, the following materials:

- (a) The text of the proposed rule, or any amendment or repeal of any existing rules;
 - (b) A detailed written statement of the facts and circumstances justifying the proposed rule;
 - (c) A copy of the statement of estimated regulatory costs if required by Section 120.541 of the Florida Statutes; and
 - (d) The published notice.
- (7) Hearing. The District may, or, upon the written request of any affected person received within twenty-one (21) days after the date of publication of the notice described in section (3) of this Rule, shall, provide a public hearing for the presentation of evidence, argument, and oral statements, within the reasonable conditions and limitations imposed by the District to avoid duplication, irrelevant comments, unnecessary delay, or disruption of the proceedings. The District shall publish notice of the public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the District either in the text of the notice described in section (3) of this Rule or in a separate publication at least seven (7) days before the scheduled public hearing. The notice shall specify the date, time, and location of the public hearing, and the name, address, and telephone number of the District contact person who can provide information about the public hearing. Written statements may be submitted by any person prior to or at the public hearing. All timely submitted written statements shall be considered by the District and made part of the rulemaking record.
- (8) Emergency Rule Adoption. The Board may adopt an emergency rule if it finds that immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare exists which requires immediate action. Prior to the adoption of an emergency rule, the District Manager shall make reasonable efforts to notify a newspaper of general circulation in the District. Notice of emergency rules shall be published as soon as possible in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. The District may use any procedure which is fair under the circumstances in the adoption of an emergency rule as long as it protects the public interest as determined by the District and otherwise complies with these provisions.
- (9) Negotiated Rulemaking. The District may use negotiated rulemaking in developing and adopting rules pursuant to Section 120.54(2)(d) of the Florida Statutes, except that any notices required under Section 120.54(2)(d) of the Florida Statutes, may be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located.
- (10) Rulemaking Record. In all rulemaking proceedings, the District shall compile and maintain a rulemaking record. The record shall include, if applicable:

- (a) The texts of the proposed rule and the adopted rule;
- (b) All notices given for a proposed rule;
- (c) Any statement of estimated regulatory costs for the rule;
- (d) A written summary of hearings, if any, on the proposed rule;
- (e) All written comments received by the District and responses to those written comments; and
- (f) All notices and findings pertaining to an emergency rule.

(11) Petitions to Challenge Existing Rules.

- (a) Any person substantially affected by a rule may seek an administrative determination of the invalidity of the rule on the ground that the rule is an invalid exercise of the District's authority.
- (b) The petition seeking an administrative determination must state with particularity the provisions alleged to be invalid with sufficient explanation of the facts or grounds for the alleged invalidity and facts sufficient to show that the person challenging a rule is substantially affected by it.
- (c) The petition shall be filed with the District. Within 10 days after receiving the petition, the Chairperson shall, if the petition complies with the requirements of subsection (b) of this section, designate any member of the Board (including the Chairperson), District Manager, District Counsel, or other person as a hearing officer who shall conduct a hearing within 30 days thereafter, unless the petition is withdrawn or a continuance is granted by agreement of the parties. The failure of the District to follow the applicable rulemaking procedures or requirements in this Rule shall be presumed to be material; however, the District may rebut this presumption by showing that the substantial interests of the petitioner and the fairness of the proceedings have not been impaired.
- (d) Within 30 days after the hearing, the hearing officer shall render a decision and state the reasons therefor in writing.
- (e) Hearings held under this section shall be de novo in nature. The petitioner has a burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the existing rule is an invalid exercise of District authority as to the objections raised. The hearing officer may:
 - (i) Administer oaths and affirmations;

- (ii) Rule upon offers of proof and receive relevant evidence;
 - (iii) Regulate the course of the hearing, including any pre-hearing matters;
 - (iv) Enter orders; and
 - (v) Make or receive offers of settlement, stipulation, and adjustment.
 - (f) The petitioner and the District shall be adverse parties. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings.
- (12) Variations and Waivers. A “variance” means a decision by the District to grant a modification to all or part of the literal requirements of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule. A “waiver” means a decision by the District not to apply all or part of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule. Variations and waivers from District rules may be granted subject to the following:
- (a) Variations and waivers shall be granted when the person subject to the rule demonstrates that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means by the person, and when application of the rule would create a substantial hardship or would violate principles of fairness. For purposes of this section, "substantial hardship" means a demonstrated economic, technological, legal, or other type of hardship to the person requesting the variance or waiver. For purposes of this section, "principles of fairness" are violated when the literal application of a rule affects a particular person in a manner significantly different from the way it affects other similarly situated persons who are subject to the rule.
 - (b) A person who is subject to regulation by a District Rule may file a petition with the District, requesting a variance or waiver from the District’s Rule. Each petition shall specify:
 - (i) The rule from which a variance or waiver is requested;
 - (ii) The type of action requested;
 - (iii) The specific facts that would justify a waiver or variance for the petitioner; and
 - (iv) The reason why the variance or the waiver requested would serve the purposes of the underlying statute.
 - (c) The District shall review the petition and may request only that information needed to clarify the petition or to answer new questions

raised by or directly related to the petition. If the petitioner asserts that any request for additional information is not authorized by law or by Rule of the District, the District shall proceed, at the petitioner's written request, to process the petition.

(d) The Board shall grant or deny a petition for variance or waiver and shall announce such disposition at a publicly held meeting of the Board, within ninety (90) days after receipt of the original petition, the last item of timely requested additional material, or the petitioner's written request to finish processing the petition. The District's statement granting or denying the petition shall contain a statement of the relevant facts and reasons supporting the District's action.

(13) Rates, Fees, Rentals and Other Charges. All rates, fees, rentals, or other charges shall be subject to rulemaking proceedings. Policies adopted by the District which do not consist of rates, fees, rentals or other charges may be, but are not required to be, implemented through rulemaking proceedings.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 190.035, Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 190.011(5), 190.035(2), Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.0 Competitive Purchase.

- (1) Purpose and Scope. In order to comply with Sections 190.033(1) through (3), 287.055 and 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, the following provisions shall apply to the purchase of Professional Services, insurance, construction contracts, design-build services, goods, supplies, and materials, Contractual Services, and maintenance services.
- (2) Board Authorization. Except in cases of an Emergency Purchase, a competitive purchase governed by these Rules shall only be undertaken after authorization by the Board.
- (3) Definitions.
 - (a) “Competitive Solicitation” means a formal, advertised procurement process, other than an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, or Invitation to Negotiate, approved by the Board to purchase commodities and/or services which affords vendors fair treatment in the competition for award of a District purchase contract.
 - (b) “Continuing Contract” means a contract for Professional Services entered into in accordance with Section 287.055 of the Florida Statutes, between the District and a firm, whereby the firm provides Professional Services to the District for projects in which the costs do not exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000), for a study activity when the fee for such Professional Services to the District does not exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), or for work of a specified nature as outlined in the contract with the District, with no time limitation except that the contract must provide a termination clause (for example, a contract for general District engineering services). Firms providing Professional Services under Continuing Contracts shall not be required to bid against one another.
 - (c) “Contractual Service” means the rendering by a contractor of its time and effort rather than the furnishing of specific commodities. The term applies only to those services rendered by individuals and firms who are independent contractors. Contractual Services do not include auditing services, Maintenance Services, or Professional Services as defined in Section 287.055(2)(a) of the Florida Statutes, and these Rules. Contractual Services also do not include any contract for the furnishing of labor or materials for the construction, renovation, repair, modification, or demolition of any facility, building, portion of building, utility, park, parking lot, or structure or other improvement to real property entered into pursuant to Chapter 255 of the Florida Statutes, and Rules 3.5 or 3.6.

- (d) “Design-Build Contract” means a single contract with a Design-Build Firm for the design and construction of a public construction project.
- (e) “Design-Build Firm” means a partnership, corporation or other legal entity that:
 - (i) Is certified under Section 489.119 of the Florida Statutes, to engage in contracting through a certified or registered general contractor or a certified or registered building contractor as the qualifying agent; or
 - (ii) Is certified under Section 471.023 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice engineering; certified under Section 481.219 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice architecture; or certified under Section 481.319 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice landscape architecture.
- (f) “Design Criteria Package” means concise, performance-oriented drawings or specifications for a public construction project. The purpose of the Design Criteria Package is to furnish sufficient information to permit Design-Build Firms to prepare a bid or a response to the District’s Request for Proposals, or to permit the District to enter into a negotiated Design-Build Contract. The Design Criteria Package must specify performance-based criteria for the public construction project, including the legal description of the site, survey information concerning the site, interior space requirements, material quality standards, schematic layouts and conceptual design criteria of the project, cost or budget estimates, design and construction schedules, site development requirements, provisions for utilities, stormwater retention and disposal, and parking requirements applicable to the project. Design Criteria Packages shall require firms to submit information regarding the qualifications, availability, and past work of the firms, including the partners and members thereof.
- (g) “Design Criteria Professional” means a firm who holds a current certificate of registration under Chapter 481 of the Florida Statutes, to practice architecture or landscape architecture, or a firm who holds a current certificate as a registered engineer under Chapter 471 of the Florida Statutes, to practice engineering, and who is employed by or under contract to the District to provide professional architect services, landscape architect services, or engineering services in connection with the preparation of the Design Criteria Package.
- (h) “Emergency Purchase” means a purchase necessitated by a sudden unexpected turn of events (for example, acts of God, riot, fires, floods, hurricanes, accidents, or any circumstances or cause beyond the control of the Board in the normal conduct of its business), where the Board finds

that the delay incident to competitive purchase would be detrimental to the interests of the District. This includes, but is not limited to, instances where the time to competitively award the project will jeopardize the funding for the project, will materially increase the cost of the project, or will create an undue hardship on the public health, safety, or welfare.

- (i) “Invitation to Bid” is a written solicitation for sealed bids with the title, date, and hour of the public bid opening designated specifically and defining the commodity or service involved. It includes printed instructions prescribing conditions for bidding, qualification, evaluation criteria, and provides for a manual signature of an authorized representative. It may include one or more bid alternates.
- (j) “Invitation to Negotiate” means a written solicitation for competitive sealed replies to select one or more vendors with which to commence negotiations for the procurement of commodities or services.
- (k) “Negotiate” means to conduct legitimate, arm’s length discussions and conferences to reach an agreement on a term or price.
- (l) “Professional Services” means those services within the scope of the practice of architecture, professional engineering, landscape architecture, or registered surveying and mapping, as defined by the laws of Florida, or those services performed by any architect, professional engineer, landscape architect, or registered surveyor and mapper, in connection with the firm's or individual's professional employment or practice.
- (m) “Proposal (or Reply or Response) Most Advantageous to the District” means, as determined in the sole discretion of the Board, the proposal, reply, or response that is:
 - (i) Submitted by a person or firm capable and qualified in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements, who has the integrity and reliability to assure good faith performance;
 - (ii) The most responsive to the Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation as determined by the Board; and
 - (iii) For a cost to the District deemed by the Board to be reasonable.
- (n) “Purchase” means acquisition by sale, rent, lease, lease/purchase, or installment sale. It does not include transfer, sale, or exchange of goods, supplies, or materials between the District and any federal, state, regional or local governmental entity or political subdivision of the State of Florida.

- (o) “Request for Proposals” or “RFP” is a written solicitation for sealed proposals with the title, date, and hour of the public opening designated and requiring the manual signature of an authorized representative. It may provide general information, applicable laws and rules, statement of work, functional or general specifications, qualifications, proposal instructions, work detail analysis, and evaluation criteria as necessary.

- (p) “Responsive and Responsible Bidder” means an entity or individual that has submitted a bid that conforms in all material respects to the Invitation to Bid and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. “Responsive and Responsible Vendor” means an entity or individual that has submitted a proposal, reply, or response that conforms in all material respects to the Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. In determining whether an entity or individual is a Responsive and Responsible Bidder (or Vendor), the District may consider, in addition to factors described in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, the following:
 - (i) The ability and adequacy of the professional personnel employed by the entity/individual;
 - (ii) The past performance of the entity/individual for the District and in other professional employment;
 - (iii) The willingness of the entity/individual to meet time and budget requirements;
 - (iv) The geographic location of the entity’s/individual’s headquarters or office in relation to the project;
 - (v) The recent, current, and projected workloads of the entity/individual;
 - (vi) The volume of work previously awarded to the entity/individual;
 - (vii) Whether the cost components of the bid or proposal are appropriately balanced; and
 - (viii) Whether the entity/individual is a certified minority business enterprise.

- (q) “Responsive Bid,” “Responsive Proposal,” “Responsive Reply,” and “Responsive Response” all mean a bid, proposal, reply, or response which conforms in all material respects to the specifications and conditions in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation document and these Rules, and the cost components of which, if any, are appropriately balanced. A bid, proposal, reply or response is not responsive if the person or firm submitting it fails to meet any material requirement relating to the qualifications, financial stability, or licensing of the bidder.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 190.033, 255.20, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.1 Procedure Under the Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act.

- (1) Scope. The following procedures are adopted for the selection of firms or individuals to provide Professional Services exceeding the thresholds herein described, for the negotiation of such contracts, and to provide for protest of actions of the Board under this Rule. As used in this Rule, "Project" means that fixed capital outlay study or planning activity when basic construction cost is estimated by the District to exceed the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FIVE, or for a planning study activity when the fee for Professional Services is estimated by the District to exceed the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO, as such categories may be amended or adjusted from time to time.

- (2) Qualifying Procedures. In order to be eligible to provide Professional Services to the District, a consultant must, at the time of receipt of the firm's qualification submittal:
 - (a) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (b) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - (c) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the consultant is a corporation; and
 - (d) Meet any qualification requirements set forth in the District's Request for Qualifications.

Evidence of compliance with this Rule may be submitted with the qualifications, if requested by the District. In addition, evidence of compliance must be submitted any time requested by the District.

- (3) Public Announcement. Except in cases of valid public emergencies as certified by the Board, the District shall announce each occasion when Professional Services are required for a Project or a Continuing Contract by publishing a notice providing a general description of the Project, or the nature of the Continuing Contract, and the method for interested consultants to apply for consideration. The notice shall appear in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the District and in such other places as the District deems appropriate. The notice must allow at least fourteen (14) days for submittal of qualifications from the date of publication. The District may maintain lists of consultants interested in receiving such notices. These consultants are encouraged to submit annually statements of qualifications and performance data. The District shall make reasonable efforts to provide copies of any notices to such consultants, but the failure to do so shall not give such consultants any bid protest or other rights or otherwise disqualify any otherwise valid procurement process. The Board has the

right to reject any and all qualifications, and such reservation shall be included in the published notice. Consultants not receiving a contract award shall not be entitled to recover from the District any costs of qualification package preparation or submittal.

(4) Competitive Selection.

- (a) The Board shall review and evaluate the data submitted in response to the notice described in section (3) of this Rule regarding qualifications and performance ability, as well as any statements of qualifications on file. The Board shall conduct discussions with, and may require public presentation by consultants regarding their qualifications, approach to the Project, and ability to furnish the required services. The Board shall then select and list the consultants, in order of preference, deemed to be the most highly capable and qualified to perform the required Professional Services, after considering these and other appropriate criteria:
 - (i) The ability and adequacy of the professional personnel employed by each consultant;
 - (ii) Whether a consultant is a certified minority business enterprise;
 - (iii) Each consultant's past performance;
 - (iv) The willingness of each consultant to meet time and budget requirements;
 - (v) The geographic location of each consultant's headquarters, office and personnel in relation to the project;
 - (vi) The recent, current, and projected workloads of each consultant; and
 - (vii) The volume of work previously awarded to each consultant by the District.
- (b) Nothing in these Rules shall prevent the District from evaluating and eventually selecting a consultant if less than three (3) Responsive qualification packages, including packages indicating a desire not to provide Professional Services on a given Project, are received.
- (c) If the selection process is administered by any person or committee other than the full Board, the selection made will be presented to the full Board with a recommendation that competitive negotiations be instituted with the selected firms in order of preference listed.

- (d) Notice of the rankings adopted by the Board, including the rejection of some or all qualification packages, shall be provided in writing to all consultants by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's ranking decisions under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

(5) Competitive Negotiation.

- (a) After the Board has authorized the beginning of competitive negotiations, the District may begin such negotiations with the firm listed as most qualified to perform the required Professional Services at a rate or amount of compensation which the Board determines is fair, competitive, and reasonable.
- (b) In negotiating a lump-sum or cost-plus-a-fixed-fee professional contract for more than the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR, the firm receiving the award shall be required to execute a truth-in-negotiation certificate stating that "wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are accurate, complete and current at the time of contracting." In addition, any professional service contract under which such a certificate is required, shall contain a provision that "the original contract price and any additions thereto, shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the Board determines the contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or noncurrent wage rates and other factual unit costs."
- (c) Should the District be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the firm determined to be the most qualified at a price deemed by the District to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, then negotiations with that firm shall be terminated and the District shall immediately begin negotiations with the second most qualified firm. If a satisfactory agreement with the second firm cannot be reached, those negotiations shall be terminated and negotiations with the third most qualified firm shall be undertaken.
- (d) Should the District be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with one of the top three (3) ranked consultants, additional firms shall be selected by the District, in order of their competence and qualifications. Negotiations shall continue, beginning with the first-named firm on the list, until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.

- (6) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (7) Continuing Contract. Nothing in this Rule shall prohibit a Continuing Contract between a consultant and the District.
- (8) Emergency Purchase. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these Rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 190.011(3), 190.033, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.2 Procedure Regarding Auditor Selection.

In order to comply with the requirements of Section 218.391 of the Florida Statutes, the following procedures are outlined for selection of firms or individuals to provide Auditing Services and for the negotiation of such contracts. For audits required under Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes but not meeting the thresholds of Chapter 218 of the Florida Statutes, the District need not follow these procedures but may proceed with the selection of a firm or individual to provide Auditing Services and for the negotiation of such contracts in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District.

(1) Definitions.

- (a) "Auditing Services" means those services within the scope of the practice of a certified public accounting firm licensed under Chapter 473 of the Florida Statutes, and qualified to conduct audits in accordance with government auditing standards as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy.
- (b) "Committee" means the auditor selection committee appointed by the Board as described in section (2) of this Rule.

(2) Establishment of Auditor Selection Committee. Prior to a public announcement under section (4) of this Rule that Auditing Services are required, the Board shall establish an auditor selection committee ("Committee"), the primary purpose of which is to assist the Board in selecting an auditor to conduct the annual financial audit required by Section 218.39 of the Florida Statutes. The Committee shall include at least three individuals, at least one of which must also be a member of the Board. The establishment and selection of the Committee must be conducted at a publicly noticed and held meeting of the Board. The Chairperson of the Committee must be a member of the Board. An employee, a chief executive officer, or a chief financial officer of the District may not serve as a member of the Committee; provided however such individual may serve the Committee in an advisory capacity.

(3) Establishment of Minimum Qualifications and Evaluation Criteria. Prior to a public announcement under section (4) of this Rule that Auditing Services are required, the Committee shall meet at a publicly noticed meeting to establish minimum qualifications and factors to use for the evaluation of Auditing Services to be provided by a certified public accounting firm licensed under Chapter 473 of the Florida Statutes, and qualified to conduct audits in accordance with government auditing standards as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy.

- (a) Minimum Qualifications. In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, a firm must, at all relevant times including the time of receipt of the proposal by the District:

- (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
- (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
- (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the proposer is a corporation; and
- (iv) Meet any pre-qualification requirements established by the Committee and set forth in the RFP or other specifications.

If requested in the RFP or other specifications, evidence of compliance with the minimum qualifications as established by the Committee must be submitted with the proposal.

- (b) Evaluation Criteria. The factors established for the evaluation of Auditing Services by the Committee shall include, but are not limited to:
 - (i) Ability of personnel;
 - (ii) Experience;
 - (iii) Ability to furnish the required services; and
 - (iv) Such other factors as may be determined by the Committee to be applicable to its particular requirements.

The Committee may also choose to consider compensation as a factor. If the Committee establishes compensation as one of the factors, compensation shall not be the sole or predominant factor used to evaluate proposals.

- (4) Public Announcement. After identifying the factors to be used in evaluating the proposals for Auditing Services as set forth in section (3) of this Rule, the Committee shall publicly announce the opportunity to provide Auditing Services. Such public announcement shall include a brief description of the audit and how interested firms can apply for consideration and obtain the RFP. The notice shall appear in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the District and the county in which the District is located. The public announcement shall allow for at least seven (7) days for the submission of proposals.
- (5) Request for Proposals. The Committee shall provide interested firms with a Request for Proposals (“RFP”). The RFP shall provide information on how proposals are to be evaluated and such other information the Committee

determines is necessary for the firm to prepare a proposal. The RFP shall state the time and place for submitting proposals.

- (6) Committee's Evaluation of Proposals and Recommendation. The Committee shall meet at a publicly held meeting that is publicly noticed for a reasonable time in advance of the meeting to evaluate all qualified proposals and may, as part of the evaluation, require that each interested firm provide a public presentation where the Committee may conduct discussions with the firm, and where the firm may present information, regarding the firm's qualifications. At the public meeting, the Committee shall rank and recommend in order of preference no fewer than three firms deemed to be the most highly qualified to perform the required services after considering the factors established pursuant to subsection (3)(b) of this Rule. If fewer than three firms respond to the RFP or if no firms respond to the RFP, the Committee shall recommend such firm as it deems to be the most highly qualified. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may recommend that any and all proposals be rejected.
- (7) Board Selection of Auditor.
- (a) Where compensation was not selected as a factor used in evaluating the proposals, the Board shall negotiate with the firm ranked first and inquire of that firm as to the basis of compensation. If the Board is unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the first ranked firm at a price deemed by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, then negotiations with that firm shall be terminated and the Board shall immediately begin negotiations with the second ranked firm. If a satisfactory agreement with the second ranked firm cannot be reached, those negotiations shall be terminated and negotiations with the third ranked firm shall be undertaken. The Board may reopen formal negotiations with any one of the three top-ranked firms, but it may not negotiate with more than one firm at a time. If the Board is unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with any of the selected firms, the Committee shall recommend additional firms in order of the firms' respective competence and qualifications. Negotiations shall continue, beginning with the first-named firm on the list, until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.
- (b) Where compensation was selected as a factor used in evaluating the proposals, the Board shall select the highest-ranked qualified firm or document in its public records the reason for not selecting the highest-ranked qualified firm.
- (c) In negotiations with firms under this Rule, the Board may allow the District Manager, District Counsel, or other designee to conduct negotiations on its behalf.

- (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board may reject any or all proposals. The Board shall not consider any proposal, or enter into any contract for Auditing Services, unless the proposed agreed-upon compensation is reasonable to satisfy the requirements of Section 218.39 of the Florida Statutes, and the needs of the District.
- (8) Contract. Any agreement reached under this Rule shall be evidenced by a written contract, which may take the form of an engagement letter signed and executed by both parties. The written contract shall include all provisions and conditions of the procurement of such services and shall include, at a minimum, the following:
- (a) A provision specifying the services to be provided and fees or other compensation for such services;
 - (b) A provision requiring that invoices for fees or other compensation be submitted in sufficient detail to demonstrate compliance with the terms of the contract;
 - (c) A provision setting forth deadlines for the auditor to submit a preliminary draft audit report to the District for review and to submit a final audit report no later than June 30 of the fiscal year that follows the fiscal year for which the audit is being conducted;
 - (d) A provision specifying the contract period, including renewals, and conditions under which the contract may be terminated or renewed. The maximum contract period including renewals shall be five (5) years. A renewal may be done without the use of the auditor selection procedures provided in this Rule but must be in writing.
 - (e) Provisions required by law that require the auditor to comply with public records laws.
- (9) Notice of Award. Once a negotiated agreement with a firm or individual is reached, or the Board authorizes the execution of an agreement with a firm where compensation was a factor in the evaluation of proposals, notice of the intent to award, including the rejection of some or all proposals, shall be provided in writing to all proposers by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests regarding the award of contracts under this Rule shall be as provided for in Rule 3.11. No proposer shall be entitled to recover any costs of proposal preparation or submittal from the District.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 218.33, 218.391, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.3 Purchase of Insurance.

- (1) Scope. The purchases of life, health, accident, hospitalization, legal expense, or annuity insurance, or all of any kinds of such insurance for the officers and employees of the District, and for health, accident, hospitalization, and legal expenses upon a group insurance plan by the District, shall be governed by this Rule. This Rule does not apply to the purchase of any other type of insurance by the District, including but not limited to liability insurance, property insurance, and directors and officers insurance. Nothing in this Rule shall require the District to purchase insurance.
- (2) Procedure. For a purchase of insurance within the scope of these Rules, the following procedure shall be followed:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared a Notice of Invitation to Bid.
 - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District. The notice shall allow at least fourteen (14) days for submittal of bids.
 - (c) The District may maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid. The District shall make reasonable efforts to provide copies of any notices to such persons, but the failure to do so shall not give such consultants any bid protest or other rights or otherwise disqualify any otherwise valid procurement process.
 - (d) Bids shall be opened at the time and place noted in the Invitation to Bid.
 - (e) If only one (1) response to an Invitation is received, the District may proceed with the purchase. If no response to an Invitation to Bid is received, the District may take whatever steps are reasonably necessary in order to proceed with the purchase.
 - (f) The Board has the right to reject any and all bids and such reservations shall be included in all solicitations and advertisements.
 - (g) Simultaneously with the review of the submitted bids, the District may undertake negotiations with those companies that have submitted reasonable and timely bids and, in the opinion of the District, are fully qualified and capable of meeting all services and requirements. Bid responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the specifications and criteria contained in the Invitation to Bid; in addition, the total cost to the District, the cost, if any, to the District officers, employees, or their dependents, the geographic location of the company's headquarters and offices in relation to the District, and the ability of the company to guarantee premium stability may be considered. A contract to purchase

insurance shall be awarded to that company whose response to the Invitation to Bid best meets the overall needs of the District, its officers, employees, and/or dependents.

- (h) Notice of the intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, shall be provided in writing to all bidders by United States Mail, by hand delivery, or by overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's procurement of insurance under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: § 112.08, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.4 Pre-qualification

- (1) Scope. In its discretion, the District may undertake a pre-qualification process in accordance with this Rule for vendors to provide construction services, goods, supplies, and materials, Contractual Services, and maintenance services.
- (2) Procedure. When the District seeks to pre-qualify vendors, the following procedures shall apply:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared a Request for Qualifications.
 - (b) For construction services exceeding the thresholds described in Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, the Board must advertise the proposed pre-qualification criteria and procedures and allow at least seven (7) days notice of the public hearing for comments on such pre-qualification criteria and procedures. At such public hearing, potential vendors may object to such pre-qualification criteria and procedures. Following such public hearing, the Board shall formally adopt pre-qualification criteria and procedures prior to the advertisement of the Request for Qualifications for construction services.
 - (c) The Request for Qualifications shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county in which the District is located. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of qualifications for goods, supplies and materials, Contractual Services, maintenance services, and construction services under two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000). The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of qualifications for construction services estimated to cost over two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) and thirty (30) days for construction services estimated to cost over five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).
 - (d) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Requests for Qualifications. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any pre-qualification determination or contract awarded in accordance with these Rules and shall not be a basis for a protest of any pre-qualification determination or contract award.
 - (e) If the District has pre-qualified vendors for a particular category of purchase, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies or

responses in response to the applicable Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

- (f) In order to be eligible to submit qualifications, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the qualifications:
 - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and
 - (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Request for Qualifications.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the qualifications if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the qualifications.

- (g) Qualifications shall be presented to the Board, or a committee appointed by the Board, for evaluation in accordance with the Request for Qualifications and this Rule. Minor variations in the qualifications may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature.
- (h) All vendors determined by the District to meet the pre-qualification requirements shall be pre-qualified. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the requirements contained in a Request for Qualifications, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of qualifications. For construction services, any contractor pre-qualified and considered eligible by the Department of Transportation to bid to perform the type of work the project entails shall be presumed to be qualified to perform the project.
- (i) The Board shall have the right to reject all qualifications if there are not enough to be competitive or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of qualification preparation or submittal from the District.

(j) Notice of intent to pre-qualify, including rejection of some or all qualifications, shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, electronic mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's pre-qualification decisions under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11; provided however, protests related to the pre-qualification criteria and procedures for construction services shall be resolved in accordance with section (2)(b) of this Rule and Section 255.20(1)(b) of the Florida Statutes.

(3) Suspension, Revocation, or Denial of Qualification

- (a) The District, for good cause, may deny, suspend, or revoke a prequalified vendor's pre-qualified status. A suspension, revocation, or denial for good cause shall prohibit the vendor from bidding on any District construction contract for which qualification is required, shall constitute a determination of non-responsibility to bid on any other District construction or maintenance contract, and shall prohibit the vendor from acting as a material supplier or subcontractor on any District contract or project during the period of suspension, revocation, or denial. Good cause shall include the following:
- i. One of the circumstances specified under Section 337.16(2), Fla. Stat., has occurred.
 - ii. Affiliated contractors submitted more than one proposal for the same work. In this event the pre-qualified status of all of the affiliated bidders will be revoked, suspended, or denied. All bids of affiliated bidders will be rejected.
 - iii. The vendor made or submitted false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements, certifications, or materials in any claim for payment or any information required by any District contract.
 - iv. The vendor or its affiliate defaulted on any contract or a contract surety assumed control of financial responsibility for any contract of the vendor.
 - v. The vendor's qualification to bid is suspended, revoked, or denied by any other public or semi-public entity, or the vendor has been the subject of a civil enforcement proceeding or settlement involving a public or semi-public entity.
 - vi. The vendor failed to comply with contract or warranty requirements or failed to follow District direction in the performance of a contract.

- vii. The vendor failed to timely furnish all contract documents required by the contract specifications, special provisions, or by any state or federal statutes or regulations. If the vendor fails to furnish any of the subject contract documents by the expiration of the period of suspension, revocation, or denial set forth above, the vendor's pre-qualified status shall remain suspended, revoked, or denied until the documents are furnished.
 - viii. The vendor failed to notify the District within 10 days of the vendor, or any of its affiliates, being declared in default or otherwise not completing work on a contract or being suspended from qualification to bid or denied qualification to bid by any other public or semi-public agency.
 - ix. The vendor did not pay its subcontractors or suppliers in a timely manner or in compliance with contract documents.
 - x. The vendor has demonstrated instances of poor or unsatisfactory performance, deficient management resulting in project delay, poor quality workmanship, a history of payment of liquidated damages, untimely completion of projects, uncooperative attitude, contract litigation, inflated claims or defaults.
 - xi. An affiliate of the vendor has previously been determined by the District to be non-responsible, and the specified period of suspension, revocation, denial, or non-responsibility remains in effect.
 - xii. The vendor or affiliate(s) has been convicted of a contract crime.
 - 1. The term "contract crime" means any violation of state or federal antitrust laws with respect to a public contract or any violation of any state or federal law involving fraud, bribery, collusion, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation with respect to a public contract.
 - 2. The term "convicted" or "conviction" means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a contract crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record as a result of a jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.
- (b) A denial, suspension, or revocation shall prohibit the vendor from being a subcontractor on District work during the period of denial, suspension, or revocation, except when a prime contractor's bid has used prices of a subcontractor who becomes disqualified after the bid, but before the request for authorization to sublet is presented.

- (c) The District shall inform the vendor in writing of its intent to deny, suspend, or revoke its pre-qualified status and inform the vendor of its right to a hearing, the procedure which must be followed, and the applicable time limits. If a hearing is requested within 10 days after the receipt of the notice of intent, the hearing shall be held within 30 days after receipt by the District of the request for the hearing. The decision shall be issued within 15 days after the hearing.
- (d) Such suspension or revocation shall not affect the vendor's obligations under any preexisting contract.
- (e) In the case of contract crimes, the vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be revoked indefinitely. For all violations of Rule 3.4(3)(a) other than for the vendor's conviction for contract crimes, the revocation, denial, or suspension of a vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be for a specific period of time based on the seriousness of the deficiency.

Examples of factors affecting the seriousness of a deficiency are:

- i. Impacts on project schedule, cost, or quality of work;
- ii. Unsafe conditions allowed to exist;
- iii. Complaints from the public;
- iv. Delay or interference with the bidding process;
- v. The potential for repetition;
- vi. Integrity of the public contracting process;
- vii. Effect on the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: §§ 190.033, 255.0525, 255.20, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.5 Construction Contracts, Not Design-Build.

- (1) Scope. All contracts for the construction or improvement of any building, structure, or other public construction works authorized by Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes, the costs of which are estimated by the District in accordance with generally accepted cost accounting principles to be in excess of the threshold amount for applicability of Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, as that amount may be indexed or amended from time to time, shall be let under the terms of these Rules and the procedures of Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time. A project shall not be divided solely to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.
- (2) Procedure. When a purchase of construction services is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.
 - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of sealed bids, proposals, replies, or responses, unless the Board, for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate. Any project projected to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) must be noticed at least thirty (30) days prior to the date for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses. If the Board has previously pre-qualified contractors pursuant to Rule 3.4 and determined that only the contractors that have been pre-qualified will be permitted to submit bids, proposals, replies, and responses, the Notice of Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation need not be published. Instead, the Notice of Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be sent to the pre-qualified contractors by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service.
 - (c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, and Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.

- (d) If the District has pre-qualified providers of construction services, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, or responses to Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, and Competitive Solicitations.
- (e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:
 - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the bidder is a corporation; and
 - (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

Any contractor that has been found guilty by a court of any violation of federal labor or employment tax laws regarding subjects including but not limited to, reemployment assistance, safety, tax withholding, worker's compensation, unemployment tax, social security and Medicare tax, wage or hour, or prevailing rate laws within the past 5 years may be considered ineligible by the District to submit a bid, response, or proposal for a District project.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the bid, proposal, reply, or response, if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

- (f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses, or the portions of which that include the price, shall be publicly opened at a meeting noticed in accordance with Rule 1.3, and at which at least one district representative is present. The name of each bidder and the price submitted in the bid shall be announced at such meeting and shall be made available upon request. Minutes should be taken at the meeting and maintained by the District. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in

accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and these Rules. Minor variations in the bids, proposals, replies, or responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.

- (g) The lowest Responsive Bid submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder in response to an Invitation to Bid shall be accepted. In relation to a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, the Board shall select the Responsive Proposal, Reply, or Response submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Vendor which is most advantageous to the District. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, and responses.
- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No contractor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, response, or reply preparation or submittal from the District.
- (i) The Board may require potential contractors to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
- (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses, shall be provided in writing to all contractors by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's purchase of construction services under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

- (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase construction services or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of construction services, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the construction services without further competitive selection processes.
- (3) Sole Source; Government. Construction services that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Construction services provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of construction services, which may include goods, supplies, or materials, that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules. A contract for construction services is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process.
- (4) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (5) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board Meeting.
- (6) Exceptions. This Rule is inapplicable when:
 - (a) The project is undertaken as repair or maintenance of an existing public facility;
 - (b) The funding source of the project will be diminished or lost because the time required to competitively award the project after the funds become available exceeds the time within which the funding source must be spent;
 - (c) The District has competitively awarded a project and the contractor has abandoned the project or the District has terminated the contract; or
 - (d) The District, after public notice, conducts a public meeting under Section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes, and finds by a majority vote of the Board that it is in the public's best interest to perform the project using its own services, employees, and equipment.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 189.053, 190.033, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.6 Construction Contracts, Design-Build.

- (1) Scope. The District may utilize Design-Build Contracts for any public construction project for which the Board determines that use of such contract is in the best interest of the District. When letting a Design-Build Contract, the District shall use the following procedure:

- (2) Procedure.
 - (a) The District shall utilize a Design Criteria Professional meeting the requirements of Section 287.055(2)(k) of the Florida Statutes, when developing a Design Criteria Package, evaluating the proposals and qualifications submitted by Design-Build Firms, and determining compliance of the project construction with the Design Criteria Package. The Design Criteria Professional may be an employee of the District, may be the District Engineer selected by the District pursuant to Section 287.055 of the Florida Statutes, or may be retained pursuant to Rule 3.1. The Design Criteria Professional is not eligible to render services under a Design-Build Contract executed pursuant to the Design Criteria Package.

 - (b) A Design Criteria Package for the construction project shall be prepared and sealed by the Design Criteria Professional. If the project utilizes existing plans, the Design Criteria Professional shall create a Design Criteria Package by supplementing the plans with project specific requirements, if any.

 - (c) The Board may either choose to award the Design-Build Contract pursuant to the competitive proposal selection process set forth in Section 287.055(9) of the Florida Statutes, or pursuant to the qualifications-based selection process pursuant to Rule 3.1.
 - (i) Qualifications-Based Selection. If the process set forth in Rule 3.1 is utilized, subsequent to competitive negotiations, a guaranteed maximum price and guaranteed completion date shall be established.

 - (ii) Competitive Proposal-Based Selection. If the competitive proposal selection process is utilized, the Board, in consultation with the Design Criteria Professional, shall establish the criteria, standards and procedures for the evaluation of Design-Build Proposals based on price, technical, and design aspects of the project, weighted for the project. After a Design Criteria Package and the standards and procedures for evaluation of proposals have been developed, competitive proposals from qualified firms shall be solicited pursuant to the design criteria by the following procedure:

1. A Request for Proposals shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located. The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of sealed proposals, unless the Board, for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate. Any project projected to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) must be noticed at least thirty (30) days prior to the date for submittal of proposals.
2. The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Requests for Proposals. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
3. In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, a firm must, at the time of receipt of the proposals:
 - a. Hold the required applicable state professional licenses in good standing, as defined by Section 287.055(2)(h) of the Florida Statutes;
 - b. Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - c. Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the proposer is a corporation;
 - d. Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Request for Proposals and Design Criteria Package.

Any contractor that has been found guilty by a court of any violation of federal labor or employment tax laws regarding subjects including but not limited to reemployment assistance, safety, tax withholding, worker's compensation, unemployment tax, social security and Medicare tax, wage or hour, or prevailing rate laws within the past 5 years may

be considered ineligible by the District to submit a bid, response, or proposal for a District project.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the proposal if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the proposal.

4. The proposals, or the portions of which that include the price, shall be publicly opened at a meeting noticed in accordance with Rule 1.3, and at which at least one district representative is present. The name of each bidder and the price submitted in the bid shall be announced at such meeting and shall be made available upon request. Minutes should be taken at the meeting and maintained by the District. In consultation with the Design Criteria Professional, the Board shall evaluate the proposals received based on evaluation criteria and procedures established prior to the solicitation of proposals, including but not limited to qualifications, availability, and past work of the firms and the partners and members thereof. The Board shall then select no fewer than three (3) Design-Build Firms as the most qualified.
5. The Board shall have the right to reject all proposals if the proposals are too high, or rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of proposal preparation or submittal from the District.
6. If less than three (3) Responsive Proposals are received, the District may purchase design-build services or may reject the proposals for lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Proposals are received, the District may proceed with the procurement of design-build services in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the design-build services without further competitive selection processes.
7. Notice of the rankings adopted by the Board, including the rejection of some or all proposals, shall be provided in writing to all consultants by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the

Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's rankings under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

8. The Board shall negotiate a contract with the firm ranking the highest based on the evaluation standards and shall establish a price which the Board determines is fair, competitive and reasonable. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the second most qualified firm, based on the ranking by the evaluation standards. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the second most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the third most qualified firm. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the third most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with any of the selected firms, the Board shall select additional firms in order of their rankings based on the evaluation standards and continue negotiations until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.
 9. After the Board contracts with a firm, the firm shall bring to the Board for approval, detailed working drawings of the project.
 10. The Design Criteria Professional shall evaluate the compliance of the detailed working drawings and project construction with the Design Criteria Package and shall provide the Board with a report of the same.
- (3) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
 - (4) Emergency Purchase. The Board may, in case of public emergency, declare an emergency and immediately proceed with negotiations with the best qualified

Design-Build Firm available at the time. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

- (5) Exceptions. This Rule is inapplicable when:
- (a) The project is undertaken as repair or maintenance of an existing public facility;
 - (b) The funding source of the project will be diminished or lost because the time required to competitively award the project after the funds become available exceeds the time within which the funding source must be spent;
 - (c) The District has competitively awarded a project and the contractor has abandoned the project or the District has terminated the contractor; or
 - (d) The District, after public notice, conducts a public meeting under Section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes, and finds by a majority vote of the Board that it is in the public's best interest to perform the project using its own services, employees, and equipment.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 189.053, 190.033, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.7 Payment and Performance Bonds.

- (1) Scope. This Rule shall apply to contracts for the construction of a public building, for the prosecution and completion of a public work, or for repairs upon a public building or public work and shall be construed in addition to terms prescribed by any other Rule that may also apply to such contracts.

- (2) Required Bond. Upon entering into a contract for any of the services described in section (1) of this Rule in excess of \$200,000, the Board should require that the contractor, before commencing the work, execute and record a payment and performance bond in an amount equal to the contract price. Notwithstanding the terms of the contract or any other law, the District may not make payment to the contractor until the contractor has provided to the District a certified copy of the recorded bond.

- (3) Discretionary Bond. At the discretion of the Board, upon entering into a contract for any of the services described in section (1) of this Rule for an amount not exceeding \$200,000, the contractor may be exempted from executing a payment and performance bond.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: § 255.05, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.8 Goods, Supplies, and Materials.

- (1) Purpose and Scope. All purchases of goods, supplies, or materials exceeding the amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR, shall be purchased under the terms of this Rule. Contracts for purchases of “goods, supplies, and materials” do not include printing, insurance, advertising, or legal notices. A contract involving goods, supplies, or materials plus maintenance services may, in the discretion of the Board, be treated as a contract for maintenance services. However, a purchase shall not be divided solely in order to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.
- (2) Procedure. When a purchase of goods, supplies, or materials is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.
 - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
 - (c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
 - (d) If the District has pre-qualified suppliers of goods, supplies, and materials, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
 - (e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:
 - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;

- (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and
- (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the bid, proposal, reply or response if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

Any firm or individual whose principal place of business is outside the State of Florida must also submit a written opinion of an attorney at law licensed to practice law in that foreign state, as to the preferences, if any or none, granted by the law of that foreign state to business entities whose principal places of business are in that foreign state, in the letting of any or all public contracts. Failure to submit such a written opinion or submission of a false or misleading written opinion may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

- (f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be publicly opened at the time and place noted on the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, and this Rule. Minor variations in the bids, proposals, replies, or responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.
- (g) The lowest Responsive Bid, after taking into account the preferences provided for in this subsection, submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder in response to an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be accepted. If the lowest Responsive Bid is submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder whose principal place of business is located in a foreign state which does not grant a preference in competitive purchase to businesses whose principal place of business are in that foreign state, the

lowest Responsible and Responsive Bidder whose principal place of business is in the State of Florida shall be awarded a preference of five (5) percent. If the lowest Responsive Bid is submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder whose principal place of business is located in a foreign state which grants a preference in competitive purchase to businesses whose principal place of business are in that foreign state, the lowest Responsible and Responsive Bidder whose principal place of business is in the State of Florida shall be awarded a preference equal to the preference granted by such foreign state.

To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, and responses.

- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, reply, or response preparation or submittal from the District.
- (i) The Board may require bidders and proposers to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
- (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's purchase of goods, supplies, and materials under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
- (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase goods, supplies, or materials, or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of goods, supplies, and materials, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct

purchase of the goods, supplies, and materials without further competitive selection processes.

- (3) Goods, Supplies, and Materials included in a Construction Contract Awarded Pursuant to Rule 3.5 or 3.6. There may be occasions where the District has undergone the competitive purchase of construction services which contract may include the provision of goods, supplies, or materials. In that instance, the District may approve a change order to the contract and directly purchase the goods, supplies, and materials. Such purchase of goods, supplies, and materials deducted from a competitively purchased construction contract shall be exempt from this Rule.
- (4) Exemption. Goods, supplies, and materials that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Goods, supplies, and materials provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. A contract for goods, supplies, or materials is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of goods, supplies or materials that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules.
- (5) Renewal. Contracts for the purchase of goods, supplies, and/or materials subject to this Rule may be renewed for a maximum period of five (5) years.
- (6) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 189.053, 190.033, 287.017, 287.084, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.9 Maintenance Services.

- (1) Scope. All contracts for maintenance of any District facility or project shall be set under the terms of this Rule if the cost exceeds the amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR. A contract involving goods, supplies, and materials plus maintenance services may, in the discretion of the Board, be treated as a contract for maintenance services. However, a purchase shall not be divided solely in order to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.
- (2) Procedure. When a purchase of maintenance services is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.
 - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
 - (c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, and Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
 - (d) If the District has pre-qualified suppliers of maintenance services, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, and responses.
 - (e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:
 - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;

- (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and
- (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the bid, proposal, reply, or response if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

- (f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be publicly opened at the time and place noted on the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, and these Rules. Minor variations in the bids, proposals, replies, and responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.
- (g) The lowest Responsive Bid submitted in response to an Invitation to Bid by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder shall be accepted. In relation to a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate or Competitive Solicitation the Board shall select the Responsive Proposal, Reply, or Response submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Vendor which is most advantageous to the District. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No Vendor shall be

entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, reply, or response preparation or submittal from the District.

- (i) The Board may require bidders and proposers to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
 - (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's procurement of maintenance services under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
 - (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase the maintenance services or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of maintenance services, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the maintenance services without further competitive selection processes.
- (3) Exemptions. Maintenance services that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Maintenance services provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. A contract for maintenance services is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process.
 - (4) Renewal. Contracts for the purchase of maintenance services subject to this Rule may be renewed for a maximum period of five (5) years.
 - (5) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
 - (6) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 190.033, Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 190.033, 287.017, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.10 Contractual Services.

- (1) Exemption from Competitive Purchase. Pursuant to Section 190.033(3) of the Florida Statutes, Contractual Services shall not be subject to competitive purchasing requirements. If an agreement is predominantly for Contractual Services, but also includes maintenance services or the purchase of goods and services, the contract shall not be subject to competitive purchasing requirements. Regardless of whether an advertisement or solicitation for Contractual Services is identified as an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, no rights or remedies under these Rules, including but not limited to protest rights, are conferred on persons, firms, or vendors proposing to provide Contractual Services to the District.

- (2) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract for Contractual Services shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 190.011(3), 190.033, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.11 Protests with Respect to Proceedings under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, and 3.9.

The resolution of any protests with respect to proceedings under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, and 3.9 shall be in accordance with this Rule.

(1) Filing.

- (a) With respect to a protest regarding qualifications, specifications, documentation, or other requirements contained in a Request for Qualifications, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Bid, or Competitive Solicitation issued by the District, the notice of protest shall be filed in writing within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the first advertisement of the Request for Qualifications, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Bid, or Competitive Solicitation. A formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. For purposes of this Rule, wherever applicable, filing will be perfected and deemed to have occurred upon receipt by the District. Failure to file a notice of protest shall constitute a waiver of all rights to protest the District's intended decision. Failure to file a formal written protest shall constitute an abandonment of the protest proceedings and shall automatically terminate the protest proceedings.
- (b) Except for those situations covered by subsection (1)(a) of this Rule, any firm or person who is affected adversely by a District's ranking or intended award under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, or 3.9 and desires to contest the District's ranking or intended award, shall file with the District a written notice of protest within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after receipt of the notice of the District's ranking or intended award. A formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. For purposes of this Rule, wherever applicable, filing will be perfected and deemed to have occurred upon receipt by the District. Failure to file a notice of protest shall constitute a waiver of all rights to protest the District's ranking or intended award. Failure to file a formal written protest shall constitute an abandonment of the protest proceedings and shall automatically terminate the protest proceedings.
- (c) If the requirement for the posting of a protest bond and the amount of the protest bond, which may be expressed by a percentage of the contract to be awarded or a set amount, is disclosed in the District's competitive solicitation documents for a particular purchase under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3,

3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, or 3.9, any person who files a notice of protest must post the protest bond. The amount of the protest bond shall be determined by District staff after consultation with the Board and within the limits, if any, imposed by Florida law. In the event the protest is successful, the protest bond shall be refunded to the protestor. In the event the protest is unsuccessful, the protest bond shall be applied towards the District's costs, expenses, and attorney's fees associated with hearing and defending the protest. In the event the protest is settled by mutual agreement of the parties, the protest bond shall be distributed as agreed to by the District and protestor.

- (d) The District does not accept documents filed by electronic mail or facsimile transmission. Filings are only accepted during normal business hours.
- (2) Contract Execution. Upon receipt of a notice of protest which has been timely filed, the District shall not execute the contract under protest until the subject of the protest is resolved. However, if the District sets forth in writing particular facts and circumstances showing that delay incident to protest proceedings will jeopardize the funding for the project, will materially increase the cost of the project, or will create an immediate and serious danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, the contract may be executed.
- (3) Informal Proceeding. If the Board determines a protest does not involve a disputed issue of material fact, the Board may, but is not obligated to, schedule an informal proceeding to consider the protest. Such informal proceeding shall be at a time and place determined by the Board. Notice of such proceeding shall be sent via facsimile, United States Mail, or hand delivery to the protestor and any substantially affected persons or parties not less than three (3) calendar days prior to such informal proceeding. Within thirty (30) calendar days following the informal proceeding, the Board shall issue a written decision setting forth the factual, legal, and policy grounds for its decision.
- (4) Formal Proceeding. If the Board determines a protest involves disputed issues of material fact or if the Board elects not to use the informal proceeding process provided for in section (3) of this Rule, the District shall schedule a formal hearing to resolve the protest. The Chairperson shall designate any member of the Board (including the Chairperson), District Manager, District Counsel, or other person as a hearing officer to conduct the hearing. The hearing officer may:
 - (a) Administer oaths and affirmations;
 - (b) Rule upon offers of proof and receive relevant evidence;
 - (c) Regulate the course of the hearing, including any pre-hearing matters;

- (d) Enter orders; and
- (e) Make or receive offers of settlement, stipulation, and adjustment.

The hearing officer shall, within thirty (30) days after the hearing or receipt of the hearing transcript, whichever is later, file a recommended order which shall include a caption, time and place of hearing, appearances entered at the hearing, statement of the issues, findings of fact and conclusions of law, separately stated, and a recommendation for final District action. The District shall allow each party fifteen (15) days in which to submit written exceptions to the recommended order. The District shall issue a final order within sixty (60) days after the filing of the recommended order.

- (5) Intervenors. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings.
- (6) Rejection of all Qualifications, Bids, Proposals, Replies and Responses after Receipt of Notice of Protest. If the Board determines there was a violation of law, defect, or an irregularity in the competitive solicitation process, the Bids, Proposals, Replies, and Responses are too high, or if the Board determines it is otherwise in the District's best interest, the Board may reject all qualifications, bids, proposals, replies, and responses and start the competitive solicitation process anew. If the Board decides to reject all qualifications, bids, proposals, replies, and responses and start the competitive solicitation process anew, any pending protests shall automatically terminate.
- (7) Settlement. Nothing herein shall preclude the settlement of any protest under this Rule at any time.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: § 190.033, Fla. Stat.

Rule 4.0 Effective Date.

These Rules shall be effective , 2023, except that no election of officers required by these Rules shall be required until after the next regular election for the Board.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

SECTION D

SECTION 1

RESOLUTION 2023-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPROVING A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW; ADDRESSING TRANSMITTAL, POSTING AND PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS; ADDRESSING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the District Manager has heretofore prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors (“**Board**”) of the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (“**District**”) a proposed budget (“**Proposed Budget**”) for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023 (“**Fiscal Year 2023**”); and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the Proposed Budget and desires to set the required public hearing thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. **PROPOSED BUDGET APPROVED.** The Proposed Budget prepared by the District Manager for Fiscal Year 2023 attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved as the basis for conducting a public hearing to adopt said Proposed Budget.

2. **SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING.** A public hearing on said approved Proposed Budget is hereby declared and set for the following date, hour and location:

DATE: _____, 2022

HOUR: _____

LOCATION: _____

3. **TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET TO LOCAL GENERAL PURPOSE GOVERNMENTS.** The District Manager is hereby directed to submit a copy of the Proposed Budget to the City of Eustis and Lake County at least 60 days prior to the hearing set above.

4. **POSTING OF PROPOSED BUDGET.** In accordance with Section 189.016, *Florida Statutes*, the District’s Secretary is further directed to post the approved Proposed Budget on the District’s website at least two days before the budget hearing date as set forth in Section 2 and shall remain on the website for at least 45 days.

5. **PUBLICATION OF NOTICE.** Notice of this public hearing shall be published in the manner prescribed in Florida law.

6. **SEVERABILITY.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or any part thereof.

7. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 22nd DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022.

ATTEST:

**HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A Proposed Budget

Hicks Ditch
Community Development District

Proposed Budget
FY2023



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Proposed Budget

General Fund

Description	Proposed Budget*
<u>Revenues</u>	
Developer Contributions	\$ 114,178
Total Revenues	\$ 114,178
<u>Expenditures</u>	
<i>General & Administrative</i>	
Supervisor Fees	\$ 11,000
FICA Expenditures	\$ 842
Engineering	\$ 13,750
Attorney	\$ 22,917
Management Fees	\$ 34,375
Information Technology	\$ 1,650
Website Maintenance **	\$ 2,850
Telephone	\$ 275
Postage & Delivery	\$ 917
Insurance	\$ 5,000
Printing & Binding	\$ 917
Legal Advertising	\$ 13,750
Other Current Charges	\$ 4,583
Office Supplies	\$ 573
Travel Per Diem	\$ 605
Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions	\$ 175
Total Expenditures	\$ 114,178
Excess Revenues/(Expenditures)	\$ -

* Budget is prorated from November to September.

**Budget amount includes a one-time website creation fee.

Hicks Ditch

Community Development District

General Fund Narrative

Revenues:

Developer Contributions

The District will enter into a funding agreement with the Developer to fund the General Fund expenditures for the Fiscal Year.

Expenditures:

General & Administrative:

Supervisor Fees

Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, allows for each Board member to receive \$200 per meeting, not to exceed \$4,800 per year paid to each Supervisor for the time devoted to District business and meetings.

FICA Expenditures

Represents the Employer's share of Social Security and Medicare taxes withheld from Board of Supervisors checks.

Engineering

The District's engineer will be providing general engineering services to the District, e.g. attendance and preparation for monthly board meetings, review invoices and various projects as directed by the Board of Supervisors and the District Manager.

Attorney

The District's legal counsel will be providing general legal services to the District, e.g. attendance and preparation for meetings, preparation and review of agreements, resolutions, etc. as directed by the Board of Supervisors and the District Manager.

Management Fees

The District receives Management, Accounting and Administrative services as part of a Management Agreement with Governmental Management Services-Central Florida, LLC. The services include but are not limited to, recording and transcription of board meetings, administrative services, budget preparation, all financial reports, annual audits, etc.

Information Technology

Represents costs with Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC related to the District's information systems, which include but are not limited to video conferencing services, cloud storage services and servers, security, accounting software, etc.

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Community Development District

General Fund Narrative

Website Maintenance

Represents the costs with Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC associated with monitoring and maintaining the District's website created in accordance with Chapter 189, Florida Statutes. These services include site performance assessments, security and firewall maintenance, updates, document uploads, hosting and domain renewals, website backups, etc.

Telephone

Telephone and fax machine.

Postage & Delivery

The District incurs charges for mailing of Board meeting agenda packages, overnight deliveries, correspondence, etc.

Insurance

The District's general liability and public official's liability insurance coverages.

Printing & Binding

Printing and Binding agenda packages for board meetings, printing of computerized checks, stationary, envelopes, etc.

Legal Advertising

The District is required to advertise various notices for monthly Board meetings, public hearings, etc. in a newspaper of general circulation.

Other Current Charges

Bank charges and any other miscellaneous expenses incurred during the year.

Office Supplies

Any supplies that may need to be purchased during the fiscal year, e.g., paper, minute books, file folders, labels, paper clips, etc.

Travel Per Diem

The Board of Supervisors can be reimbursed for travel expenditures related to the conducting of District business.

Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions

The District is required to pay an annual fee to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for \$175. This is the only expense under this category for the District.

SECTION 2

**HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 FUNDING AGREEMENT**

This agreement ("**Agreement**") is made and entered into this 22nd day of November 2022, by and between:

Hicks Ditch Community Development District, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and located in the City of Eustis, Florida ("**District**"), and

TLC Pine Meadows, LLC, a Florida limited liability company and a landowner in the District ("**Developer**") with an address of 605 Commonwealth Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32814.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District was established by an ordinance adopted by the City Commission of the City of Eustis, Florida, for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the District, pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, is authorized to levy such taxes, special assessments, fees and other charges as may be necessary in furtherance of the District's activities and services; and

WHEREAS, Developer presently owns and/or is developing the majority of all real property described in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated herein ("**Property**"), within the District, which Property will benefit from the timely construction and acquisition of the District's facilities, activities and services and from the continued operations of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District is adopting its general fund budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023 ("**Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget**"); and

WHEREAS, this Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget, which both parties recognize may be amended from time to time in the sole discretion of the District, is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as **Exhibit B**; and

WHEREAS, the District has the option of levying non-ad valorem assessments on all land, including the Property, that will benefit from the activities, operations and services set forth in the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget, or utilizing such other revenue sources as may be available to it; and

WHEREAS, in lieu of levying assessments on the Property, the Developer is willing to provide such funds as are necessary to allow the District to proceed with its operations as described in **Exhibit B**; and

WHEREAS, the Developer agrees that the activities, operations and services provide a special and peculiar benefit equal to or in excess of the costs reflected on **Exhibit B** to the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Developer has agreed to enter into this Agreement in lieu of having the District levy and collect any non-ad valorem assessments as authorized by law against the Property located within the District for the activities, operations and services set forth in **Exhibit B**; and

WHEREAS, Developer and District desire to secure such budget funding through the imposition of a continuing lien against the Property described in **Exhibit A** and otherwise as provided herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon good and valuable consideration and the mutual covenants of the parties, the receipt of which and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. **FUNDING.** The Developer agrees to make available to the District the monies necessary for the operation of the District as called for in the budget attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, as may be amended from time to time in the District's sole discretion, within fifteen (15) days of written request by the District. Amendments to the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget as shown on **Exhibit B** adopted by the District at a duly noticed meeting shall have the effect of amending this Agreement without further action of the parties. Funds provided hereunder shall be placed in the District's general checking account. These payments are made by the Developer in lieu of taxes, fees, or assessments which might otherwise be levied or imposed by the District.

2. **CONTINUING LIEN.** District shall have the right to file a continuing lien upon the Property described in **Exhibit A** for all payments due and owing under the terms of this Agreement and for interest thereon, and for reasonable attorneys' fees, paralegals' fees, expenses and court costs incurred by the District incident to the collection of funds under this Agreement or for enforcement of this lien, and all sums advanced and paid by the District for taxes and payment on account of superior interests, liens and encumbrances in order to preserve and protect the District's lien. The lien shall be effective as of the date and time of the recording of a "Notice of Lien for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget" in the public records of Lake County, Florida ("**County**"), stating among other things, the description of the real property and the amount due as of the recording of the Notice, and the existence of this Agreement. The District Manager, in its sole discretion, is hereby authorized by the District to file the Notice of Lien for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget on behalf of the District, without the need of further Board action authorizing or directing such filing. At the District Manager's direction, the District may also bring an action at law against the record title holder to the Property to pay the amount due under this Agreement or may foreclose the lien against the Property in any manner authorized by law. The District may partially release any filed lien for portions of the Property subject to a plat if and when the Developer has demonstrated, in the District's sole discretion, such release will not

materially impair the ability of the District to enforce the collection of funds hereunder. In the event the Developer sells any of the Property described in **Exhibit A** after the execution of this Agreement, the Developer's rights and obligations under this Agreement shall remain the same, provided however that the District shall only have the right to file a lien upon the remaining Property owned by the Developer.

3. ALTERNATIVE COLLECTION METHODS.

a. In the alternative or in addition to the collection method set forth in Paragraph 2 above, the District may enforce the collection of funds due under this Agreement by action against the Developer in the appropriate judicial forum in and for the County. The enforcement of the collection of funds in this manner shall be in the sole discretion of the District Manager on behalf of the District. In the event that either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the parties agree that the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other all costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

b. The District hereby finds that the activities, operations and services set forth in **Exhibit B** provide a special and peculiar benefit to the Property, which benefit is initially allocated on an equal developable acreage basis. The Developer agrees that the activities, operations and services set forth in **Exhibit B** provide a special and peculiar benefit to the Property equal to or in excess of the costs set forth in **Exhibit B**, on an equal developable acreage basis. Therefore, in the alternative or in addition to the other methods of collection set forth in this Agreement, the District, in its sole discretion, may choose to certify amounts due hereunder as a non-ad valorem assessment on all or any part of the Property for collection, either through the Uniform Method of Collection set forth in Chapter 197, *Florida Statutes*, or under any method of direct bill and collection authorized by Florida law. Such assessment, if imposed, may be certified on the next available tax roll of the County property appraiser.

4. AGREEMENT; AMENDMENTS. This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of the agreement between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both of the parties hereto.

5. AUTHORIZATION. The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of all parties hereto, each party has complied with all the requirements of law, and each party has full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

6. ASSIGNMENT. This Agreement may be assigned, in whole or in part, by either party only upon the written consent of the other, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any assignment without such prior written approval shall be null and void.

7. **DEFAULT.** A default by either party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which shall include, but not be limited to, the right of damages, injunctive relief and specific performance and specifically including the ability of the District to enforce any and all payment obligations under this Agreement in the manner described herein in Paragraphs 2 and 3 above.

8. **THIRD PARTY RIGHTS; TRANSFER OF PROPERTY.** This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the formal parties herein and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason hereof, to or for the benefit of any third party not a formal party hereto. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the parties hereto any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any provisions or conditions hereof; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants and conditions herein contained shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective representatives, successors and assigns. In the event the Developer sells or otherwise disposes of its business or of all or substantially all of its assets relating to improvements, work product, or lands within the District, the Developer shall continue to be bound by the terms of this Agreement and additionally shall expressly require that the purchaser agree to be bound by the terms of this Agreement. The Developer shall give 90 days prior written notice to the District under this Agreement of any such sale or disposition.

9. **FLORIDA LAW GOVERNS.** This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida.

10. **ARM'S LENGTH TRANSACTION.** This Agreement has been negotiated fully between the parties as an arm's length transaction. The parties participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement with the assistance of their respective counsel. In the case of a dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, the parties are each deemed to have drafted, chosen and selected the language, and the doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against any party.

11. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The Agreement shall be effective upon the date first written above after execution by both parties hereto. The enforcement provisions of this Agreement shall survive its termination, until all payments due under this Agreement are paid in full.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties execute this Agreement the day and year first written above.

Attest:

**Hicks Ditch Community
Development District**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors



Witness TAN TRAN

TLC Pine Meadows, LLC,
a Florida limited liability
company



By: Andrew Orosz
Its: Authorized Representative

EXHIBIT A: Property Description

EXHIBIT B: Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget

EXHIBIT A
Property Description

That part of the East 169.5 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, lying South of the Southerly line of the right of way known as Pine Meadows Golf Course Road.

AND

The Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, LESS right of way for Pine Meadows Golf Course Road. Also LESS and EXCEPT Lots 1 and 2, Pine Meadows Fairway Estates, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 17, Page 56, Public Records of Lake County, Florida.

AND

Tracts 21 to 26, inclusive, and Tracts 37 to 40, inclusive, Eustis Meadows, according to the Map or Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, Public Records of Lake County, Florida, LESS and EXCEPT therefrom the right of way for Pine Meadows Golf Course Road, as shown on Plat Book 17, Page 56 and the right of way for Fairway Drive, as shown on Plat Book 17, Page 56, and the right of way for Pine-Meadows Road, as shown on Plat Book 17, Page 12. Also, LESS and EXCEPT Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28, Pine Meadows Fairway Estates, according to the Map or Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 17, Page 56, Public Records of Lake County, Florida.

AND

Parcel A:

That part of Lot 12, in Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Map of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; and that part of Blocks 3 and 15, in Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Town Plat of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Begin at a 5/8" Iron rod and cap (PLS 3351) at the Northeast corner of Lot 12 of said Map of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; run thence South 87°04'27" West, along the North line of said Lot 12, also being the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, a distance of 651.38 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 12; thence South 00°32'04" East, along the West line of said Lot 12, a distance of 1,280.21 feet to a 4" octagonal monument at the Southwest corner of said Lot 12; thence North 87°33'44" East, along the South line of said Lot 12, a distance of 15.01 feet; thence South 00°32'04" East, a distance of 15.01 feet to the Northwest corner of Block 3 of said Town Plat of Eustis Meadows; thence North 87°33'44" East, along the South right of way line of North Street, a distance of 10.01 feet; thence

South 00°32'04" East, along a line 10 feet East of when measured at right angles to and parallel with the East right of way line of Cedar Street, a distance of 433.22 feet to an intersection with a line that is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with, when measured of right angles thereto, the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A; thence North 88°02'40" East, along said line which is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A, a distance of 111.02 feet, to an intersection with the Westerly top of the bank of a canal known as Hicks Ditch; thence North 24°12'31" East, along said top of bank, 108.49 feet; thence North 21°03'29" East, along said top of bank, 200.06 feet; thence North 19°20'32" East, along said top of bank, 200.30 feet; thence North 20°32'44" East, along said top of bank, 394.93 feet; thence North 19°41'20" East, along said top of bank, 541.12 feet to an intersection with the East line of said Lot 12; thence North 00°44'07" West, along the East line of said Lot 12, 402.85 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Together with a 50 feet wide ingress and egress easement along the Easterly line bounded and described as follows: Commence at a 5/8" iron rod and cap (PLS 3351) at the Northeast corner of Lot 12 of Map of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; run thence South 00°44'07" East, along the East line of said Lot 12, a distance of 402.85 feet to the Point of Beginning; run thence North 00°44'07" West, along the East line of said Lot 12, a distance of 125.70 feet; thence South 22°42'12" West, 116.65 feet; thence South 19°41'20" West, 542.07 feet; thence South 20°32'44" West, 395.08 feet; thence South 19°20'32" West, 200.08 feet; thence South 21°03'29" West, 197.94 feet; thence South 24°12'31" West, 131.68 feet to an intersection with a line that is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with when measured at right angles thereto the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A; thence North 88°02'40" East, along said line which is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A, a distance of 55.71 feet, to an intersection with the Westerly top of the bank of a canal known as Hicks Ditch; thence North 24°12'31" East, along said top of bank, 108.49 feet; thence North 21°03'29" East, along said top of bank, 200.06 feet; thence North 19°20'32" East, along said top of bank, 200.30 feet; thence North 20°32'44" East, along said top of bank, 394.93 feet; thence North 19°41'20" East, along said top of bank, 541.12 feet to the Point of Beginning.

AND

Parcel B:

That part of Blocks 2 and 14, and that part of a vacated portion of Orange Street, in Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Town Plat of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a 5/8" iron rod and cap (PLS 3351) at the Northeast corner of Lot 12 of Map Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; run thence South 87°04'27" West, along the North line of said Lot 12, also being the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East,

Lake County, Florida, a distance of 651.38 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 12; thence continue South 87°04'27" West, along the North line of Lot 11, said Map of Eustis Meadows, also being the North line of the said Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, a distance of 175.55 feet to an intersection with the East line of the West 150.00 feet of the East 1/2 of said Lot 11; thence South 00°26'01" East, along the East line of the West 150.00 feet of the East 1/2 of said Lot 11 and its prolongation thereof, a distance of 1,293.80 feet to an intersection with the South right of way line of North Street and the Point of Beginning; thence North 87°33'44" East, along the South right of way line of North Street, a distance of 152.76 feet to a line 10 feet West of when measured at right angles to and parallel with the West right of way line of Cedar Street; thence South 00°32'04" East, along said line 10 feet West of when measured at right angles to and parallel with the West right of way line of Cedar Street, a distance of 432.80 feet to an intersection with a line that is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with when measured at right angles to the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A; thence South 88°02'40" West, along said line which is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A, a distance of 153.49 feet, to an intersection with a line which bears South 00°26'01" East from the Point of Beginning; thence North 00°26'01" West, along the Southerly prolongation of the East line of the West 150.00 feet of the East 1/2 of said Lot 11, a distance of 431.53 feet to the Point of Beginning.

AND

Parcel C:

That part of Lot 11, in Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Map of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a 5/8" iron rod and cap (PLS 3351) at the Northeast corner of Lot 12 of Map of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; run thence South 87°04'27" West, along the North line of said Lot 12, also being the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, a distance of 651.38 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 12, and the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 87°04'27" West, along the North line of Lot 11, said Map of Eustis Meadows, also being the North line of the said Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, a distance of 175.55 feet to an intersection with the East line of the West 150.00 feet of the East 1/2 of said Lot 11; thence South 00°26'01" East, along the East line of the West 150.00 feet of the East 1/2 of said Lot 11, a distance of 1,243.77 feet to an intersection with a line 35.00 feet North of when measured at right angles to and parallel with the North right of way line of North Street; thence North 87°33'44" East, along said line 35.00 feet North of when measured at right angles to and parallel with the North right of way line of North Street, a distance of 177.69 feet to an intersection with the West line of said Lot 12; thence North 00°32'04" West, along said West line of Lot 12, a distance of 1,245.19 feet to the Point of Beginning.

TOGETHER WITH:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A STRIP OF LAND, BEING A PORTION OF PINE MEADOWS GOLF COURSE ROAD AS DESCRIBED IN THAT CERTAIN INDENTURE, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 666, PAGE 1637 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING IN LOTS 21 THROUGH 24, EUSTIS MEADOWS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 2, OF SAID PUBLIC RECORDS. BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FAIRWAY DRIVE, PINE MEADOWS FAIRWAY ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 17, PAGE 56 AND BOUNDED ON THE EAST BY THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 24.

TOGETHER WITH:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A STRIP OF LAND, BEING NORTH STREET AND CEDAR STREET, LYING EAST OF THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 150 FEET OF THE EAST HALF OF LOT 11, EUSTIS MEADOWS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 2, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND LYING NORTH OF THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF EAST COUNTY ROAD 44.

All of the above containing approximately 244.043 acres, +/-

EXHIBIT B
Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget

Hicks Ditch
Community Development District

Proposed Budget
FY2023



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Hicks Ditch

Community Development District

Proposed Budget

General Fund

Description	Proposed Budget*
<u>Revenues</u>	
Developer Contributions	\$ 114,178
Total Revenues	\$ 114,178
<u>Expenditures</u>	
<i>General & Administrative</i>	
Supervisor Fees	\$ 11,000
FICA Expenditures	\$ 842
Engineering	\$ 13,750
Attorney	\$ 22,917
Management Fees	\$ 34,375
Information Technology	\$ 1,650
Website Maintenance **	\$ 2,850
Telephone	\$ 275
Postage & Delivery	\$ 917
Insurance	\$ 5,000
Printing & Binding	\$ 917
Legal Advertising	\$ 13,750
Other Current Charges	\$ 4,583
Office Supplies	\$ 573
Travel Per Diem	\$ 605
Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions	\$ 175
Total Expenditures	\$ 114,178
Excess Revenues/(Expenditures)	\$ -

* Budget is prorated from November to September.

**Budget amount includes a one-time website creation fee.

Hicks Ditch

Community Development District

General Fund Narrative

Revenues:

Developer Contributions

The District will enter into a funding agreement with the Developer to fund the General Fund expenditures for the Fiscal Year.

Expenditures:

General & Administrative:

Supervisor Fees

Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, allows for each Board member to receive \$200 per meeting, not to exceed \$4,800 per year paid to each Supervisor for the time devoted to District business and meetings.

FICA Expenditures

Represents the Employer's share of Social Security and Medicare taxes withheld from Board of Supervisors checks.

Engineering

The District's engineer will be providing general engineering services to the District, e.g. attendance and preparation for monthly board meetings, review invoices and various projects as directed by the Board of Supervisors and the District Manager.

Attorney

The District's legal counsel will be providing general legal services to the District, e.g. attendance and preparation for meetings, preparation and review of agreements, resolutions, etc. as directed by the Board of Supervisors and the District Manager.

Management Fees

The District receives Management, Accounting and Administrative services as part of a Management Agreement with Governmental Management Services-Central Florida, LLC. The services include but are not limited to, recording and transcription of board meetings, administrative services, budget preparation, all financial reports, annual audits, etc.

Information Technology

Represents costs with Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC related to the District's information systems, which include but are not limited to video conferencing services, cloud storage services and servers, security, accounting software, etc.

Hicks Ditch

Community Development District

General Fund Narrative

Website Maintenance

Represents the costs with Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC associated with monitoring and maintaining the District's website created in accordance with Chapter 189, Florida Statutes. These services include site performance assessments, security and firewall maintenance, updates, document uploads, hosting and domain renewals, website backups, etc.

Telephone

Telephone and fax machine.

Postage & Delivery

The District incurs charges for mailing of Board meeting agenda packages, overnight deliveries, correspondence, etc.

Insurance

The District's general liability and public official's liability insurance coverages.

Printing & Binding

Printing and Binding agenda packages for board meetings, printing of computerized checks, stationary, envelopes, etc.

Legal Advertising

The District is required to advertise various notices for monthly Board meetings, public hearings, etc. in a newspaper of general circulation.

Other Current Charges

Bank charges and any other miscellaneous expenses incurred during the year.

Office Supplies

Any supplies that may need to be purchased during the fiscal year, e.g., paper, minute books, file folders, labels, paper clips, etc.

Travel Per Diem

The Board of Supervisors can be reimbursed for travel expenditures related to the conducting of District business.

Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions

The District is required to pay an annual fee to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for \$175. This is the only expense under this category for the District.

SECTION E

RESOLUTION 2023-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE DISTRICT'S INTENT TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD FOR THE LEVY, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 197.3632, *FLORIDA STATUTES*; AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF SUCH HEARING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated within the City of Eustis, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, is authorized to levy, collect, and enforce certain special assessments, which include benefit and maintenance assessments and further authorizes the District's Board of Supervisors (the "Board") to levy, collect, and enforce special assessments pursuant to Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to use the Uniform Method for the levy, collection and enforcement of non-ad valorem special assessments authorized by Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*, (the "Uniform Method").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. A Public Hearing will be held to adopt the Uniform Method on _____ at _____.m. at _____.

SECTION 2. The District Secretary is directed to publish notice of the hearing in accordance with Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of November 2022.

ATTEST:

HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION V

SECTION A

RESOLUTION 2023-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A PUBLIC DEPOSITORY FOR FUNDS OF THE DISTRICT; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ANY AND ALL FINANCIAL REPORTS REQUIRED BY RULE, STATUTE, LAW, ORDINANCE OR REGULATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (hereinafter the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Eustis, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District ("Board") is statutorily authorized to select a depository as defined in Section 280.02, *Florida Statutes*, which meets all the requirements of Chapter 280, *Florida Statutes*, and has been designated by the State Chief Financial Officer as a qualified public depository; and

WHEREAS, the District has had no District revenues and has therefore made no public deposits nor has the District heretofore delegated to a Treasurer, or to any other person, responsibility for handling public deposits; and

WHEREAS, the District, prior to making any public deposit, is required to furnish to the Chief Financial Officer its official name, address, federal employer identification number, and the name of the person or persons responsible for establishing accounts; and

WHEREAS, the Board, having organized and appointed a Treasurer and other officers, is now in a position to select a public depository and to comply with the requirements for public depositories; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to designate a public depository for District funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. _____ is hereby designated as the public depository for funds of the District.

SECTION 2. In accordance with Section 280.17(2), *Florida Statutes*, the District's Secretary is hereby directed to take the following steps:

- A.** Ensure that the name of the District is on the account or certificate or other form provided to the District by the qualified public depository in a manner sufficient to identify that the account is a Florida public deposit.
- B.** Execute the form prescribed by the Chief Financial Officer for identification of each public deposit account and obtain acknowledgement of receipt on the form of the qualified public depository at the time of opening the account.

- C. Maintain the current public deposit identification and acknowledgement form as a valuable record.

SECTION 3. The District's Treasurer, upon assuming responsibility for handling the funds of the District, is directed to furnish the Chief Financial Officer annually, not later than November 30 of each year, the information required in accordance with Section 280.17(6), *Florida Statutes*, and otherwise take the necessary steps to ensure that all other requirements of Section 280.17, *Florida Statutes*, have been met.

SECTION 4. The District Manager, Treasurer, and/or Assistant Treasurer are hereby authorized on behalf of the District to execute and deliver any and all other financial reports required by any other rule, statute, law, ordinance or regulation.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED 22nd day of November 2022.

ATTEST:

**HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION B

RESOLUTION 2023-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DIRECTING GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES – CENTRAL FLORIDA, LLC, TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL BANK ACCOUNT AT _____ FOR THE DISTRICT AND APPOINT GEORGE S. FLINT AND _____ AS SIGNORS ON THE ACCOUNT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and situated entirely within the City of Eustis, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors desires to establish a local bank account for the District and appoint George S. Flint and _____ as signors on the account.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1. Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC is directed to establish a local bank account at _____ for the District.

SECTION 2. George S. Flint and _____ shall be appointed as signors on the account.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of November 2022.

ATTEST:

HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION C

RESOLUTION 2023-13

A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE POLICY OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH REGARD TO THE SUPPORT AND LEGAL DEFENSE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DISTRICT OFFICERS, AND RETAINED STAFF; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) and the officers and staff of Hicks Ditch Community Development District (the “District”) are constantly presented with the necessity for making decisions regarding various phases of the District policy and management; and

WHEREAS, it is absolutely essential to the effective operation of the District that such decisions be made in an environment where the threat of personal liability for the members of the Board and its officers and staff is maintained at a minimum; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to formalize a policy with regard to the support and legal protection of the Board and its officers and staff to reduce the threat of personal liability to such individuals and allow for an effective decision-making environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. As set forth in this Resolution, the District, in accordance with Florida law, agrees that the following Board members, officers, and staff (together, “Indemnitees”) of the District, shall be provided the benefit of the indemnification, support and legal defense provisions provided in this Resolution:

- A.** All members of the Board of Supervisors; and
- B.** Secretary and Assistant Secretaries, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurers, and other District officers, as well as District Staff (e.g., the District Manager, the District Engineer, and the District Counsel).

SECTION 2. As set forth in this Resolution and in accordance with Sections 111.07 and 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, the District hereby agrees to provide legal representation to defend any and all civil actions, including federal civil rights and other federal civil claims, arising from a complaint for damages or injuries suffered as a result of any action or omission of action of all Indemnitees, present or former, arising out of and in the scope of his or her employment or function, unless, in the case of a tort action, the Indemnitee acted in bad faith, with malicious purpose, or in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property. Defense of such civil actions includes, but is not limited to, any civil rights lawsuit seeking relief personally against any Indemnitee for an act or omission under color of state law, custom or usage, wherein it is alleged that such Indemnitee has deprived another person of rights secured under the Federal Constitution or laws, including, by way of example, actions under 42

U.S.C. §1983 or other federal statute. The District further agrees to provide legal representation to defend against any other litigation arising against an Indemnitee from the performance of their official duties while serving a public purpose, including civil, administrative or criminal actions as permitted by law. By these provisions, the District does not waive any immunity from liability or limited waiver of such immunity as granted under Florida law. Rather, the District is stating that to the extent the State does not protect the Board and its officers from liability through its laws, the District is committed to doing so to the extent described in this Resolution and as permitted by law.

SECTION 3. The District may insure itself in order to cover all reasonable costs and fees directly arising out of or in connection with any legal claim or suit that directly results from a decision or act made by an Indemnitee while performing the duties and functions of his or her position.

SECTION 4. This Resolution is intended to evidence the District's support of Indemnitees who perform acts and render decisions in the good faith performance of their duties and functions. The District will neither support nor defend those actions or omissions committed by an individual outside the scope of his or her office or committed in bad faith or with malicious purpose or in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property. By adoption of this Resolution, the Indemnitee(s) in question are each presumed to have acted within the scope of his or her office and are presumed to be acting in good faith, without a malicious purpose, and not in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property. The District's Board of Supervisors may overcome this presumption only by unanimous vote of those participating and voting, in accordance with Section 7 herein.

SECTION 5. In the event that the District has expended funds to provide an attorney to defend an Indemnitee who is found to be personally liable by virtue of actions outside the scope of his or her employment or function, or is found to have acted in bad faith, with malicious purpose, or in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property, the individual shall be required to reimburse the District for funds so expended. The District may recover such funds in a civil action against such individual.

SECTION 6. The District agrees to pay any final judgment, including damages, fines, penalties, or other damages, costs, and attorneys' fees and costs, arising from any complaint for damages or injuries suffered as a result of any action or omission of action of any Indemnitee as described in Section 111.07, *Florida Statutes*. If the action arises under Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, as a tort claim, the limitations and provisions of that section governing payment shall apply. If the action is a civil rights action arising under 42 U.S.C. §1983, or similar federal statutes, payment for the full amount of judgment may be made unless the individual has been determined in the final judgment to have caused the harm intentionally. The District agrees to pay any compromise or settlement of any claim or litigation described in this paragraph; provided, however, that the District determines such compromise or settlement to be in the District's best interest.

SECTION 7. To rebut the presumption of the automatic payment of judgments or provision of legal representation pursuant to this Resolution, at least one of the following determinations shall be made by a unanimous decision of the District's Board of Supervisors participating and voting:

- A.** The actions of the Indemnitee were outside the scope of his or her duties and authority; or
- B.** The acts or omissions of the Indemnitee constituted bad faith, malicious purpose, intentional infliction of harm, or were done in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property; or
- C.** The Indemnitee received financial profit or advantage to which he or she was not legally entitled.

SECTION 8. To ensure the provision of legal representation pursuant to this Resolution, the following must be met:

- A.** A copy of the summons, complaint, notice, demand letter, or other document or pleading in the action, or a letter setting forth the substance of any claim or complaint, must be delivered to the District Chairman, Vice Chairman, District Manager, or District Counsel within fourteen (14) calendar days after actual receipt of any such document together with a specific request in writing that the District defend or provide representation for the Indemnitee; and
- B.** The Indemnitee must cooperate continuously and fully with the District in the defense of the action.

SECTION 9. Any indemnification, legal defense, or other protection provided pursuant to this representation shall not extend to:

- A.** Consulting or other outside professional or business activities for which the Indemnitee received financial or other material compensation, which are outside the scope of his or her District duties and authority; and
- B.** Any independent contractor for whom defense or indemnification is not authorized pursuant to Section 1(b) of this Resolution, unless the Board votes to authorize such indemnification, legal defense, or other protection; and
- C.** Any fine, penalty, or other punishment imposed as a result of conviction for a criminal offense, and any legal fees and costs incurred to defend criminal prosecution in which a conviction is obtained; and

- D. Claims brought against the Indemnitee by the District's Board of Supervisors; and
- E. Any indemnification or defense prohibited by law.

SECTION 10. In the event legal representation or defense is provided pursuant to this Resolution, the Indemnitee may either:

- A. Retain legal counsel appointed by the District, in which case legal counsel shall be paid directly by the District; or
- B. Retain legal counsel chosen by the Indemnitee, in which case the District shall have the right to:
 - i. Approve, in advance, any agreement for legal fees or disbursements; and
 - ii. Pay all or part of the legal fees, costs, and other disbursements, and to set a maximum for legal fees, costs, and other disbursements; and
 - iii. Direct the defense and settle or compromise the action or claim; and
 - iv. Reduce or offset any monies that may be payable by the District by any court costs or attorneys' fees awarded to the Indemnitee.

SECTION 11. The benefits of the policy adopted in this Resolution shall not enlarge the rights that would have been available to any third-party plaintiff or claimant in the absence of this policy.

SECTION 12. To the extent permitted by law, this policy shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, personal representatives, and estate of the Board member and/or officer.

SECTION 13. The District reserves the right to change, modify, or withdraw this Resolution in its sole discretion, except as to actions, demand or other claims based on acts or omissions that occurred before the effective change, modification, or withdrawal of this Resolution.

SECTION 14. This Resolution shall be effective as of its adoption on the date listed below and shall apply to any acts or omissions occurring after that date.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of November 2022.

ATTEST:

**HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION D

RESOLUTION 2023-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT RATIFYING, CONFIRMING AND APPROVING THE RECORDING OF THE NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (“**District**”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Eustis, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District was established by Ordinance 22-21, adopted by the City Commission of the City of Eustis, Florida, which became effective on November 3, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Section 190.0485, *Florida Statutes*, requires a “Notice of Establishment” to be recorded within 30 days after the effective date of the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the organizational meeting of the District’s Board of Supervisors was scheduled for November 2, 2022 (the “Organizational Meeting”); and

WHEREAS, prior to the date of the Organizational Meeting, Kutak Rock LLP, arranged for the recording of the “Notice of Establishment of the Hicks Ditch Community Development District” in the Lake County Official Records to ensure compliance with Florida law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. RATIFICATION. The actions of Kutak Rock LLP in recording the Notice of Establishment of the Hicks Ditch Community Development District are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of November 2022.

ATTEST:

HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION 1

This instrument was prepared by
and upon recording should be returned to:

KUTAK ROCK LLP
107 West College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

**NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on October 20, 2022, pursuant to a petition filed by TLC Pine Meadows, LLC, the City Commission of the City of Eustis, Florida adopted Ordinance No. 22-21, which became effective on November 3, 2022, establishing the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (“**District**”). The legal description of the lands encompassed within the District is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. The District is a special-purpose form of local government established pursuant to and governed by Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*. More information on the powers, responsibilities, and duties of the District may be obtained by examining Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, or by contacting the District’s registered agent as designated to the Department of Economic Opportunity in accordance with Section 189.014, *Florida Statutes*.

THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MAY IMPOSE AND LEVY TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS, OR BOTH TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, ON THIS PROPERTY. THESE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS PAY THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS OF CERTAIN PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES OF THE DISTRICT AND ARE SET ANNUALLY BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE DISTRICT. THESE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS ARE IN ADDITION TO COUNTY AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS AND ALL OTHER TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS PROVIDED FOR BY LAW.

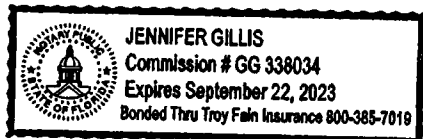
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Notice has been executed on this 9 day of November 2022, and recorded in the Official Records of Lake County, Florida.

[Signature]
Witness
BREA WALES
Print Name

[Signature]
Sarah R. Sandy
District Counsel
[Signature]
Witness
Michelle Rigoni
Print Name

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEON

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this 9 day of November 2022, by Sarah R. Sandy, District Counsel to the Hicks Ditch Community Development District, who is personally known to me.



[Signature]
Print Name: Jennifer Gillis
Notary Public, State of Florida
Commission No.: GG 338034
My Commission Expires: 9/22/23

Exhibit A:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: (PROVIDED IN TITLE COMMITMENT)

That part of the East 169.5 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, lying South of the Southerly line of the right of way known as Pine Meadows Golf Course Road.

AND

The Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, LESS right of way for Pine Meadows Golf Course Road. Also LESS and EXCEPT Lots 1 and 2, Pine Meadows Fairway Estates, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 17, Page 56, Public Records of Lake County, Florida.

AND

Tracts 21 to 26, inclusive, and Tracts 37 to 40, inclusive, Eustis Meadows, according to the Map or Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, Public Records of Lake County, Florida, LESS and EXCEPT therefrom the right of way for Pine Meadows Golf Course Road, as shown on Plat Book 17, Page 56 and the right of way for Fairway Drive, as shown on Plat Book 17, Page 56, and the right of way for Pine-Meadows Road, as shown on Plat Book 17, Page 12. Also, LESS and EXCEPT Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28, Pine Meadows Fairway Estates, according to the Map or Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 17, Page 56, Public Records of Lake County, Florida.

AND

Parcel A:

That part of Lot 12, in Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Map of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; and that part of Blocks 3 and 15, in Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Town Plat of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Begin at a 5/8" Iron rod and cap (PLS 3351) at the Northeast corner of Lot 12 of said Map of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; run thence South 87°04'27" West, along the North line of said Lot 12, also being the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, a distance of 651.38 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 12; thence South 00°32'04" East, along the West line of said Lot 12, a distance of 1,280.21 feet to a 4" octagonal monument at the Southwest corner of said Lot 12; thence North 87°33'44" East, along the South line of said Lot 12, a distance of 15.01 feet; thence South 00°32'04" East, a distance of 15.01 feet to the Northwest corner of Block 3 of said Town Plat of Eustis Meadows; thence North 87°33'44" East, along the South right of way line of North Street, a distance of 10.01 feet; thence South 00°32'04" East, along a line 10 feet East of when measured at right angles to and parallel with the East right of way line of Cedar Street, a distance of 433.22 feet to an intersection with a line that is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with, when measured of right angles thereto, the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A; thence North 88°02'40" East, along said line which is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A, a distance of

111.02 feet, to an intersection with the Westerly top of the bank of a canal known as Hicks Ditch; thence North 24°12'31" East, along said top of bank, 108.49 feet; thence North 21°03'29" East, along said top of bank, 200.06 feet; thence North 19°20'32" East, along said top of bank, 200.30 feet; thence North 20°32'44" East, along said top of bank, 394.93 feet; thence North 19°41'20" East, along said top of bank, 541.12 feet to an intersection with the East line of said Lot 12; thence North 00°44'07" West, along the East line of said Lot 12, 402.85 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Together with a 50 feet wide ingress and egress easement along the Easterly line bounded and described as follows: Commence at a 5/8" iron rod and cap (PLS 3351) at the Northeast corner of Lot 12 of Map of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; run thence South 00°44'07" East, along the East line of said Lot 12, a distance of 402.85 feet to the Point of Beginning; run thence North 00°44'07" West, along the East line of said Lot 12, a distance of 125.70 feet; thence South 22°42'12" West, 116.65 feet; thence South 19°41'20" West, 542.07 feet; thence South 20°32'44" West, 395.08 feet; thence South 19°20'32" West, 200.08 feet; thence South 21°03'29" West, 197.94 feet; thence South 24°12'31" West, 131.68 feet to an intersection with a line that is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with when measured at right angles thereto the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A; thence North 88°02'40" East, along said line which is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A, a distance of 55.71 feet, to an intersection with the Westerly top of the bank of a canal known as Hicks Ditch; thence North 24°12'31" East, along said top of bank, 108.49 feet; thence North 21°03'29" East, along said top of bank, 200.06 feet; thence North 19°20'32" East, along said top of bank, 200.30 feet; thence North 20°32'44" East, along said top of bank, 394.93 feet; thence North 19°41'20" East, along said top of bank, 541.12 feet to the Point of Beginning.

AND

Parcel B:

That part of Blocks 2 and 14, and that part of a vacated portion of Orange Street, in Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Town Plat of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a 5/8" iron rod and cap (PLS 3351) at the Northeast corner of Lot 12 of Map Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; run thence South 87°04'27" West, along the North line of said Lot 12, also being the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, a distance of 651.38 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 12; thence continue South 87°04'27" West, along the North line of Lot 11, said Map of Eustis Meadows, also being the North line of the said Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, a distance of 175.55 feet to an intersection with the East line of the West 150.00 feet of the East 1/2 of said Lot 11; thence South 00°26'01" East, along the East line of the West 150.00 feet of the East 1/2 of said Lot 11 and its prolongation thereof, a distance of 1,293.80 feet to an intersection with the South right of way line of North Street and the Point of Beginning; thence North 87°33'44" East, along the South right of way line of North Street, a distance of 152.76 feet to a line 10 feet West of when measured at right angles to and parallel with the West right of way line of Cedar Street; thence South 00°32'04" East, along said line 10 feet West of when measured at right angles to and parallel with the West right of way line of Cedar Street, a distance of 432.80 feet to an intersection with a line that is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with when measured at right angles to the North right

of way line of County Road No. 44-A; thence South 88°02'40" West, along said line which is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A, a distance of 153.49 feet, to an intersection with a line which bears South 00°26'01" East from the Point of Beginning; thence North 00°26'01" West, along the Southerly prolongation of the East line of the West 150.00 feet of the East 1/2 of said Lot 11, a distance of 431.53 feet to the Point of Beginning.

AND

Parcel C:

That part of Lot 11, in Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Map of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a 5/8" iron rod and cap (PLS 3351) at the Northeast corner of Lot 12 of Map of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; run thence South 87°04'27" West, along the North line of said Lot 12, also being the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, a distance of 651.38 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 12, and the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 87°04'27" West, along the North line of Lot 11, said Map of Eustis Meadows, also being the North line of the said Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, a distance of 175.55 feet to an intersection with the East line of the West 150.00 feet of the East 1/2 of said Lot 11; thence South 00°26'01" East, along the East line of the West 150.00 feet of the East 1/2 of said Lot 11, a distance of 1,243.77 feet to an intersection with a line 35.00 feet North of when measured at right angles to and parallel with the North right of way line of North Street; thence North 87°33'44" East, along said line 35.00 feet North of when measured at right angles to and parallel with the North right of way line of North Street, a distance of 177.69 feet to an intersection with the West line of said Lot 12; thence North 00°32'04" West, along said West line of Lot 12, a distance of 1,245.19 feet to the Point of Beginning.

TOGETHER WITH:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A STRIP OF LAND, BEING A PORTION OF PINE MEADOWS GOLF COURSE ROAD AS DESCRIBED IN THAT CERTAIN INDENTURE, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 666, PAGE 1637 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING IN LOTS 21 THROUGH 24, EUSTIS MEADOWS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 2, OF SAID PUBLIC RECORDS. BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FAIRWAY DRIVE, PINE MEADOWS FAIRWAY ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 17, PAGE 56 AND BOUNDED ON THE EAST BY THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 24.

TOGETHER WITH:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A STRIP OF LAND, BEING NORTH STREET AND CEDAR STREET, LYING EAST OF THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 150 FEET OF THE EAST HALF OF LOT 11, EUSTIS MEADOWS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS

RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 2, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND LYING NORTH OF THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF EAST COUNTY ROAD 44.

All of the above containing approximately **244.043 acres, +/-**

SECTION E

RESOLUTION 2023-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING THE ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT GUIDELINES FOR INVESTING PUBLIC FUNDS IN EXCESS OF AMOUNTS NEEDED TO MEET CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 218.415(17), *FLORIDA STATUTES*, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and situated entirely within the City of Eustis, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) is required to adopt an investment policy in accordance with Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, Board desires to adopt the alternative investment guidelines for the investment of public funds in excess of amounts needed to meet current operating expenses, in accordance with Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes*.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District hereby adopts the alternative investment guidelines for the investment of public funds in excess of the amounts needed to meet current operating expenses, in accordance with Section 218.415(17), *Florida Statutes*. The District may invest in the following instruments and may divest itself of investments, at prevailing prices or rates:

- A.** The Local Government Surplus Trust Fund, or any intergovernmental investment pool authorized pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act, as provided in Section 163.01, *Florida Statutes*.
- B.** Securities and Exchange Commission registered money market funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency.
- C.** Interest-bearing time deposits or savings accounts in qualified public depositories as defined in Section 280.02, *Florida Statutes*.
- D.** Direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury.

SECTION 2. Securities listed in paragraphs (c) and (d) shall be invested to provide sufficient liquidity to pay obligations as they come due.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of November 2022.

ATTEST:

**HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION F

RESOLUTION 2023-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT MANAGER OR TREASURER TO EXECUTE THE PUBLIC DEPOSITORS REPORT; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ANY OTHER FINANCIAL REPORTS AS REQUIRED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (the "District") has established the positions of District Manager and Treasurer for the purposes of maintaining the financial records of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to authorize District staff to execute the Public Depositor Report and all other financial reports required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District Manager or Treasurer are hereby authorized, on behalf of the District, to execute the Public Depositor Report and to transmit same to the Treasurer of the State of Florida as required by Chapter 280, *Florida Statutes*, as amended, and any and all other financial reports required by any other rule, statute, law, ordinance or regulation.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of November 2022.

ATTEST:

HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION G

RESOLUTION 2023-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLIC'S OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD; DESIGNATING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS; DESIGNATING A PROCEDURE TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS SEEKING TO BE HEARD; ADDRESSING PUBLIC DECORUM; ADDRESSING EXCEPTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated in the City of Eustis, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to adopt resolutions as may be necessary for the conduct of District business; and

WHEREAS, Section 286.0114, *Florida Statutes*, requires that members of the public be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a proposition before a board or commission; and

WHEREAS, Section 286.0114, *Florida Statutes*, sets forth guidelines for rules and policies that govern the public's opportunity to be heard at a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Supervisors ("Board") finds that it is in the best interests of the District to adopt by resolution a policy ("Public Comment Policy") for immediate use and application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. DESIGNATING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS. The District's Chairperson, his or her designee, or such other person conducting a District meeting ("Presiding Officer"), shall ensure that there is at least one (1) period of time ("Public Comment Period") in the District's meeting agenda whereby the public has an opportunity to be heard on propositions before the Board, as follows:

- A.** An initial Public Comment Period shall be provided at the start of each Board meeting before consideration of any propositions by the Board. In the event there are propositions that come before the Board that are not listed on the agenda, the Presiding Officer shall announce a Public Comment Period on such proposition prior to the Board voting on the matter.
- B.** Speakers shall be permitted to address any agenda item during the initial Public Comment Period. Speakers shall be permitted to address any non-agenda matters of

personal or general concern during the Public Comment Period provided after the conclusion of the District's business items.

C. Individuals wishing to make a public comment are limited to three (3) minutes per person. Potential speakers may not assign his/her three (3) minutes to extend another speaker's time.

D. The Presiding Officer may extend or reduce the time periods set forth herein in order to facilitate orderly and efficient District business, provided however that a reasonable opportunity for public comment shall be provided consistent with the requirements of Section 286.0114, *Florida Statutes*. The Presiding Officer may also elect to set and announce additional Public Comment Periods if he or she deems it appropriate.

SECTION 2. DESIGNATING A PROCEDURE TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS SEEKING TO BE HEARD. Unless otherwise directed and declared by the Presiding Officer, individuals seeking to be heard on propositions before the Board shall identify themselves by a show of hands at the beginning of each Public Comment Period, as announced by the Presiding Officer. Alternatively, in the event that public attendance is high, and/or if otherwise in the best interests of the District in order to facilitate efficient and orderly District business, the Presiding Officer may require individuals to complete speaker cards that include the individual's name, address, the proposition on which they wish to be heard, the individual's position on the proposition (i.e., "for," "against," or "undecided"), and if appropriate, to indicate the designation of a representative to speak for the individual or the individual's group. In the event large groups of individuals desire to speak, the Presiding Officer may require each group to designate a representative to speak on behalf of such group. Any attorney hired to represent an individual or company's interests before the Board shall notify the Board of such representation prior to proving any public comment.

Sections 1 and 2 herein shall be deemed to apply only to District Board meetings, but the Presiding Officer of a District workshop in his or her discretion may elect to apply such Sections to District workshops.

SECTION 3. PUBLIC DECORUM. The following policies govern public decorum at public meetings and workshops:

A. Each person addressing the Board shall proceed to the place assigned for speaking and should state his or her name and address in an audible tone of voice for the public record.

B. All remarks shall be addressed to the Board as a body and not to any member thereof or to any staff member. No person other than a Board Supervisor or District staff member shall be permitted to enter into any discussion with an individual speaker while he or she has the floor, without the permission of the Presiding Officer.

C. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the Presiding Officer from maintaining orderly conduct and proper decorum in a public meeting. Speakers shall refrain from disruptive behavior and from making vulgar or threatening remarks. Speakers shall refrain from launching personal attacks against any Board Supervisor, District staff member, or member of the public. The Presiding Officer shall have the discretion to remove any speaker who disregards these policies from the meeting.

D. In the case that any person is declared out of order by the Presiding Officer and ordered expelled, and does not immediately leave the meeting facilities, the following steps may be taken:

- i. The Presiding Officer may declare a recess;
- ii. The Presiding Officer may contact the local law enforcement authority; or
- iii. In case the person does not remove himself or herself from the meeting, the Presiding Officer may request that he or she be placed under arrest by local law enforcement authorities for violation of Section 871.01, *Florida Statutes*, or other applicable law.

SECTION 4. EXCEPTIONS. The Board recognizes and may apply all applicable exceptions to Section 286.0114, *Florida Statutes*, including those set forth in Section 286.0114(3), *Florida Statutes*, and other applicable law. Additionally, the Presiding Officer may alter the procedures set forth in this Public Comment Policy for public hearings and other special proceedings that may require a different procedure under Florida law.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of November 2022.

ATTEST:

**HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION H

RESOLUTION 2023-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING A POLICY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL EXPENSES; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely in the City of Eustis, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to adopt resolutions as may be necessary for the conduct of district business; and

WHEREAS, Section 112.061, *Florida Statutes*, establishes standard travel reimbursement rates, procedures and limitations applicable to all public officers, employees, and authorized persons whose travel is authorized and paid for by a public agency; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to adopt a Policy for Reimbursement of District Travel Expenses attached as **Exhibit A** (the “Travel Reimbursement Policy”) pursuant to the provisions of Section 112.061, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the best interest of the District to adopt by resolution the Travel Reimbursement Policy for immediate use and application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District hereby adopts the Travel Reimbursement Policy, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this Resolution or the Travel Reimbursement Policy is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of November 2022.

ATTEST:

HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Travel Reimbursement Policy

Exhibit A

HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT POLICY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL EXPENSES

1.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- 1.1** The usual, ordinary, and incidental travel expenditures necessarily incurred by the District board members, employees, consultants, or advisors in the performance of their official duties shall be reimbursed by the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (the "District").
- 1.2** Except as otherwise provided, prior authorization for travel is not required, but reimbursable expenses will be limited to those expenses incurred in the performance of official duties undertaken in connection with such public purposes as the District has been authorized by law to perform.
- 1.3** All claims submitted for reimbursement must be accompanied by a written statement that they are true and correct as to every material matter.

2.0 TRANSPORTATION.

- 2.1** All travel must be by a reasonably direct or usually traveled route. In the event a person travels by an indirect route for his/her own convenience, any additional cost shall be borne by the traveler and reimbursement for expenses shall be based on the usually traveled route.
- 2.2** Commercial travel shall be by the most economical method, tourist or coach class. First class rates will be paid only in the event that a statement is attached to the claim certifying that tourist or coach seating was unavailable.
- 2.3** When available without penalty for cancellation, travelers should take advantage of discount fares.
- 2.4** Transportation by common carrier when traveling on official business and paid for by the traveler shall be substantiated by a receipt.
- 2.5** Rental car expenses shall be substantiated by a copy of the rental agreement.
- 2.6** Whenever travel is by a privately-owned vehicle, the traveler shall be entitled to a mileage allowance at the fixed rate per mile as established by the Legislature in Section 112.061, *Florida Statutes*. Should the State of Florida increase the mileage allowance specified in Section 112.061, *Florida Statutes*, the District shall, without

further action, be permitted to reimburse travelers at the increased rate. As of January 1, 2022, the mileage rate is 44.5 cents per mile.

- 2.7** All mileage shall be from point of origin to point of destination. When travel commences from a location other than the traveler's official headquarters, mileage shall be calculated on the basis of the distance from the headquarters city to the point of destination, unless the actual distance is shorter. Vicinity mileage necessary for conduct of official business is allowable, but must be identified as a separate item on the claim for reimbursement of expenses.
- 2.8** No traveler shall be allowed either mileage or transportation expense when he/she is gratuitously transported by another person, or when he/she is transported by another traveler who is entitled to mileage or transportation expense. However, a traveler on a private aircraft shall be reimbursed the actual amount charged and paid for his/her fare for such transportation up to the cost of a commercial airline ticket for the same flight if one is available, even though the owner or pilot of the aircraft is also entitled to transportation expense for the same flight.

3.0 INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

- 3.1** Reasonable travel-related expenses for meals, lodging, gratuities, taxi fares, tolls, parking fees, and business-related telephone, telegraph, and facsimile charges shall also be reimbursed if substantiated by receipts.
- 3.2** Reimbursement for meals shall not exceed \$6 for breakfast, \$11 for lunch, and \$19 for dinner. Should the State of Florida increase the meal allowances specified in Section 112.061, *Florida Statutes*, the District shall, without further action, be permitted to reimburse travelers based on the increased limits.
- 3.3** Registration fees and other actual and necessary expenses for conventions, conferences, and seminars which will serve a direct public purpose related to District activities will be considered reimbursable if persons attending such meetings receive prior approval. In the event room or meal expenses are included in the registration fee, reimbursement for these expenses will be reduced accordingly.

SECTION I

RESOLUTION 2023-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING PROMPT PAYMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 218, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated in the City of Eustis, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 218, *Florida Statutes*, requires timely payment to vendors and contractors providing certain goods and/or services to the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (the “Board”) accordingly finds that it is in the best interests of the District to establish by resolution the Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures attached hereto as **Exhibit A** for immediate use and application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures attached hereto as **Exhibit A** are hereby adopted pursuant to this resolution as necessary for the conduct of District business. The Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the Board may amend them; provided, however, that as the provisions of Chapter 218, *Florida Statutes*, are amended from time to time, the attached Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures shall automatically be amended to incorporate the new requirements of law without any further action by the Board.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect. All District resolutions, policies or parts thereof in actual conflict with this Resolution are, to the extent of such conflict, superseded and repealed, except as noted below.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 22ND DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022.

ATTEST:

HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures **In Accordance With the Local Government Prompt Payment Act** **Chapter 218, Part VII, Florida Statutes**

November 22, 2022

Hicks Ditch Community Development District
Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

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I. Purpose

In accordance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act (Chapter 218, Part VII, Florida Statutes) (“PPA”), the purpose of the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (“District”) Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures (“Policies & Procedures”) is to provide a specific policy to ensure timely payment to Vendors and Contractors (both hereinafter defined) providing goods and/or services to the District and ensure the timely receipt by the District of goods and/or services contemplated at the time of contracting. Please note that the PPA, like any statute or law, may be amended from time to time by legislative action. These Policies & Procedures are based on the statutory requirements as of the date identified on the cover page of this document. By this reference, as applicable statutory provisions subsequently change, these Policies & Procedures shall automatically be amended to incorporate the new requirements of law. These Policies & Procedures are adopted by the District to provide guidance in contracting matters. Failure by the District to comply with these Policies & Procedures shall not expand the rights or remedies of any Provider (hereinafter defined) against the District under the PPA. Nothing contained herein shall be interpreted as more restrictive on the District than what is provided for in the PPA.

II. Scope

These Policies & Procedures apply to all operations of the District, including Construction Services and Non-Construction Goods and Services, as applicable.

III. Definitions

A. Agent

The District-contracted architect, District-contracted engineer, District Manager, or other person, acting on behalf of the District, which is required by law or contract to review invoices or payment requests from Providers (hereinafter defined). Such individuals/entities must be identified in accordance with §218.735 (1), Fla. Stat., and further identified in the relevant agreement between the District and the Provider.

B. Construction Services

All labor, services, and materials provided in connection with the construction, alteration, repair, demolition, reconstruction, or other improvement to real property that require a license under parts I and II of Chapter 489, Fla. Stat.

C. Contractor or Provider of Construction Services

The entity or individual that provides Construction Services through direct contract with the District.

D. Date Stamped

Each original and revised invoice or payment request received by the District shall be marked electronically or manually, by use of a date stamp or other method, which date marking clearly indicates the date such invoice or payment request is first delivered to the District through its Agent. In the event that the Agent receives

an invoice or payment request, but fails to timely or physically mark on the document the date received, "Date Stamped" shall mean the date of actual receipt by the Agent.

E. Improper Invoice

An invoice that does not conform to the requirements of a Proper Invoice.

F. Improper Payment Request

A request for payment for Construction Services that does not conform to the requirements of a Proper Payment Request.

G. Non-Construction Goods and Services

All labor, services, goods and materials provided in connection with anything other than construction, alteration, repair, demolition, reconstruction, or other improvements to real property.

H. Proper Invoice

An invoice that conforms to all statutory requirements, all requirements of these Policies and Procedures not expressly waived by the District and any additional requirements included in the agreement for goods and/or services for which the invoice is submitted not expressly waived by the District.

I. Proper Payment Request

A request for payment for Construction Services which conforms to all statutory requirements, all requirements of these Policies & Procedures not expressly waived by the District and any additional requirements included in the Construction Services agreement for which the Payment Request is submitted not expressly waived by the District.

J. Provider

Includes any Vendor, Contractor or Provider of Construction Services, as defined herein.

K. Purchase

The purchase of goods, materials, services, or Construction Services; the purchase or lease of personal property; or the lease of real property by the District.

L. Vendor

Any person or entity that sells goods or services, sells or leases personal property, or leases real property directly to the District, not including Construction Services.

IV. Proper Invoice/Payment Request Requirements

A. General

Prior to Provider receiving payment from the District, Non-Construction Goods and Services and Construction Services, as applicable, shall be received and performed in accordance with contractual or other specifications or requirements to the satisfaction of the District. Provision or delivery of Non-Construction Goods and Services to the District does not constitute acceptance for the purpose of payment. Final acceptance and authorization of payment shall be made only after delivery and inspection by the Agent and the Agent's confirmation that the Non-Construction Goods and Services or Construction Services meet contract specifications and conditions. Should the Non-Construction Goods and Services or Construction Services differ in any respect from the specifications, payment may be withheld until such time as the Provider takes necessary corrective action. Certain limited exceptions which require payment in advance are permitted when authorized by the District Board of Supervisors ("Board") or when provided for in the applicable agreement.

B. Sales Tax

Providers should not include sales tax on any invoice or payment request. The District's current tax-exempt number is [REDACTED]. A copy of the tax-exempt form will be supplied to Providers upon request.

C. Federal Identification and Social Security Numbers

Providers are paid using either a Federal Identification Number or Social Security Number. To receive payment, Providers should supply the District with the correct number as well as a proper Internal Revenue Service W-9 Form. The District Manager shall treat information provided in accordance with Florida law.

Providers should notify the District Manager when changes in data occur (telephone 407-841-5524, email gflint@gmscfl.com).

D. Proper Invoice for Non-Construction Goods and Services

All Non-Construction Goods and Services invoiced must be supplied or performed in accordance with the applicable purchase order (including any bid/proposal provided, if applicable) or agreement and such Non-Construction Goods and Services quantity and quality must be equal to or better than what is required by such terms. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable agreement, invoices should contain all of the following minimum information in order to be considered a Proper Invoice:

1. Name of Vendor
2. Remittance address
3. Invoice Date
4. Invoice number
5. The "Bill To" party must be the District or the Board, or other entity approved

- in writing by the Board of the District Manager
6. Project name (if applicable)
 7. In addition to the information required in Section IV.D.1-6 above, invoices involving the purchase of goods should also contain:
 - a. A complete item description
 - b. Quantity purchased
 - c. Unit price(s)
 - d. Total price (for each item)
 - e. Total amount of invoice (all items)
 - f. The location and date(s) of delivery of the goods to the District
 8. In addition to the information required in Section IV.D.1-6 above, invoices involving the purchase of services should also contain:
 - a. Itemized description of services performed
 - b. The location and date of delivery of the services to the District
 - c. Billing method for services performed (i.e., approved hourly rates, percentage of completion, cost plus fixed fee, direct/actual costs, etc.)
 - d. Itemization of other direct, reimbursable costs (including description and amount)
 - e. Copies of invoices for other direct, reimbursable costs (other than incidental costs such as copying) and one (1) of the following:
 - i. Copy of both sides of a cancelled check evidencing payment for costs submitted for reimbursement
 - ii. Paid receipt
 - iii. Waiver/lien release from subcontractor (if applicable)
 9. Any applicable discounts
 10. Any other information or documentation, which may be required or specified under the terms of the purchase order or agreement

E. Proper Payment Request Requirements for Construction Services

Payment Requests must conform to all requirements of Section IV.A.-D., above, unless otherwise specified in the terms of the applicable agreement or purchase order between the District and the Contractor.

V. Submission of Invoices and Payment Requests

The Provider shall submit all Invoices and Payment Requests for both Construction Services and Non-Construction Goods and Services to the District’s Agent as provided in the purchase order or agreement, as applicable, and to the District Manager as follows:

Submit the invoice and/or payment request, with required additional material and in conformance with these Policies and Procedures, by mail, by hand delivery, or via email (Note: email is the preferred method for receipt of Non-Construction Goods and Services invoices).

1. Mailing and Drop Off Address

Hicks Ditch Community Development District

c/o Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC
219 East Livingston Street
Orlando, Florida 32801

2. **Email Address**
gflint@gmscfl.com

VI. Calculation of Payment Due Date

A. Non-Construction Goods and Services Invoices

1. Receipt of Proper Invoice

Payment is due from the District forty-five (45) days from the date on which a Proper Invoice is Date Stamped.

2. Receipt of Improper Invoice

If an Improper Invoice is received, a required invoice is not received, or invoicing of a request for payment is not required, the time when payment is due from the District is forty-five (45) days from the latest date of the following:

- a. On which delivery of personal property is fully accepted by the District;
- b. On which services are completed and accepted by the District;
- c. On which the contracted rental period begins (if applicable); or
- d. On which the District and the Vendor agree in a written agreement that provides payment due dates.

3. Rejection of an Improper Invoice

The District may reject an Improper Invoice. Within ten (10) days of receipt of the Improper Invoice by the District, the Vendor must be notified that the invoice is improper and be given an opportunity to correct the deficient or missing information, remedy the faulty work, replace the defective goods, or take other necessary, remedial action.

The District's rejection of an Improper Invoice must:

1. Be provided in writing;
2. Specify any and all known deficiencies; and
3. State actions necessary to correct the Improper Invoice.

If the Vendor submits a corrected invoice, which corrects the deficiencies specified in the District's written rejection, the District must pay the corrected invoice within the later of: (a) ten (10) business days after date the corrected invoice is Date Stamped; or (b) forty-five (45) days after the date the Improper Invoice was Date Stamped.

If the Vendor submits an invoice in response to the District's written rejection which fails to correct the deficiencies specified or continues to be an Improper Invoice, the District must reject that invoice as stated herein.

4. Payment of Undisputed Portion of Invoice

If the District disputes a portion of an invoice, the undisputed portion shall be paid in a timely manner and in accordance with the due dates for payment as specified in these Policies & Procedures.

B. Payment Requests for Construction Services

1. Receipt of Proper Payment Request

The time at which payment is due for Construction Services from the District is as follows:

a. If an Agent must approve the payment request before it is submitted to the District Manager, payment (whether full or partial) is due twenty-five (25) business days after the payment request is Date Stamped. The Contractor may send the District an overdue notice. If the payment request is not rejected within four (4) business days after Date Stamp of the overdue notice, the payment request shall be deemed accepted, except for any portion of the payment request that is fraudulent, misleading or is the subject of dispute.

The agreement between the District and the Contractor shall identify the Agent to which the Contractor shall submit its payment request, or shall be provided by the District through a separate written notice no later than ten (10) days after contract award or notice to proceed, whichever is later. Contractor's submission of a payment request to the Agent shall be Date Stamped, which shall commence the time periods for payment or rejection of a payment request or invoice as provided in this section.

b. If, pursuant to contract, an Agent is not required to approve the payment request submitted to the District, payment is due twenty (20) business days after the payment request is Date Stamped unless such payment request includes fraudulent or misleading information or is the subject of dispute.

2. Receipt and Rejection of Improper Payment Request

a. If an Improper Payment Request is received, the District must reject the Improper Payment Request within twenty (20) business days after the date on which the payment request is Date Stamped.

b. The District's rejection of the Improper Payment Request must:

1. Be provided in writing;
2. Specify any and all known deficiencies; and
3. State actions necessary to correct the Improper Invoice.

c. If a Contractor submits a payment request which corrects the deficiency specified in the District's written rejection, the District must pay or reject the corrected submission no later than ten (10) business days after the date the corrected payment request is Date Stamped.

3. Payment of Undisputed Portion of Payment Request

If the District disputes a portion of a payment request, the undisputed portion shall be paid in a timely manner and in accordance with the due dates for payment as specified in this section.

VII. Resolution of Disputes

If a dispute arises between a Provider and the District concerning payment of an invoice or payment request, the dispute shall be resolved as set forth in § 218.735, Fla. Stat., for Construction Services, and § 218.76, Fla. Stat. for Non-Construction Goods and Services.

A. Dispute between the District and a Contractor

If a dispute between the District and a Contractor cannot be resolved following resubmission of a payment request by the Contractor, the dispute must be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution procedure prescribed in the construction contract, if any. In the absence of a prescribed procedure in the contract, the dispute must be resolved by the procedures specified below.

B. Dispute Resolution Procedures

1. If an Improper Payment Request or Improper Invoice is submitted, and the Provider refuses or fails to submit a revised payment request or invoice as contemplated by the PPA and these Policies and Procedures, the Provider shall, not later than thirty (30) days after the date on which the last payment request or invoice was Date Stamped, submit a written statement via certified mail to the Agent, copying the District Manager, specifying the basis upon which the Provider contends the last submitted payment request or invoice was proper.
2. Within forty-five (45) days of receipt by the Agent and District Manager of the disputed, last-submitted payment request or invoice, the Agent and/or District Manager shall commence investigation of the dispute and render a final decision on the matter no later than sixty (60) days after the date on which the last-submitted payment request or invoice is Date Stamped.
3. Absent a written agreement to the contrary, if the Provider refuses or fails to provide the written statement required above, the Agent and/or District Manager is not required to contact the Provider in the investigation. In addition, and absent a written agreement to the contrary, if such written statement is not provided, the District may immediately contract with third

parties to provide the goods and services subject to the dispute and deduct the costs of such third party purchases from amounts owed to the Provider.

4. The Board shall approve any decision of the District Manager to contract with a third party which would result in: 1) an expenditure above what is budgeted for the Construction Services or Non-Construction Services; or 2) an expenditure which exceeds the original contract amount for the Construction Services or Non-Construction Services by more than ten percent (10%) or Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000).
5. A written explanation of the final decision shall be sent to the Provider, via certified mail, within five (5) business days from the date on which such final decision is made. A copy of the written explanation of the final decision shall be provided to the Chairperson of the Board simultaneously with the certified mailing to the Provider.
6. If a Provider does not accept in writing the final decision within five (5) days after receipt by the Provider, the District may immediately contract with third parties to provide the goods and services subject to the dispute and deduct the costs of such third party purchases from amounts owed to the Provider. If the costs of the third party purchases exceed the amount the District owes to the Provider, the District may seek to recover such excess from the Provider in a court of law or as otherwise provided in an agreement between the District and the Provider. Nothing contained herein shall limit or affect the District's ability to enforce all of its legal and contractual rights and remedies against the Provider.

VIII. Purchases Involving Federal Funds or Bond Funds

When the District intends to pay for a purchase with federal funds or bond funds, the District shall make such purchases only upon reasonable assurances that federal funds or bond funds sufficient to cover the cost will be received. When payment is contingent upon the receipt of bond funds, federal funds or federal approval, the public procurement documents and any agreement with a Provider shall clearly state such contingency. (§ 218.77, Fla. Stat.).

IX. Requirements for Construction Services Contracts – Project Completion; Retainage

The District intends to follow the PPA requirements for construction project completion and retainage, including, but not limited to, § 218.735 (7) and (8), Fla. Stat.

X. Late Payment Interest Charges

Failure on the part of the District to make timely payments may result in District responsibility for late payment interest charges. No agreement between the District and a Provider may prohibit the collection of late payment interest charges allowable under the PPA as mandatory interest. (§218.75, Fla. Stat.).

A. Related to Non-Construction Goods and Services

All payments due from the District, and not made within the time specified within this policy, will bear interest, from thirty (30) days after the due date, at the rate provided in § 218.74 (4), Fla. Stat. The Vendor must submit a Proper Invoice to the District for any interest accrued in order to receive the interest payment. (§ 218.74 (4), Fla. Stat.).

An overdue period of less than one (1) month is considered as one (1) month in computing interest. Unpaid interest is compounded monthly. The term one (1) month means a period beginning on any day of a month and ending on the same day of the following month.

B. Related to Construction Services

All payments for Construction Services that are not made within the time periods specified within the applicable statute, shall bear interest from thirty (30) days after the due date, at the rate of two percent (2%) per month, or the rate specified by agreement, whichever is greater. The Contractor must submit a Proper Payment Request to the District for any interest accrued in order to receive the interest payment. An overdue period of less than one (1) month is considered as one (1) month in computing interest. (§ 218.735 (9), Fla. Stat.).

Unpaid interest is compounded monthly. The term one (1) month means a period beginning on any day of a month and ending on the same day of the following month.

C. Report of Interest

If the total amount of interest paid during the preceding fiscal year exceeds \$250, the District Manager is required to submit a report to the Board during December of each year, stating the number of interest payments made and the total amount of such payments. (§ 218.78, Fla. Stat.).

SECTION J

MEMORANDUM

TO: HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: SARAH R. SANDY

DATE: NOVEMBER 22, 2022

RE: PUBLIC RECORDS RETENTION

The purpose of this memorandum is to outline the District’s responsibilities in relation to the retention and disposition of its public records (“Records Retention”) and to present a choice between two different resolutions for the Board to consider. Historically, most districts have not engaged in the disposition of records and have simply chosen to keep all records. However, current state law provides for the disposition of many records after a specified period of time. In order to devise a Records Retention Policy which makes sense, there are three primary sources for legal requirements that must be considered.

Overview of State Law Records Retention Requirements

Florida Law sets forth a comprehensive scheme governing Records Retention. Section 257.36, *Florida Statutes*, entitled “Records and Information Management” created the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State (“DLIS”) which is charged with the duty to set forth policies and rules regulating Records Retention. To this end, DLIS has adopted comprehensive rules and policies applicable to community development districts (“CDDs”) which are set forth in the Florida Administrative Code sections 1B-24.001, 1B-24.003, 1B-26.0021, and 1B-26.003. DLIS adopts records retention schedules which provide the minimum amount of time that different public records must be kept before they are disposed (“Schedules”). The Schedules typically applicable to CDDs are GS1-SL (General Records Schedule for State and Local Government Agencies), GS3 (General Records Schedule for Election Records), and GS14 (General Records Schedule for Public Utilities). GS1-SL and GS3 will apply to every CDD, while GS14 will apply to just those CDDs operating water and sewer utilities. Each of these three schedules is further broken down into categories of similar documents.

Under Florida law, all documents of a particular type must be retained for the minimum amount of time set forth in the applicable section of the Schedules. In the event a District record

exists that does not fall into one of the specified categories, the District is responsible for requesting that an “Individual Records Schedule” be created by DLIS.

Florida law allows CDDs to adopt policies that extend the amount of time a record must be kept. However, CDDs do not have the power to shorten the time periods in the Schedules.

Overview of Federal Law Records Retention Requirements by Virtue of Tax-Exempt Bond Issuance

If a District has issued tax exempt bonds, there are various requirements imposed by federal law relating to Records Retention. The general principle is that documents in any way related to the issuance of tax-exempt bonds, revenues securing bonds, and the use of the bond proceeds should be kept until at least three (3) years after the bonds are redeemed. If refunding bonds are issued, records for the refunding bonds and the bonds refunded should be kept until at least three (3) years after the refunding bonds are redeemed. The records which must be kept include, but are not limited to:

1. Basic records relating to the bond transaction (including the trust indenture, loan agreements, and bond counsel opinion); and
2. Documentation evidencing the expenditure of bond proceeds; and
3. Documentation evidencing use of bond-financed property by public and private sources (i.e., copies of management contracts and research agreements); and
4. Documentation evidencing all sources of payment or security for the bonds, such as assessments; and
5. Documentation pertaining to any investment of bond proceeds (including the purchase and sale of securities, SLGS subscriptions, yield calculations for each class of investments, actual investment income received from the investment of proceeds, guaranteed investment contracts, and rebate calculations).

Overview of Trust Indenture Requirements to Retain Records

Most, if not all, trust indentures require CDDs that have issued bonds to maintain records which demonstrate that the District has not taken any action to jeopardize the tax-exempt status of the bonds.

Current Responsibilities for District Records Retention

Section 119.021(2)(b), *Florida Statutes*, provides that the District must comply with the DLIS rules establishing retention schedules and disposal processes. Section 119.021(2)(c), *Florida Statutes*, provides that each public official shall systematically dispose of records no longer needed, subject to the consent of DLIS. Although the ultimate responsibility rests with the Secretary, the District needs to formally appoint a Records Management Liaison Officer to interact with DLIS. The attached resolutions appoint a Records Management Liaison Officer and outline such person’s duties.

District Options for Records Retention Policy

At this point in time, the District really has two options to ensure compliance with applicable Records Retention laws.

First, the District can adopt the Florida Records Retention Schedules modified to ensure the District is also retaining the records required by federal law and the trust indenture. This option allows for the timely destruction of records while ensuring that the District's policy is in compliance with state and federal laws. Kutak Rock has prepared a resolution that implements this option, and it is attached hereto as **Option 1**.

Second, a District can adopt the Florida Records Retention Schedules as written and adopt a policy that states that the District will not be destroying any records at this point in time. While this seems like the easiest approach, it has its drawbacks and is inconsistent with the structure intended by Florida law. Not disposing of documents in a timely manner increases the cost of maintaining records thereby shifting valuable financial resources away from core functions. In addition, unnecessary Records Retention may disadvantage a District in future litigation and may be viewed as a lackadaisical approach to records management, thereby undermining the public's confidence in the integrity of the Records Retention system. Despite these concerns, the District could choose to keep all records. Kutak Rock has prepared a resolution that implements this option, and it is attached hereto as **Option 2**.

It is important to note that the District could change its Records Retention policy at a later date so long as the District's amendment was consistent with the notice and hearing provisions found in Chapter 190.

Electronic Recordkeeping

Electronic recordkeeping is one of the many subjects under consideration by the Florida Legislature and our office will circulate an update on any legislative developments that occur. Presently, electronic recordkeeping is authorized by Rule 1B-26.003, Florida Administrative Code, which provides control standards relating to the same. The DLIS recently released the "Electronic Recordkeeping Strategic Plan," which focuses on recording strategies as they relate to electronic records. The Strategic Plan, as well as a multitude of resources for records managers, is made available for review by DLIS at the following address: http://dlis.dos.state.fl.us/index_RecordsManagers.cfm.

OPTION 1

RESOLUTION 2023-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A RECORDS MANAGEMENT LIAISON OFFICER; PROVIDING THE DUTIES OF THE RECORDS MANAGEMENT LIAISON OFFICER; ADOPTING A RECORDS RETENTION POLICY; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated in the City of Eustis, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to adopt rules to govern the administration of the District and to adopt resolutions as may be necessary for the conduct of District business; and

WHEREAS, Section 257.36(5), *Florida Statutes*, requires the District to establish and maintain an active and continuing program for the economical and efficient management of records and to provide for the appointment of a records management liaison officer ("Records Management Liaison Officer"); and

WHEREAS, the District desires for the Records Management Liaison Officer to be an employee of the District or an employee of the District Manager; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to authorize the District's records custodian to appoint a Records Management Liaison Officer, which may or may not be the District's records custodian; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to prescribe duties of the Records Management Liaison Officer and provide for the assignment of additional duties; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Supervisors ("Board") finds that it is in the best interests of the District to adopt by resolution a Records Retention Policy (the "Policy") for immediate use and application; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to provide for future amendment of the Records Retention Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District hereby authorizes the District's records custodian to appoint a Records Management Liaison Officer and report such appointment to the appropriate State of Florida agencies. A Records Management Liaison Officer shall be an employee of the District or the District Manager. The Board, and the District's records custodian, shall each have the individual power to remove the Records Management Liaison Officer at any time for any reason.

Immediately following the removal or resignation of a Records Management Liaison Officer, the District's records custodian shall appoint a replacement Records Management Liaison Officer.

SECTION 2. The duties of the Records Management Liaison Officer shall include the following:

- A.** Serve as the District's contact with the Florida Department of State, State Library and Archives of Florida;
- B.** Coordinate the District's records inventory;
- C.** Maintain records retention and disposition forms;
- D.** Coordinate District records management training;
- E.** Develop records management procedures consistent with the attached Records Retention Policy, as amended;
- F.** Participate in the development of the District's development of electronic record keeping systems;
- G.** Submit annual compliance statements;
- H.** Work with the Florida Department of State, State Library and Archives of Florida to establish individual retention schedules for the District, from time to time and as may be necessary; and
- I.** Such other duties as may be assigned by the Board or the District's records custodian in the future.

SECTION 3. The District hereby adopts as its Records Retention Policy the applicable provisions of Section 257.36(5), *Florida Statutes*, the rules adopted by the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State ("Division") pursuant to Section 257.36, *Florida Statutes*, and the General Records Schedules established by the Division. However, the District will retain certain records longer than required by the General Records Schedules established by the Division as set forth in **Exhibit A**. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the District shall retain Transitory Messages until the Transitory Message is obsolete, superseded or administrative value is lost in accordance with the *General Records Schedule for State and Local Government Agencies, Item #146*, as incorporated by reference in Rule 1B-24.003(1)(a), Florida Administrative Code. Additionally, in accordance with Section 668.50, Florida Statutes, and Section 119.01, Florida Statutes, the Board finds that the electronic record shall be considered the official record and any paper originals are hereby duplicates which may be disposed of unless required to be preserved by any applicable statute, rule or ordinance. To the extent the above statute, rules or schedules are amended or supplemented in the future, the District's Records Retention Policy shall automatically incorporate such amendment or supplement provided that such automatic

amendment shall not reduce the retention times set forth in **Exhibit A**. The Records Retention Policy shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the Board amends the Policy.

SECTION 4. If any provision of this resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. This resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of November 2022.

ATTEST:

**HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: District Amendments to General Records Schedules Established by the Division

Exhibit A

District Amendments to General Records Schedules established by the Division

ADVERTISEMENTS: LEGAL (Item #25)

The District shall retain mailed and published legal advertisements, and corresponding affidavits, relating to proceedings under uniform method of collection of debt assessments permanently. The District shall retain mailed and published legal advertisements, and corresponding affidavits, relating to the levy of assessments securing bonds for five (5) fiscal years provided applicable audits have been released, or until three (3) calendar years after related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later.

AUDITS: INDEPENDENT (Item #56)

The District shall retain the record copy of independent audits for ten (10) fiscal years or until three (3) calendar years after all related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later.

DISBURSEMENT RECORDS: DETAIL (Item #340)

The District shall retain the record copy of disbursement records relating to the use of bonds for five (5) fiscal years provided applicable audits have been released or until three (3) calendar years after related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later.

DISBURSEMENT RECORDS: SUMMARY (Item #341)

The District shall retain the record copy of disbursement records relating to the use of bonds for ten (10) fiscal years provided applicable audits have been released or until three (3) calendar years after related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNUAL REPORTS (Item #107)

The District shall retain the record copy of disbursement records relating to the use of bonds for ten (10) fiscal years provided applicable audits have been released or until three (3) calendar years after all related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later.

INCIDENT REPORT FILES (Item #241)

The District shall retain incident reports for five (5) anniversary years from the date of the incident.

MINUTES: OFFICIAL MEETINGS (PRELIMINARY/AUDIO RECORDINGS/VIDEO RECORDINGS (Item #4)

The District shall retain audio recordings of board of supervisor meetings for five (5) calendar years after adoption of the official minutes.

PROJECT FILES: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT (Item #136)

The District shall retain the record copy of project files for projects funded with bonds for ten (10) fiscal years after completion of the project provided applicable audits have been released or until three (3) calendar years after all related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later.

REAL PROPERTY RECORDS: CONDEMNATION/DEMOLITION (Item #364)

The District shall retain the record copy of project files for condemnation/demolition projects funded with bonds for five (5) anniversary years after final action or until three (3) calendar years after all related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later. The record copy of deeds and easements shall be kept permanently.

REAL PROPERTY RECORDS: PROPERTY ACQUIRED (Item #172)

The District shall retain the record copy of documents related to property acquisitions funded with bonds for three (3) fiscal years after final disposition of the property provided applicable audits have been released or until three (3) calendar years after all related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later. The record copy of deeds and easements shall be kept permanently.

OPTION 2

RESOLUTION 2023-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A RECORDS MANAGEMENT LIAISON OFFICER; PROVIDING THE DUTIES OF THE RECORDS MANAGEMENT LIAISON OFFICER; ADOPTING A RECORDS RETENTION POLICY; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated in the City of Eustis, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to adopt rules to govern the administration of the District and to adopt resolutions as may be necessary for the conduct of District business; and

WHEREAS, Section 257.36(5), *Florida Statutes*, requires the District to establish and maintain an active and continuing program for the economical and efficient management of records and to provide for the appointment of a records management liaison officer (“Records Management Liaison Officer”); and

WHEREAS, the District desires for the Records Management Liaison Officer to be an employee of the District or an employee of the District Manager; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to authorize the District’s records custodian to appoint a Records Management Liaison Officer, which may or may not be the District’s records custodian; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to prescribe duties of the Records Management Liaison Officer and provide for the assignment of additional duties; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors (“Board”) finds that it is in the best interests of the District to adopt by resolution a Records Retention Policy (the “Policy”) for immediate use and application; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to provide for future amendment of the Records Retention Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District hereby authorizes the District’s records custodian to appoint a Records Management Liaison Officer and report such appointment to the appropriate State of Florida agencies. A Records Management Liaison Officer shall be an employee of the District or the District Manager. The Board, and the District’s records custodian, shall each have the individual power to remove the Records Management Liaison Officer at any time for any reason.

Immediately following the removal or resignation of a Records Management Liaison Officer, the District's records custodian shall appoint a replacement Records Management Liaison Officer.

SECTION 2. The duties of the Records Management Liaison Officer shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A. Serve as the District's contact with the Florida Department of State, State Library and Archives of Florida;
- B. Coordinate the District's records inventory;
- C. Maintain records retention and disposition forms;
- D. Coordinate District records management training;
- E. Develop records management procedures consistent with the attached Records Retention Policy, as amended;
- F. Participate in the District's development of electronic record keeping systems.
- G. Submit annual compliance statements;
- H. Work with the Florida Department of State, State Library and Archives of Florida to establish individual retention schedules for the District, from time to time and as may be necessary; and
- I. Such other duties as may be assigned by the Board or the District's records custodian in the future.

SECTION 3. The District hereby adopts as its Records Retention Policy the applicable provisions of Section 257.36(5), *Florida Statutes*, the rules adopted by the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State ("Division") pursuant to Section 257.36, *Florida Statutes*, and the General Records Schedules established by the Division. However, the District hereby extends the minimum retention guidelines contained in the General Records Schedules so that the District will retain all public records relating to District business until the Board of Supervisors amends the Records Retention Policy to address the disposition of the same. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the District shall retain Transitory Messages until the Transitory Message is obsolete, superseded or administrative value is lost in accordance with *the General Records Schedule for State and Local Government Agencies, Item #146*, as incorporated by reference in Rule 1B-24.003(1)(a), Florida Administrative Code. Additionally, in accordance with Section 668.50, Florida Statutes, and Section 119.01, Florida Statutes, the Board finds that the electronic record shall be considered the official record and any paper originals are hereby duplicates which may be disposed of unless required to be preserved by any applicable statute, rule or ordinance. To the extent the above statute, rules, or schedules are amended or supplemented in the future, the District's Records Retention Policy shall automatically incorporate such amendment or supplement provided that such automatic change does not

permit the disposition of District records without further action of the Board. The Records Retention Policy shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the Board amends the Policy.

SECTION 4. If any provision of this resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. This resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of November 2022.

ATTEST:

**HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Composite Exhibit A: General Records Schedules, GS1-SL and GS3

Composite Exhibit A

General Records Schedules Established by the Division (GS1-SL and GS3)

[attach, if Option 2 adopted]

SECTION L

RESOLUTION 2023-21

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING THE PRIMARY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AND PRINCIPAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Eustis, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to designate its primary administrative office as the location where the District’s public records are routinely created, sent, received, maintained, and requested, for the purposes of prominently posting the contact information of the District’s Record’s Custodian in order to provide citizens with the ability to access the District’s records and ensure that the public is informed of the activities of the District in accordance with Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District additionally desires to specify the location of the District’s principal headquarters for the purpose of establishing proper venue under the common law home venue privilege applicable to the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District’s primary administrative office for purposes of Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*, shall be located at Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC, 219 East Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801.

SECTION 2. The District’s principal headquarters for purposes of establishing proper venue are in Lake County, Florida.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of November 2022.

ATTEST:

HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION M

RESOLUTION 2023-22

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING THE LOCATION OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT RECORDS OFFICE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Eustis, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District is statutorily required to designate a local district records office location for the purposes of affording citizens the ability to access the District’s records, promoting the disclosure of matters undertaken by the District, and ensuring that the public is informed of the activities of the District in accordance with Chapter 119 and Section 190.006(7), *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, District records are available for public review and inspection at the offices of Governmental Management Services - Central Florida, LLC, 219 East Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District’s local records office shall be located at: _____
_____.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of November 2022.

ATTEST:

HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION N

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND BBM AMERICA, LLC, D/B/A RE-ALIGN WEB DESIGN, FOR WEBSITE SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT (“**Agreement**”) is entered into as of this 22nd day of November 2022, by and between:

HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, a local unit of special-purpose government, established and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, with a mailing address of 219 East Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801 (the “**District**”), and

BBM AMERICA, LLC D/B/A RE-ALIGN WEB DESIGN, a Florida limited liability company, with a mailing address of 592 West Palm Valley Drive, Oviedo, Florida 32765 (“**Contractor**”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District is a local unit of special-purpose government, created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 189.069, *Florida Statutes*, the District must maintain an official website containing, at minimum, the statutorily required information (“**Website**”); and

WHEREAS, the District has a need to obtain a qualified independent contractor to build a new Website compliant with the accessibility requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (“**ADA**”), which ADA accessibility requirements and standards may change from time to time, all as more particularly described herein and in the proposal attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and made a part herein (together, the “**Services**”); and

WHEREAS, Contractor represents and warrants to the District that it is qualified, willing and capable of providing the Services; and

WHEREAS, the District and Contractor desire to enter into this Agreement for the purposes stated herein and the District and Contractor warrant and agree that they have all right, power and authority to enter into and be bound by this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the recitals, agreements and mutual covenants contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the parties, the parties agree as follows:

SECTION 1. RECITALS. The recitals stated above are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated herein and form a material part of this Agreement.

SECTION 2. SCOPE OF WORK. Contractor shall provide Services in accordance with the terms provided in this Agreement and in **Exhibit A**. Specifically, Services include the following:

A. NEW WEBSITE BUILD. Contractor shall build a new Website, which shall meet all compliance requirements under the ADA and compliance requirements based on federally recommended ADA best practices for state and local governments as promulgated by federal law and rulemaking, including but not limited to Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1 Level AA or better, as the same may be amended and updated from time to time (as amended and updated from time to time, “WCAG”). Specifically, Contractor shall, at a minimum:

- i. provide an ADA compliant Website that meets, at minimum, the currently effective WCAG standards;
- ii. the Website shall be completed and delivered within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Agreement.
- iii. cross-check compatibility of the Website with various web applications, including but not limited to mobile phones, tablets, laptop computers and desktop computers, and braille readers and other assistive technologies for accessibility;
- iv. provide a webpage containing website accessibility policy that includes a commitment to accessibility for persons with disabilities, the District’s engagement of Contractor for ADA specific services in an effort to create and maintain the Website ADA compliant, accessibility standard used and applied to the Website (which shall be at a minimum WCAG), and contact information of the District Manager or their designee (email and phone number) for users encountering any problems (collectively, “**Accessibility Policy**”);
- v. provide any and all other effort reasonably necessary to allow the District to receive the maximum benefit of the Services contemplated by this Agreement and **Exhibit A**, recognizing the District is relying on Contractor’s expertise for Website design/best practices in accordance with the ADA.

B. ADDITIONAL SERVICES. In the event that the District desires additional work or services, Contractor agrees to negotiate in good faith to undertake such additional work or services. Upon successful negotiation regarding the terms of the additional work, including scope and compensation, the parties shall agree in writing to a work order, addendum, addenda, or change order to this Agreement prior to commencement of any such additional work. The following is a non-exhaustive list of possible additional services that the District may request of Contractor:

- i. performing technological and human audit(s) of the Website;
- ii. providing a point of contact to respond to public’s requests for Website accommodation;
- iii. converting documents for a public records requests received by the District;
- iv. providing assistive support to District staff, as requested;

v. complete ADA testing and provide Contractor's ADA compliance shield, seal or certification for display on the Website ("**Compliance Shield**") and update same from time to time, as necessary; and

vi. providing any other ADA recommended compliance services requested by the District that Contractor is capable of performing.

C. Contractor shall be solely responsible for the means, manner and methods by which its duties, obligations and responsibilities are met to the satisfaction of the District and in accordance with this Agreement. Contractor shall use industry best practices and procedures when carrying out the Services.

SECTION 3. COMPENSATION. As compensation for the Services, the District agrees to pay Contractor in accordance with the following terms:

A. NEW WEBSITE BUILD. For performance of the Services as provided in this Agreement, the District shall pay a one-time fee of **One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,750.00)**. Contractor shall invoice the District upon completion of the work provided in Section 2 of this Agreement.

B. INVOICES; PAYMENT. Contractor shall maintain records conforming to usual accounting practices. Further, Contractor shall render each invoice to the District in writing, which shall be delivered promptly upon completion of each Service. Each invoice shall contain, at a minimum, the District's name, Contractor's name, the invoice date, an invoice number, an itemized listing of all costs billed on each invoice with a sufficient description of each allowing the District to approve each cost, the time frame within which the Services were provided, and the address or bank information to which payment is to be remitted. Consistent with Florida's Prompt Payment Act, section 218.70, *et seq.*, *Florida Statutes*, the invoices shall be due and payable within forty-five (45) days of receipt by the District.

SECTION 4. TERM AND TERMINATION.

A. TERM. This Agreement shall become effective upon the date and year first written above and shall be in effect until terminated by either party in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, or upon completion of the Services and expiration of the Warranty Period (including the time necessary to correct any defects, if applicable).

B. TERMINATION. The District agrees that Contractor may terminate this Agreement for cause by providing sixty (60) days' written notice of termination to the District; provided, however, that the District shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to cure any failure under this Agreement. Contractor agrees that the District may terminate this Agreement immediately for cause by providing written notice of termination to Contractor. Contractor agrees that the District may terminate this Agreement without cause, provided that the District shall provide thirty (30) days' written notice of termination without cause. Upon any termination of this Agreement, Contractor shall be entitled to payment for all Services rendered up until the effective termination

of this Agreement, subject to whatever claims or offsets the District may have against Contractor as the sole means of recovery for termination.

SECTION 5. REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS. Contractor represents, warrants, and covenants that (a) the Services will conform to the requirements provided in Section 2 herein and **Exhibit A**; (b) the Services shall be performed by qualified personnel in a professional, prompt, diligent, good, safe and workmanlike manner in accordance with all laws, industry standards, and all applicable ADA and other website accessibility compliance standards, including but not limited to currently-effective WCAG standards and other federally recommended guidelines; and (c) neither the Services nor any product provided by Contractor shall infringe, misappropriate, or otherwise violate the intellectual property rights of any third-party. Contractor hereby agrees to provide a “Warranty Period” of thirty (30) days, starting from the date upon which Contractor completes the Services and delivers the “Deliverables” (as identified in Contractor’s proposal attached hereto) to the District. To the extent that any defects regarding the “Deliverables” are found and reported to the Contractor within the Warranty Period, the Contractor shall promptly correct such defect(s) but no later than within fifteen (15) days of such notice.

SECTION 6. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.

A. CONTRACTOR MATERIALS. Except as provided herein, Contractor shall retain all right, title, and interest in and to (i) all patents, trademarks, service marks, copyrights, and other intellectual property or proprietary rights of Contractor used in or otherwise associated with the Services, and other materials provided to the District hereunder; and (ii) all trade secrets, technical specifications and data to the extent they are intellectual property, and inventions which are authored, conceived, devised, developed, reduced to practice, or otherwise performed by Contractor which arise out of Contractor’s performance of the Services, none of which shall be deemed a “work made for hire” under the Copyright Act of 1976 (collectively, “**Contractor Materials**”), and nothing contained herein shall be construed to restrict, impair, transfer, license, convey, or otherwise alter or deprive Contractor of any of its intellectual property and proprietary interests associated therewith. Subject to the foregoing, Contractor grants to the District a non-exclusive, non-transferable worldwide perpetual limited right and license to access and use the Contractor Materials in connection with the ordinary and intended use by the District as contemplated in this Agreement, including viewing, downloading and printing the Contractor Materials for the District’s use, and without in any case removing Contractor’s copyright, trademark or other intellectual property ownership notices.

B. THE DISTRICT MATERIALS; PUBLICITY AND TRADEMARKS. The District shall own the Website, domain name, all e-mail addresses, and all website and e-mail content, under all circumstances. In the event of a termination of this Agreement for any reason, Contractor shall take all necessary steps to transfer, or otherwise allow the District to retain, such website, domain name, e-mail addresses and content of the same. Additionally, to the extent applicable, Contractor shall take commercially reasonable precautions consistent with industry standards to protect confidential information, including, e.g., credit card information and other sensitive information protected under Florida’s Public Records Laws. Contractor shall immediately notify the District of any breach or loss of data, and take such steps as are reasonably necessary to address any such issue. Except as provided herein, the District shall retain all right, title, and interest in and to all intellectual property

of the District provided or made available to the Contractor in connection with Contractor's Services (collectively, "**District Materials**") and nothing contained herein shall be construed to restrict, impair, transfer, license, convey, or otherwise alter or deprive the District of any of its intellectual property or other proprietary interests associated therewith, if any. Subject to the foregoing, the District grants to Contractor a non-exclusive, non-transferable worldwide limited right and license to access and use such District Materials in connection with the provision of the Services as contemplated by this Agreement. Further, the District permits Contractor to identify the District as a customer of Contractor in Contractor's marketing materials (including using the District's name and logo for such limited purposes). The District further acknowledges and agrees that for Contractor to perform the Services, it must, in some cases, give Contractor remote access to areas behind log-ins that are to be audited hereunder, including, without limitation to content management systems and/or servers (collectively, "**System**"), and agrees that it will furnish to Contractor all necessary information and/or user names and passwords required to do so. Contractor agrees to follow commercially reasonable security policies for accessing the District's System including any specific security procedures as may be communicated to Contractor by the District prior to Contractor accessing the System. Contractor shall on its own or through coordination with the District's Website provider, create a back-up copy of all data that may be affected by Contractor's access to the System.

C. RIGHT TO DISPLAY CONTRACTOR'S COMPLIANCE SHIELD / ACCESSIBILITY POLICY. Pursuant to this Agreement, the Contractor shall provide the District with applicable Compliance Shield(s) and customized Accessibility Policy, which the District shall display on its Websites and web applications. The District is expressly prohibited from using the Compliance Shield for any purpose not specifically authorized by this Agreement, and in no event may use such Compliance Shield for or on behalf of any other party or in connection with any domain name and/or organization name other than those being scanned or serviced in connection with the Services.

SECTION 7. PUBLIC RECORDS. Contractor understands and agrees that all documents or on-line content of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and, accordingly, Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including but not limited to section 119.0701, *Florida Statutes*. Contractor acknowledges that the designated public records custodian for the District is **George Flint** ("**Public Records Custodian**"). Among other requirements and to the extent applicable by law, Contractor shall 1) keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the Work; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, provide the District with the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time period at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*; 3) ensure that public records which are exempt or confidential, and exempt from public records disclosure requirements, are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following the contract term if Contractor does not transfer the records to the Public Records Custodian of the District; and 4) upon completion of the contract, transfer to the District, at no cost, all public records in Contractor's possession or, alternatively, keep, maintain and meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records pursuant to Florida laws. When such public records are transferred by Contractor, Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records

stored electronically must be provided to the District in a format that is compatible with Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats.

IF CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, *FLORIDA STATUTES*, TO CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (407) 841-5524, GFLINT@GMSCFL.COM, OR AT 219 EAST LIVINGSTON STREET, ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32801.

SECTION 8. INDEMNITY.

A. Contractor agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the District and its officers, agents, staff, employees, successors, assigns, members, affiliates, or representatives from any and all liability, claims, actions, suits, liens, demands, costs, interest, expenses, damages, penalties, fines, or judgments against the District, or loss or damage, whether monetary or otherwise, arising out of, wholly or in part by, or in connection with the Services to be performed by Contractor, its subcontractors, its employees and agents in connection with this Agreement, including litigation, mediation, arbitration, appellate, or settlement proceedings with respect thereto. This specifically includes a lawsuit based on lack of ADA compliance in accordance with currently-effective WCAG standards of the "Deliverables" identified in Contractor's proposal attached hereto. Contractor further agrees that nothing herein shall constitute or be construed as a waiver of the District's limitations on liability contained in section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or other statute.

B. Obligations under this section shall include the payment of all settlements, judgments, damages, liquidated damages, penalties, fines, forfeitures, back pay awards, court costs, arbitration and/or mediation costs, litigation expenses, attorneys' fees, paralegal fees and expert witness fees and costs (incurred in court, out of court, on appeal, or in bankruptcy proceedings) and any interest, all as actually incurred.

C. In the event that Contractor assigns its obligations under this Agreement to a third party, Contractor acknowledges and agrees that Contractor shall require such third party to provide indemnification to the District consistent with the requirements of this Section 8.

SECTION 9. SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES STATEMENT. Contractor certifies that it is not in violation of section 287.135, *Florida Statutes*, and is not prohibited from doing business with the District under Florida law, including but not limited to Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List. If Contractor is found to have submitted a false statement, has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or has been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, or is now or in the future on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, or engaged in a boycott of Israel, the District may immediately terminate the Contract.

SECTION 10. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

A. CONFLICTS. The terms of this Agreement and **Exhibit A** are intended to complement each other, and to the extent they conflict, the terms of **Exhibit A** shall control only to the extent that such provisions provide clarifications on Services and materials to be provided by Contractor pursuant to **Exhibit A**; in all other respects, the provisions of this Agreement shall control.

B. AUTHORIZATION. The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of the District and Contractor, both the District and Contractor have complied with all the requirements of law, and both the District and Contractor have full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

C. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR. It is understood and agreed that at all times the relationship of Contractor and its employees, agents, successors, assigns or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Contractor to the District is the relationship of an independent contractor and not that of an employee, agent, joint-venturer, or partner of the District. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted or construed as creating or establishing the relationship of employer and employee between the District and Contractor or any of its employees, agents, successors, assigns or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Contractor. The parties acknowledge that Contractor is not an employee for state or federal tax purposes. Contractor shall hire and pay all of Contractor's or its employees, agents, successors, assigns or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Contractor, all of whom shall be employees of Contractor and not employees of the District and at all times entirely under Contractor's supervision, direction, and control.

In particular, the District will not: i) withhold FICA (Social Security) from Contractor's payments; ii) make state or federal unemployment insurance contributions on Contractor's behalf; iii) withhold state or federal income tax from payment to Contractor; iv) make disability insurance contributions on behalf of Contractor; or v) obtain workers' compensation insurance on behalf of Contractor.

D. APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida without reference to the principles of conflict of laws. Except for actions seeking injunctive relief (which may be brought in any appropriate jurisdiction), suits under this agreement shall only be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction in Osceola County, Florida. This choice of venue is intended by the parties to be mandatory and not permissive in nature, and to preclude the possibility of litigation between the parties with respect to, or arising out of, this Agreement in any jurisdiction other than that specified in this section. The District and Contractor waive any right they may have to assert the doctrine of *forum non conveniens* or similar doctrine, or to object to venue with respect to any proceeding brought in accordance with this Section.

E. LIMITATIONS ON GOVERNMENTAL LIABILITY. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed as a waiver of immunity or limits of liability of the District beyond any statutory limited waiver of immunity or limits of liability in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or other statute, and

nothing in this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of any third-party for the purpose of allowing any claim which would otherwise be barred under the Doctrine of Sovereign Immunity or by operation of law.

F. THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the District and Contractor and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason to or for the benefit of any third party not a formal party to this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the District and Contractor any right, remedy, or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any of the provisions or conditions of this Agreement; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants, and conditions contained in this Agreement shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the District and Contractor and their respective representatives, successors, and assigns.

G. DEFAULT AND PROTECTION AGAINST THIRD-PARTY INTERFERENCE. A default by either party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which may include, but not be limited to, the right of actual damages and/or specific performance. The District shall be solely responsible for enforcing its rights under this Agreement against any interfering third-party. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall limit or impair the District's right to protect its rights from interference by a third-party to this Agreement.

H. NOTICES. All notices, requests, consents, and other communications under this Agreement (“**Notice**” or “**Notices**”) shall be in writing and shall be delivered via e-mail and mailed by Overnight Delivery or First-Class Mail, postage prepaid, to the parties, as follows:

If to Contractor: BBM America, LLC
 d/b/a Re-Align Web Design
 592 West Palm Valley Drive
 Oviedo, Florida 32765
 Attn: _____

If to District: Hicks Ditch Community Development District
 219 East Livingston Street
 Orlando, Florida 32801
 Attn: District Manager

With a copy to: Kutak Rock LLP
 107 West College Avenue
 Tallahassee, Florida 32301
 Attn: District Counsel

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, any Notice shall be deemed received only upon actual delivery at the address set forth above. Notices delivered after 5:00 p.m. (at the place of delivery) or on a non-business day, shall be deemed received on the next business day. If any time for giving Notice contained in this Agreement would otherwise expire on a non-business day, the Notice period shall be extended to the next succeeding business day. Saturdays, Sundays, and legal

holidays recognized by the United States government shall not be regarded as business days. Counsel for the District and counsel for Contractor may deliver Notice on behalf of the District and Contractor. Any party or other person to whom Notices are to be sent or copied may notify the other parties and addressees of any change in name or address to which Notices shall be sent by providing the same on five (5) days' written notice to the parties and addressees set forth herein.

I. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement, together with **Exhibit A**, sets forth the entire agreement of the parties, and supersedes any prior agreements or statements with respect to the subject matter hereof. No provision of this Agreement may be amended, waived or modified unless the same is set forth in writing and signed by each of the Parties to this Agreement, or their respective successors or assigns.

J. SEVERABILITY. The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Agreement, or any part of this Agreement not held to be invalid or unenforceable.

K. ASSIGNMENT. Neither the District nor Contractor may assign this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other. Any purported assignment without such consent shall be null and void.

L. AMENDMENTS. This Agreement may be amended or modified only by a written instrument duly executed by both parties.

M. FORCE MAJEURE. If either party is prevented from performing any of its obligations under this Agreement due to any cause beyond the party's reasonable control, including, without limitations, an "act of God," fire, flood, war, strike, government regulation, civil or military authority, acts or omissions of transmitters, utilities, providers or hackers, the time for that party's performance will be extended for the period of the delay or inability to perform due to such occurrence.

N. SURVIVAL. In addition to such other provisions hereof which, by their terms, survive any termination or expiration of this Agreement, Section 6 (Intellectual Property), Section 7 (Public Records) and Section 10 (General Provisions) shall survive any termination or expiration of this Agreement.

O. WAIVER. No breach of any term of this Agreement shall be deemed waived unless expressly waived in writing by the party who might assert such breach. Any failure or delay by either party to exercise any right, power, or privilege under this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any such right, power, or privilege under this Agreement on that or any subsequent occasion. Any waiver by either party, whether express or implied, of any provision of this Agreement, any waiver of default, or any course of dealing hereunder, shall not affect such party's right to thereafter enforce such provision or to exercise any right or remedy in the event of any other default or breach, whether or not similar.

P. COUNTERPARTS. This instrument may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which, when executed and delivered, shall constitute an original, and such counterparts

together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Signature and acknowledgement pages, if any, may be detached from the counterparts and attached to a single copy of this document to physically form one document.

Q. ARM'S LENGTH TRANSACTION. This Agreement has been negotiated fully between the parties as an arm's length transaction. Both parties participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement and received the advice of counsel. In case of a Dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, both parties are deemed to have drafted, chosen, and selected the language, and the doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against either party.

R. DESCRIPTIVE HEADINGS. The descriptive headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not control nor affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

S. E-VERIFY. The Contractor shall comply with and perform all applicable provisions of Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*. Accordingly, to the extent required by Florida Statute, Contractor shall register with and use the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. The District may terminate this Agreement immediately for cause if there is a good faith belief that the Contractor has knowingly violated Section 448.091, *Florida Statutes*. If the Contractor anticipates entering into agreements with a subcontractor for the Work, Contractor will not enter into the subcontractor agreement without first receiving an affidavit from the subcontractor regarding compliance with Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*, and stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. Contractor shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the agreement and provide a copy to the District upon request.

In the event that the District has a good faith belief that a subcontractor has knowingly violated Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*, but the Contractor has otherwise complied with its obligations hereunder, the District shall promptly notify the Contractor. The Contractor agrees to immediately terminate the agreement with the subcontractor upon notice from the District. Further, absent such notification from the District, the Contractor or any subcontractor who has a good faith belief that a person or entity with which it is contracting has knowingly violated s. 448.09(1), *Florida Statutes*, shall promptly terminate its agreement with such person or entity. By entering into this Agreement, the Contractor represents that no public employer has terminated a contract with the Contractor under Section 448.095(2)(c), *Florida Statutes*, within the year immediately preceding the date of this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have, by their duly authorized representatives, executed this Agreement as of the date and year first set forth above.

ATTEST:

**HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

WITNESS:

**BBM AMERICA, LLC D/B/A RE-ALIGN
WEB DESIGN**

Print Name

By: _____
Title: _____

Exhibit A: Proposal for Services



REALIGNSM

WEB DESIGN

Align the future. ReAlign the past.

Customized ADA Compliant Website Proposal

for:

Hicks Ditch Community Development District

November 9, 2022



Project Scope

Website Design Overview

1. Project Background and Description

Hicks Ditch CDD (the client) is seeking an ADA compliant website.

2. Project Scope

ReAlign Web Design (the company) will create and design a new website for **the client**. The website will aim to portray the CDD in a professional image while serving several functions such as; district information center, document storage, Florida statute requirement fulfillment, and ADA compliance.

The website will have standard security including antivirus, firewall and SSL encryption. The website will be compliant with Section 508 of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and will maintain a conformance level of AA with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1 (WCAG 2.1).

The project is considered finished when **the client** is satisfied with the implementation of the website provided, within reason. **The company** will provide an invoice upon completion and implementation of the website. Any further revisions beyond the finished website may be subject to a fee.

3. Deliverables

The company: One completed website, site content and images, website security, antivirus and firewall, SSL implementation, domain transfer (if necessary), DNS and hosting setup, ADA Section 508 compliance and WCAG 2.1 AA conformity.

The client: Payment upon completion and invoice receipt and any content required to complete the project within the scope of work including proprietary property.

4. Price - \$1,750 Upon Completion

The company will bill \$1,750 upon completion of the finished website and acceptance by **the client**.

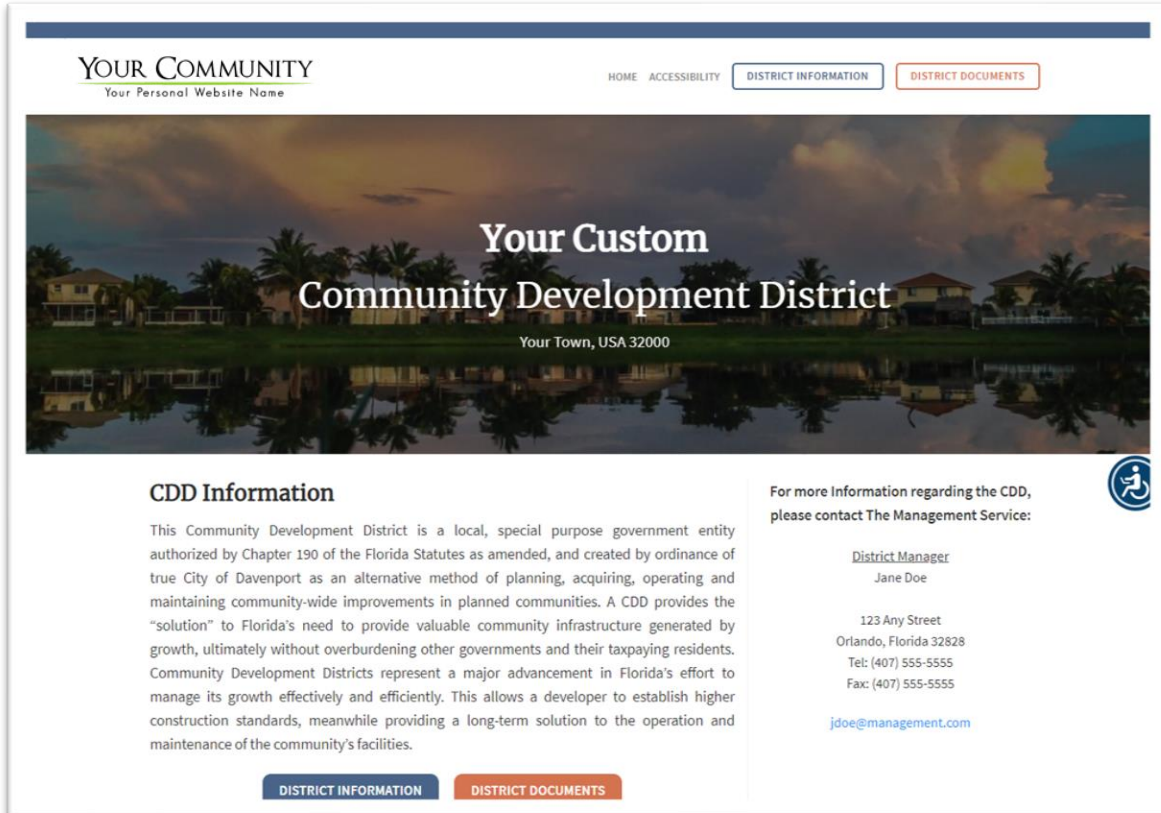
5. High-Level Timeline/Schedule

The company will utilize best efforts to deliver the completed website within one month of an executed agreement and authority to proceed.

Demo Content – Everything is Customized

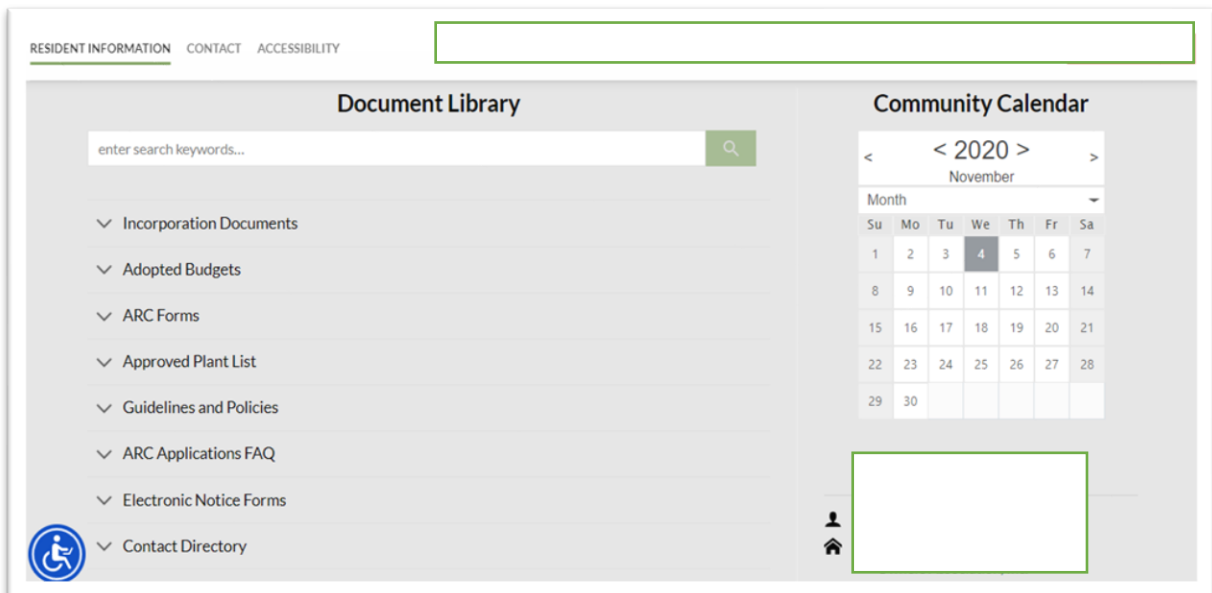
Custom Website Design

Featuring a welcome page with public information, community features and documents.



Document Storage

Quickly search, find, and download community documents like budgets, notices, and more.







Community Information

Display the current board, meeting notices, and other important information.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CDD Board

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Easy Contact

Custom contact options that notify the board and/or management company.

GET IN TOUCH

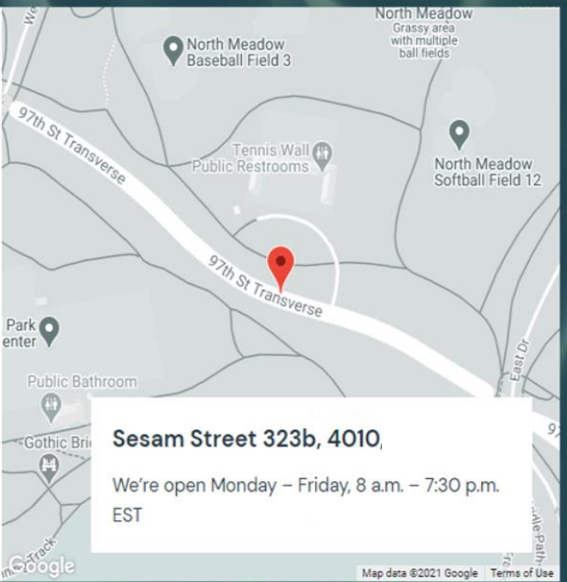
Placeholder text for contact form

Your Name (required)

Your Email (required)

Your Message (required)

SUBMIT



Sesam Street 323b, 4010

We're open Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. EST

Indemnification: The Company warrants that all accessibility compliance seals warrant a passing grade from the UserWay accessibility testing widget at the time of testing according to the standards set forth by UserWay. The Company does not independently verify the accuracy of accessibility tests. The Client specifically recognizes and acknowledges that ADA Section 508 guidelines and WCAG 2.1 guidelines are constantly changing and that at the time of this Agreement there is no single definitive authority on digital accessibility standards. Upon acceptance of the completed website, the Client assumes title to the website along with all responsibility for maintaining ADA 508 and WCAG 2.1 conformity and compliance. At the moment of transfer of title of the website to the Client and thereafter in perpetuity, the Client shall indemnify, defend and hold Company and its owners, shareholders, officers, directors, partners, partnerships, affiliates, subsidiaries, divisions or employees, authorized agents, independent contractors and permitted assigns (“Company Indemnified Parties”) harmless from and against any and all claims, suits, actions, demands, and proceedings of any kind (“Claims”), threatened, asserted or filed against Company or any and all Company Indemnified Parties by any third party, and any damages, losses, expenses, liabilities or costs of any kind (including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees, witness fees and court costs) which may be incurred in connection with such Claims (including those necessary to successfully establish the right to indemnification), regarding non-compliance with any ADA Section 508 guidelines and WCAG 2.1 guidelines or similar regulations and cannot be held liable for any lawsuits arising therefrom.

Approval and Authority to Proceed

We approve the project as described above and authorize the team to proceed.

Service	Acceptance
Website creation - \$1,750 one-time fee	
ADA Compliance Audits - \$960 annually	

Approved By

Date

SECTION P

RESOLUTION 2023-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT GRANTING THE CHAIRPERSON, OR IN HIS OR HER ABSENCE THE VICE CHAIRPERSON, THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY CONVEYANCE AND DEDICATION DOCUMENTS, PLATS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT'S IMPROVEMENTS; APPROVING THE SCOPE AND TERMS OF SUCH AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and situated within the City of Eustis, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to construct, install, operate, and/or maintain systems and facilities for certain basic infrastructure, including but not limited to, offsite, stormwater management systems, water and sewer utilities, reclaimed water distribution systems, common area landscape, hardscape and irrigation, and roadway improvements; and

WHEREAS, the District intends to adopt a Master Engineer's Report ("Improvement Plan"), which sets forth the scope of the District's capital improvement plan and the improvements that are to be constructed thereto ("Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the development of the Improvements in accordance with the Improvement Plan, which includes, but is not limited to, obtaining all necessary permits and approvals from local governments and agencies for the construction and/or operation of Improvements, the District is required, from time to time, to accept, convey and dedicate certain interests in real and personal property, including, but not limited to easements, plat dedications, deeds and bills of sale for Improvements ("Permits and Conveyances", or individually, "Permit" and "Conveyance"); and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the efficient development of the Improvements, the District desires to authorize the Chairperson, or Vice Chairperson in his or her absence, to approve and execute the Permits and Conveyances necessary to finalize the development of the District's improvement plan ("Conveyance Authority"); and

WHEREAS, the Conveyance Authority shall be subject to the review of the District Engineer and the District Counsel, both agreeing that each such proposed Permit or Conveyance is legal, consistent with the District's Improvement Plan and necessary for the development of the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that granting to the Chairperson, or Vice Chairperson in his or her absence, the Conveyance Authority is in the best interests of the District

so that the development of the Improvements may proceed expeditiously, subject to the terms and limitations imposed by this Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS. The recitals so stated are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated into and form a material part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY. The Chairperson of the District's Board of Supervisors, or in his or her absence the Vice Chairperson, is hereby authorized to sign, accept, or execute Permits and Conveyances as defined above. The Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary of the District's Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized to countersign any such Permits and Conveyances signed by the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson in his or her absence. Such authority shall be subject to the District Engineer and District Counsel's review and approval.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of November 2022.

ATTEST:

HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION VI

SECTION A

SECTION 1

BOND COUNSEL AGREEMENT

This Bond Counsel Agreement (this "Agreement") is entered into this 22nd day of November, 2022, by and between the **HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT** (the "District"), an independent special district organized and existing under the provisions of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended, and **NABORS, GIBLIN & NICKERSON, P.A.**, a Florida professional service corporation ("Nabors Giblin").

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the District plans to issue capital improvement revenue bonds (the "Bonds") to finance the acquisition, construction and equipping of certain assessable capital improvements benefiting residents of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to engage Nabors Giblin as bond counsel in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds, on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, Nabors Giblin desires to accept engagement as bond counsel for the District in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds, on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, which shall be deemed an integral part of this Agreement, and of the covenants and agreements herein contained, the District and Nabors Giblin, both intending to be legally bound hereby, agree as follows:

1. BOND COUNSEL.

(a) Duties. Nabors Giblin shall serve as bond counsel to the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The duties of Nabors Giblin as bond counsel shall include the following:

(i) prepare all indentures, including a Master Indenture and Supplemental Indenture(s) with respect to the Bonds, and other documents relating to the Bonds, said duty to be performed in cooperation with the financial advisors and/or underwriters engaged by the District;

(ii) if requested by the District, prepare validation pleadings, including the proposed final judgment, in connection with the validation of the Bonds and appear as attorneys of record with the District Counsel at the validation hearing;

(iii) review all disclosure documents, including official statements, prepared or authorized by the District insofar as such documents contain descriptions of the Bonds and summaries of contracts or other documents relevant to the Bonds; provided, however, that Nabors Giblin shall have no responsibility for the disclosure documents insofar as such documents describe the financial circumstances of the offering or any other statistical projects or data, and provided further, that Nabors Giblin shall have no responsibility to the purchasers of the Bonds for state or federal securities law compliance in connection with the offering of the Bonds;

(iv) review all underwriters' proposals as requested by the District, prepare all closing documents, and attend and be responsible for the closing, as well as attend drafting and informational meetings regarding the Bonds; and

(v) render opinions in written form at the time the Bonds are to be authenticated and delivered, which opinions shall cover the legality of the Bonds and the exemption of the Bonds from federal income taxation.

(b) Fees and Expenses for Services Rendered as Bond Counsel. The District shall pay to Nabors Giblin, as a fee for services rendered pursuant to this Section 1 such amounts as mutually agreed upon between the parties hereto and commensurate with the work performed. Such fee shall not exceed \$45,000.00 per issue. Such fee shall be paid by the District to Nabors Giblin only from the proceeds derived by the District from the sale of the Bonds and, if the Bonds are not sold, then no fees shall be paid by the District for services rendered pursuant to this Section 1.

The foregoing fee shall include all out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Nabors Giblin in connection with services rendered hereunder, and no other expenses shall be payable by the District in connection with bond counsel services.

2. TERMINATION. This Agreement may be terminated by the District, or by Nabors Giblin, with or without cause, upon fifteen (15) days prior written notice to the other. If the District terminates Nabors Giblin for any reason, then no compensation shall be paid to Nabors Giblin for any services theretofore rendered pursuant to Section 1 of this Agreement.

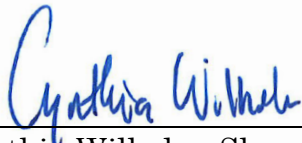
3. CONSTRUCTION. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the District and Nabors Giblin have executed this Agreement as of the date set forth above.

**HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

By: _____
Chairman/Vice Chairman

NABORS, GIBLIN & NICKERSON, P.A.

By:  _____
Cynthia Wilhelm, Shareholder

SECTION 2



MBS CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC

AGREEMENT FOR UNDERWRITING SERVICES HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

November 22, 2022

Board of Supervisors
Hicks Ditch Community Development District

Dear Supervisors:

MBS Capital Markets, LLC (the "Underwriter") offers to enter into this agreement (the "Agreement") with the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (the "District") which, upon your acceptance of this offer, will be binding upon the District and the Underwriter. This agreement relates to the proposed issuance of bonds (the "Bonds") to acquire and/or construct certain public infrastructure improvements for the District. This Agreement will cover the engagement for the Bonds and will be supplemented for future bond issuances as may be applicable.

1. **Scope of Services:** MBS intends to serve as the underwriter, and not as a financial advisor or municipal advisor, in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The scope of services to be provided in a non-fiduciary capacity by the Underwriter for this transaction will include those listed below.
 - Advice regarding the structure, timing, terms, and other similar matters concerning the particular municipal securities described above.
 - Preparation of rating strategies and presentations related to the issue being underwritten.
 - Preparations for and assistance with investor "road shows," if any, and investor discussions related to the issue being underwritten.
 - Advice regarding retail order periods and institutional marketing if the District decides to engage in a negotiated sale.
 - Assistance in the preparation of the Preliminary Official Statement, if any, and the Final Official Statement.
 - Assistance with the closing of the issue, including negotiation and discussion with respect to all documents, certificates, and opinions needed for the closing.
 - Coordination with respect to obtaining CUSIP numbers and the registration with the Depository Trust Company.
 - Preparation of post-sale reports for the issue, if any.
 - Structuring of refunding escrow cash flow requirements, but not the recommendation of and brokerage of particular municipal escrow investments.



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2. **Fees:** The Underwriter will be responsible for its own out-of-pocket expenses other than the fees and disbursements of underwriter's or disclosure counsel which fees shall be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds. Any fees payable to the Underwriter will be contingent upon the successful sale and delivery or placement of the Bonds. The underwriting fee for the sale or placement of the Bonds will be the greater of \$50,000 or 2% of the par amount of Bonds issued.
3. **Termination:** Both the District and the Underwriter will have the right to terminate this Agreement without cause upon 90 days written notice to the non-terminating party.
4. **Purchase Contract:** At or before such time as the District gives its final authorization for the Bonds, the Underwriter and its counsel will deliver to the District a purchase or placement contract (the "Purchase Contract") detailing the terms of the Bonds.
5. **Notice of Meetings:** The District shall provide timely notice to the Underwriter for all regular and special meetings of the District. The District will provide, in writing, to the Underwriter, at least one week prior to any meeting, except in the case of an emergency meeting for which the notice time shall be the same as that required by law for the meeting itself, of matters and items for which it desires the Underwriter's input.
6. **Disclosures Concerning the Underwriter's Role Required by MSRB Rule G-17.** The Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's Rule G-17 requires underwriters to make certain disclosures to issuers in connection with the issuance of municipal securities. Those disclosures are attached hereto as "Exhibit A." By execution of this Agreement, you are acknowledging receipt of the same. If you or any other Issuer officials have any questions or concerns about these disclosures, please make those questions or concerns known immediately to the undersigned. In addition, you should consult with the Issuer's own financial and/or municipal, legal, accounting, tax and other advisors, as applicable, to the extent you deem appropriate. It is our understanding that you have the authority to bind the Issuer by contract with us, and that you are not a party to any conflict of interest relating to the subject transaction. If our understanding is incorrect, please notify the undersigned immediately.



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This Agreement shall be effective upon your acceptance hereof and shall remain effective until such time as the Agreement has been terminated in accordance with Section 3 hereof.

We are required to seek your acknowledgement that you have received the disclosures referenced herein and attached hereto as Exhibit A. By execution of this agreement, you are acknowledging receipt of the same.

Sincerely,
MBS Capital Markets, LLC

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "BSealy", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Brett Sealy
Managing Partner

Approved and Accepted By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____



MBS CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC

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EXHIBIT A

Disclosures Concerning the Underwriter's Role

- (i) MSRB Rule G-17 requires an underwriter to deal fairly at all times with both municipal issuers and investors.
- (ii) The underwriter's primary role is to purchase the Bonds with a view to distribution in an arm's-length commercial transaction with the Issuer. The underwriters has financial and other interests that differ from those of the District.
- (iii) Unlike a municipal advisor, the underwriter does not have a fiduciary duty to the District under the federal securities laws and are, therefore, is required by federal law to act in the best interests of the District without regard to their own financial or other interests.
- (iv) The underwriter has a duty to purchase the Bonds from the Issuer at a fair and reasonable price but must balance that duty with their duty to sell the Bonds to investors at prices that are fair and reasonable.
- (v) The underwriter will review the official statement for the Bonds in accordance with, and as part of, its respective responsibilities to investors under the federal securities laws, as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction.

Disclosure Concerning the Underwriter's Compensation

The underwriter will be compensated by a fee and/or an underwriting discount that will be set forth in the bond purchase agreement to be negotiated and entered into in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. Payment or receipt of the underwriting fee or discount will be contingent on the closing of the transaction and the amount of the fee or discount may be based, in whole or in part, on a percentage of the principal amount of the Bonds. While this form of compensation is customary in the municipal securities market, it presents a conflict of interest since the underwriter may have an incentive to recommend to the District a transaction that is unnecessary or to recommend that the size of the transaction be larger than is necessary.

Conflicts of Interest

The Underwriter has not identified any additional potential or actual material conflicts that require disclosure including those listed below.



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Payments to or from Third Parties. There are no undisclosed payments, values, or credits to be received by the Underwriter in connection with its underwriting of this new issue from parties other than the District, and there are no undisclosed payments to be made by the Underwriter in connection with this new issue to parties other than the District (in either case including payments, values, or credits that relate directly or indirectly to collateral transactions integrally related to the issue being underwritten). In addition, there are no third-party arrangements for the marketing of the District's securities.

Profit-Sharing with Investors. There are no arrangements between the Underwriter and an investor purchasing new issue securities from the Underwriter (including purchases that are contingent upon the delivery by the District to the Underwriter of the securities) according to which profits realized from the resale by such investor of the securities are directly or indirectly split or otherwise shared with the Underwriter.

Credit Default Swaps. There will be no issuance or purchase by the Underwriter of credit default swaps for which the reference is the District for which the Underwriter is serving as underwriter, or an obligation of that District.

Retail Order Periods. For new issues in which there is a retail order period, the Underwriter will honor such agreement to provide the retail order period. No allocation of securities in a manner that is inconsistent with a District's requirements will be made without the District's consent. In addition, when the Underwriter has agreed to underwrite a transaction with a retail order period, it will take reasonable measures to ensure that retail clients are bona fide.

Dealer Payments to District Personnel. Reimbursements, if any, made to personnel of the District will be made in compliance with MSRB Rule G-20, on gifts, gratuities, and non-cash compensation, and Rule G-17, in connection with certain payments made to, and expenses reimbursed for, District personnel during the municipal bond issuance process.

Disclosures Concerning Complex Municipal Securities Financing

Since the Underwriter has not recommended a "complex municipal securities financing" to the Issuer, additional disclosures regarding the financing structure for the Bonds are not required under MSRB Rule G-17.

SECTION 4



Global Corporate Trust
 500 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 460
 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309

November 14, 2022

George Flint
 Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC
 219 East Livingston Street
 Orlando, Florida 32801

Re: Hicks Ditch Community Development District
 Special Assessment and/or Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2022/2023

Mr. Flint:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our services to Hicks Ditch Community Development District. This letter will confirm U.S. Bank’s fee structure for the related issuance(s):

Acceptance Fee	\$2,000
Closing Expenses	\$250 (Not to Exceed)
Annual Trustee, Paying Agent & Registrar Fee	\$3,750
Pivot (Online document access and reporting)	Waived
Ongoing Out-of-Pocket Expenses	7.50% of Annual Fees
Trustee Counsel Fee	\$6,000 (Not to Exceed)

Extraordinary Administration Services (“EAS”) are duties, responsibilities or activities not expected to be provided by the trustee or agent at the outset of the transaction, not routine or customary, and/or not incurred in the ordinary course of business, and which may require analysis or interpretation. Billing for fees and expenses related to EAS is appropriate in instances where particular inquiries, events or developments are unexpected, even if the possibility of such circumstances could have been identified at the inception of the transaction, or as changes in law, procedures, or the cost of doing business demand. At our option, EAS may be charged on an hourly (time expended multiplied by current hourly rate), flat or special fee basis at such rates or in such amounts in effect at the time of such services, which may be modified by us in our sole discretion from time to time. In addition, all fees and expenses incurred by the trustee or agent, in connection with the trustee’s or agent’s EAS and ordinary administration services and including without limitation the fees and expenses of legal counsel, financial advisors and other professionals, charges for document amendments and substitutions, tenders, optional redemptions, UCC filings, investment agreements, outside held money market funds, default administration, wire transfers, checks, internal transfers and securities transactions, travel expenses, communication costs, postage (including express mail and overnight delivery charges), copying charges and the like will be payable, at cost, to the trustee or agent. EAS fees are due and payable in addition to annual or ordinary administration fees. Failure to pay for EAS owed to U.S. Bank within 45 days may result in interest being charged on amounts owed to U.S. Bank for extraordinary administration services fees and expenses at the prevailing market rate. This proposal and the fees detailed herein are subject in all aspects to U.S. Bank’s review and acceptance of the final financing documents which set forth our duties and responsibilities. Fees are subject to change at our discretion and upon written notice. Fees paid in advance will not be prorated. The fees set forth above and any subsequent modifications thereof are part of your agreement. Finalization of the transaction constitutes agreement to the terms and conditions set forth herein, including agreement to any subsequent changes upon proper written notice. In the event your transaction is not finalized, any related expenses will be billed to the client directly.

All fees and expenses are payable in advance. Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide our services to the District and the District’s professional team. Please contact me at 954.938.2476 if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Scott A. Schuhle

Scott A. Schuhle, Vice President

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR OPENING A NEW ACCOUNT:

To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, Federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. For a non-individual person such as a business entity, a charity, a Trust or other legal entity we will ask for documentation to verify its formation and existence as a legal entity. We may also ask to see financial statements, licenses, identification and other relevant documentation from individuals claiming authority to represent the entity.

SECTION B

**BOND FINANCING TEAM FUNDING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND
TLC PINE MEADOWS, LLC**

This Bond Financing Team Funding Agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered into this 22nd day of November 2022, by and between:

HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and located in the City of Eustis, Florida (the "District"), with a mailing address c/o Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC, 219 East Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801, and

TLC PINE MEADOWS, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, landowner and primary developer in the District with a mailing address of 605 Commonwealth Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32803 (the "Developer").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District was established by Ordinance 22-21, adopted by the City Commission of the City of Eustis, Florida, effective as of November 3, 2022, for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the District presently expects to access the public bond market to provide for the financing of certain capital improvements, facilities, and services to benefit the lands located within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District and the Developer desire to enter into this Agreement to provide funds to enable the District to commence its financing program.

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon good and valuable consideration and the mutual covenants of the parties, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. PROVISION OF FUNDS. Developer agrees to make available to the District such monies as are necessary to proceed with the issuance of bonds or other indebtedness to fund the District's improvements, facilities and services.

A. Developer agrees to provide to the District any such monies upon receipt of an invoice from the District requesting such funds. Such funds, and all future funds provided pursuant to this Agreement, may be supplied by check, cash, wire transfer or other form of payment deemed satisfactory in the sole discretion of the District as determined by the District Manager. The District agrees to authorize District staff, including the District Engineer, District

Manager, and District Counsel to proceed with the work contemplated by this Agreement, and to retain a Bond Counsel and Methodology Consultant and other professional assistance as may be necessary to proceed with the work contemplated by this Agreement.

B. Developer and the District agree that all fees, costs or other expenses incurred by the District for the services of the District's Engineer, District Counsel, Methodology Consultant or other professionals, for the work contemplated by this Agreement shall be paid solely from the funds provided by Developer pursuant to this Agreement. Such payments shall be made in accordance with the District's normal invoice and payment procedures. The District agrees that any funds provided by Developer pursuant to this Agreement shall be used solely for fees, costs, and expenses arising from or related to the work contemplated by this Agreement.

C. The District agrees to provide to Developer, on a monthly basis, copies of all invoices, requisitions, or other bills for which payment is to be made from the funds provided by Developer. The District agrees to provide to Developer, monthly, a statement from the District Manager showing funds on deposit prior to payment, payments made, and funds remaining on deposit with the District.

D. Developer agrees to provide funds within fifteen (15) days of receipt of written notification from the District Manager of the need for such funds.

E. In the event that Developer fails to provide any such funds pursuant to this Agreement, Developer and the District agree the work may be halted until such time as sufficient funds are provided by Developer to ensure payment of the costs, fees or expenses which may be incurred in the performance of such work.

2. TERMINATION. Developer and District agree that Developer may terminate this Agreement without cause by providing ten (10) days written notice of termination to the District. Any such termination by Developer is contingent upon Developer's provision of sufficient funds to cover any and all fees, costs or expenses incurred by the District in connection with the work to be performed under this Agreement as of the date by when notice of termination is received. Developer and the District agree that the District may terminate this Agreement due to a failure of Developer to provide funds in accordance with Section 1 of this Agreement, by providing ten (10) days written notice of termination to Developer; provided, however, that the Developer shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to cure any such failure.

3. CAPITALIZATION. The parties agree that all funds provided by Developer pursuant to this Agreement may be reimbursable from proceeds of District financing for capital improvements, and that within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the proceeds by the District of bonds or notes for the District's capital projects, the District shall reimburse Developer in full, exclusive of interest, for these advances; provided, however, that in the event Bond Counsel determines that any such monies are not properly reimbursable, such funds shall be deemed

paid in lieu of taxes or assessments. In the event that District bonds are not issued within five (5) years of the date of this Agreement, all funds provided by Developer pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed paid in lieu of taxes or assessments.

4. DEFAULT. A default by either party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which may include, but not be limited to, the right of damages, injunctive relief and/or specific performance.

5. ENFORCEMENT OF AGREEMENT. In the event that either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all fees and costs incurred, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

6. AGREEMENT. This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of this Agreement between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

7. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both of the parties hereto.

8. AUTHORIZATION. The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of all parties hereto, each party has complied with all the requirements of law, and each party has full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

9. NOTICES. All notices, requests, consents and other communications hereunder ("Notices") shall be in writing and shall be delivered, mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, or overnight delivery service, to the parties, as follows:

A. If to District: Hicks Ditch Community Development District
219 East Livingston Street
Orlando, Florida 32801
Attn: District Manager

With a copy to: Kutak Rock LLP
107 West College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Attn: District Counsel

B. If to Developer: TLC Pine Meadows, LLC
605 Commonwealth Avenue
Orlando, Florida 32803

Attn: Andrew Drosz

Except as otherwise provided herein, any Notice shall be deemed received only upon actual delivery at the address set forth herein. Notices delivered after 5:00 p.m. (at the place of delivery) or on a non-business day, shall be deemed received on the next business day. If any time for giving Notice contained in this Agreement would otherwise expire on a non-business day, the Notice period shall be extended to the next succeeding business day. Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays recognized by the United States government shall not be regarded as business days. Counsel for the parties may deliver Notice on behalf of the parties. Any party or other person to whom Notices are to be sent or copied may notify the other parties and addressees of any change in name or address to which Notices shall be sent by providing the same on five (5) days written notice to the parties and addressees set forth herein.

10. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the parties herein and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason hereof, to or for the benefit of any third party not a party hereto. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the parties hereto any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any provisions or conditions hereof; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants and conditions herein contained shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective representatives, successors and assigns.

11. ASSIGNMENT. Neither party may assign this Agreement or any monies to become due hereunder without the prior written approval of the other party.

12. CONTROLLING LAW. This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. Venue shall be in Lake County, Florida.

13. EFFECTIVE DATE. The Agreement shall be effective after execution by both parties hereto and shall remain in effect unless terminated by either of the parties hereto.

14. PUBLIC RECORDS. Developer understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and, accordingly, Developer agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including but not limited to section 119.0701, *Florida Statutes*. Developer acknowledges that the designated public records custodian for the District is **George Flint** ("Public Records Custodian"). Among other requirements and to the extent applicable by law, the Developer shall 1) keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, provide the District with the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time period at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*; 3) ensure that

public records which are exempt or confidential, and exempt from public records disclosure requirements, are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following the contract term if the Developer does not transfer the records to the Public Records Custodian of the District; and 4) upon completion of the contract, transfer to the District, at no cost, all public records in Developer's possession or, alternatively, keep, maintain and meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records pursuant to Florida laws. When such public records are transferred by the Developer, the Developer shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District in a format that is compatible with Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats.

IF THE DEVELOPER HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, *FLORIDA STATUTES*, TO THE DEVELOPER'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (407) 841-5524, GEORGE FLINT, GFLINT@GMSCFL.COM, OR 219 EAST LIVINGSTON STREET, ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32801.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties execute this Agreement to be effective the day and year first written above.

ATTEST:


HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

TLC PINE MEADOWS, LLC, a Florida limited liability company

WITNESSES:



Print Name: TAN TRAN



By: Andrew Orost
Its: Authorized Representative



Print Name: Paul David

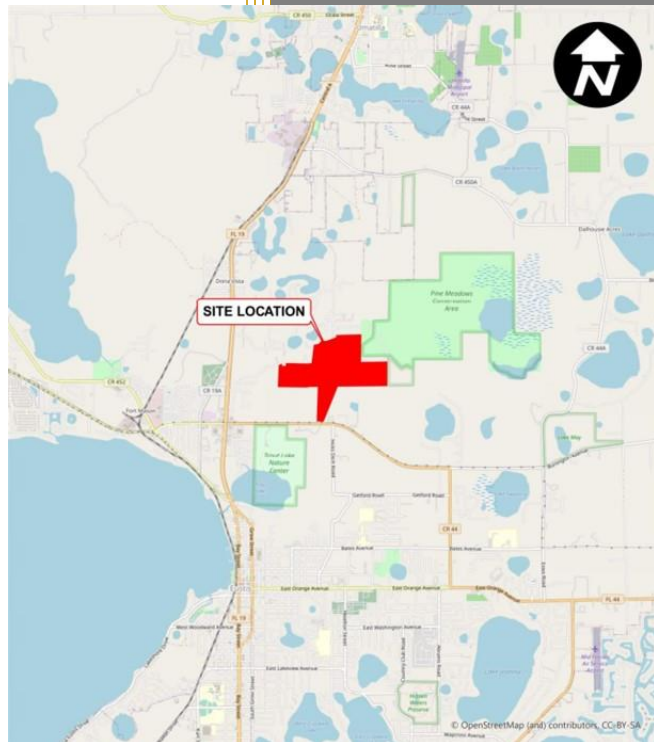
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2022

Hicks Ditch Community Development District Master Engineer's Report for Capital Improvements at Pine Meadows Reserve City of Eustis, Florida



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November 22, 2022

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Section 1 - Introduction

1.1. Background

This Master Engineer's Report for Capital Improvements (the "Report") for the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (the "District" or "CDD") has been prepared to assist with the financing and construction of the capital improvements contemplated to be constructed, acquired and/or installed within the District or outside of the District (the "Capital Improvement Plan") pursuant to requirements of the City of Eustis ("City") and Lake County, Florida ("County").

Capital Improvements (hereinafter defined) reflected in this Report represent the current Capital Improvement Plan for the District. The majority of the necessary regulatory approvals have not yet been obtained for the Development (hereinafter defined). Various permits necessary to commence and complete the Development are expected to be obtained in the future during the normal design and permitting processes. To the best of our knowledge and belief it is our opinion that the required permits have been obtained or are obtainable as needed. The implementation of any improvements discussed in this Report requires the final approval by many regulatory and permitting agencies as outlined in Section 2 below; therefore this Report may be amended from time to time.

Cost estimates contained in this Report have been prepared based on the best available information at this time. The actual costs of construction, final engineering design, planning, approvals and permitting may vary from the cost estimates presented.

1.2. Location and General Description

The overall District is comprised of ten (10) parcels of land totaling 244.043+/- acres located in the City. More specifically, the parcels are located within a portion of Section 24, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, and Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 26 East. The District is located directly north of County Road 44. Access is proposed directly from County Road 44, as well as from State Road 19 through Pine Meadows Golf Course Road.

Please refer to Exhibit 1 - Location Map. The District is part of the overall Pine Meadows Reserve project ("Development"). TLC Pine Meadows, LLC is the master developer serving the Development ("Developer"). The City does not have zoning districts, and land use approvals are instead regulated by the Future Land Use (FLU) Map in the City Comprehensive Plan and City Land Development Regulations. The existing FLU designations for the property within the Development are Suburban Residential and Mixed Commercial/Industrial with Suburban Residential being the controlling FLU for development purposes, all as shown in Exhibit 3.

Please refer to the table in Section 1.4 for a breakdown of development uses by area.

The District Boundary and Legal Description are included as Exhibit 2.

1.3. District Purpose and Scope

The District was established for the purpose of financing, acquiring and/or constructing, owning, maintaining and/or operating a portion of the public infrastructure necessary for community development within the District (“Capital Improvements” or “Improvements”). The purpose of this Report is to provide a description of the Capital Improvements that may be financed by the District. The District may finance, acquire and/or, construct, own, operate, and/or maintain certain public infrastructure improvements that are needed to serve the Development. A portion of the public infrastructure Improvements will be financed (1) with the proceeds of bonds issued by the District and/or (2) by the Developer.

The proposed public infrastructure Improvements, as outlined herein, are necessary for the development of the District as required by the applicable independent unit of local government.

1.4. Description of Land Use

Based on the current Conceptual Development Plan for the property within the Development, the development program currently consists of 538 residential units and multiple supporting recreational amenities. The anticipated development program is outlined in the table below.

Lot Type	Phase 1A	Phase 1B	Phase 2	Total
R-1 40' Lot	41	79	99	219
R-2 50' Lot	92	59	34	185
Townhome 20' Lot	76	0	58	134
Total Units	209	138	191	538

The approved land uses within the District include the following areas outlined in the table below.

Proposed Development	Approximate Acreage
Single-Family Detached Lots	56.07
Townhomes	9.69
Stormwater	23.99
Amenity/Recreational/Open Space	46.03
Roadways	16.07
Conservation Area	92.19
Total	244.04

Section 2 - Government Actions

The following are the permitting agencies that have jurisdiction for approval of construction within the District. Depending on the location and scope of each phase of project design, the individual permits that need to be obtained will need to be evaluated and not all of the permits listed below will necessarily apply to every sub-phase within the District. The property is located in the City.

Permitting Agencies & Permits Required

1. City of Eustis
 - a. Preliminary Plat
 - b. Construction Plans (Final Engineering)
 - c. Final Plat

2. Lake County, Florida
 - a. Final Engineering Plans for Offsite Improvements
 - b. Right-of-way Utilization Permit
 - c. Driveway Connection Permit

3. St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD)
 - a. Environmental Resource Permit
 - i. Mass Grading/Master Stormwater Construction
 - ii. Final Engineering for Onsite and Offsite Improvements

4. Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)
 - a. Water Distribution System
 - b. Sanitary Sewer Collection and Transmission System
 - c. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

5. Federal Emergency Management Agency
 - a. Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR)
 - b. Letter of Map Revision – Based on Fill (LOMR-F)

6. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)

Section 3 - Infrastructure Benefit

The District will fund,, acquire, and/or construct, and in certain cases, own, maintain and/or operate Improvements yielding two types of public benefits. These benefits include:

- Project wide special benefits
- Incidental public benefits

The project wide special benefits are provided by infrastructure Improvements that serve all lands in the District. These public infrastructure improvements include the Improvements outlined within this Report. However, some incidental public benefits include those benefits received by the general public who do not necessarily reside on land within the District.

The proposed Capital Improvements identified in this Report are intended to provide specific and special benefit to the assessable real property within the boundaries of the District. As the majority of the property within the District is undeveloped, the construction and maintenance of the proposed infrastructure Improvements are necessary and will benefit the property within the District for the intended use as a residential community. The District can finance, construct, acquire, own, operate and/or maintain any portion or all of the proposed Improvements. The Developer and/or other party/parties may construct and fund the Improvements not funded by the District.

Section 4 - Capital Improvement Plan

The District Capital Improvements will connect and interact with the adjacent offsite roads, potable water, reclaimed water, sanitary sewer, and stormwater systems. The proposed Capital Improvements addressed by this Report include elements internal and external to the District. Detailed descriptions of the proposed Capital Improvements are provided in the following sections and Exhibits 4 and 5. Exhibit 6 details the Cost Opinion for the District's Capital Improvement Plan.

The Capital Improvement Plan will be constructed and financed in logical segments or phases, as property within the District is developed. The District anticipates issuing a series of bonds to fund all or a portion of the Capital Improvement Plan.

Section 5 - Description of Capital Improvements Plan

5.1 Master Infrastructure

5.1.1 Stormwater Management

As indicated above, the District may fund the construction and/or acquisition of the master stormwater management system for the the District. This system is made up of wet/dry retention stormwater treatment ponds, control structures, swales, inlets, manholes, retaining walls and storm pipes. The proposed ponds and outfall structures will be designed to provide water quality treatment and attenuation in accordance with City and the SJWMD regulations. The stormwater management system will be designed to accommodate on-site runoff in addition to offsite flows which have historically entered the project site.

5.1.2 Potable Water Distribution System

The District may fund the construction and/or acquisition of the water distribution system within the District and those portions outside the District required to connect to existing or proposed offsite facilities. The potable water system will be conveyed to, and owned and maintained by, the City once it has been certified complete. The water mains within the District will be sized to provide water to residents and recreational amenities of the District and will be required to be designed and constructed based on an approved Master Utility Plan (MUP). Exhibit 4, Potable Water Distribution System, provides a graphical representation of the contemplated water mains to be constructed as part of the Capital Improvement Plan.

5.1.3 Reclaimed Water Distribution System

The District may fund the construction and/or acquisition of the reclaimed water distribution system within the District and those portions outside the District required to connect to existing or proposed offsite facilities. The reclaimed water system will be conveyed to, and owned and maintained by, the City once it has been certified complete. The reclaimed water mains serving the District will be sized to provide reclaimed water to the lot boundaries and common areas within the District and will be required to be designed and constructed based on an approved MUP. Exhibit 4, Reclaimed Water Distribution System, provides a graphical representation of the existing and proposed offsite reclaimed water system and onsite system contemplated as part of the Capital Improvement Plan.

5.1.4 Wastewater System

The District may fund the construction and/or acquisition of the gravity sewer, force main, and lift station infrastructure within the District and those portions outside the District required to connect to existing or proposed offsite facilities. The wastewater system will be conveyed to, and be owned and maintained by, the City once it has been certified

complete. The sewer collection mains, lift stations and force mains serving the District will be sized to provide wastewater service to the residents and recreational amenities of the District and will be required to be designed and constructed based on an approved MUP. Exhibit 4, Overall Wastewater Collection System, provides a graphical representation of the proposed offsite wastewater system and onsite system contemplated as part of the Capital Improvement Plan.

5.1.5 Recreational Amenities, Parks, Landscape & Hardscape

The District may fund the construction and/or acquisition of onsite parks, landscape, irrigation, and hardscape within common areas which may include perimeter landscape buffers, master signage, way finding signage, entry hardscape features, entry landscape, recreational amenities and park area features, landscape and hardscape, pedestrian/multi-purpose trails, and street trees. If financed by the District, the District may own and maintain the foregoing improvements or a homeowners' association ("HOA") may maintain such pursuant to a maintenance agreement with the District.

5.1.6 Undergrounding of Electrical Distribution and Street Lights

Most, if not all, District constructed Capital Improvements will include underground electric and street lighting. The street lighting system will be constructed in cooperation with the City, SECO Energy, and the Developer. The District may fund the cost to trench the onsite and/or offsite underground installation and light pole installation.

5.1.7 Conservation/Mitigation Areas

The District may fund the protection of on-site wetlands that may be impacted by the Development through the acquisition, construction, and/or maintenance of wetland buffers as required by SJRWMD, FDEP, and any other agencies having jurisdiction.

5.1.8 Road Right-of-Way (On- and Off- Site)

The District may fund the construction and/or acquisition of new on-site and off-site roadways as well as the improvement and/or acquisition of existing roadways as required by the applicable Development plan to support the Development. On-site roadway Improvements will be conveyed to, owned and maintained by, the City once they have been certified complete. Off-site roadway Improvements will be conveyed to, owned and maintained by, the County once they have been certified complete.

5.3 Professional and Inspection Fees

For the design, permitting and construction of the proposed District Capital Improvement Plan, professional services are required by various consultants. The consultant services may include, but are not limited to, legal, civil engineering, geotechnical engineering, planning, environmental, surveying, and landscape architecture (collectively, "Professional Services"). During construction, the various permitting agencies will observe and inspect the Capital Improvement Plan. Each of the agencies will charge an

inspection fee to cover the costs associated with an inspector visiting the site to observe construction progress and confirm that the Capital Improvement Plan is constructed in accordance with their respective approved plans, permits, rules, and regulations (collectively, “Inspection Fees”). The Professional Services and Inspections Fees are included as “Professional Consulting Fees” for the District Capital Improvement Plan, as provided in Exhibit 6.

Section 6 - Ownership and Maintenance

Capital Improvements Plan	Funding for Installation	Ownership	Maintenance
Master Utilities System (Onsite & Offsite)	CDD	City	City
Master Stormwater Management System	CDD	CDD	CDD
Electrical Service System & Street Lights	CDD	SECO	SECO
Conservation/Mitigation Areas	CDD	CDD	CDD
On-Site Public Roadway Improvements	CDD	City	City
Off-Site Public Roadway Improvements	CDD	County	County
Landscape, Hardscape, Recreation & Irrigation	CDD	CDD/HOA	CDD/HOA

Section 7 - Roadway Rights-of-Way, Stormwater Management Ponds and Other Open Spaces

Real property interests needed for construction, ownership, operation, and/or maintenance of District facilities will be conveyed and/or dedicated by the owner thereof to the District or other Public entity at no cost.

Section 8 - Estimate of Probable Capital Improvements Costs

The Estimate of Probable Capital Improvements Plan Costs is provided in Exhibit 6. Costs associated with construction of the Capital Improvement Plan described in this report have been estimated based on the best available information. Other Professional Consulting Fee costs include portions of the surveying, design and engineering for the described work, regulatory permitting inspection fees and materials testing. In addition, a reasonable project contingency estimate has been included.

Please note that the costs are preliminary in nature and subject to change based on final engineering, permitting, and changes in the Conceptual Development Plan and construction cost due to market fluctuation and other economic factors. Therefore, this report may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

Section 9 - Conclusions and Summary Opinion

The Capital Improvement Plan as described herein is necessary for the functional development of the property within the District as required by the applicable local governmental agencies. The planning and design of the public infrastructure Improvements will be in accordance with current governmental regulatory requirements. The public infrastructure Improvements as described in this Report will serve its intended function provided the construction is in substantial compliance with the future design and permits which will be required by the District and the various jurisdictional entities outlined earlier in this Report. In addition to the non-ad valorem assessments to be levied and collected to pay debt service on the proposed bonds, the District will levy and collect an annual "Operating and Maintenance" assessment to be determined, assessed and levied by the District's Board of Supervisors upon the assessable real property within the District, for the purpose of defraying the cost and expenses of maintaining District-owned improvements. Alternatively, the District can also consider contracting with the HOA to have the HOA budget for the maintenance of District-owned improvements.

The construction costs for the District's Capital Improvement Plan in this Report are based on the concept plans for the District as currently proposed. In our professional opinion, and to the best of our knowledge and belief, the costs provided herein for the District are reasonable to complete the construction of the Capital Improvement Plan described

herein. All of the proposed infrastructure within the Capital Improvement Plan are public improvements or community facilities as set forth in sections 190.012(1) and (2) of the Florida Statutes.

The summary of probable infrastructure costs is only an opinion and not a guaranteed maximum price. Historical costs, actual bids and information from other professionals or contractors have been used in the preparation of this Report. Contractors who have contributed in providing the cost data included in this Report are reputable entities with experience in Central Florida. It is therefore our opinion that the construction of the proposed District Capital Improvement Plan can be reasonably completed at the costs as estimated.

The labor market, future costs of equipment and materials, increased regulatory actions and requirements, and the actual construction process are all beyond our control. Due to this inherent opportunity for fluctuation in cost, the total final cost may be more or less than this opinion.

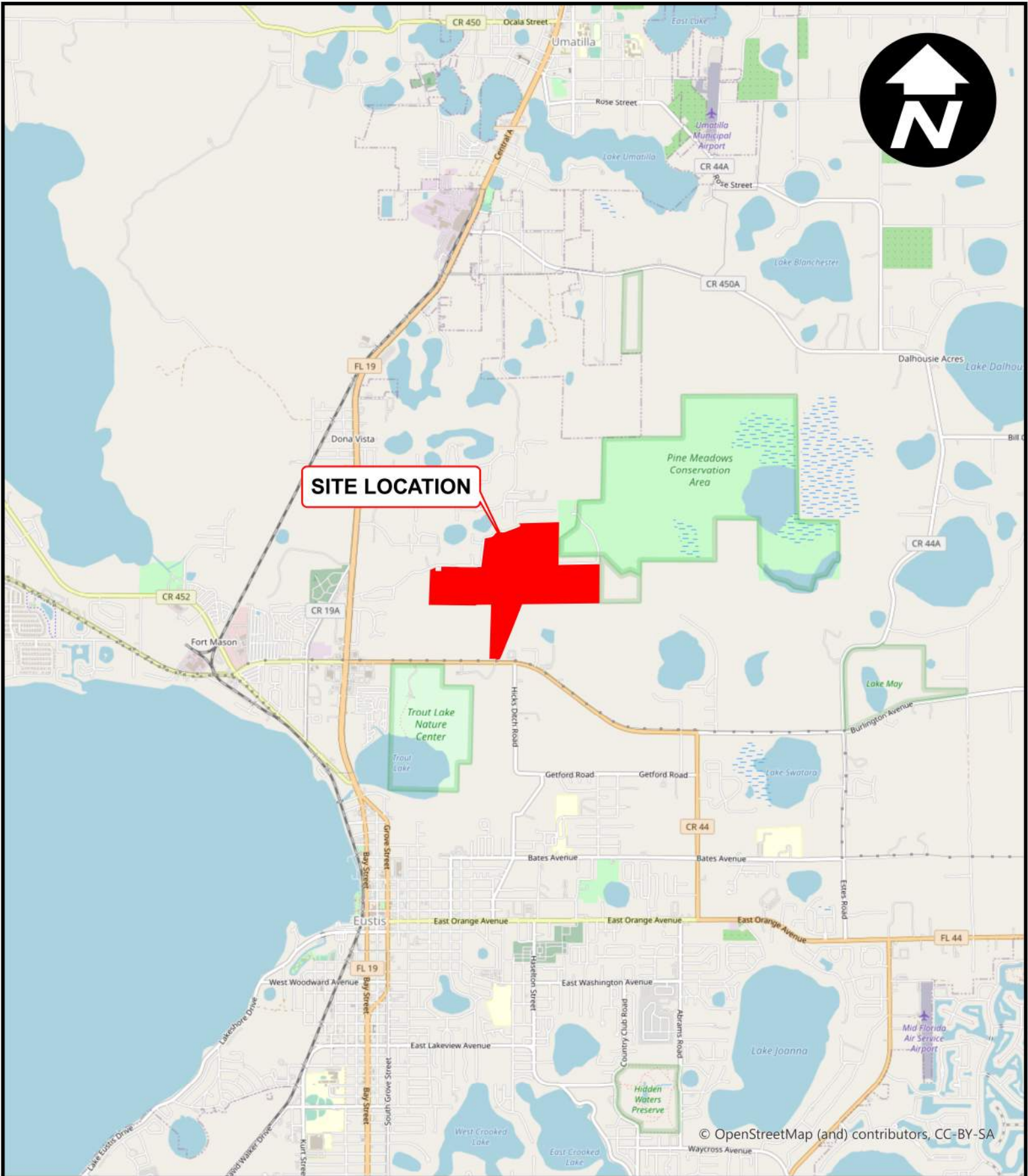
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EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT 1 - LOCATION MAP



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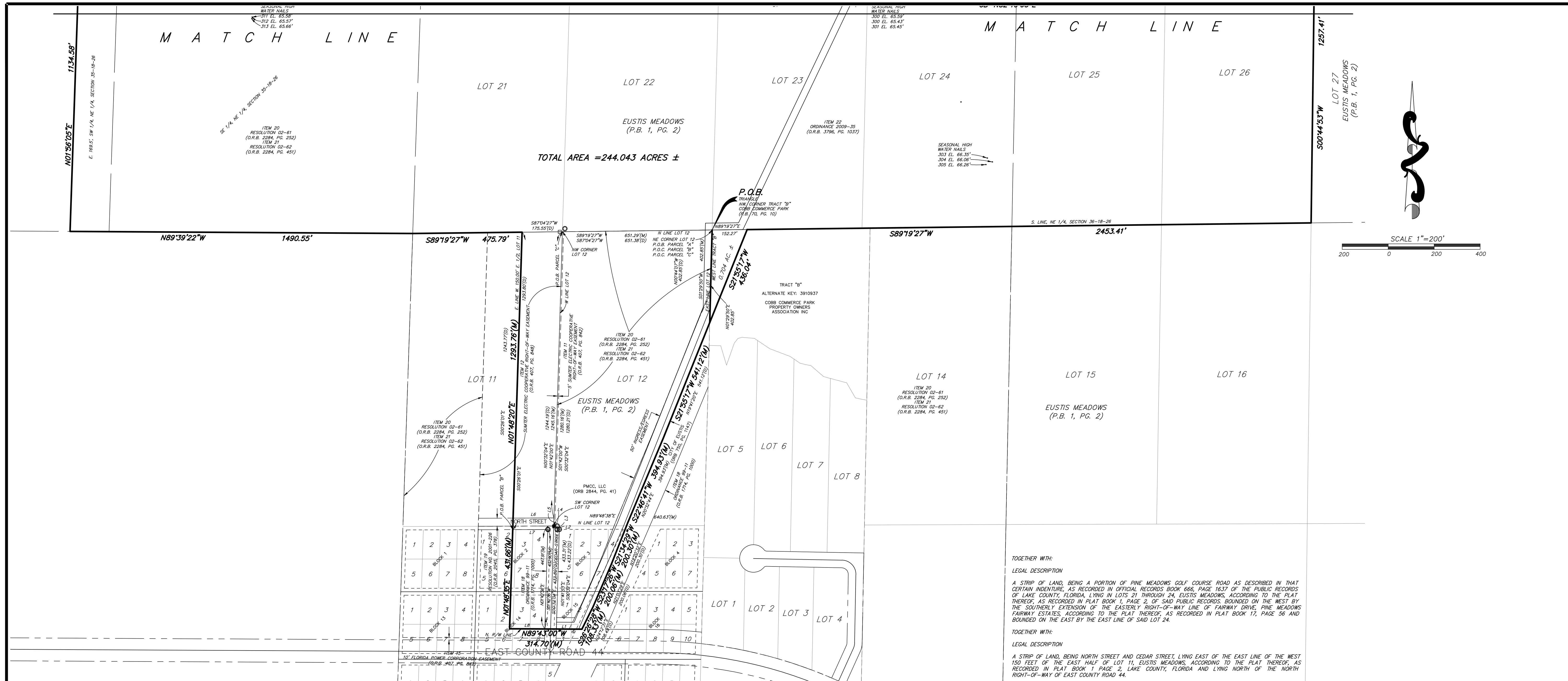
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EXHIBIT 2 – SURVEY METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: (PROVIDED IN TITLE COMMITMENT)

That part of the East 169.5 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, LESS right of way for Pine Meadows Golf Course Road, also LESS and EXCEPT Lots 1 and 2, Pine Meadows Fairway Estates, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 17, Page 56, Public Records of Lake County, Florida.

AND

The Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, LESS right of way for Pine Meadows Golf Course Road, also LESS and EXCEPT Lots 1 and 2, Pine Meadows Fairway Estates, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 17, Page 56, Public Records of Lake County, Florida.

AND

Tracts 21 to 26, inclusive, and Tracts 37 to 40, inclusive, Eustis Meadows, according to the Map or Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, Public Records of Lake County, Florida, LESS and EXCEPT therefrom the right of way for Pine Meadows Golf Course Road, as shown on Plat Book 17, Page 56 and the right of way for Fairway Drive, as shown on Plat Book 17, Page 56, and the right of way for Pine-Meadows Road, as shown on Plat Book 17, Page 12. Also, LESS and EXCEPT Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28, Pine Meadows Fairway Estates, according to the Map or Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 17, Page 56, Public Records of Lake County, Florida.

AND

Parcel A:

That part of Lot 12, in Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida, and that part of Blocks 3 and 15, in Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Begin at a 5/8" iron rod and cap (P.L.S. 3351) at the Northeast corner of Lot 12 of said Map of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; run thence South 87°04'27" West, along the North line of said Lot 12, a distance of 125.70 feet; thence South 22°42'12" West, 116.65 feet; thence South 19°41'20" West, 541.12 feet; thence South 20°32'44" West, 395.08 feet; thence South 19°20'32" West, 200.06 feet; thence South 21°03'29" West, 197.94 feet; thence South 24°12'31" West, 131.68 feet to an intersection with a line that is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with the West right of way line of Cedar Street, a distance of 432.82 feet to an intersection with the West right of way line of County Road No. 44-A; thence North 89°19'27" East, along said line which is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A, a distance of 55.71 feet, to an intersection with the Westery top of the bank of a canal known as Hicks Ditch; thence North 24°12'31" East, along said top of bank, 108.49 feet; thence North 21°03'29" East, along said top of bank, 200.06 feet; thence North 19°20'32" East, along said top of bank, 394.93 feet; thence North 19°41'20" East, along said top of bank, 541.12 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Together with a 50 feet wide ingress and egress agreement along the Eastern line bounded and described as follows: Commence at a 5/8" iron rod and cap (P.L.S. 3351) at the Northeast corner of Lot 12 of Map of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; run thence South 00°44'07" West, along the East line of said Lot 12, a distance of 402.85 feet to the Point of Beginning; run thence North 00°44'07" West, along the East line of said Lot 12, a distance of 125.70 feet; thence South 22°42'12" West, 116.65 feet; thence South 19°41'20" West, 541.12 feet; thence South 20°32'44" West, 395.08 feet; thence South 19°20'32" West, 200.06 feet; thence South 21°03'29" West, 197.94 feet; thence South 24°12'31" West, 131.68 feet to an intersection with a line that is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with the West right of way line of Cedar Street, a distance of 432.82 feet to an intersection with the West right of way line of County Road No. 44-A; thence North 89°19'27" East, along said line which is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A, a distance of 55.71 feet, to an intersection with the Westery top of the bank of a canal known as Hicks Ditch; thence North 24°12'31" East, along said top of bank, 108.49 feet; thence North 21°03'29" East, along said top of bank, 200.06 feet; thence North 19°20'32" East, along said top of bank, 394.93 feet; thence North 19°41'20" East, along said top of bank, 541.12 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Florida, a distance of 651.38 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 12; thence South 00°32'04" East, along the West line of said Lot 12, a distance of 1,280.21 feet to a 4" octagonal monument at the Southwest corner of said Lot 12; thence North 87°33'44" East, along the South line of said Lot 12, a distance of 15.01 feet; thence South 00°32'04" East, a distance of 15.01 feet to the Northwest corner of Block 3 of said Town Plot of Eustis Meadows; thence North 87°33'44" East, along the South right of way line of North Street, a distance of 10.01 feet; thence South 00°32'04" East, along a line 10 feet East of when measured at right angles to and parallel with the East right of way line of Cedar Street, a distance of 432.22 feet to an intersection with a line that is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with, when measured at right angles thereto, the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A; thence North 89°19'27" East, along said line which is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A, a distance of 110.02 feet, to an intersection with the Westery top of the bank of a canal known as Hicks Ditch; thence North 24°12'31" East, along said top of bank, 108.49 feet; thence North 21°03'29" East, along said top of bank, 200.06 feet; thence North 19°20'32" East, along said top of bank, 394.93 feet; thence North 19°41'20" East, along said top of bank, 541.12 feet to an intersection with the East line of said Lot 12; thence North 00°44'07" West, along the East line of said Lot 12, 402.85 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Hicks Ditch; thence North 24°12'31" East, along said top of bank, 108.49 feet; thence North 21°03'29" East, along said top of bank, 200.06 feet; thence North 19°20'32" East, along said top of bank, 394.93 feet; thence North 19°41'20" East, along said top of bank, 541.12 feet to the Point of Beginning.

AND

Parcel B:

That part of Blocks 2 and 14, and that part of a vacated portion of Orange Street, in Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Town Plot of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a 5/8" iron rod and cap (P.L.S. 3351) at the Northeast corner of Lot 12 of Map of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; run thence South 87°04'27" West, along the North line of said Lot 12, also being the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, a distance of 651.38 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 12; thence continue South 87°04'27" West, along the North line of Lot 11, said Map of Eustis Meadows, also being the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, a distance of 175.55 feet to an intersection with the East line of the West 150.00 feet of the East 1/2 of said Lot 11; thence South 00°26'01" East, along the East line of the West 150.00 feet of the East 1/2 of said Lot 11, a distance of 1,243.77 feet to an intersection with a line 35.00 feet North of when measured at right angles to and parallel with the North right of way line of North Street; thence North 87°33'44" East, along said line 35.00 feet North of when measured at right angles to and parallel with the North right of way line of North Street, a distance of 177.69 feet to an intersection with the West line of said Lot 12; thence North 00°32'04" West, along said West line of Lot 2, a distance of 1,245.19 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Point of Beginning; thence North 00°26'01" West, along the Southerly prolongation of the East line of the West 150.00 feet of the East 1/2 of said Lot 11, a distance of 431.53 feet to the Point of Beginning.

AND

Parcel C:

That part of Lot 11, in Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a 5/8" iron rod and cap (P.L.S. 3351) at the Northeast corner of Lot 12 of Map of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; run thence South 87°04'27" West, along the North line of said Lot 12, also being the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, a distance of 651.38 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 12, and the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 87°04'27" West, along the North line of Lot 11, said Map of Eustis Meadows, also being the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, a distance of 175.55 feet to an intersection with the East line of the West 150.00 feet of the East 1/2 of said Lot 11; thence South 00°26'01" East, along the East line of the West 150.00 feet of the East 1/2 of said Lot 11, a distance of 1,243.77 feet to an intersection with a line 35.00 feet North of when measured at right angles to and parallel with the North right of way line of North Street; thence North 87°33'44" East, along said line 35.00 feet North of when measured at right angles to and parallel with the North right of way line of North Street, a distance of 177.69 feet to an intersection with the West line of said Lot 12; thence North 00°32'04" West, along said West line of Lot 2, a distance of 1,245.19 feet to the Point of Beginning.

TOGETHER WITH:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A STRIP OF LAND, BEING A PORTION OF PINE MEADOWS GOLF COURSE ROAD AS DESCRIBED IN THAT CERTAIN INDENTURE, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 666, PAGE 1637 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING IN LOTS 21 THROUGH 24, EUSTIS MEADOWS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 2, OF SAID PUBLIC RECORDS BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FAIRWAY DRIVE, PINE MEADOWS FAIRWAY ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 17, PAGE 56 AND BOUNDED ON THE EAST BY THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 24.

TOGETHER WITH:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A STRIP OF LAND, BEING NORTH STREET AND CEDAR STREET, LYING EAST OF THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 150 FEET OF THE EAST HALF OF LOT 11, EUSTIS MEADOWS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 2, OF SAID PUBLIC RECORDS BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FAIRWAY DRIVE, PINE MEADOWS FAIRWAY ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 17, PAGE 56 AND BOUNDED ON THE EAST BY THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 24.

SURVEYOR'S NOTES:

- (1) THIS MAP OF BOUNDARY SURVEY / ALTA/NSPS LAND TITLE SURVEY IS NOT VALID IF PRINTED OR WITHOUT THE ORIGINAL SIGNATURE AND RAISED SEAL OF THE PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR AND MAPPER SHOWN HEREON.
- (2) BEARINGS SHOWN HEREON ARE ASSUMED RELATIVE TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4, SECTION 36-18-26, BEING SOUTH 89°19'27" WEST.
- (3) THE "LEGAL DESCRIPTION" HEREON IS IN ACCORD WITH THE DESCRIPTION FURNISHED BY THE CLIENT.
- (4) UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED OR SHOWN HEREON, APPARENT AND/OR UNOBTAINED, ABOVE GROUND PERIMETER IMPROVEMENTS WERE LOCATED. UNDERGROUND IMPROVEMENTS, SUCH AS FOUNDATIONS AND UTILITIES, WERE NOT LOCATED.
- (5) THE DELINEATION OF LANDS SHOWN HEREON IS AS PER THE CLIENT'S INSTRUCTIONS.
- (6) THE CLASSIFICATION USE OF THE LAND, PURSUANT TO THE STANDARDS OF PRACTICE SET FORTH IN RULE CHAPTER 5A-17 FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, FLORIDA STATUTES 472.027, IS SUBURBAN. THE MINIMUM RELATIVE DISTANCE ACCURACY OF THIS MAP OF BOUNDARY SURVEY ACHIEVES OR EXCEEDS ONE FOOT IN 7,500 FEET.
- (7) UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED OR SHOWN HEREON, THERE ARE NO APPARENT AND/OR UNOBTAINED, ABOVE GROUND ENCROACHMENTS. THE DISPOSITION OF ANY POTENTIAL ENCROACHING IMPROVEMENTS SHOWN IS BEYOND PROFESSIONAL PURVIEW AND SUBJECT TO LEGAL INTERPRETATION.
- (8) WE HAVE EXAMINED THE FURNISHED AMERICAN LAND TITLE ASSOCIATION COMMITMENT, ORDER NO. 7059639, PREPARED BY FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, REVISION DATE: 10/18/2018. INSTRUMENTS INCLUDED IN "SCHEDULE B, SECTION 2", OF THE COMMITMENT HAVE BEEN EXAMINED AND ARE REFLECTED HEREON TO THE EXTENT THEY AFFECT THE LAND SURVEYED.
- (9) NORTH-SOUTH AND EAST-WEST TIES TO RECOVERED MONUMENTATION NEAR VARIOUS LAND BOUNDARY CORNERS SHOWN HEREON ARE BY COORDINATE DIFFERENCE.
- (10) THE SURVEYED LANDS MAY BE SUBJECT TO JURISDICTIONAL ENTITIES.
- (11) ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE FACT THAT THIS MAP MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED IN SIZE BY REPRODUCTION. THIS MUST BE CONSIDERED WHEN OBTAINING SCALED DATA.
- (12) SYMBOLS DEPICTED HEREON DO NOT REFLECT ACTUAL SIZE.

ALTA/NSPS CERTIFICATION: (2016)

TO: HANOVER CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC, FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THIS MAP OR PLAT AND THE SURVEY ON WHICH IT IS BASED WERE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2016 MINIMUM STANDARD DETAIL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALTA/NSPS LAND TITLE SURVEYS, JOINTLY ESTABLISHED AND ADOPTED BY ALTA AND NSPS, AND INCLUDES ITEMS ON

PURSUANT TO THE ACCURACY STANDARDS AS ADOPTED BY ALTA AND NSPS AND IN EFFECT ON THE DATE OF THIS CERTIFICATION, UNDERSIGNED FURTHER CERTIFIES THAT IN MY PROFESSIONAL OPINION, AS A LAND SURVEYOR REGISTERED IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA, THE RELATIVE POSITIONAL ACCURACY OF THIS SURVEY DOES NOT EXCEED THAT WHICH IS SPECIFIED THEREIN. THE POSITIONAL UNCERTAINTIES RESULTING FROM THE SURVEY MEASUREMENTS MADE ON THE SURVEY DO NOT EXCEED THE ALLOWABLE POSITIONAL TOLERANCE.

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FLORIDA REGISTRATION NO. 4044
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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION L.B. #7808
DATE OF FIELD SURVEY: 08-17-2021
DATE OF SIGNATURE: 06-27-2022

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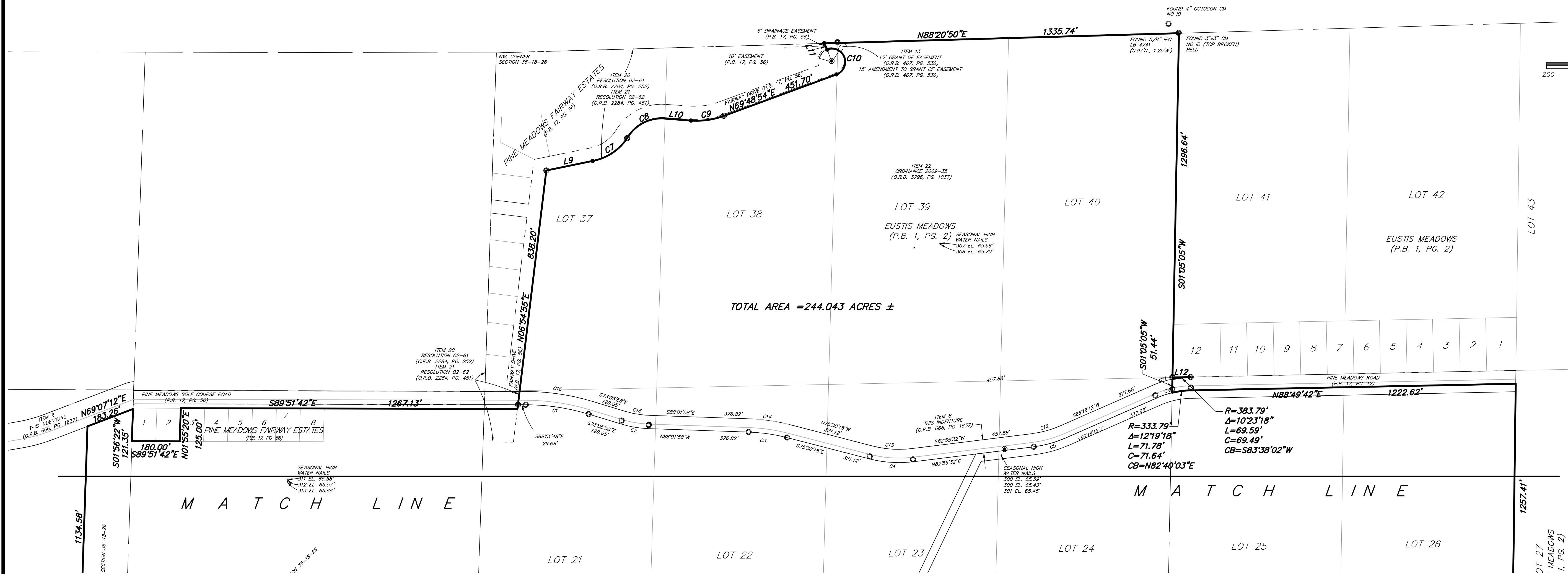
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SCALE 1"=200'



TOTAL AREA = 244.043 ACRES ±

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LINE	BEARING	LENGTH	BEARING	LENGTH
L1	N89°43'00"E	111.02(10)	N88°52'40"E	111.02(10)
L2	N89°48'38"E	9.88(10)	N87°53'44"E	10.01(10)
L3	S01°42'58"W	15.01(10)	S00°32'04"W	15.01(10)
L4	N89°48'38"E	15.01(10)	N87°53'44"E	15.01(10)
L5	N01°42'00"E	35.00(10)	N01°42'00"E	35.00(10)
L6	N89°48'38"E	177.74(10)	N87°53'44"E	177.69(10)
L7	N89°48'38"E	159.62(10)	N87°53'44"E	159.90(10)
L8	N89°43'00"W	153.49(10)	S88°10'40"W	153.49(10)
L9	S78°19'40"W	178.01(10)	S78°19'40"W	178.01(10)
L10	S85°43'43"E	86.50(10)	S85°43'43"E	86.50(10)
L11	N25°52'20"W	25.64(10)	N25°52'20"W	25.64(10)
L12	N89°49'42"E	68.86(10)	N89°49'42"E	68.86(10)

CURVE	RADIUS	DELTA	ARC LENGTH	CHORD LENGTH	CHORD BEARING
C1	821.47'	18°45'50"	240.35'	236.49'	N81°28'53"W
C2	398.87'	14°58'00"	103.89'	103.89'	S80°13'58"E
C3	670.55'	12°11'40"	146.82'	146.32'	N81°46'08"W
C4	458.24'	21°54'10"	194.23'	183.28'	S89°17'23"E
C5	428.26'	18°12'20"	123.66'	123.23'	N74°56'52"E
C6	303.29'	22°31'30"	131.62'	130.38'	S77°20'52"W
C7	200.00'	43°12'30"	102.17'	101.15'	N68°52'46"E
C8	150.00'	60°27'30"	158.28'	151.04'	S64°53'36"W
C9	800.00'	4°42'30"	125.91'	124.99'	N81°50'19"E
C10	50.00'	180°58'29"	157.17'	100.00'	N20°14'21"W
C11	383.29'	22°31'30"	131.62'	130.88'	S77°21'52"W
C12	376.26'	18°12'20"	109.16'	108.78'	N74°56'52"E
C13	386.24'	21°54'10"	145.40'	144.55'	S86°17'23"E
C14	720.55'	12°11'40"	167.55'	167.24'	N81°46'08"W
C15	448.87'	14°58'00"	99.91'	99.70'	S80°13'58"E
C16	871.47'	18°45'50"	284.88'	284.07'	N81°28'53"W

SCHEDULE B-II EXCETIONS

- All matters as shown on the Map of Eustis Meadows and as shown on the Town Plat of Eustis Meadows, including but not limited to, the canal and all road right of ways that have not been vacated, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, public Records of Lake County, Florida.
AFFECTS THE SUBJECT PROPERTY AND IS SHOWN.
- Easement shown on that certain Quit Claim Deed recorded in Official Records Book 750, Page 1135.
DOES NOT AFFECT THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.
- Easement given to Florida Power Corporation recorded 06/04/1986 in Official Records Book 878, Page 1571.
DOES NOT AFFECT THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, BUT IS SHOWN.
- Ordinance No. 94-03 recorded in Official Records Book 1282, Page 930.
AFFECTS THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, BUT IS BLANKET IN NATURE AND CAN'T BE GRAPHICALLY DEPICTED HEREON. LOT 12 ONLY.
- Ordinance No. 95-11 recorded in Official Records Book 1368, Page 1368.
AFFECTS THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, BUT IS BLANKET IN NATURE AND CAN'T BE GRAPHICALLY DEPICTED HEREON.
- Rights of others in the use of the vacated streets as shown in Ordinance No. 99-11 vacating certain streets recorded in Official Records Book 2045, Page 1000.
AFFECTS THE SUBJECT PROPERTY AND IS SHOWN.
- Easement given to Sumter Electric Cooperative, Inc. recorded 08/01/1966 in Official Records Book 317, Page 533.
MAY AFFECT THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, BUT LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS ILLEGIBLE.
- Easement given to Sumter Electric Cooperative, Inc. recorded 06/29/1970 in Official Records Book 407, Page 842.
AFFECTS THE SUBJECT PROPERTY AND IS SHOWN.
- Easement given to Sumter Electric Cooperative, Inc. recorded 06/29/1970 in Official Records Book 407, Page 848.
AFFECTS THE SUBJECT PROPERTY AND IS SHOWN.
- Easement given to Lena M. Rhodes recorded in Official Records Book 467, Page 536, then amended and recorded in Official Records Book 474, Page 535.
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AFFECTS THE SUBJECT PROPERTY AND IS SHOWN.
- Resolution No. 02-61 recorded in Official Records Book 2284, Page 252.
AFFECTS THE SUBJECT PROPERTY AND IS SHOWN. BLANKET OVER SECTION 35 LYING NORTH OF COUNTY ROAD 44.
- Resolution No. 06-62 recorded in Official Records Book 2284, Page 451.
DOES NOT AFFECT THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, BUT IS SHOWN.
- Ordinance No. 2009-35 recorded in Official Records Book 3796, Page 1037.
AFFECTS THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, BUT IS BLANKET IN NATURE AND CAN'T BE GRAPHICALLY DEPICTED HEREON.

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION: (PROVIDED IN TITLE COMMITMENT)

That part of the East 169.5 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, lying South of the Southerly line of the right of way known as Pine Meadows Golf Course Road.

AND

The Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, LESS right of way for Pine Meadows Golf Course Road. Also LESS and EXCEPT Lots 1 and 2, Pine Meadows Fairway Estates, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 17, Page 56, Public Records of Lake County, Florida.

AND

Tracts 21 to 26, inclusive, and Tracts 37 to 40, inclusive, Eustis Meadows, according to the Map or Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, Public Records of Lake County, Florida, LESS and EXCEPT therefrom the right of way for Pine Meadows Golf Course Road, as shown on Plat Book 17, Page 56 and the right of way for Fairway Drive, as shown on Plat Book 17, Page 56, and the right of way for Pine-Meadows Road, as shown on Plat Book 17, Page 12. Also, LESS and EXCEPT Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28, Pine Meadows Fairway Estates, according to the Map or Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 17, Page 56, Public Records of Lake County, Florida.

AND

Parcel A:

That part of Lot 12, in Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Map of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; and that part of Blocks 3 and 15, in Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Town Plat of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Begin at a 5/8" Iron rod and cap (PLS 3351) at the Northeast corner of Lot 12 of said Map of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; run thence South 87°04'27" West, along the North line of said Lot 12, also being the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, a distance of 651.38 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 12; thence South 00°32'04" East, along the West line of said Lot 12, a distance of 1,280.21 feet to a 4" octagonal monument at the Southwest corner of said Lot 12; thence North 87°33'44" East, along the South line of said Lot 12, a distance of 15.01 feet; thence South 00°32'04" East, a distance of 15.01 feet to the Northwest corner of Block 3 of said Town Plat of Eustis Meadows; thence North 87°33'44" East, along the South right of way line of North Street, a distance of 10.01 feet; thence South 00°32'04" East, along a line 10 feet East of when measured at right angles to and parallel with the East right of way line of Cedar Street, a distance of 433.22 feet to an intersection with a line that is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with, when measured of right angles thereto, the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A; thence North 88°02'40" East, along said line which is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A, a distance of 111.02 feet, to an intersection with the Westerly top of the bank of a canal known as Hicks Ditch; thence North 24°12'31" East, along said top of bank, 108.49 feet; thence North 21°03'29" East, along said top of bank, 200.06 feet; thence North 19°20'32" East, along said top of bank, 200.30 feet; thence North

20°32'44" East, along said top of bank, 394.93 feet; thence North 19°41'20" East, along said top of bank, 541.12 feet to an intersection with the East line of said Lot 12; thence North 00°44'07" West, along the East line of said Lot 12, 402.85 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Together with a 50 feet wide ingress and egress easement along the Easterly line bounded and described as follows: Commence at a 5/8" iron rod and cap (PLS 3351) at the Northeast corner of Lot 12 of Map of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; run thence South 00°44'07" East, along the East line of said Lot 12, a distance of 402.85 feet to the Point of Beginning; run thence North 00°44'07" West, along the East line of said Lot 12, a distance of 125.70 feet; thence South 22°42'12" West, 116.65 feet; thence South 19°41'20" West, 542.07 feet; thence South 20°32'44" West, 395.08 feet; thence South 19°20'32" West, 200.08 feet; thence South 21°03'29" West, 197.94 feet; thence South 24°12'31" West, 131.68 feet to an intersection with a line that is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with when measured at right angles thereto the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A; thence North 88°02'40" East, along said line which is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A, a distance of 55.71 feet, to an intersection with the Westerly top of the bank of a canal known as Hicks Ditch; thence North 24°12'31" East, along said top of bank, 108.49 feet; thence North 21°03'29" East, along said top of bank, 200.06 feet; thence North 19°20'32" East, along said top of bank, 200.30 feet; thence North 20°32'44" East, along said top of bank, 394.93 feet; thence North 19°41'20" East, along said top of bank, 541.12 feet to the Point of Beginning.

AND

Parcel B:

That part of Blocks 2 and 14, and that part of a vacated portion of Orange Street, in Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Town Plat of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a 5/8" iron rod and cap (PLS 3351) at the Northeast corner of Lot 12 of Map Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; run thence South 87°04'27" West, along the North line of said Lot 12, also being the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, a distance of 651.38 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 12; thence continue South 87°04'27" West, along the North line of Lot 11, said Map of Eustis Meadows, also being the North line of the said Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, a distance of 175.55 feet to an intersection with the East line of the West 150.00 feet of the East 1/2 of said Lot 11; thence South 00°26'01" East, along the East line of the West 150.00 feet of the East 1/2 of said Lot 11 and its prolongation thereof, a distance of 1,293.80 feet to an intersection with the South right of way line of North Street and the Point of Beginning; thence North 87°33'44" East, along the South right of way line of North Street, a distance of 152.76 feet to a line 10 feet West of when measured at right angles to and parallel with the West right of way line of Cedar Street; thence South 00°32'04" East, along said line 10 feet West of when measured at right angles to and parallel with the West right of way line of Cedar Street, a distance of 432.80 feet to an intersection with a line that is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with when measured at right angles to the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A; thence South 88°02'40" West, along said line which is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A, a distance of 153.49 feet, to an intersection with a line which bears South 00°26'01" East from the Point of Beginning; thence

North 00°26'01" West, along the Southerly prolongation of the East line of the West 150.00 feet of the East 1/2 of said Lot 11, a distance of 431.53 feet to the Point of Beginning.

AND

Parcel C:

That part of Lot 11, in Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Map of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

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TOGETHER WITH:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A STRIP OF LAND, BEING A PORTION OF PINE MEADOWS GOLF COURSE ROAD AS DESCRIBED IN THAT CERTAIN INDENTURE, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 666, PAGE 1637 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING IN LOTS 21 THROUGH 24, EUSTIS MEADOWS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 2, OF SAID PUBLIC RECORDS. BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FAIRWAY DRIVE, PINE MEADOWS FAIRWAY ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 17, PAGE 56 AND BOUNDED ON THE EAST BY THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 24.

TOGETHER WITH:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A STRIP OF LAND, BEING NORTH STREET AND CEDAR STREET, LYING EAST OF THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 150 FEET OF THE EAST HALF OF LOT 11, EUSTIS MEADOWS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 2, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND LYING NORTH OF THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF EAST COUNTY ROAD 44.

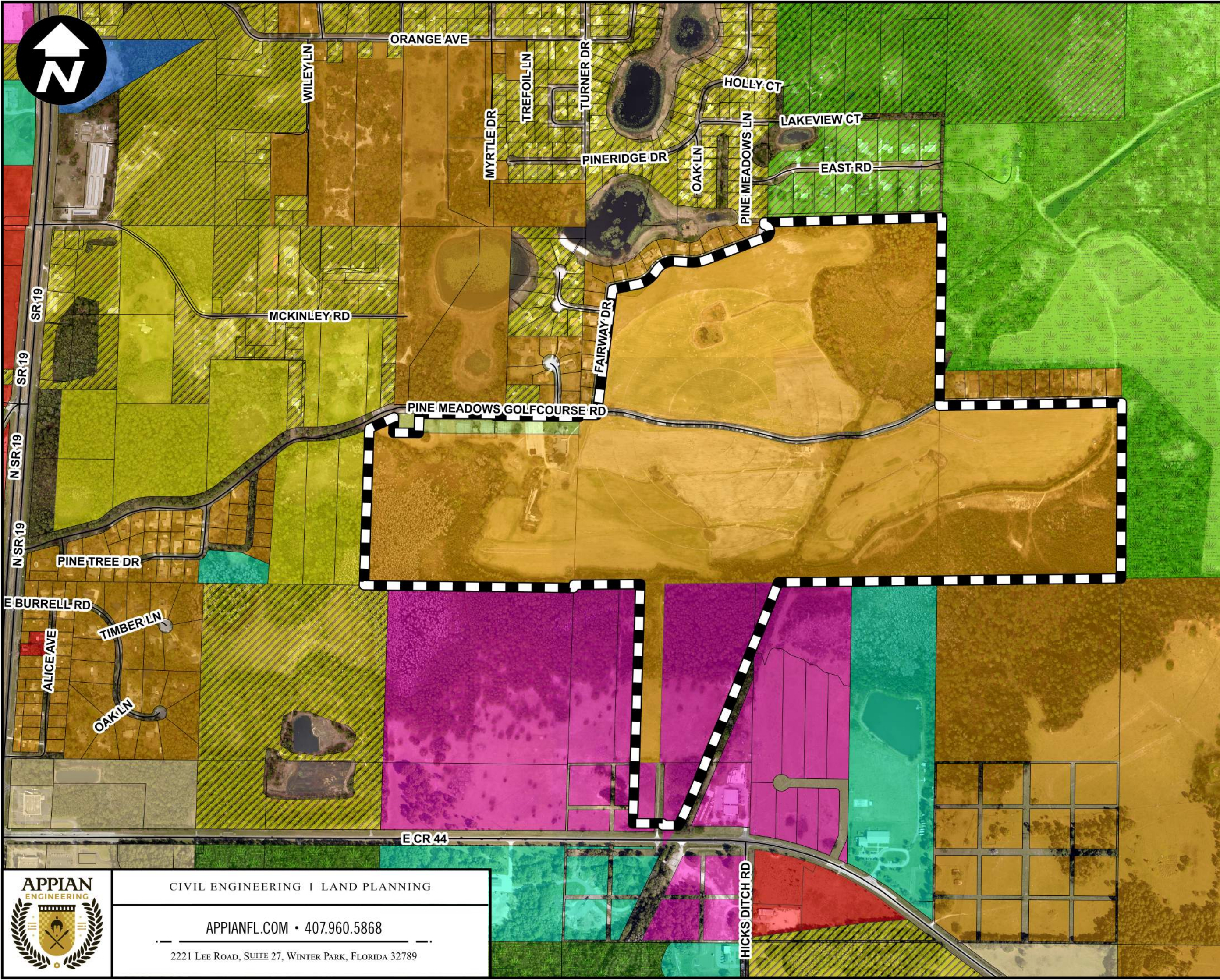
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EXHIBIT 3 - FUTURE LAND USE MAP



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- Conservation
 - Urban_Low
 - Rural Transition
- City Of Eustis FLU**
- MCI
 - GI
 - RR
 - PL
 - Conservation
 - MH-RV
 - UR
 - GC
 - MCR
 - Suburban Residential
 - AG

CDD Boundary



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Proposed FLU Map

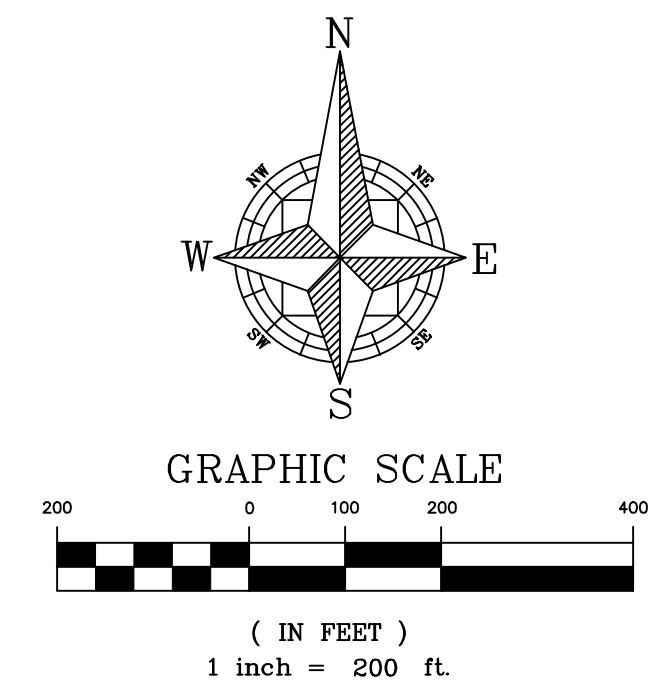
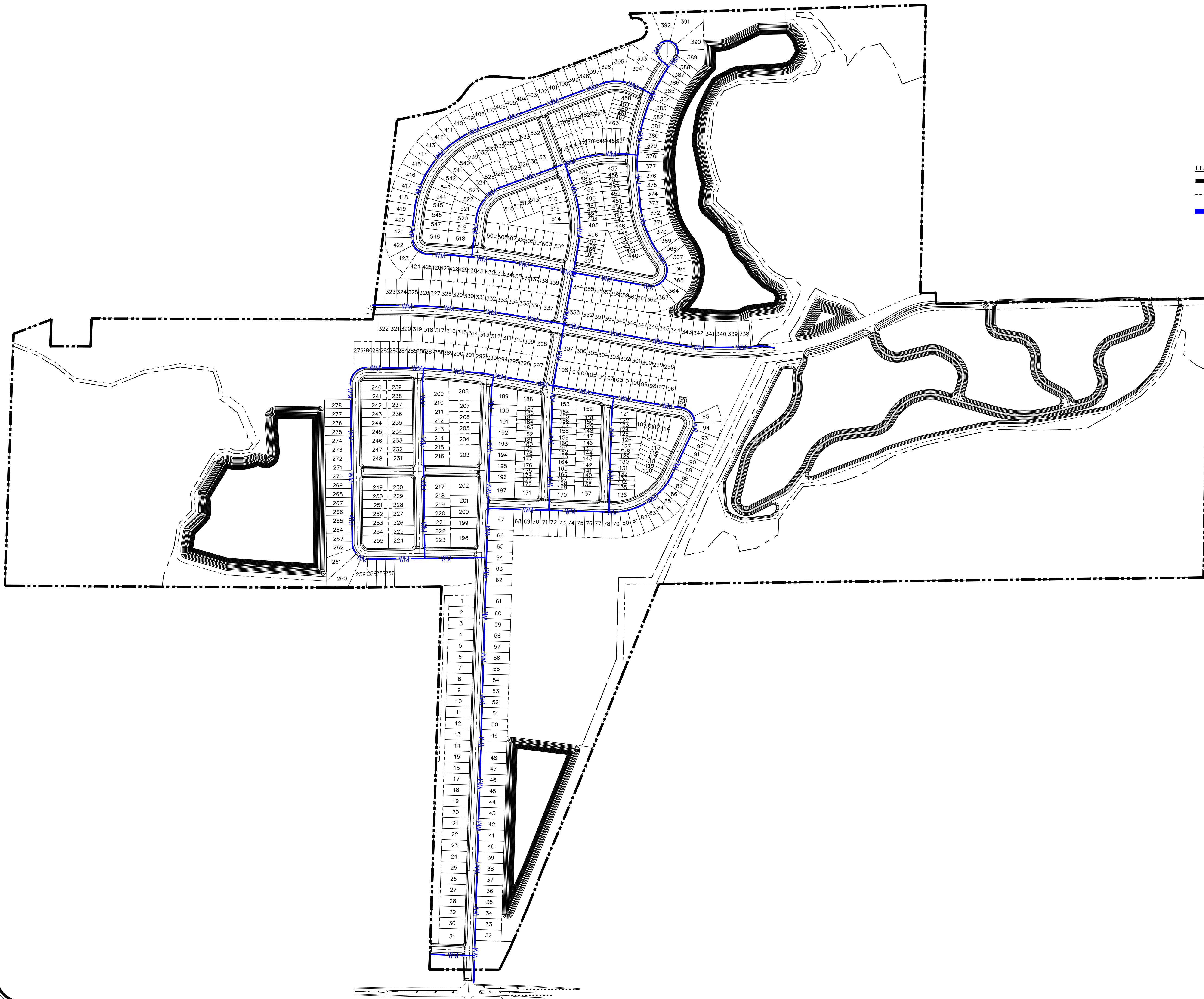
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EXHIBIT 4 - POTABLE WATER, RECLAIMED WATER, AND SANITARY SEWER MAPS

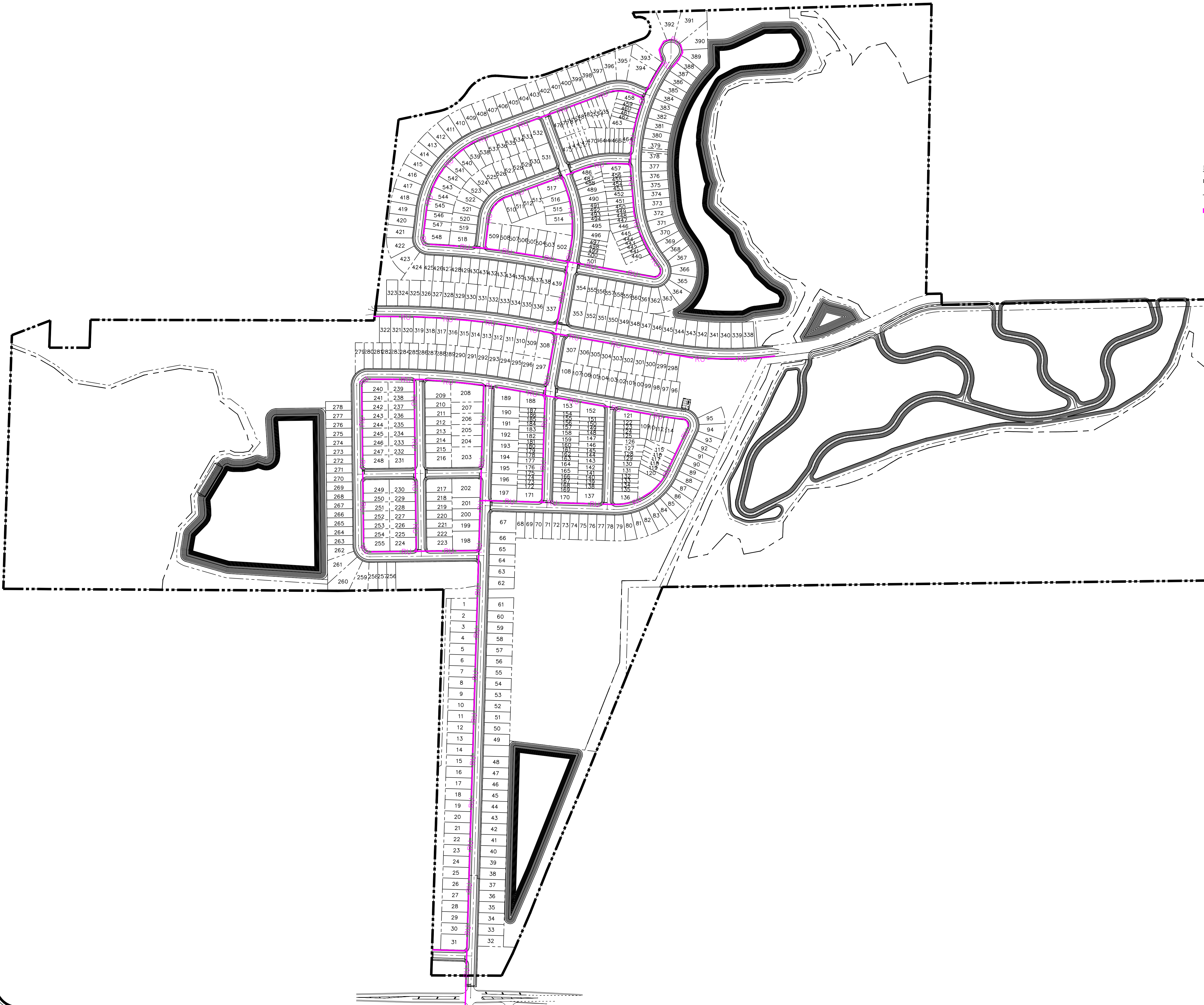
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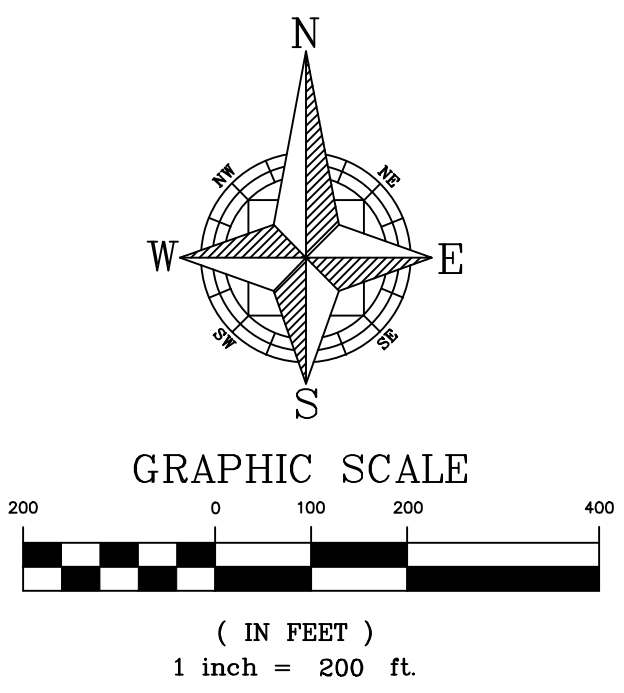
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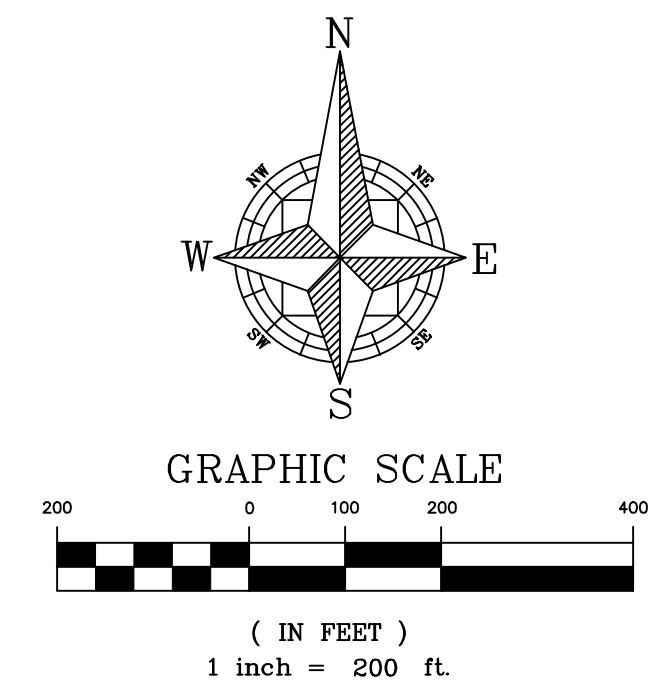
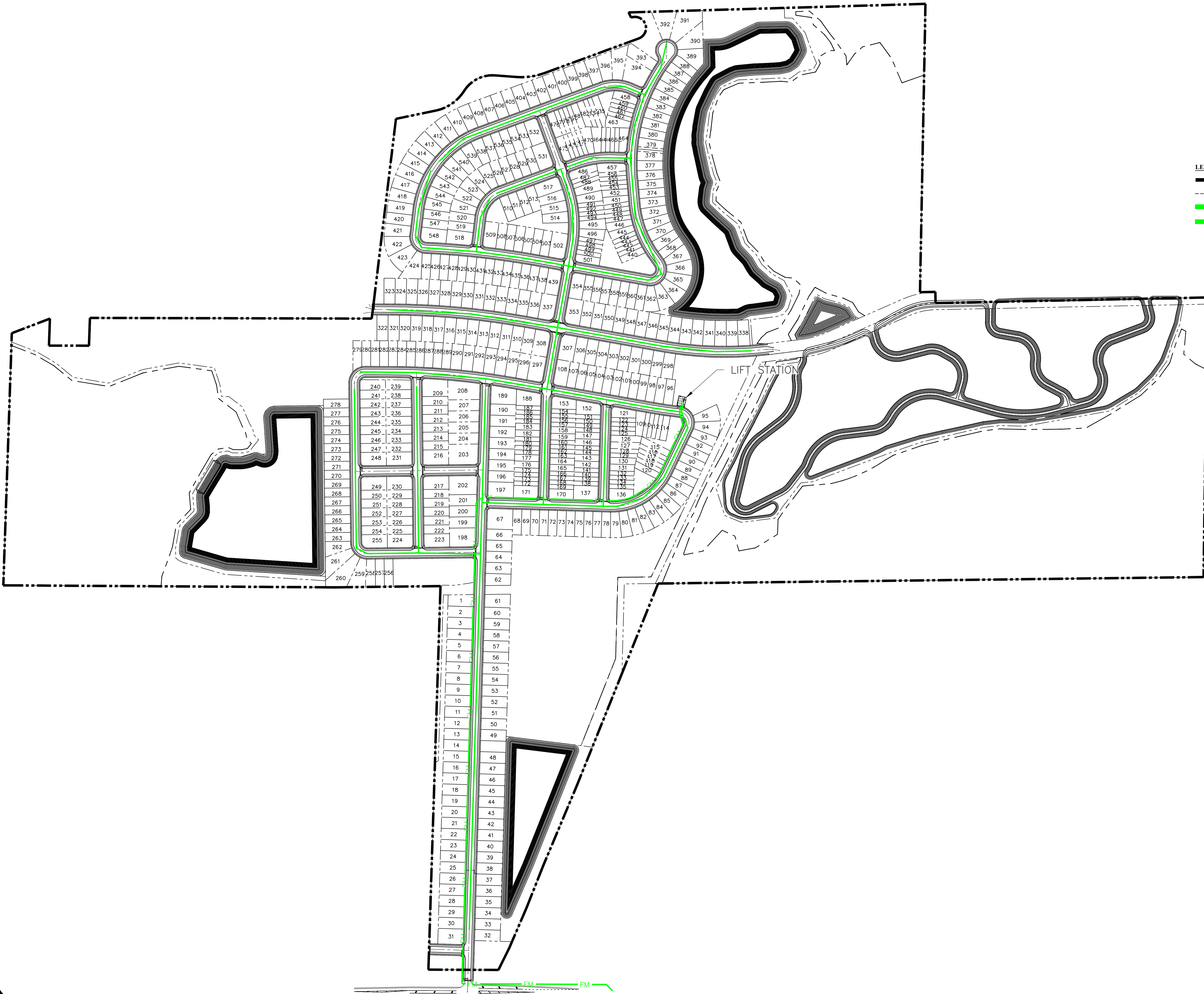


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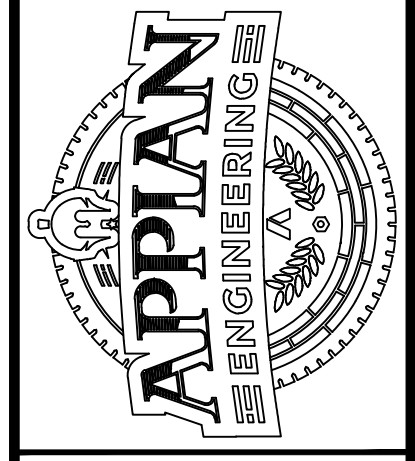
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EXHIBIT 5 – OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE TABLE

Facilities/Systems	Proposed Ownership and Maintenance Entity
1. Master Utilities System (Onsite & Offsite)	City
2. Master Stormwater Management System	CDD
3. Electrical Service System & Street Lights	SECO
4. Conservation / Mitigation Areas	CDD
5. On-Site Public Roadway Improvements	City
6. Off-Site Public Roadway Improvements	County
7. Landscape, Hardscape, Recreation & Irrigation	CDD/HOA

EXHIBIT 6 – ESTIMATED COSTS OF CDD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Hicks Ditch CDD

Opinion of Probable Construction Costs (2022)

Proposed District Facilities and Services	Total	Phase 1a	Phase 1b	Phase 2
1. Master Utilities System (Onsite & Offsite)				
a. Sanitary Sewer System	\$ 2,324,050	\$ 1,297,072	\$ 461,800	\$ 565,178
b. Water Distribution System	\$ 1,691,961	\$ 676,624	\$ 456,566	\$ 558,771
c. Reuse Water System	\$ 1,312,071	\$ 524,704	\$ 354,055	\$ 433,312
2. Master Stormwater Management System				
a. Pond and Roadway Earthwork	\$ 5,278,700	\$ 2,560,373	\$ 1,036,794	\$ 1,681,534
b. On and Offsite Storm Conveyance System	\$ 2,583,320	\$ 1,183,107	\$ 629,633	\$ 770,581
3. Electrical Service Systems & Street Lights	\$ 376,600	\$ 146,300	\$ 96,600	\$ 133,700
4. Conservation/ Mitigation Areas	\$ 437,500	\$ 437,500		
5. On-Site Roadway Improvements	\$ 2,382,115	\$ 1,038,204	\$ 606,925	\$ 736,985
6. Off-Site Roadway Improvements	\$ 468,500	\$ 468,500		
7. Landscaping, Hardscaping, Recreation & Irrigation	\$ 1,399,342	\$ 700,000	\$ 383,750	\$ 315,592
8. Professional Consulting Fees	\$ 1,975,970	\$ 1,530,250	\$ 243,800	\$ 201,920
9. Contingency (15%)	\$ 3,034,519.37			
Total	\$ 23,264,649			
Construction Start		1/1/2023	1/1/2024	1/1/2026
Construction Completion		10/1/2024	1/1/2025	1/1/2027
Proposed # of Lots	538	209	138	191

SECTION B

**MASTER
ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY
FOR
HICKS DITCH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Date: November 22, 2022

Prepared by

**Governmental Management Services - Central Florida, LLC
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1.0 Introduction

The Hicks Ditch Community Development District is a local unit of special-purpose government organized and existing under Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended (the "District"). The District plans to issue up to \$33,150,000 of tax exempt bonds in one or more series (the "Bonds") for the purpose of financing certain infrastructure improvements within the District, more specifically described in the Master Engineer's Report for Capital Improvements at Pine Meadows Reserve dated November 22, 2022 prepared by Appian Engineering, LLC as may be amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Engineer's Report"). The District anticipates the construction of public infrastructure improvements consisting of improvements that benefit property owners within the District.

1.1 Purpose

This Master Assessment Methodology Report (the "Assessment Report") provides for an assessment methodology for allocating the debt to be incurred by the District to benefiting properties within the District. This Assessment Report allocates the debt to properties based on the special benefits each receives from the District's capital improvement plan ("CIP"), more specifically described in the Engineer's Report. This Assessment Report will be supplemented with one or more supplemental methodology reports to reflect the actual terms and conditions at the time of the issuance of each series of Bonds. This Assessment Report is designed to conform to the requirements of Chapters 190, 197, and 170, Florida Statutes with respect to special assessments and is consistent with our understanding of case law on this subject.

The District intends to impose non ad valorem special assessments on the benefited lands within the District based on this Assessment Report. It is anticipated that all of the proposed special assessments will be collected through the Uniform Method of Collection described in Chapter 197.3632, Florida Statutes or any other legal means of collection available to the District. It is not the intent of this Assessment Report to address any other assessments, if applicable, that may be levied by the District, a homeowner's association, or any other unit of government.

1.2 Background

The District currently includes approximately 244.043 acres within the City of Eustis, Lake County, Florida. The development program currently envisions approximately 538 residential units (herein the "Development"). The proposed Development program is depicted in Table 1. It is recognized that such land use plan may change, and this Assessment Report will be modified accordingly.

The public improvements contemplated by the District in the CIP will provide facilities that benefit certain property within the District. The CIP is delineated in the Engineer's Report. Specifically, the District will construct and/or acquire certain master utilities systems, master stormwater management systems, electrical service systems, conservation/ mitigation areas, on-site roadway improvements, off-site roadway improvements, landscaping, hardscaping, & irrigation, professional fees, and contingency. The estimated acquisition and construction costs are summarized in Table 2.

The assessment methodology is a four-step process.

1. The District Engineer must first determine the public infrastructure improvements that may be provided by the District and the costs to implement the CIP.
2. The District Engineer determines the assessable acres that benefit from the District's CIP.
3. A calculation is made to determine the funding amounts necessary to acquire and/or construct CIP.
4. This amount is initially divided equally among the benefited properties on a prorated gross acreage basis. Ultimately, as land is platted, site planned, or subjected to a declaration of condominiums, this amount will be assigned to each of the benefited properties based on an ERU basis.

1.3 Special Benefits and General Benefits

Improvements undertaken by the District create special and peculiar benefits to the assessable property, different in kind and degree than general benefits, for properties outside its borders as well as general benefits to the public at large.

However, as discussed within this Assessment Report, these general benefits are incidental in nature and are readily distinguishable from the special and peculiar benefits, which accrue to the assessable property within the District. The implementation of the CIP enables properties within its boundaries to be developed. Without the District's CIP, there would be no infrastructure to support development of land within the District. Without these improvements, the proposed development of the property within the District would be prohibited by law.

There is no doubt that the general public and property owners outside the District will benefit from the provision of the District's CIP. However, these benefits will be incidental to the District's CIP, which is designed solely to meet the needs of property within the District. Properties outside the District boundaries do not depend upon the District's CIP. The property owners within the District are therefore receiving special benefits not received by those outside the District's boundaries.

1.4 Requirements of a Valid Assessment Methodology

There are two requirements under Florida law for a valid special assessment:

- 1) The properties must receive a special benefit from the improvements being paid for.
- 2) The assessments must be fairly and reasonably allocated to the properties being assessed.

Florida law provides for a wide application of special assessments that meet these two requirements for valid special assessments.

1.5 Special Benefits Exceed the Costs Allocated

The special benefits provided to the property owners within the District are greater than the costs associated with providing these benefits. The District Engineer estimates that the District's CIP that is necessary to support full development of property will cost approximately \$23,264,648. The District's Underwriter projects that financing costs required to fund the infrastructure improvements, including project costs, the cost of issuance of the Bonds, the funding of debt service reserves and capitalized interest, will be approximately \$33,150,000. Additionally, funding required to complete the CIP which is not financed with Bonds will be funded by TLC Pine Meadows, LLC or a related entity (the "Developer"). Without the CIP, the property would not be able to be developed per the Development Program and occupied by future residents of the community.

2.0 Assessment Methodology

2.1 Overview

The District is planning to issue up to \$33,150,000 in Bonds, in one or more series to fund the District's CIP, provide for capitalized interest, a debt service reserve account and cost of issuance. It is the purpose of this Assessment Report to allocate the \$33,150,000 in debt to the properties benefiting from the CIP.

Table 1 identifies the proposed land uses as identified by the Developer and current landowners of the land within the District. The District has relied on the Engineer's Report to develop the costs of the CIP needed to support the Development, these construction costs are outlined in Table 2. The improvements needed to support the Development are described in detail in the Engineer's Report and are estimated to cost \$23,264,648. Based on the estimated costs, the size of the Bond issue under current market conditions needed to generate funds to pay for the CIP and related costs was determined by the District's Underwriter to total approximately \$33,150,000. Table 3 shows the breakdown of the bond sizing.

2.2 Allocation of Debt

Allocation of debt is a continuous process until the Development plan is completed. The CIP funded by District Bonds benefits all developable acres within the District.

The initial assessments will be levied on an equal basis to all acres within the District. A fair and reasonable methodology allocates the debt incurred by the District proportionately to the properties receiving the special benefits. At this point all of the lands within the District are benefiting from the improvements.

Once platting, site planning, or the recording of declaration of condominium, (“Assigned Properties”) has begun, the assessments will be allocated to the Assigned Properties based on the benefits they receive. The Unassigned Properties, defined as property that has not been platted, assigned development rights or subjected to a declaration of condominium, will continue to be assessed on a per acre basis (“Unassigned Properties”). Eventually the Development plan will be completed and the debt relating to the Bonds will be allocated to the planned 538 residential units within the District, which are the beneficiaries of the CIP, as depicted in Table 5 and Table 6. If there are changes to the Development plan, a true up of the assessment will be calculated to determine if a debt reduction or true-up payment from the Developer is required. The process is outlined in Section 3.0

The assignment of debt in this Assessment Report sets forth the process by which debt is apportioned. As mentioned herein, this Assessment Report will be supplemented from time to time.

2.3 Allocation of Benefit

The CIP consists of master utilities systems, master stormwater management systems, electrical service systems, conservation/ mitigation areas, on-site roadway improvements, off-site roadway improvements, landscaping, hardscaping, & irrigation, professional fees, and contingency. There are *three* residential product types within the planned Development. The Single Family 50’ home has been set as the base unit and has been assigned one equivalent residential unit (“ERU”). Table 4 shows the allocation of benefit to the particular land uses by way of allocation of CIP cost. It is important to note that the benefit derived from the improvements on the particular units exceeds the cost that the units will be paying for such benefits.

2.4 Lienability Test: Special and Peculiar Benefit to the Property

Construction and/or acquisition by the District of its proposed CIP will provide several types of systems, facilities and services for its residents. These include master utilities systems, master stormwater management systems, electrical service systems, conservation/ mitigation areas, on-site roadway improvements, off-site roadway improvements, landscaping, hardscaping, & irrigation, professional fees, and contingency. These improvements accrue in differing amounts and are somewhat dependent on the type of land use receiving the special benefits peculiar to those properties, which flow from the logical relationship of the improvements to the properties.

Once these determinations are made, they are reviewed in the light of the special benefits peculiar to the property, which flow to the properties as a result of their logical connection from the improvements in fact actually provided.

For the provision of CIP, the special and peculiar benefits are:

- 1) the added use of the property,
- 2) added enjoyment of the property, and
- 3) the probability of increased marketability and value of the property.

These special and peculiar benefits are real and ascertainable, but are not yet capable of being calculated as to value with mathematical certainty. However, each is more valuable than either the cost of, or the actual non-ad valorem special assessment levied for the improvement or the debt as allocated.

2.5 Lienability Test: Reasonable and Fair Apportionment of the Duty to Pay Non-Ad Valorem Assessments

A reasonable estimate of the proportion of special and peculiar benefits received from the public improvements described in the Engineer's Report is delineated in Table 5 (expressed as Allocation of Par Debt per Product Type).

The determination has been made that the duty to pay the non-ad valorem special assessments is fairly and reasonably apportioned because the special and peculiar benefits to the property derived from the acquisition and/or construction of the District's CIP have been apportioned to the property according to reasonable estimates of the special and peculiar benefits provided consistent with the land use categories.

Accordingly, no acre or parcel of property within the boundaries of the District will have a lien for the payment of any non-ad valorem special assessment more than the determined special benefit peculiar to that property and therefore, the debt allocation will not be increased more than the debt allocation set forth in this Assessment Report.

In accordance with the benefit allocation suggested for the product types in Table 4, a total debt per unit and an annual assessment per unit have been calculated for each product type (Table 6). These amounts represent the preliminary anticipated per unit debt allocation assuming all anticipated units are built and sold as planned, and the entire proposed CIP is developed or acquired and financed by the District.

3.0 True Up Mechanism

Although the District does not process plats, declaration of condominiums, site plans or revisions thereto for the Developer, it does have an important role to play during the course of platting and site planning. Whenever a plat, declaration of condominium or site plan is processed, the District must allocate a portion of its debt to the property according to this Assessment Report outlined herein. In addition, the District must also prevent any buildup of debt on Unassigned Property. Otherwise, the land could be fully conveyed and/or platted without all of the debt being allocated. To preclude this, at the time Unassigned Properties become Assigned Properties, the District will determine the amount of anticipated assessment revenue that remains on the Unassigned Properties, taking into account the proposed plat, or site plan approval. If the total anticipated assessment revenue to be generated from the Assigned and Unassigned Properties is greater than or equal to the maximum annual debt service then no adjustment is required. In the case that the revenue generated is less than the required amount then a debt reduction or true-up payment by the landowner in the amount necessary to reduce the par amount of the outstanding Bonds plus accrued interest to a level that will be supported by the new net annual debt service assessments will be required.

4.0 Assessment Roll

The District will initially distribute the liens across the property within the District boundaries on a gross acreage basis. As Assigned Property becomes known with certainty, the District will refine its allocation of debt from a per acre basis to a per unit basis as shown in Tables 6 and 7. If the land use plan changes, then the District will update Tables 1, 4, 5 and 6 to reflect the changes. As a result, the assessment liens are neither fixed nor are they determinable with certainty on any acre of land in the District prior to the time final Assigned Properties become known. At this time the debt associated with the District's CIP will be distributed evenly across the acres within the District. As the development process occurs, the debt will be distributed against the Assigned Property in the manner described in this Assessment Report. The current assessment roll is depicted in Table 7.

TABLE 1
HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Product Types	Phase 1A*	Phase 1B*	Phase 2*	Totals	ERUs per Unit (1)	Total ERUs
Townhome	76	0	58	134	0.75	101
Single Family 40'	41	79	99	219	0.80	175
Single Family 50'	92	59	34	185	1.00	185
Total Units	209	138	191	538		461

(1) Benefit is allocated on an ERU basis; based on density of planned development, with a 50' Single Family unit equal to 1 ERU

* Unit mix is subject to change based on marketing and other factors

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TABLE 2
HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
INFRASTRUCTURE COST ESTIMATES
MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Capital Improvement Plan ("CIP") (1)	Total Cost Estimate
Master Utilities System	\$5,328,082
Master Stormwater Management System	\$7,862,020
Electrical Service Systems (Underground)	\$376,600
Conservation/ Mitigation Areas	\$437,500
On-Site Roadway Improvements	\$2,382,115
Off-Site Roadway Improvements	\$468,500
Landscaping, Hardscaping & Irrigation	\$1,399,342
Professional Consulting Fees	\$1,975,970
Contingency	\$3,034,519
	\$23,264,648

(1) A detailed description of these improvements is provided in the Master Engineer's Report for Capital Improvements at Pine Meadows Reserve dated November 22, 2022

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TABLE 3
HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOND SIZING
MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Description	Total
Construction Funds	\$23,264,648
Debt Service Reserve	\$3,084,627
Capitalized Interest	\$5,635,500
Underwriters Discount	\$663,000
Cost of Issuance	\$500,000
Rounding	\$2,225
Par Amount*	\$33,150,000

Bond Assumptions:

Average Coupon	8.50%
Amortization	30 years
Capitalized Interest	24 months
Debt Service Reserve	Max Annual D/S
Underwriters Discount	2%

* Par amount is subject to change based on the actual terms at the sale of the Bonds

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TABLE 4
HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
ALLOCATION OF BENEFIT
MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Product Types	No. of Units *	ERU Factor	Total ERUs	% of Total ERUs	Total Improvements	
					Costs Per Product Type	Improvement Costs Per Unit
Townhome	134	0.75	101	21.81%	\$5,075,097	\$37,874
Single Family 40'	219	0.80	175	38.03%	\$8,847,333	\$40,399
Single Family 50'	185	1.00	185	40.16%	\$9,342,218	\$50,498
Totals	538		461	100.00%	\$23,264,648	

* Unit mix is subject to change based on marketing and other factors

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TABLE 5
HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
ALLOCATION OF TOTAL BENEFIT/PAR DEBT TO EACH PRODUCT TYPE
MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Product Types	No. of Units *	Total Improvements Costs Per Product Type	Allocation of Par Debt Per Product Type	Par Debt Per Unit
Townhome	134	\$5,075,097	\$7,231,550	\$53,967
Single Family 40'	219	\$8,847,333	\$12,606,642	\$57,565
Single Family 50'	185	\$9,342,218	\$13,311,808	\$71,956
Totals	538	\$23,264,648	\$33,150,000	

* Unit mix is subject to change based on marketing and other factors

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TABLE 6
HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
PAR DEBT AND ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR EACH PRODUCT TYPE
MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Product Types	No. of Units *	Allocation of Par Debt Per Product Type	Total Par Debt Per Unit	Maximum Annual Debt Service	Net Annual Debt Assessment Per Unit	Gross Annual Debt Assessment Per Unit (1)
Townhome	134	\$7,231,550	\$53,967	\$672,900	\$5,022	\$5,342
Single Family 40'	219	\$12,606,642	\$57,565	\$1,173,055	\$5,356	\$5,698
Single Family 50'	185	\$13,311,808	\$71,956	\$1,238,672	\$6,696	\$7,123
Totals	538	\$33,150,000		\$3,084,627		

(1) This amount includes collection fees and early payment discounts when collected on the County Tax Bill

* Unit mix is subject to change based on marketing and other factors

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TABLE 7
HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL
MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Owner	Property*	Net Acres	Total Par Debt		Net Annual Debt	Gross Annual
			Allocation Per Acre	Total Par Debt Allocated	Assessment Allocation	Debt Assessment Allocation (1)
241826040000001101	TLC PINE MEADOWS LLC	5.134	\$135,837	\$697,385	\$64,892.13	\$69,034
351826000100002001	TLC PINE MEADOWS LLC	1.732	\$135,837	\$235,267	\$21,891.76	\$23,289
351826000100001900	TLC PINE MEADOWS LLC	37.823	\$135,837	\$5,137,740	\$478,069.74	\$508,585
361826000200000100	TLC PINE MEADOWS LLC	139.929	\$135,837	\$19,007,594	\$1,768,667.75	\$1,881,561
241826040000002500	TLC PINE MEADOWS LLC	37.389	\$135,837	\$5,078,794	\$472,584.74	\$502,750
241826040500001201	TLC PINE MEADOWS LLC	16.010	\$135,837	\$2,174,728	\$202,359.67	\$215,276
241826045500200000	TLC PINE MEADOWS LLC	1.519	\$135,837	\$206,303	\$19,196.66	\$20,422
241826045500300000	TLC PINE MEADOWS LLC	2.119	\$135,837	\$287,848	\$26,784.44	\$28,494
351826050000000300	TLC PINE MEADOWS LLC	1.684	\$135,837	\$228,766	\$21,286.79	\$22,646
361826001000B00001	TLC PINE MEADOWS LLC	0.704	\$135,837	\$95,575	\$8,893.32	\$9,461
Totals		244.043		\$33,150,000	\$3,084,627	\$3,281,518

(1) This amount includes 6% to cover collection fees and early payment discounts when collected utilizing the uniform method.

Annual Assessment Periods	30
Average Coupon Rate (%)	8.50%
Maximum Annual Debt Service	\$3,084,627

* - See Metes and Bounds, attached as Exhibit A

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Exhibit A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: (PROVIDED IN TITLE COMMITMENT)

That part of the East 169.5 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, lying South of the Southerly line of the right of way known as Pine Meadows Golf Course Road.

AND

The Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, LESS right of way for Pine Meadows Golf Course Road. Also LESS and EXCEPT Lots 1 and 2, Pine Meadows Fairway Estates, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 17, Page 56, Public Records of Lake County, Florida.

AND

Tracts 21 to 26, inclusive, and Tracts 37 to 40, inclusive, Eustis Meadows, according to the Map or Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, Public Records of Lake County, Florida, LESS and EXCEPT therefrom the right of way for Pine Meadows Golf Course Road, as shown on Plat Book 17, Page 56 and the right of way for Fairway Drive, as shown on Plat Book 17, Page 56, and the right of way for Pine-Meadows Road, as shown on Plat Book 17, Page 12. Also, LESS and EXCEPT Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28, Pine Meadows Fairway Estates, according to the Map or Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 17, Page 56, Public Records of Lake County, Florida.

AND

Parcel A:

That part of Lot 12, in Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Map of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; and that part of Blocks 3 and 15, in Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Town Plat of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Begin at a 5/8" Iron rod and cap (PLS 3351) at the Northeast corner of Lot 12 of said Map of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; run thence South 87°04'27" West, along the North line of said Lot 12, also being the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, a distance of 651.38 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 12; thence South 00°32'04" East, along the West line of said Lot 12, a distance of 1,280.21 feet to a 4" octagonal monument at the Southwest corner of said Lot 12; thence North 87°33'44" East, along the South line of said Lot 12, a distance of 15.01 feet; thence South 00°32'04" East, a distance of 15.01 feet to the Northwest corner of Block 3 of said Town Plat of Eustis Meadows; thence North 87°33'44" East, along the South right of way line of North Street, a distance of 10.01 feet; thence South 00°32'04" East, along a line 10 feet East of when measured at right angles to and parallel with the East right of way line of Cedar Street, a distance of 433.22 feet to an intersection with a line that is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with, when measured at right angles thereto, the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A; thence North 88°02'40" East, along said line which is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A, a distance of 111.02 feet, to an intersection with the Westerly top of the bank of a canal known as Hicks Ditch; thence North 24°12'31" East, along said top of bank, 108.49 feet; thence North 21°03'29" East, along said top of bank, 200.06 feet; thence North 19°20'32" East, along said top of bank, 200.30 feet; thence North

20°32'44" East, along said top of bank, 394.93 feet; thence North 19°41'20" East, along said top of bank, 541.12 feet to an intersection with the East line of said Lot 12; thence North 00°44'07" West, along the East line of said Lot 12, 402.85 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Together with a 50 feet wide ingress and egress easement along the Easterly line bounded and described as follows: Commence at a 5/8" iron rod and cap (PLS 3351) at the Northeast corner of Lot 12 of Map of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; run thence South 00°44'07" East, along the East line of said Lot 12, a distance of 402.85 feet to the Point of Beginning; run thence North 00°44'07" West, along the East line of said Lot 12, a distance of 125.70 feet; thence South 22°42'12" West, 116.65 feet; thence South 19°41'20" West, 542.07 feet; thence South 20°32'44" West, 395.08 feet; thence South 19°20'32" West, 200.08 feet; thence South 21°03'29" West, 197.94 feet; thence South 24°12'31" West, 131.68 feet to an intersection with a line that is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with when measured at right angles thereto the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A; thence North 88°02'40" East, along said line which is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A, a distance of 55.71 feet, to an intersection with the Westerly top of the bank of a canal known as Hicks Ditch; thence North 24°12'31" East, along said top of bank, 108.49 feet; thence North 21°03'29" East, along said top of bank, 200.06 feet; thence North 19°20'32" East, along said top of bank, 200.30 feet; thence North 20°32'44" East, along said top of bank, 394.93 feet; thence North 19°41'20" East, along said top of bank, 541.12 feet to the Point of Beginning.

AND

Parcel B:

That part of Blocks 2 and 14, and that part of a vacated portion of Orange Street, in Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Town Plat of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a 5/8" iron rod and cap (PLS 3351) at the Northeast corner of Lot 12 of Map Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; run thence South 87°04'27" West, along the North line of said Lot 12, also being the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, a distance of 651.38 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 12; thence continue South 87°04'27" West, along the North line of Lot 11, said Map of Eustis Meadows, also being the North line of the said Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, a distance of 175.55 feet to an intersection with the East line of the West 150.00 feet of the East 1/2 of said Lot 11; thence South 00°26'01" East, along the East line of the West 150.00 feet of the East 1/2 of said Lot 11 and its prolongation thereof, a distance of 1,293.80 feet to an intersection with the South right of way line of North Street and the Point of Beginning; thence North 87°33'44" East, along the South right of way line of North Street, a distance of 152.76 feet to a line 10 feet West of when measured at right angles to and parallel with the West right of way line of Cedar Street; thence South 00°32'04" East, along said line 10 feet West of when measured at right angles to and parallel with the West right of way line of Cedar Street, a distance of 432.80 feet to an intersection with a line that is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with when measured at right angles to the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A; thence South 88°02'40" West, along said line which is 50.00 feet North of and parallel with the North right of way line of County Road No. 44-A, a distance of 153.49 feet, to an intersection with a line which bears South 00°26'01" East from the Point of Beginning; thence

North 00°26'01" West, along the Southerly prolongation of the East line of the West 150.00 feet of the East 1/2 of said Lot 11, a distance of 431.53 feet to the Point of Beginning.

AND

Parcel C:

That part of Lot 11, in Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Map of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a 5/8" iron rod and cap (PLS 3351) at the Northeast corner of Lot 12 of Map of Eustis Meadows, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 2, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; run thence South 87°04'27" West, along the North line of said Lot 12, also being the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, a distance of 651.38 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 12, and the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 87°04'27" West, along the North line of Lot 11, said Map of Eustis Meadows, also being the North line of the said Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, a distance of 175.55 feet to an intersection with the East line of the West 150.00 feet of the East 1/2 of said Lot 11; thence South 00°26'01" East, along the East line of the West 150.00 feet of the East 1/2 of said Lot 11, a distance of 1,243.77 feet to an intersection with a line 35.00 feet North of when measured at right angles to and parallel with the North right of way line of North Street; thence North 87°33'44" East, along said line 35.00 feet North of when measured at right angles to and parallel with the North right of way line of North Street, a distance of 177.69 feet to an intersection with the West line of said Lot 12; thence North 00°32'04" West, along said West line of Lot 12, a distance of 1,245.19 feet to the Point of Beginning.

TOGETHER WITH:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A STRIP OF LAND, BEING A PORTION OF PINE MEADOWS GOLF COURSE ROAD AS DESCRIBED IN THAT CERTAIN INDENTURE, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 666, PAGE 1637 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING IN LOTS 21 THROUGH 24, EUSTIS MEADOWS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 2, OF SAID PUBLIC RECORDS. BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FAIRWAY DRIVE, PINE MEADOWS FAIRWAY ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 17, PAGE 56 AND BOUNDED ON THE EAST BY THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 24.

TOGETHER WITH:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A STRIP OF LAND, BEING NORTH STREET AND CEDAR STREET, LYING EAST OF THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 150 FEET OF THE EAST HALF OF LOT 11, EUSTIS MEADOWS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 2, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND LYING NORTH OF THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF EAST COUNTY ROAD 44.

All of the above containing approximately **244.043 acres, +/-**

SECTION C

RESOLUTION 2023-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DECLARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; INDICATING THE LOCATION, NATURE AND ESTIMATED COST OF THOSE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS WHOSE COST IS TO BE DEFRAID BY THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THE PORTION OF THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE DEFRAID BY THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THE MANNER IN WHICH SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE MADE; PROVIDING WHEN SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE PAID; DESIGNATING LANDS UPON WHICH THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEVIED; PROVIDING FOR AN ASSESSMENT PLAT; ADOPTING A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (the "District") hereby determines to undertake, install, plan, establish, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, acquire, operate, and/or maintain the infrastructure improvements (the "Improvements") described in the District's *Master Engineer's Report*, dated November 22, 2022, attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the District to pay the cost of the Improvements by special assessments pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes* (the "Assessments"); and

WHEREAS, the District is empowered by Chapter 190, Community Development Districts, Chapter 170, Supplemental and Alternative Method of Making Local Municipal Improvements, and Chapter 197, Tax Collections, Sales and Liens, *Florida Statutes*, to finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate, and maintain the Improvements and to impose, levy and collect the Assessments; and

WHEREAS, the District hereby determines that benefits will accrue to the property improved, the amount of those benefits, and that special assessments will be made in proportion to the benefits received as set forth in the *Master Assessment Methodology*, dated November 22, 2022, attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated herein by reference and on file at the office of the District Manager, c/o Governmental Management Services - Central Florida, LLC, 219 East Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801 (the "District Records Office"); and

WHEREAS, the District hereby determines that the Assessments to be levied will not exceed the benefit to the property improved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. Recitals stated above are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated into and form a material part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. Assessments shall be levied to defray a portion of the cost of the Improvements.

SECTION 3. The nature and general location of, and plans and specifications for, the Improvements are described in **Exhibit A**, which is on file at the District Records Office. **Exhibit B** is also on file and available for public inspection at the same location.

SECTION 4. The total estimated cost of the Improvements is \$ 23,264,649 (the "Estimated Cost").

SECTION 5. The Assessments will defray approximately \$ 33,150,000, which includes the Estimated Cost, plus financing-related costs, capitalized interest, a debt service reserve, and contingency.

SECTION 6. The manner in which the Assessments shall be apportioned and paid is set forth in **Exhibit B**, including provisions for supplemental assessment resolutions.

SECTION 7. The Assessments shall be levied, within the District, on all lots and lands adjoining and contiguous or bounding and abutting upon the Improvements or specially benefitted thereby and further designated by the assessment plat hereinafter provided for.

SECTION 8. There is on file, at the District Records Office, an assessment plat showing the area to be assessed, with certain plans and specifications describing the Improvements and the estimated cost of the Improvements, all of which shall be open to inspection by the public.

SECTION 9. Commencing with the year in which the Assessments are levied and confirmed, the Assessments shall be paid in not more than thirty (30) annual installments. The Assessments may be payable at the same time and in the same manner as are ad valorem taxes and collected pursuant to Chapter 197, *Florida Statutes*; provided, however, that in the event the uniform non-ad valorem assessment method of collecting the Assessments is not available to the District in any year, or if determined by the District to be in its best interest, the Assessments may be collected as is otherwise permitted by law.

SECTION 10. The District Manager has caused to be made a preliminary assessment roll, in accordance with the method of assessment described in **Exhibit B** hereto, which shows the lots and lands assessed, the amount of benefit to and the assessment against each lot or parcel of land and the number of annual installments into which the assessment may be divided, which assessment roll is hereby adopted and approved as the District's preliminary assessment roll.

SECTION 11. The Board shall adopt a subsequent resolution to fix a time and place at which the owners of property to be assessed or any other persons interested therein may appear before the Board and be heard as to the propriety and advisability of the assessments or the making of the Improvements, the cost thereof, the manner of payment therefore, or the amount thereof to be assessed against each property as improved.

SECTION 12. The District Manager is hereby directed to cause this Resolution to be published twice (once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks) in a newspaper of general circulation within Lake County, provided that the first publication shall be at least twenty (20) days before and the last publication shall be at least one (1) week prior to the date of the hearing, and to provide such other notice as may be required by law or desired in the best interests of the District.

SECTION 13. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of November 2022.

ATTEST:

**HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: *Master Engineer's Report, dated November 22, 2022*

Exhibit B: *Master Assessment Methodology, dated November 22, 2022*

SECTION D

RESOLUTION 2023-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON _____, _____, AT _____:_____ _____.M., FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING PUBLIC COMMENT ON IMPOSING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTERS 170, 190 AND 197, FLORIDA STATUTES.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Hicks Ditch Community Development District (the "Board") has previously adopted Resolution 2023-24 entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DECLARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; INDICATING THE LOCATION, NATURE AND ESTIMATED COST OF THOSE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS WHOSE COST IS TO BE DEFRAYED BY THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THE PORTION OF THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE DEFRAYED BY THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THE MANNER IN WHICH SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE MADE; PROVIDING WHEN SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE PAID; DESIGNATING LANDS UPON WHICH THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEVIED; PROVIDING FOR AN ASSESSMENT PLAT; ADOPTING A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution 2023-24, a Preliminary Special Assessment Roll has been prepared and all other conditions precedent set forth in Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*, to the holding of the aforementioned public hearing have been satisfied, and the roll and related documents are available for public inspection at the offices of the District Manager, 219 East Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida, 32801 (the "District Office").

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. There is hereby declared a public hearing to be held at _____:_____ _____.m. on _____, 2022, at _____, for the purpose of hearing comment and objections to the proposed special assessment program for District improvements as identified in the Preliminary Special Assessment Roll, a copy of which is on file.

SECTION 2. Notice of said hearing shall be advertised in accordance with Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*, and the District Manager is hereby authorized and directed to place said notice in a newspaper(s) of general circulation within Lake County (by two publications one week apart with the first publication at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of the hearing established herein). The District Manager shall file a publisher's affidavit with the District

Secretary verifying such publication of notice. The District Manager is further authorized and directed to give thirty (30) days' written notice by mail of the time and place of this hearing to the owners of all property to be assessed and include in such notice the amount of the assessment for each such property owner, a description of the areas to be improved and notice that information concerning all assessments may be ascertained at the District Office. The District Manager shall file proof of such mailing by affidavit with the District Secretary.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of November 2022.

ATTEST:

**HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION E

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$33,150,000 HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES; APPROVING THE FORM OF A MASTER TRUST INDENTURE; APPOINTING A TRUSTEE, REGISTRAR AND PAYING AGENT; APPROVING A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE COMMENCEMENT OF VALIDATION PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO THE BONDS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Hicks Ditch Community Development District (the "Board" and the "District" respectively) has determined to proceed at this time with the validation of not to exceed \$33,150,000 in principal amount of Hicks Ditch Community Development District Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds in one or more Series (collectively, the "Bonds") to be issued under and pursuant to a Master Trust Indenture, dated as of the first day of the first month in which the first Bonds are issued thereunder (the "Master Indenture"), between the District and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, as trustee (the "Trustee"), to be amended and supplemented by supplemental trust indentures relating to one or more Series of Bonds (the "Supplemental Indentures"), between the District and the Trustee (collectively, the Master Indenture as amended and supplemented from time to time by the Supplemental Indentures is hereinafter referred to as the "Indenture");

WHEREAS, the Bonds are to be issued to pay all or a part of the costs of the design, permitting, acquisition, construction and installation of certain improvements and facilities and associated professional fees and incidental costs, all as permitted by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and as described generally in Exhibit A, as may be amended and/or supplemented from time to time (the "Capital Improvement Program");

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the provision of the Capital Improvement Program is an appropriate public purpose and is in the best interests of the District, its landowners and residents; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the commencement of the validation proceedings relating to the Bonds, it is necessary to approve the form of the Master Indenture and to provide for various other matters with respect to the Bonds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that

1. Definitions. All words and phrases used herein in capitalized form, unless otherwise defined herein, shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Indenture.

2. Master Indenture; Appointment of Trustee, Registrar and Paying Agent. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is the form of Master Indenture, which form is hereby authorized and approved, subject to such changes, additions, deletions and insertions as shall be approved by the Board in a subsequent resolution or resolutions authorizing the issuance of a specific Series of Bonds thereunder. U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Fort Lauderdale, Florida is hereby appointed as Trustee, Registrar and Paying Agent under the Master Indenture.

3. Description of Bonds. The Bonds shall be dated, shall be in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$33,150,000, shall mature, shall be subject to mandatory and optional redemption on the terms, at the times and prices and in the manner, and shall bear interest at the rates to be provided in the Supplemental Indenture relating to the respective Series of Bonds and in the subsequent resolution or resolutions establishing the details of the Bonds. The Bonds shall be initially signed by the manual or facsimile signature of the Chairman or Vice Chairman and initially countersigned by the manual or facsimile signature of the Secretary or Assistant Secretary and shall be authenticated by the manual signature of the Trustee. The Bonds shall be in the general form of Bonds which shall be attached to the relevant Supplemental Indenture. The Bonds, when executed and delivered by the District, shall be the legal, valid, binding obligations of the District, enforceable in accordance with their terms.

The Bonds, and interest thereon, shall not be deemed to constitute a debt, liability or obligation of the State of Florida, or of any political subdivision thereof but shall be solely payable from Assessments, as pledged in the Indenture. Neither the full faith and credit, nor any taxing power of the District, the City of Eustis, Florida, Lake County, Florida, or the State of Florida, or of any political subdivision thereof is pledged for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds, except for the Pledged Revenues, including special assessments to be assessed and levied by the District to secure and pay the Bonds.

4. Approval of Capital Improvement Program. The Capital Improvement Program set forth in Exhibit A hereto, as may be amended and/or supplemented from time to time, is hereby approved as encompassing the scope and nature of the capital improvements which may be undertaken by the District from the proceeds of the Bonds. The actual projects which are components of the Capital Improvement Program to be undertaken by the District shall be established in subsequent reports of the Consulting Engineer to the District and set forth in the

Supplemental Indentures relating to Series of Bonds which may be issued by the District.

5. Commencement of Validation Proceedings. Kutak Rock LLP, the District's General Counsel, is hereby authorized to file a complaint in the Circuit Court in and for Lake County, Florida, against the State of Florida, and the taxpayers, property owners, and citizens of the District, including non-residents owning property or subject to taxation therein, and all others having or claiming any right, title, or interest in property to be affected by the issuance of the Bonds or to be affected in any way thereby in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 75, Florida Statutes, and to take any and all further action which shall be necessary in order to achieve a final non-appealable order of validation with respect to the Bonds.

The Chairman or Vice Chairman or any other member of the Board is authorized to sign any pleadings and to offer testimony in any such proceedings for and on behalf of the District. The officers and agents of the District, including without limitation, the Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, District Manager, Consulting Engineer, and the methodology consultant to the District are hereby also authorized to offer testimony for and on behalf of the District in connection with such proceedings.

6. Open Meetings. It is hereby found and determined that all official acts of this Board concerning and relating to the commencement of the validation proceedings for the Bonds, including but not limited to adoption of this Resolution, were taken in open meetings of the members of the Board and all deliberations of the members of the Board that resulted in such official acts were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including, but not limited to, the requirements of Section 286.011, Florida Statutes.

7. Other Actions. The Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, and all other members, officers, agents and employees of the Board and the District are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary or desirable in connection with the validation, issuance and delivery of the Bonds and the consummation of all transactions in connection therewith, including the execution of all necessary or desirable certificates, documents, papers, and agreements and the undertaking and fulfillment of all transactions referred to in or contemplated by the Indenture and this Resolution.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no Series of Bonds may be issued or delivered until the District adopts a subsequent resolution and/or Supplemental Indenture fixing the details of such Series of Bonds, whether specified by the Board or delegated to a Designated Member, as may be defined in such subsequent resolution.

8. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED in Public Session of the Board of Supervisors of Hicks Ditch Community Development District, this 22nd day of November, 2022.

**HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Attest:

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman/Vice Chairman,
Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A – Description of Capital Improvement Program
Exhibit B – Form of Master Trust Indenture

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

MASTER TRUST INDENTURE

BETWEEN

HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

AND

**U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
AS TRUSTEE**

Dated as of [Dated Date]

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EXHIBIT A – FORM OF REQUISITION

MASTER TRUST INDENTURE

THIS MASTER TRUST INDENTURE is dated as of [Dated Date], between **HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**, a local unit of special-purpose government organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida (the "District"), and **U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**, as trustee (the "Trustee"), a national banking association and having the authority to exercise corporate trust powers, with its designated corporate trust office located at 500 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 460, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309, Attention: Corporate Trust Department.

WHEREAS, the District is a community development district duly organized and existing under the provisions of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes (the "Act"), for the purpose, among other things, of financing and managing the acquisition, construction, installation, maintenance, and operation of the major infrastructure within and without the boundaries of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has the power and authority under the Act to issue special assessment bonds and revenue bonds and to use the proceeds thereof to finance the cost of acquiring and constructing assessable improvements (as defined in the Act) and, by virtue of Section 190.022 of the Act, to levy and collect special assessments therefor as provided in Chapter 170, Florida Statutes, and to levy and collect user charges and fees therefor as provided in Section 190.011, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the District has the power and authority under the Act to levy and collect Benefit Special Assessments (hereinafter defined) and Operation and Maintenance Assessments (hereinafter defined); and

WHEREAS, the District has found and determined and does hereby find and determine, that acquisition and construction of the Series Projects (hereinafter defined) is and will be necessary and desirable in serving the District's goal of properly managing the acquisition, construction, installation and operation of portions of the infrastructure within and without the boundaries of the District; and

WHEREAS, the execution and delivery of the Bonds (hereinafter defined) and of this Master Indenture (hereinafter defined) have been duly authorized by the Governing Body (hereinafter defined) of the District and all things necessary to make the Bonds, when executed by the District and authenticated by the Trustee, valid and binding legal obligations of the District and to make this Master Indenture a valid and binding agreement and a valid and binding lien on the Trust Estate (hereinafter defined) have been done;

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS MASTER TRUST INDENTURE WITNESSETH:

GRANTING CLAUSES

That the District, in consideration of the premises and acceptance by the Trustee of the trusts hereby created and the purchase and acceptance of the Bonds by the Owners (hereinafter defined), and of the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), lawful money of the United States of America, to it duly paid by the Trustee at or before the execution and delivery of this Master Indenture, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, in order to secure the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds of a Series (hereinafter defined) issued hereunder according to their tenor and effect and to secure the performance and observance by the District of all of the covenants expressed or implied herein, in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of such Series of Bonds and in the Bonds of such Series, does hereby assign and grant a security interest in the following (herein called the "Trust Estate") to the Trustee and its successors in trust, and assigns forever, for the securing of the performance of the obligations of the District herein set forth: (a) the Pledged Revenues (hereinafter defined) and Pledged Funds (hereinafter defined); and (b) any and all property of every kind or description which may from time to time hereafter be sold, transferred, conveyed, assigned, hypothecated, endorsed, deposited, pledged, granted or delivered to, or deposited with, the Trustee as security for any Series of Bonds issued pursuant to this Master Indenture by the District or anyone on its behalf or with its consent, or which pursuant to any of the provisions hereof or of the Supplemental Indenture securing such Series of Bonds may come into the possession or control of the Trustee or of a lawfully appointed receiver, as such additional security, and the Trustee is hereby authorized to receive any and all such property as and for security for the payment of such Series of Bonds and the interest and premium, if any, thereon, and to hold and apply all such property subject to the terms hereof, it being expressly understood and agreed that except as otherwise provided herein or in a Supplemental Indenture, the Trust Estate established and held hereunder for Bonds of a Series shall be held separate and in trust solely for the benefit of the Owners of the Bonds of such Series and for no other Series;

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the Trust Estate, whether now owned or held or hereafter acquired, forever;

IN TRUST NEVERTHELESS, upon the terms and trusts herein set forth (a) for the equal and proportionate benefit and security of all present and future Owners of the Bonds of a Series, without preference of any Bond of such Series over any other Bond of such Series, (b) for enforcement of the payment of the Bonds of a Series, in accordance with their terms and the terms of this Master Indenture and the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of such Series of Bonds, and

all other sums payable hereunder, under the Supplemental Indenture authorizing such Series of Bonds or on the Bonds of such Series, and (c) for the enforcement of and compliance with the obligations, covenants and conditions of this Master Indenture except as otherwise expressly provided herein, as if all the Bonds at any time Outstanding (hereinafter defined) had been authenticated, executed and delivered simultaneously with the execution and delivery of this Master Indenture, all as herein set forth.

IT IS HEREBY COVENANTED, DECLARED AND AGREED that (a) this Master Indenture creates a continuing lien equally and ratably to secure the payment in full of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on all Bonds of a Series which may from time to time be Outstanding hereunder, except as otherwise expressly provided herein, (b) the Trust Estate shall immediately be subject to the lien of this pledge and assignment without any physical delivery thereof or further act, (c) the lien of this pledge and assignment shall be a first lien and shall be valid and binding against all parties having any claims of any kind in tort, contract or otherwise against the District, irrespective of whether such parties have notice thereof, and (d) the Bonds of a Series are to be issued, authenticated and delivered, and the Trust Estate is to be held, dealt with, and disposed of by the Trustee, upon and subject to the terms, covenants, conditions, uses, agreements and trusts set forth in this Master Indenture and the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of such Series of Bonds and the District covenants and agrees with the Trustee, for the equal and proportionate benefit of the respective Owners from time to time of the Bonds of each respective Series, as follows:

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

Section 101. Meaning of Words and Terms. The following words and terms used in this Master Indenture shall have the following meanings, unless some other meaning is plainly intended:

"Accountant" shall mean the independent certified public accountant or independent certified public accounting firm retained by the District to perform the duties of the Accountant under this Master Indenture.

"Accountant's Certificate" shall mean an opinion signed by an independent certified public accountant or firm of certified public accountants (which may be the Accountant) from time to time selected by the District.

"Accounts" shall mean all accounts created hereunder or pursuant to a Supplemental Indenture, except the Series Rebate Account within the Rebate Fund.

"Accreted Value" shall mean, as of the date of computation with respect to any Capital Appreciation Bonds, an amount (truncated to three (3) decimal places)

equal to the original principal amount of such Capital Appreciation Bonds at the date of issuance plus the interest accrued on such Capital Appreciation Bonds from the date of original issuance of such Capital Appreciation Bonds to the date of computation, such interest to accrue at the rate of interest per annum of the Capital Appreciation Bonds (or in accordance with a table of compound accreted values set forth in such Capital Appreciation Bonds), compounded semi-annually on each Interest Payment Date; provided, however, that if the date with respect to which any such computation is made is not an Interest Payment Date, the Accreted Value of any Capital Appreciation Bond as of such date shall be the amount determined by compounding the Accreted Value of such Capital Appreciation Bond as of the immediately preceding Interest Payment Date (or the date of original issuance if the date of computation is prior to the first Interest Payment Date succeeding the date of original issuance) at the rate of interest per annum of the Capital Appreciation Bonds for the partial semi-annual compounding period determined by dividing (x) the number of days elapsed (determined on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve (12) thirty (30) day months) from the immediately preceding Interest Payment Date (or the date of original issuance if the date of computation is prior to the first Interest Payment Date succeeding the date of original issuance), by (y) 180. A table of Accreted Values for the Capital Appreciation Bonds shall be incorporated in a Supplemental Indenture executed by the District upon issuance of any Capital Appreciation Bonds.

"Acquisition and Construction Fund" shall mean the fund so designated in, and created pursuant to, Section 502 hereof.

"Act" shall mean Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

"Additional Bonds" shall mean Bonds ranking on a parity with a Series of Bonds issued under a Supplemental Indenture, provided that such Supplemental Indenture allows for the issuance of parity Bonds.

"Amortization Installments" shall mean the moneys required to be deposited in a Series Sinking Fund Account within a Series Debt Service Account within the Debt Service Fund for the purpose of redeeming and paying when due any Term Bonds, the specific amounts and dates of such deposits to be set forth in a Supplemental Indenture.

"Assessments" shall mean all assessments levied and collected by or on behalf of the District pursuant to Section 190.022 of the Act, together with the interest specified by resolution adopted by the Governing Body, the interest specified in Chapter 170, Florida Statutes, if any such interest is collected by or on behalf of the Governing Body, and any applicable penalties collected by or on behalf of the District, together with any and all amounts received by the District from the sale of tax certificates or otherwise from the collection of Delinquent Assessments

and which are referred to as such and pledged to a Series of Bonds pursuant to the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of such Series of Bonds.

"Authorized Denomination" shall, except as provided in any Supplemental Indenture relating to a Series of Bonds, mean the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof.

"Authorized Officer" shall mean any person authorized by the District in writing directed to the Trustee to perform the act or sign the document in question.

"Beneficial Owners" shall have the meaning given such term by DTC so long as it is the registered Owner through its nominee, Cede & Co., of the Bonds as to which such reference is made to enable such Bonds to be held in book-entry only form, and shall otherwise mean the registered Owner on the registration books of the District maintained by the Bond Registrar.

"Benefit Special Assessments" shall mean benefit special assessments levied and collected in accordance with Section 190.021(2) of the Act, together with any and all amounts received by the District from the sale of tax certificates or otherwise from the collection of Benefit Special Assessments which are not paid in full when due and which are referred to as such and pledged to a Series of Bonds pursuant to the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of such Series of Bonds.

"Bond Anticipation Notes" shall mean bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to a Supplemental Indenture in anticipation of the sale of an authorized Series of Bonds and in a principal amount not exceeding the principal amount of such anticipated Series of Bonds.

"Bond Counsel" shall mean an attorney or firm of attorneys of nationally recognized standing in the field of law relating to municipal bonds selected by the District.

"Bond Registrar" shall mean the bank or trust company designated as such by Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds for the purpose of maintaining the registration books of the District reflecting the names, addresses, and other identifying information of the Owners of Bonds of such Series.

"Bond Year" shall mean, unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing a Series of Bonds, the period commencing on the first day of May in each year and ending on the last day of April of the following year.

"Bonds" shall mean the Outstanding Bonds of all Series.

"Business Day" shall mean any day excluding Saturday, Sunday or any other day on which banks in the cities in which the designated corporate trust office

of the Trustee or the Paying Agent are located are authorized or required by law or other governmental action to close and on which the Trustee or Paying Agent, or both, is closed.

"Capital Appreciation Bonds" shall mean Bonds issued under this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture as to which interest is compounded periodically on each of the applicable periodic dates designated for compounding and payable in an amount equal to the then-current Accreted Value only at the maturity or earlier redemption thereof, all as so designated in a Supplemental Indenture of the District providing for the issuance thereof.

"Capitalized Interest" shall mean, with respect to the interest due or to be due on a Series of Bonds prior to, during and for a period not exceeding one year after the completion of the Series Project to be funded by such Series of Bonds, all or part of such interest which will be paid, or is expected to be paid, from the proceeds of such Series of Bonds.

"Chairman" shall mean the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Governing Body of the District, or his or her designee, or the person succeeding to his or her principal functions.

"Code" shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any successor provisions thereto and the regulations promulgated thereunder or under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, if applicable, or any successor provisions thereto.

"Completion Bonds" shall mean Bonds issued pursuant to a Supplemental Indenture ranking on a parity with the Series of Bonds issued under such Supplemental Indenture, the proceeds of which are to be used to complete the Series Project.

"Connection Fees" shall mean all fees and charges assessed by the District to users for the actual costs of connecting to a utility system of the District.

"Consulting Engineer" shall mean the independent engineer or engineering firm or corporation employed by the District in connection with any Series Project to perform and carry out the duties of the Consulting Engineer under this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture.

"Continuing Disclosure Agreement" shall mean a Continuing Disclosure Agreement, by and among the District, the dissemination agent named therein, and any other "obligated person" under the Rule, in connection with the issuance of one or more Series of Bonds hereunder, pursuant to the requirements of the Rule.

"Cost" or **"Costs"** as applied to a Series Project, shall include the cost of acquisition and construction thereof and all obligations and expenses relating

thereto including, but not limited to, those items of cost which are set forth in Section 403 hereof.

"Credit Facility" or "Liquidity Facility" shall mean a letter of credit, a municipal bond insurance policy, a surety bond or other similar agreement issued by a banking institution or other entity satisfactory to the District and providing for the payment of the principal of, interest on or purchase price of a Series of Bonds or any alternate or substitute Credit Facility or Liquidity Facility if then in effect.

"Current Interest Bonds" shall mean Bonds of a Series the interest on which is payable at least annually.

"Date of Completion" with respect to a Series Project shall mean: (a) the date upon which such Project and all components thereof have been acquired or constructed and are capable of performing the functions for which they were intended, as evidenced by a certificate of the Consulting Engineer filed with the Trustee and the District; or (b) the date on which the District determines, upon the recommendation of or in consultation with the Consulting Engineer, that it cannot complete such Project in a sound and economical manner within a reasonable period of time as evidenced by a certificate of the Consulting Engineer of the District filed with the Trustee and the District; provided that in each case such certificate of the Consulting Engineer shall set forth the amount of all Costs of such Project which has theretofore been incurred, but which on the Date of Completion is or will be unpaid or unreimbursed.

"Debt Service" shall mean collectively the principal (including Amortization Installments), interest, and redemption premium, if any, payable with respect to the Bonds.

"Debt Service Fund" shall mean the fund so designated in, and created pursuant to, Section 502 hereof.

"Delinquent Assessments" shall mean, collectively, any and all installments of any Assessments which are not paid when due, including any applicable grace period under State law or District proceedings.

"Depository" shall mean any bank or trust company duly authorized by law to engage in the banking business and designated by the District as a depository of moneys subject to the provisions of this Master Indenture.

"Direct Billed" shall mean Assessments, Benefit Special Assessments or Operation and Maintenance Assessments, as applicable within the context in which such reference is made, which are billed directly by the District rather than collected on the tax bill using the Uniform Method.

"District" shall mean the Hicks Ditch Community Development District, a community development district established pursuant to the Act, or any successor thereto which succeeds to the obligations of the District hereunder.

"DTC" shall mean The Depository Trust Company, and its successors and assigns.

"Engineer's Certificate" shall mean a certificate of the Consulting Engineer or of such other engineer or firm of engineers having a favorable repute for skill and experience in the engineering matters with respect to which such certification is required by this Master Indenture.

"Event of Default" shall mean any of the events described in Section 902 hereof.

"Federal Securities" shall mean, to the extent permitted by law for investment as contemplated in this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture, (a) Government Obligations, (b) any Tax-Exempt Obligations which are fully secured as to principal and interest by an irrevocable pledge of Government Obligations, which Government Obligations are segregated in trust and pledged for the benefit of the holders of the Tax-Exempt Obligations, (c) certificates of ownership of the principal or interest of Government Obligations, which Government Obligations are held in trust, and (d) investment agreements at least one hundred percent (100%) collateralized by obligations described in clauses (a), (b) or (c) above.

"Fiscal Year" shall mean the fiscal year of the District in effect from time to time, which shall initially mean the period commencing on the first day of October of any year and ending on the last day of September of the following year.

"Funds" shall mean all funds, except the Rebate Fund, created pursuant to Section 502 hereof.

"Governing Body" shall mean the Board of Supervisors of the District.

"Government Obligations" shall mean direct obligations of, or obligations the payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America.

"Indenture" shall mean this Master Indenture, as amended and supplemented from time to time by a Supplemental Indenture or indentures and shall mean when used with respect to a Series of Bonds issued hereunder, this Master Indenture, as amended and supplemented by the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds.

"Insurer" shall mean the issuer of any municipal bond insurance policy insuring the timely payment of the principal of and interest on Bonds or any Series of Bonds.

"Interest Payment Date" shall mean the dates specified in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds upon which the principal of and/or interest on Bonds of such Series shall be due and payable in each Bond Year.

"Investment Obligations" shall mean and include, except as otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture providing for the authorization of Bond Anticipation Notes or Bonds, any of the following securities, if and to the extent that such securities are legal investments for funds of the District;

(a) Government Obligations;

(b) Bonds, debentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued by any of the following agencies or such other government-sponsored agencies which may presently exist or be hereafter created; provided that, such bonds, debentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness are fully guaranteed as to both principal and interest by the Government National Mortgage Association (including participation certificates issued by such association); Fannie Mae (including participation certificates issued by such entity); Federal Home Loan Banks; Federal Farm Credit Banks; Tennessee Valley Authority; Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, which funds are rated in the highest categories for such funds by both Moody's and S&P at the time of purchase;

(c) Direct and general obligations of any state of the United States, the payment of the principal of and interest on which the full faith and credit of such state is pledged, if at the time of their purchase such obligations are rated in either of the two highest rating categories without regard to gradations within any such categories by either S&P or Moody's;

(d) Money market deposit accounts, time deposits, and certificates of deposits issued by commercial banks, savings and loan associations or mutual savings banks whose short-term obligations are rated, at the time of purchase, in one of the two highest rating categories, without regard to gradation, by Moody's and S&P;

(e) Bank or broker repurchase agreements fully secured by securities specified in (a) or (b) above, which may include repurchase agreements with the commercial banking department of the Trustee, provided that such securities are deposited with the Trustee, with a Federal Reserve Bank or with a bank or trust company (other than the seller of such securities) having a combined capital and surplus of not less than \$100,000,000;

(f) A promissory note of a bank holding company rated in either of the two highest rating categories without regard to gradations within any such categories by either S&P or Moody's;

(g) Any short-term government fund or any money market fund whose assets consist of (a), (b) and (c) above;

(h) Commercial paper (having maturities of not more than 270 days) rated, at the time of purchase, in one of the two highest rating categories, without regard to gradation, by Moody's and S&P;

(i) Certificates evidencing a direct ownership interest in non-callable Government Obligations or in future interest or principal payments thereon held in a custody account by a custodian satisfactory to the Trustee;

(j) Obligations of any state of the United States of America or any political subdivision, public instrumentality or public authority of any such state which are not subject to redemption prior to the date on which the proceeds attributable to the principal of such obligations are to be used and which are fully secured by and payable solely from non-callable Government Obligations held pursuant to an escrow agreement; and

(k) The Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund as described in Section 218.405, Florida Statutes, or the corresponding provisions of subsequent laws.

Under all circumstances, the Trustee shall be entitled to rely on the direction of an Authorized Officer that any investment directed by the District is permitted under the Indenture and is a legal investment for funds of the District.

"Letter of Credit Agreement" shall mean any financing agreement relating to a Credit Facility for so long as such agreement will be in effect.

"Liquidity Agreement" shall mean any financing agreement relating to a Liquidity Facility for so long as such agreement will be in effect.

"Majority Owners" shall mean the Beneficial Owners of more than fifty percent (50%) of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds of a Series then Outstanding or all of the Bonds then Outstanding, as applicable in the context within which such reference is made.

"Master Indenture" shall mean this Master Trust Indenture, as amended and supplemented from time to time in accordance with the provisions hereof.

"Maturity Amount" shall mean the amount due at maturity with respect to a Capital Appreciation Bond.

"Maximum Annual Debt Service Requirement" shall mean, at any given time of determination, the greatest amount of principal, interest and Amortization Installments coming due in any current or future Bond Year with regard to the Series of Bonds for which such calculation is made; provided, the amount of interest coming due in any Bond Year shall be reduced to the extent moneys derived from the proceeds of Bonds are used to pay interest in such Bond Year.

"Moody's" shall mean Moody's Investors Service, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, its successors and assigns, and, if such corporation is dissolved or liquidated or no longer performs the functions of a securities rating agency, Moody's will be deemed to refer to any other nationally recognized securities rating agency designated by the District by written notice to the Trustee.

"Operation and Maintenance Assessments" shall mean assessments described in Section 190.021(3) of the Act, for the maintenance of District facilities or the operations of the District.

"Option Bonds" shall mean Current Interest Bonds, which may be either Serial or Term Bonds, which by their terms may be tendered by and at the option of the Owner for purchase prior to the stated maturity thereof.

"Outstanding" when used with reference to Bonds, shall mean, as of a particular date, all Bonds theretofore authenticated and delivered under this Master Indenture, except:

(a) Bonds theretofore canceled by the Trustee or delivered to the Trustee for cancellation;

(b) Bonds (or portions of Bonds) for the payment or redemption of which moneys, equal to the principal amount or Redemption Price thereof, as the case may be, with interest to the date of maturity or redemption date, shall be held in trust under this Master Indenture or Supplemental Indenture with respect to Bonds of any Series and set aside for such payment or redemption (whether at or prior to the maturity or redemption date), provided that if such Bonds (or portions of Bonds) are to be redeemed, notice of such redemption shall have been given or provision satisfactory to the Trustee shall have been made for the giving of such notice as provided in Article III hereof or in the Supplemental Indenture relating to the Bonds of any Series;

(c) Bonds in lieu of or in substitution for which other Bonds shall have been authenticated and delivered pursuant to this Master Indenture and the Supplemental Indenture with respect to Bonds of a Series unless proof satisfactory to the Trustee is presented that any such Bonds are held by a bona fide purchaser in due course; and

(d) Bonds paid or deemed to have been paid as provided in this Master Indenture or in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to Bonds of a Series, including Bonds with respect to which payment or provision for payment has been made in accordance with Article XII hereof.

In addition, Bonds actually known by the Trustee to be held by or for the District will not be deemed to be Outstanding for the purposes and within the purview of Article IX and Article XI hereof.

"Owner" or "Owners" shall mean the registered owners from time to time of Bonds.

"Paying Agent" shall mean the bank or trust company designated by Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds as the place where Debt Service shall be payable with respect to such Series of Bonds and which accepts the duties of Paying Agent under this Master Indenture and under such Supplemental Indenture.

"Pledged Funds" shall mean all of the Series Pledged Funds.

"Pledged Revenues" shall mean all of the Series Pledged Revenues.

"Prepayments" shall mean any Assessments or Benefit Special Assessments, or portions thereof, which shall be paid to the District prior to the time such amounts become due. Prepayments shall not include any interest paid on such Assessments.

"Property Appraiser" shall mean the Property Appraiser of Lake County, Florida, or the person succeeding to such officer's principal functions.

"Rebate Amount" shall mean the amount, if any, required to be rebated to the United States pursuant to Section 148(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations and rulings thereunder.

"Rebate Analyst" shall mean the person or firm selected by the District to calculate the Rebate Amount, which person or firm shall have recognized expertise in the calculation of the Rebate Amount.

"Rebate Fund" shall mean the fund so designated in, and created pursuant to, Section 502 hereof.

"Record Date" shall mean the fifteenth (15th) day of the calendar month next preceding any Debt Service payment date or, in the case of any proposed redemption of Bonds, the fifth (5th) day next preceding the date of mailing of notice of such redemption, or if either of the foregoing days is not a Business Day, then the Business Day immediately preceding such day.

"Redemption Price" shall mean the principal of, premium, if any, and interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption of any Bond called for redemption pursuant to the provisions thereof, hereof and of the Supplemental Indenture pursuant to which such Bond is issued.

"Refunding Bonds" shall mean Bonds issued pursuant to provisions of this Master Indenture, the proceeds of which are used to refund one or more Series of Bonds then Outstanding.

"Reserve Fund" shall mean the fund so designated in, and created pursuant to, Section 502 hereof.

"Revenue Fund" shall mean the fund so designated in, and created pursuant to, Section 502 hereof.

"Rule" shall mean Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time.

"S&P" shall mean S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, its successors and assigns, and, if such entity is dissolved or liquidated or no longer performs the functions of a securities rating agency, S&P will be deemed to refer to any other nationally recognized securities rating agency designated by the District by written notice to the Trustee.

"Secretary" shall mean the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary to the Governing Body, or his or her designee, or the person succeeding to his or her principal functions.

"Serial Bonds" shall mean Bonds (other than Term Bonds) that mature in annual or semi-annual installments.

"Series" shall mean all of the Bonds authenticated and delivered on original issuance of a stipulated aggregate principal amount in a simultaneous transaction under and pursuant to the same Supplemental Indenture and any Bonds thereafter authenticated and delivered in lieu of or in substitution therefor pursuant to this Master Indenture and such Supplemental Indenture regardless of variations in maturity, interest rate or other provisions; provided, however, two or more Series of Bonds may be issued simultaneously under the same Supplemental Indenture if designated as separate Series of Bonds by the District upon original issuance.

"Series Acquisition and Construction Account" shall mean the account within the Acquisition and Construction Fund with respect to a Series of Bonds so designated in, and created pursuant to, a Supplemental Indenture.

"Series Capitalized Interest Account" shall mean the account within a Series Debt Service Account with respect to a Series of Bonds so designated in, and created pursuant to, a Supplemental Indenture.

"Series Costs of Issuance Account" shall mean the account within the Acquisition and Construction Fund with respect to a Series of Bonds so designated in, and created pursuant to, a Supplemental Indenture.

"Series Debt Service Account" shall mean the account within the Debt Service Fund with respect to a Series of Bonds so designated in, and created pursuant to, a Supplemental Indenture.

"Series Interest Account" shall mean the account within a Series Debt Service Account with respect to a Series of Bonds so designated in, and created pursuant to, a Supplemental Indenture.

"Series Optional Redemption Subaccount" shall mean the subaccount within a Series Redemption Account with respect to a Series of Bonds so designated in, and created pursuant to, a Supplemental Indenture.

"Series Pledged Funds" shall mean all amounts on deposit from time to time in the Funds and Accounts and designated in the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds as pledged to the payment of such Series of Bonds; provided, however, such term shall not include any amounts on deposit in a Series Rebate Account in the Rebate Fund.

"Series Pledged Revenues" shall mean the revenues designated as such by Supplemental Indenture and which shall constitute the security for and source of payment of a Series of Bonds and may consist of Assessments, Benefit Special Assessments, Connection Fees or other user fees or other revenues or combinations thereof imposed or levied by the District in accordance with the Act.

"Series Prepayment Subaccount" shall mean the subaccount within a Series Redemption Account with respect to a Series of Bonds so designated in, and created pursuant to, a Supplemental Indenture.

"Series Principal Account" shall mean the account within a Series Debt Service Account with respect to a Series of Bonds so designated in, and created pursuant to, a Supplemental Indenture.

"Series Project" or **"Series Projects"** shall mean the acquisition, construction, equipping and/or improvement of capital projects to be located within or without the District for the benefit of the District to be financed with all or a part of the proceeds of a Series of Bonds as shall be described in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing such Series of Bonds.

"Series Rebate Account" shall mean the account within the Rebate Fund with respect to a Series of Bonds so designated in, and created pursuant to, a Supplemental Indenture.

"Series Redemption Account" shall mean the account within a Series Debt Service Account with respect to a Series of Bonds so designated in, and created pursuant to, a Supplemental Indenture.

"Series Reserve Account" shall mean the account within the Reserve Fund with respect to a Series of Bonds so designated in, and created pursuant to, a Supplemental Indenture.

"Series Reserve Account Requirement" shall mean the amount of money or other security which may be in the form of a reserve fund insurance policy or other security as may be required by the terms of a Supplemental Indenture to be deposited in or credited to a Series Reserve Account for a Series of Bonds; provided, however, that unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture relating to a Series of Bonds, as of any date of calculation for a particular Series Reserve Account, the "Series Reserve Account Requirement" shall be an amount equal to the lesser of (a) the Maximum Annual Debt Service Requirement for all Bonds of such Series then Outstanding, (b) 125% of the average annual debt service for all Bonds of such Series then Outstanding, or (c) the aggregate of ten percent (10%) of the proceeds of the Bonds of such Series calculated as of the date of original issuance thereof. In computing the Series Reserve Account Requirement in respect of any Series of Bonds that constitute Variable Rate Bonds, the interest rate on such Bonds shall be assumed to be the greater of (y) 110% of the daily average interest rate on such Variable Rate Bonds during the twelve (12) months ending with the month preceding the date of calculation, or such shorter period of time that such Series of Bonds shall have been Outstanding, or (z) the actual rate of interest borne by such Variable Rate Bonds on such date of calculation; provided, in no event shall the Series Reserve Account Requirement as adjusted on such date of calculation exceed the lesser of the amounts specified in the immediately preceding sentence. In computing the Series Reserve Account Requirement in accordance with clause (c) of this definition in respect of any Capital Appreciation Bonds, the principal amount of such Bonds shall be the original principal amount thereof, not the Accreted Value. A Supplemental Indenture may provide that the Series Reserve Account Requirement for a Series is zero.

"Series Revenue Account" shall mean the account within the Revenue Fund with respect to a Series of Bonds so designated in, and created pursuant to, a Supplemental Indenture.

"Series Sinking Fund Account" shall mean the account within a Series Debt Service Account with respect to a Series of Bonds so designated in, and created pursuant to, a Supplemental Indenture.

"Series Trust Estate" shall mean the Trust Estate for a Series of Bonds established by Supplemental Indenture for such Series of Bonds.

"State" shall mean the State of Florida.

"Subordinate Debt" shall mean indebtedness secured hereby or by any Supplemental Indenture which is by its terms expressly subordinate and inferior hereto both in lien and right of payment.

"Supplemental Indenture" shall mean an indenture supplemental hereto authorizing the issuance of a Series of Bonds hereunder and establishing the terms thereof and the security therefor and shall also mean any indenture supplementary hereto entered into for the purpose of amending the terms and provisions hereof with respect to all Bonds in accordance with Article XI hereof.

"Tax Collector" shall mean the Tax Collector of Lake County, Florida, or the person succeeding to such officer's principal functions.

"Tax-Exempt Bonds" shall mean Bonds of a Series the interest on which, in the opinion of Bond Counsel on the date of original issuance thereof, is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

"Tax-Exempt Obligations" shall mean any bond, note or other obligation issued by any person, the interest on which is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

"Tax Regulatory Covenants" shall mean the covenants of the District necessary for the preservation of the excludability of interest thereon from gross income for federal income tax purposes, as such covenants shall be amended from time to time upon written instructions from Bond Counsel.

"Taxable Bonds" shall mean Bonds of a Series which are not Tax-Exempt Bonds.

"Term Bonds" shall mean Bonds that mature on one date and that are subject to mandatory redemption from Amortization Installments or are subject to extraordinary mandatory or mandatory redemption upon receipt of unscheduled Pledged Revenues.

"Time Deposits" shall mean time deposits, certificates of deposit or similar arrangements with any bank or trust company, including the Trustee or an affiliate thereof, which is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and any federal or State savings and loan association which is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or its successors and which are secured or insured in the manner required by State law.

"Trust Estate" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the granting clauses hereof, including, but not limited to, the Pledged Revenues and Pledged Funds.

"Trustee" shall mean U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association with its designated office in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and any successor trustee appointed or serving pursuant to Article VI hereof.

"Uniform Method" shall mean the uniform method for the levy, collection and enforcement of Assessments afforded by Sections 197.3631, 197.3632 and 197.3635, Florida Statutes, or any successor statutes.

"Variable Rate Bonds" shall mean Current Interest Bonds, which may be either Serial Bonds or Term Bonds, issued with a variable, adjustable, convertible or other similar interest rate which is not fixed in percentage for the entire term thereof at the date of issue, which Bonds may also be Option Bonds.

Section 102. Rules of Construction. Words of the masculine gender shall be deemed and construed to include correlative words of the feminine and neuter genders. Unless the context shall otherwise indicate, the words "Bond," "Owner," "person," "Paying Agent," and "Bond Registrar" shall include the plural as well as the singular number and the word "person" shall mean any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof. All references to Florida Statutes or other provisions of State law shall be deemed to include any and all amendments thereto.

ARTICLE II FORM, EXECUTION, DELIVERY AND DESIGNATION OF BONDS

Section 201. Issuance of Bonds. For the purpose of providing funds for paying all or part of the Cost of a Series Project, Bonds of a Series, without limitation as to aggregate principal amount, may be issued under this Master Indenture subject to the conditions hereinafter provided in Section 207 hereof. Debt Service on each Series of Bonds shall be payable solely from the Pledged Revenues and Pledged Funds pledged to such Series of Bonds in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of such Series of Bonds and, as may be provided in such Supplemental Indenture, all of the provisions of this Master Indenture shall be for the benefit and security of the present and future Owners of such Series of Bonds so issued, without preference, priority or distinction, as to lien or otherwise, of any one Bond of such Series over any other Bond of such Series. The District may also issue from time to time, Additional Bonds, Completion Bonds and Refunding Bonds of a Series under and pursuant to the terms of the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of such Series of Bonds.

Section 202. Details of Bonds. Bonds of a Series shall be in such denominations, numbered consecutively, shall bear interest from their date until their payment at rates not exceeding the maximum rate permitted by law, shall be dated, shall be stated to mature in such year or years in accordance with the Act, and shall be subject to redemption prior to their respective maturities, subject to the limitations hereinafter provided, as provided for in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of such Series of Bonds. Bonds of a Series may be Current Interest Bonds, Variable Rate Bonds, Capital Appreciation Bonds, Option Bonds or any combination thereof and may be secured by a Credit Facility or Liquidity Facility, all as shall be provided in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of such Series of Bonds. Bonds of a Series (or a part of a Series) may be in book-entry form at the option of the District as shall be provided in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of such Series of Bonds.

Debt Service shall be payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which, at the date of payment thereof, is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts. Interest shall be paid to the registered Owner of Bonds at the close of business on the Record Date for such interest; provided, however, that on or after the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default under clause (a) of Section 902 hereof, the payment of interest and principal or Redemption Price or Amortization Installments pursuant hereto shall be made by the Paying Agent to such person who, on a special record date which is fixed by the Trustee, which shall be not more than fifteen (15) and not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of such proposed payment, appears on the registration books of the Bond Registrar as the registered Owner of a Bond. Any payment of principal, Maturity Amount or Redemption Price shall be made only upon presentation of the Bond at the designated corporate trust office of the Paying Agent in Fort Lauderdale, Florida; provided, however, that presentation shall not be required if the Bonds are in book-entry only form. Payment of interest shall be made by check or draft (or by wire transfer to the registered Owner if such Owner requests such method of payment by delivery of written notice to the Paying Agent prior to the Record Date for the respective interest payment to such account as shall be specified in such request, but only if the registered Owner owns not less than \$1,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds or, if less than such amount, all of the Bonds then Outstanding). Unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing a Series of Bonds, interest on a Series of Bonds will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Section 203. Execution and Form of Bonds. The Bonds shall be signed by or bear the facsimile signature of the Chairman, shall be attested and countersigned by the Secretary, and the certificate of authentication appearing on the face of the Bonds shall be signed by the Trustee; provided, however, that each Bond shall be manually signed by either the Chairman, the Secretary or the Trustee. The official seal of the District shall be imprinted or impressed on each Bond. In case any officer whose signature or a facsimile of whose signature appears

on any Bond shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such Bond, such signature or such facsimile shall nevertheless be valid for all purposes the same as if he or she had remained in office until such delivery. Any Bond may bear the facsimile signature of, or may be signed by, such persons as at the actual time of the execution of such Bond shall be proper officers to execute such Bond although at the date of such Bond such persons may not have been such officers. The Bonds, and the provisions for registration and reconversion to be endorsed on such Bonds, shall be substantially in the form set forth in a Supplemental Indenture. The Trustee may appoint one or more authenticating agents.

Section 204. Negotiability, Registration and Transfer of Bonds. The District shall cause books for the registration and for the transfer of the Bonds as provided in this Master Indenture to be kept by the Bond Registrar. All Bonds shall be registered as to both principal and interest. Any Bond may be transferred only upon an assignment duly executed by the registered Owner or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar, such transfer to be made on such books and endorsed on the Bond by the Bond Registrar. No charge shall be made to any Owner for registration and transfer as hereinabove provided, but any Owner requesting any such registration or transfer shall pay any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect thereto. The Bond Registrar shall not be required to transfer any Bond during the period between the Record Date and the Interest Payment Date next succeeding the Record Date of such Bond, during the period between the Record Date for the mailing of a notice of redemption and the date of such mailing, nor after such Bond has been selected for redemption. The Bonds shall be and have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the laws of the State, and each successive Owner, in accepting any of the Bonds, shall be conclusively deemed to have agreed that such Bonds shall be and have all of the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the laws of the State.

Section 205. Ownership of Bonds. The person in whose name any Bond shall be registered shall be deemed the absolute Owner thereof for all purposes, and payment of Debt Service shall be made only to or upon the order of the registered Owner thereof or his attorney or legal representative as herein provided. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Bond to the extent of the sum or sums so paid. The Trustee, the District, the Bond Registrar and the Paying Agent may deem and treat the registered Owner of any Bond as the absolute Owner of such Bond, whether such Bond shall be overdue or not, for the purpose of receiving payment thereof and for all other purposes whatsoever, and neither the Trustee, the District, the Bond Registrar nor the Paying Agent shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

Section 206. Special Obligations. Each Series of Bonds shall be a special and direct obligation of the District. Neither the Bonds nor the interest and premium, if any, payable thereon shall constitute a general obligation or general

indebtedness of the District within the meaning of the Constitution and laws of the State. The Bonds and the interest and premium, if any, payable thereon do not constitute either a pledge of the full faith and credit of the District or a lien upon any property of the District other than as provided herein or in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of such Series of Bonds. No Owner or any other person shall ever have the right to compel the exercise of any ad valorem taxing power of the District or any other public authority or governmental body to pay Debt Service or to pay any other amounts required to be paid pursuant to this Master Indenture, any Supplemental Indenture, or the Bonds. Rather, Debt Service and any other amounts required to be paid pursuant to this Master Indenture, any Supplemental Indenture, or the Bonds, shall be payable solely from, and shall be secured solely by, the Series Pledged Revenues and the Series Pledged Funds pledged to such Series of Bonds, all as provided herein and in such Supplemental Indenture.

Section 207. Authorization of Bonds.

(a) There shall be issued from time to time in Series, under and secured by this Master Indenture, Bonds without limitation as to aggregate principal amount for the purposes of:

(i) paying all or part of the Cost of a Series Project or Series Projects or refunding a Series of Bonds or any portion thereof then Outstanding; and

(ii) depositing the Series Reserve Account Requirement to the Series Reserve Account for such Series of Bonds.

(b) Each Series of Bonds, upon initial issuance thereof, shall be executed by the District for delivery to the Trustee and thereupon shall be authenticated by the Trustee and delivered to the District or upon its order, but only upon the further receipt by the Trustee of the following:

(i) an executed and attested original or certified copy of this Master Indenture;

(ii) an executed and attested original or certified copy of the Supplemental Indenture fixing the amount of and security for the Series of Bonds authorized to be issued thereby and establishing, among other things, the dates on which, and the amounts in which, such Series of Bonds will mature (provided that the final maturity date of such Series of Bonds shall be not later than permitted by the Act with respect to such Series of Bonds), designating the Paying Agent and Bond Registrar, fixing the Amortization Installments, if any, for the Term Bonds of such Series, awarding the Series of Bonds, specifying the interest rates or the method for calculating such interest rates with respect to such Series of Bonds, specifying the redemption

provisions and prices thereupon, specifying other details of such Series of Bonds, and directing the delivery of such Series of Bonds to or upon the order of the initial purchaser thereof upon payment of the purchase price therefor set forth in such Supplemental Indenture;

(iii) an opinion of counsel for the District substantially to the effect that the signer is of the opinion that this Master Indenture and the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds have been duly and validly authorized in accordance with the terms hereof and of the Act, and have been duly approved and adopted, that the issuance of such Series of Bonds has been duly authorized, and that this Master Indenture and the Supplemental Indenture constitute binding obligations of the District, enforceable against the District in accordance with their terms except as enforcement thereof may be affected by bankruptcy and other similar laws relating to creditor's rights generally; and

(iv) an opinion of Bond Counsel for the District substantially to the effect that the signer is of the opinion that the Bonds of such Series are valid, binding and enforceable obligations of the District and, if such Series of Bonds are Tax-Exempt Bonds, that interest thereon is excludable from gross income of the Owners under the income tax laws of the United States in effect on the date such Series of Bonds are delivered to the initial purchasers.

Execution of a Series of Bonds by the District shall be conclusive evidence of satisfaction of the conditions precedent set forth in this Section 207(b) as to the District and payment to the Trustee of the initial purchase price for a Series of Bonds shall be conclusive evidence of satisfaction of the conditions precedent set forth in this Section 207(b) as to the underwriter of such Series of Bonds.

The Trustee shall be provided with reliance letters with respect to the opinions required in paragraphs (iii) and (iv) above. When the documents mentioned in subsections (i) through (iv) above shall have been received, and when the Bonds of such Series shall have been executed and authenticated as required by this Master Indenture, such Series of Bonds shall be delivered to, or upon the order of, the District, but only upon payment to the Trustee of the purchase price of such Series of Bonds, together with accrued interest, if any, thereon as set forth in a certificate of delivery and payment executed by the Chairman of the District.

(c) To the extent not set forth in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of a Series of Bonds, the proceeds (including accrued interest and any premium) of each Series of Bonds shall be applied as soon as practicable upon delivery thereof to the Trustee as follows:

(i) the amount received as accrued interest on the Bonds, if any, shall be deposited to the credit of the Series Interest Account and Capitalized

Interest, if any, shall be deposited to the credit of the Series Capitalized Interest Account;

(ii) an amount equal to the Series Reserve Account Requirement or the initial cost of satisfying the Series Reserve Account Requirement if not satisfied by the deposit of cash, shall be deposited to the credit of the Series Reserve Account; and

(iii) the balance shall be deposited and applied as provided for in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of such Series of Bonds.

Section 208. Mutilated, Destroyed or Lost Bonds. If any Bonds become mutilated, destroyed or lost, the District may cause to be executed and delivered a new Bond in substitution therefor upon the cancellation of such mutilated Bond or in lieu of and in substitution for such Bond destroyed or lost, and upon payment by the Owner of the reasonable expenses and charges of the District and the Trustee in connection therewith and, in the case of a Bond destroyed or lost, upon the Owner filing with the Trustee evidence satisfactory to it that such Bond was destroyed or lost and of his or her ownership thereof, and upon furnishing the District and the Trustee with indemnity satisfactory to them.

Section 209. Parity Obligations Under Credit Agreements. As may be provided for or required in any Supplemental Indenture, the District may incur financial obligations under a Letter of Credit Agreement or a Liquidity Agreement payable on parity with respect to the lien on the Trust Estate pledged to a Series of Bonds issued under this Master Indenture and a Supplemental Indenture, without meeting any financial test or requirement set forth in this Master Indenture or the corresponding Supplemental Indenture, but only if the Letter of Credit Agreement or Liquidity Agreement supports a related Series of Bonds then being issued which does meet such tests or requirements.

Section 210. Bond Anticipation Notes. Whenever the District shall authorize the issuance of a Series of Bonds, the District may by resolution authorize the issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes in anticipation of the sale of such authorized Series of Bonds in a principal amount not exceeding the principal amount of such Series of Bonds. The aggregate principal amount of Bonds of such Series and all other Bonds previously authenticated and delivered to pay the Cost of the Series Project or Series Projects for which the proceeds of the Bond Anticipation Notes will be applied shall not exceed such Cost. The interest on such Bond Anticipation Notes may be payable out of the related Series Interest Account to the extent provided in the resolution of the District authorizing such Bond Anticipation Notes. The principal of and interest on such Bond Anticipation Notes and renewals thereof shall be payable from any moneys of the District available therefor or from the proceeds of the sale of the Series of Bonds in anticipation of which such Bond Anticipation Notes are issued. The proceeds of sale of Bond Anticipation Notes

shall be applied to the purposes for which the Bonds anticipated by such Bond Anticipation Notes are authorized and shall be deposited in the appropriate Fund or Account established by the Indenture for such purposes; provided, however, that the resolution or resolutions authorizing such Bond Anticipation Notes may provide for the payment of interest on such Bond Anticipation Notes from the proceeds of sale of such Bond Anticipation Notes and for the deposit in the related Series Capitalized Interest Account. In the event that the District adopts a resolution authorizing the issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes, the District will promptly furnish to the Trustee a copy of such resolution, certified by an Authorized Officer, together with such information with respect to such Bond Anticipation Notes as the Trustee may reasonably request, including, without limitation, information as to the paying agent or agents for such Bond Anticipation Notes. The Trustee shall have no duties or obligations to the holders of such Bond Anticipation Notes unless specifically so authorized by the resolution of the District authorizing the issuance of such Bond Anticipation Notes and unless the Trustee accepts in writing such duties and obligations.

Section 211. Tax Status of Bonds. Any Series of Bonds issued under this Master Indenture may be issued either as Tax-Exempt Bonds or Taxable Bonds. The intended tax status of any Series of Bonds to be issued may be referenced in any Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of such Series of Bonds.

ARTICLE III REDEMPTION OF BONDS

Section 301. Redemption Generally. The Bonds of any Series shall be subject to redemption, either in whole on any date or in part on any Interest Payment Date, and at such times, in the manner and at such prices, as may be provided by the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of such Series of Bonds. The District shall provide written notice to the Trustee of any optional redemption on or before the forty-fifth (45th) day next preceding the date to be fixed for such optional redemption. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Master Indenture, notice of optional redemption may be conditioned upon the occurrence or non-occurrence of such event or events or upon the later deposit of moneys therefor as shall be specified in such notice of optional redemption and may also be subject to rescission by the District if expressly set forth in such notice.

Unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture relating to a Series of Bonds, if less than all of the Bonds of a Series shall be called for redemption, the particular Bonds of such Series to be redeemed shall be selected by lot in such reasonable manner as the Bond Registrar in its discretion may determine. The portion of any Series of Bonds to be redeemed shall be in an Authorized Denomination and, in selecting the Bonds of such Series to be redeemed, the Bond Registrar shall treat each such Bond as representing that number of Bonds of such

Series which is obtained by dividing the principal amount of such Bond by an Authorized Denomination (such amount being hereinafter referred to as the "unit of principal amount").

If it is determined that one or more, but not all, of the units of principal amount represented by any such Bond is to be called for redemption, then upon notice of intention to redeem such unit or units of principal amount as provided below, the registered Owner of such Bond, upon surrender of such Bond to the Paying Agent for payment to such registered Owner of the redemption price of the unit or units of principal amount called for redemption, shall be entitled to receive a new Bond or Bonds of such Series in the aggregate principal amount of the unredeemed balance of the principal amount of such Bond. New Bonds of such Series representing the unredeemed balance of the principal amount shall be issued to the Owner thereof without any charge therefor. If the Owner of any Bond of a denomination greater than the unit of principal amount to be redeemed shall fail to present such Bond to the Paying Agent for payment in exchange as aforesaid, such Bond shall, nevertheless, become due and payable on the date fixed for redemption to the extent of the unit or units of principal amount called for redemption.

Subject to the provisions of Section 506(b) hereof, the District may purchase a Bond or Bonds of a Series in the open market at a price no higher than the highest Redemption Price (including premium) for the Bond to be so purchased with any funds legally available therefor and any such Bonds so purchased shall be credited to the amounts otherwise required to be deposited for the payment of Bonds of such Series as provided in Section 506(b) hereof or as otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds.

Section 302. Notice of Redemption; Procedure for Selection. The District shall establish each redemption date, other than in the case of a mandatory redemption, in which case the Trustee shall establish the redemption date, and the District or the Trustee, as the case may be, shall notify the Bond Registrar in writing of such redemption date on or before the forty-fifth (45th) day next preceding the date fixed for redemption, which notice shall set forth the terms of the redemption and the aggregate principal amount of Bonds to be redeemed. Except as otherwise provided herein, notice of redemption shall be given by the Bond Registrar not less than thirty (30) nor more than forty-five (45) days prior to the date fixed for redemption by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to any Paying Agent for the Bonds to be redeemed and to the registered Owner of each Bond to be redeemed, at the address of such registered Owner on the registration books maintained by the Bond Registrar (and, for any Owner of \$1,000,000 or more in principal amount of Bonds, to one additional address if written request therefor is provided to the Bond Registrar prior to the Record Date); and a second notice of redemption shall be sent by registered or certified mail at such address to any Owner who has not submitted his Bond to the Paying Agent for payment on or before the date sixty (60) days following the date fixed for redemption of such Bond,

in each case stating: (a) the numbers of the Bonds to be redeemed, by giving the individual certificate number of each Bond to be redeemed (or stating that all Bonds between two stated certificate numbers, both inclusive, are to be redeemed or that all of the Bonds of one or more maturities have been called for redemption); (b) the CUSIP numbers of all Bonds being redeemed; (c) in the case of a partial redemption of Bonds, the principal amount of each Bond being redeemed; (d) the date of issue of each Bond as originally issued and the complete official name of the Bonds including the Series designation; (e) the rate or rates of interest borne by each Bond being redeemed; (f) the maturity date of each Bond being redeemed; (g) the place or places where amounts due upon such redemption will be payable; and (h) the notice date, redemption date, and Redemption Price. The notice shall require that such Bonds be surrendered at the designated corporate trust office of the Paying Agent for redemption at the Redemption Price and shall state that further interest on such Bonds will not accrue from and after the redemption date; provided, however, that such presentation shall not be required while such Bonds are registered in book-entry only format. CUSIP number identification with appropriate dollar amounts for each CUSIP number also shall accompany all redemption payments.

Any required notice or redemption shall also be sent by registered mail, overnight delivery service, telecopy or other secure means, postage prepaid, to any Owner of \$1,000,000 or more in aggregate principal amount of Bonds to be redeemed, to certain municipal registered securities depositories in accordance with the then-current guidelines of the Securities and Exchange Commission, which are known to the Bond Registrar to be holding Bonds thirty-two (32) days prior to the redemption date and to at least two of the national information services that disseminate securities redemption notices in accordance with the then-current guidelines of the Securities and Exchange Commission, when possible, at least thirty (30) days prior to the redemption date; provided that neither failure to send or receive any such notice nor any defect in any notice so mailed shall affect the sufficiency of the proceedings for the redemption of such Bonds.

Failure to give notice by mailing to the Owner of any Bond designated for redemption or to any depository or information service shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any other Bond.

Section 303. Effect of Calling for Redemption. On the date designated for redemption of any Bonds, notice having been filed and mailed in the manner provided above, the Bonds called for redemption shall be due and payable at the Redemption Price provided for the redemption of such Bonds on such date and, moneys for payment of the Redemption Price being held in a separate account by the Paying Agent in trust for the Owners of the Bonds to be redeemed, interest on the Bonds called for redemption shall cease to be entitled to any benefit under this Master Indenture, and the Owners of such Bonds shall have no rights in respect thereof, except to receive payment of the Redemption Price thereof, and interest, if

any, accrued thereon to the redemption date, and such Bonds shall no longer be deemed to be Outstanding.

Section 304. Cancellation. Bonds called for redemption shall be canceled upon the surrender thereof pursuant to the provisions of Section 511 hereof.

ARTICLE IV ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION FUND

Section 401. Acquisition and Construction Fund. There is created and established by Section 502 hereof a fund designated as the "Acquisition and Construction Fund" which shall be held by the Trustee and there shall be deposited to the credit of the Series Acquisition and Construction Accounts the amounts specified in the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds.

Section 402. Payments from Acquisition and Construction Fund. Payments of the Cost of constructing and acquiring a Series Project shall be made from the Acquisition and Construction Fund as herein provided. All such payments shall be subject to the provisions and restrictions set forth in this Article IV and in Article V hereof, and the District covenants that it will not request any sums to be paid from the Acquisition and Construction Fund except in accordance with such provisions and restrictions. Moneys in the Acquisition and Construction Fund shall be disbursed by check, voucher, order, draft, certificate or warrant signed by any one or more officers or employees of the Trustee legally authorized to sign such items or by wire transfer to an account specified by the payee upon satisfaction of the conditions for disbursement set forth in Section 503(b) hereof.

Section 403. Cost of a Series Project. For the purposes of this Master Indenture, the Cost of a Series Project shall include, without intending thereby to limit or to restrict or expand any proper definition of such cost under the Act, other applicable provisions of State law, or this Master Indenture, the following:

(a) ***Expenses of Bond Issuance.*** All expenses and fees relating to the issuance of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, initial Credit Facility or Liquidity Facility fees and costs, attorneys' fees, underwriting fees and discounts, the Trustee's acceptance fees and costs, Trustee's counsel fees and costs, rating agency fees, fees of financial advisors, engineer's fees and costs, administrative expenses of the District, the costs of preparing audits and engineering reports, the costs of preparing reports, surveys, and studies, and the costs of printing the Bonds and preliminary and final disclosure documents.

(b) ***Accrued and Capitalized Interest.*** Any interest accruing on the Bonds from their date through the first Interest Payment Date received from the proceeds of the Bonds (to be deposited into the related Series Interest Account) and

Capitalized Interest (to be deposited into the related Series Capitalized Interest Account) as may be authorized or provided for by a Supplemental Indenture related to a Series of Bonds. Notwithstanding the deposit of Capitalized Interest into the related Series Capitalized Interest Account, Capitalized Interest shall also include any amount directed by the District to the Trustee in writing to be withdrawn from the related Series Acquisition and Construction Account and deposited into such Series Capitalized Interest Account, provided that such direction includes a certification that such amount represents earnings on amounts on deposit in the related Series Acquisition and Construction Account and that, after such deposit, the amount on deposit in such Series Acquisition and Construction Account, together with earnings thereon, will be sufficient to pay for the remaining Costs of the related Series Project which are to be funded from such Series Acquisition and Construction Account.

(c) ***Acquisition Expenses.*** The costs of acquiring, by purchase or condemnation, all of the land, structures, improvements, rights-of-way, franchises, easements, plans and specifications and similar items and other interests in property, whether real or personal, tangible or intangible, which themselves constitute a Series Project or which are necessary or convenient to acquire, install and construct a Series Project and payments, contributions, dedications, taxes, assessments or permit fees or costs and any other exactions required as a condition to receive any government approval or permit necessary to accomplish any District purpose.

(d) ***Construction Expense.*** All costs incurred, including interest charges, for labor and materials, including equipment, machinery and fixtures, by contractors, builders, and materialmen in connection with the acquisition, installation and construction of a Series Project, and including without limitation costs incident to the award of contracts.

(e) ***Other Professional Fees and Miscellaneous Expenses.***

(i) All legal, architectural, engineering, survey, and consulting fees, as well as all financing charges, taxes, insurance premiums, and miscellaneous expenses, not specifically referred to in this Master Indenture that are incurred in connection with the acquisition and construction of a Series Project.

(ii) Expenses of determining the feasibility or practicality of acquisition, construction, installation, or reconstruction of a Series Project.

(iii) Costs of surveys, estimates, plans and specifications.

(iv) Costs of improvements.

(v) Financing charges.

- (vi) Creation of initial reserve and debt service funds.
 - (vii) Working capital.
 - (viii) Amounts to repay Bond Anticipation Notes or loans made to finance any costs permitted under the Act.
 - (ix) Costs incurred to enforce remedies against contractors, subcontractors, any provider of labor, material, services or any other person for a default or breach under the corresponding contract, or in connection with any dispute.
 - (x) Premiums for contract bonds and insurance during construction and costs on account of personal injuries and property damage in the course of construction and insurance against the same.
 - (xi) Expenses of management and supervision of a Series Project.
 - (xii) Costs of effecting compliance with any and all governmental permits relating to a Series Project.
 - (xiii) Payments, contributions, dedications, fair share or concurrency obligations and any other exactions as a condition to receive any government approval or permit necessary to accomplish any District purpose (including but not limited to impact fees, utility connection fees, school concurrency fees, etc.).
 - (xiv) Any other "cost" or expense as provided by the Act.
- (f) ***Refinancing Costs.*** All costs described in (a) through (e) above or otherwise permitted by the Act associated with refinancing or repaying any loan or other debt obligation of the District.

Section 404. Disposition of Balances in Acquisition and Construction Fund. On the Date of Completion of a Series Project, the balance in the related Series Acquisition and Construction Account not reserved for the payment of any remaining part of the Cost of the Series Project shall be transferred by the Trustee to the credit of the Series Prepayment Subaccount in the Series Redemption Account, or as otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture, and used for the purposes set forth for such Subaccount in the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds.

ARTICLE V
ESTABLISHMENT OF FUNDS AND APPLICATION THEREOF

Section 501. Lien. There is hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the Bonds of each Series issued hereunder, subject only to the provisions of this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture permitting the application thereof for the purposes and on the terms and conditions set forth in this Master Indenture and any such Supplemental Indenture with respect to each Series of Bonds, the Trust Estate; provided, however, that unless otherwise specifically provided herein or in a Supplemental Indenture relating to a Series of Bonds with respect to the Series Trust Estate securing such Series of Bonds, the Pledged Funds and Pledged Revenues securing a Series of Bonds shall secure only such Series of Bonds and shall not secure any other Bonds or Series of Bonds.

The foregoing pledge shall be valid and binding from and after the date of initial delivery of the Bonds and the proceeds of sale of the Bonds and all the moneys, securities and funds set forth in this Section 501 shall immediately be subject to the lien of the foregoing pledge, which lien is hereby created, without any physical delivery thereof or further act. Such lien shall be valid and binding as against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract or otherwise against the District or the Trustee, irrespective of whether such parties have notice thereof. Such lien shall be prior and superior to all other liens now existing or hereafter created.

Section 502. Establishment of Funds. The following funds are hereby established and shall be held by the Trustee:

(a) Acquisition and Construction Fund, and within such Fund there may be established by Supplemental Indenture authorizing a Series of Bonds a separate Series Acquisition and Construction Account and a separate Series Costs of Issuance Account for each Series of Bonds issued hereunder;

(b) Revenue Fund, and within such Fund there may be established by Supplemental Indenture authorizing a Series of Bonds a separate Series Revenue Account for each Series of Bonds issued hereunder;

(c) Debt Service Fund, and within such Fund there may be established by Supplemental Indenture authorizing a Series of Bonds,

(i) a Series Debt Service Account, and therein a Series Interest Account, a Series Principal Account, a Series Sinking Fund Account and a Series Capitalized Interest Account, and

(ii) a Series Redemption Account and therein a Series Prepayment Subaccount and a Series Optional Redemption Subaccount,

for each such Series of Bonds issued hereunder;

(d) Reserve Fund, and within such Fund there may be established by Supplemental Indenture authorizing a Series of Bonds a separate Series Reserve Account for each such Series of Bonds issued hereunder and any Bonds issued on a parity with any such Series of Bonds hereunder; and

(e) Rebate Fund, and within such Fund there may be established by Supplemental Indenture authorizing a Series of Bonds a separate Series Rebate Account for each such Series of Tax-Exempt Bonds issued hereunder.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Supplemental Indenture authorizing any Series of Bonds may establish such other Accounts or dispense with the Accounts set forth above as shall be deemed advisable by the District in connection with such Series of Bonds.

Section 503. Acquisition and Construction Fund.

(a) ***Deposits.*** The District shall pay to the Trustee, for deposit into the related Series Acquisition and Construction Account in the Acquisition and Construction Fund, as promptly as practicable, the following amounts received by it:

(i) the amount set forth in the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds;

(ii) subject to Section 806 hereof, payments made to the District from the sale, lease or other disposition of the Series Project or any portion thereof;

(iii) the balance of insurance proceeds with respect to the loss or destruction of the Series Project or any portion thereof;

(iv) amounts received from a governmental entity pursuant to an interlocal agreement or other similar agreement between the District and such governmental entity providing for the payment by such governmental entity of a portion of the Costs of a Series Project;

(v) amounts received from impact fee credits and/or utility connection fee credits; and

(vi) such other amounts as may be provided in a Supplemental Indenture.

Amounts in such Series Acquisition and Construction Account shall be applied to the Cost of the Series Project.

(b) **Disbursements.** Unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of such Series of Bonds, payments from a Series Acquisition and Construction Account shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of this subsection (b). Before any such payment shall be made, the District shall file with the Trustee a requisition in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto, signed by an Authorized Officer.

Upon receipt of each such requisition and accompanying certificate, the Trustee shall promptly withdraw from the Series Acquisition and Construction Account and pay to the person, firm or corporation named in such requisition the amount designated in such requisition. The Trustee shall have no duty to investigate either the accuracy or validity of the items delivered pursuant to this Section 503(b) or whether such amount is properly payable hereunder or under the Supplemental Indenture for such Series of Bonds.

(c) **Inspection.** All requisitions and certificates received by the Trustee pursuant to this Article V shall be retained in the possession of the Trustee, subject at all reasonable times to the inspection of the District, the Consulting Engineer, the Owner of any Bonds of the related Series, and the agents and representatives thereof.

(d) **Completion of Series Project.** On the Date of Completion of a Series Project, the balance in the related Series Acquisition and Construction Account not reserved by the District for the payment of any remaining part of the Cost of acquiring or constructing the Series Project shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of Section 404 hereof. The Trustee shall have no duty to determine whether the Date of Completion has occurred and the Trustee shall not be deemed to have knowledge that the Date of Completion has occurred until the Trustee has received the certificate of the Consulting Engineer establishing such Date of Completion as specified in the definition of Date of Completion in Section 101 hereof.

Section 504. Revenue Fund. The District hereby covenants and agrees that it will assess, impose, establish and collect the Pledged Revenues with respect to each Series of Bonds in amounts and at times sufficient to pay, when due, the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on such Series of Bonds. The District hereby covenants and agrees to immediately deposit upon receipt all such Pledged Revenues with the Trustee (including Prepayments, which shall be identified as such by the District at the time of deposit with the Trustee), and the Trustee shall immediately deposit all such Pledged Revenues, when received, into the related Series Revenue Account and immediately deposit all Prepayments, when received, into the related Series Prepayment Subaccount in the Series Redemption Account, unless otherwise provided for in the Supplemental Indenture relating to a Series of Bonds.

Section 505. Debt Service Fund.

(a) ***Principal, Maturity Amount, Interest and Amortization Installments.*** Except as otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture, on the Business Day preceding each Interest Payment Date on the Bonds, the Trustee shall withdraw from the Series Revenue Account and, from the amount so withdrawn, shall make the following deposits in the following order of priority:

(i) to the related Series Interest Account, an amount which, together with other amounts, if any, then on deposit therein, will equal the amount of interest payable on the Bonds of such Series on such Interest Payment Date;

(ii) to the related Series Principal Account, an amount which, together with other amounts, if any, then on deposit therein, will equal the principal amount, if any, payable with respect to Serial Bonds of such Series on such Interest Payment Date;

(iii) in each Bond Year in which Term Bonds of such Series are subject to mandatory redemption from Amortization Installments, to the related Series Sinking Fund Account, an amount which, together with other amounts, if any, then on deposit therein, will equal the Amortization Installment payable on the Term Bonds of such Series on such Interest Payment Date;

(iv) in each Bond Year in which Capital Appreciation Bonds of such Series mature, to the related Series Principal Account, an amount which, together with other amounts, if any, then on deposit therein, will equal the Maturity Amount payable with respect to the Capital Appreciation Bonds of such Series maturing on such Interest Payment Date;

(v) to the Series Reserve Account, an amount, if any, which, together with other amounts, if any, then on deposit therein, will equal the Series Reserve Account Requirement; and

(vi) to the Series Rebate Account, the Rebate Amount, if any, required to be deposited therein pursuant to the Supplemental Indenture related to a Series of Tax-Exempt Bonds.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, so long as there are moneys on deposit in the related Series Capitalized Interest Account on the date required for any transfer into the Series Interest Account as set forth above, the Trustee shall, prior to making any transfer into the related Series Interest Account from the related Series Revenue Account, transfer to the related Series Interest Account from the related Series Capitalized Interest Account, the lesser of the interest on such Series of

Bonds coming due on the next succeeding Interest Payment Date or the amount remaining on deposit in the related Series Capitalized Interest Account.

(b) ***Disposition of Remaining Amounts on Deposit in Series Revenue Account.*** The District shall authorize the withdrawal, from time to time, from the Series Revenue Account an amount sufficient to pay the fees and charges of the Trustee, Bond Registrar, and Paying Agent, when due. Subject to the provisions of Section 604 hereof, if (i) the amount on deposit in the Series Interest Account, Series Principal Account, Series Sinking Fund Account and Series Redemption Account in each Bond Year equals the interest payable on the Bonds of such Series in such Bond Year, the principal amount of all Serial Bonds payable in such Bond Year, the Maturity Amount of all Capital Appreciation Bonds due in such Bond Year and the Amortization Installments required to be paid in such Bond Year, and (ii) any amounts remain in the Series Revenue Account on November 2 of such Bond Year, then such amounts shall, at the written direction of the District, be applied to pay the commissions, fees, costs and any other charges of the Tax Collector and the Property Appraiser or, if such commissions, fees, costs, or other charges have been paid by the District, then to reimburse the District for such payment upon written request of an Authorized Officer. If, after such amounts have been withdrawn, paid and provided for as provided above, any amounts remain in the Series Revenue Account, such amounts shall be disbursed to the District on written request of an Authorized Officer and applied to pay the operating and administrative costs and expenses of the District. After making the payments provided for in this subsection (b), the balance, if any, remaining in the Series Revenue Account shall be retained therein or, at the written direction of an Authorized Officer to the Trustee, transferred into the Series Prepayment Subaccount of the Series Redemption Account. Upon the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default hereunder, the foregoing transfer to the Series Prepayment Subaccount shall not be made.

(c) ***Series Reserve Account.*** Except as otherwise provided for herein or in a Supplemental Indenture, moneys held for the credit of a Series Reserve Account shall be used for the purpose of paying interest or principal or Amortization Installment or Maturity Amount on the Bonds of the related Series whenever amounts on deposit in the Series Debt Service Account shall be insufficient for such purpose.

(d) ***Series Debt Service Account.*** Moneys held for the credit of a Series Interest Account, Series Principal Account and Series Sinking Fund Account in a Series Debt Service Account shall be withdrawn therefrom by the Trustee and transferred by the Trustee to the Paying Agent in amounts and at times sufficient to pay, when due, the interest on the Bonds of such Series, the principal of Serial Bonds of such Series, the Maturity Amount of Capital Appreciation Bonds of such Series and the Amortization Installments of Term Bonds of such Series, as the case may be.

(e) ***Series Redemption Account.*** Moneys representing Prepayments on deposit in a Series Prepayment Subaccount to the full extent of a multiple of an Authorized Denomination shall, unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds, be used by the Trustee to redeem Bonds of such Series on the earliest date on which such Bonds are permitted to be called without payment of premium by the terms hereof (including extraordinary mandatory redemption) and of the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds. Such redemption shall be made pursuant to the provisions of Article III hereof. The District shall pay all expenses incurred by the Trustee and Paying Agent in connection with such redemption. Moneys other than from Prepayments shall be held and applied in a Series Redemption Account as provided in Section 506(a) hereof.

(f) ***Payment to the District.*** When no Bonds of a Series remain Outstanding, and after all expenses and charges herein and in the related Supplemental Indenture required to be paid have been paid as certified to the Trustee in writing by an Authorized Officer, and after all amounts due and owing to the Trustee have been paid in full, the Trustee shall pay any balance in the Accounts for such Series of Bonds to the District upon the written direction of an Authorized Officer, free and clear of any lien and pledge created by this Master Indenture; provided, however, that if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing in the payment of the principal or Maturity Amount of, or interest or premium on the Bonds of any other Series, the Trustee shall pay over and apply any such excess pro rata (based upon the ratio of the aggregate principal amount of such Series of Bonds to the aggregate principal amount of all Series of Bonds then Outstanding and for which such an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing) to each other Series of Bonds for which such an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.

Section 506. Optional Redemption.

(a) ***Excess Amounts in Series Redemption Account.*** The Trustee shall, but only at the written direction of an Authorized Officer on or prior to the forty-fifth (45th) day preceding the date of redemption, call for redemption on each Interest Payment Date on which Bonds are subject to optional redemption, from moneys on deposit in a Series Redemption Account such amount of Authorized Denominations of Bonds of such Series then subject to optional redemption as, with the redemption premium, if any, will exhaust such amount as nearly as may be practicable. Such redemption shall be made pursuant to the provisions of Article III hereof. The District shall pay all expenses incurred by the Trustee and Paying Agent in connection with such redemption.

(b) ***Purchase of Bonds of a Series.*** The District may purchase Bonds of a Series then Outstanding at any time, whether or not such Bonds shall then be subject to redemption, at the most advantageous price obtainable with reasonable

diligence, having regard to maturity, option to redeem, rate and price, such price not to exceed the principal of such Bonds plus the amount of the premium, if any, which would be payable on the next redemption date to the Owners of such Bonds under the provisions of this Master Indenture and the Supplemental Indenture pursuant to which such Series of Bonds was issued if such Bonds were called for redemption on such date. Before making each such purchase, the District shall file with the Trustee a statement in writing directing the Trustee to pay the purchase price of the Bonds of such Series so purchased upon their delivery and cancellation, which statement shall set forth a description of such Bonds, the purchase price to be paid therefor, the name of the seller, and the place of delivery of the Bonds. The Trustee shall pay the interest accrued on such Bonds to the date of delivery thereof from the related Series Interest Account and the principal portion of the purchase price of Serial Bonds from the related Series Principal Account, but no such purchase shall be made after the Record Date in any Bond Year in which Bonds have been called for redemption. To the extent that insufficient moneys are on deposit in a related Series Interest Account to pay the accrued interest portion of the purchase price of any Bonds or in a related Series Principal Account to pay the principal amount of the purchase price of any Serial Bond, the Trustee shall transfer into such Accounts from the related Series Revenue Account sufficient moneys to pay such respective amounts. In the event that there are insufficient moneys on deposit in the related Series Sinking Fund Account with which to pay the principal portion of the purchase price of any Term Bonds, the Trustee may, at the written direction of the District, transfer moneys into such related Series Sinking Fund Account from the related Series Revenue Account to pay the principal amount of such purchase price, but only in an amount no greater than the Amortization Installment related to such Series of Bonds coming due in the current Bond Year calculated after giving effect to any other purchases of Term Bonds during such Bond Year. The Trustee may pay the principal portion of the purchase price of Bonds from the related Series Redemption Account, but only upon delivery of written instructions from an Authorized Officer of the District to the Trustee accompanied by a certificate of an Authorized Officer: (A) stating that sufficient moneys are on deposit in the Series Redemption Account to pay the purchase price of such Bonds; (B) setting forth the amounts and maturities of Bonds of such Series which are to be redeemed from such amounts; and (C) containing cash flows which demonstrate that, after giving effect to the purchase of Bonds in the amounts and maturities set forth in clause (B) above, the Pledged Revenues to be received by the District in the current and each succeeding Bond Year will be sufficient to pay the principal, Maturity Amount and Amortization Installments of and interest on all Bonds of such Series. The Trustee may pay the principal portion of the purchase price of any Term Bonds from the related Series Sinking Fund Account, but only Term Bonds of a maturity having Amortization Installments in the current Bond Year and in the principal amount no greater than the Amortization Installment related to such Series of Bonds coming due in the current Bond Year (calculated after giving effect to any other purchases of Term Bonds during such Bond Year).

The Trustee may pay the principal portion of the purchase price of Term Bonds having maturities different from or in amounts greater than set forth in the preceding sentence from amounts on deposit in the related Series Sinking Fund Account and the Trustee may transfer moneys from the related Series Revenue Account to the related Series Sinking Fund Account for such purpose, but only upon delivery of written instructions from an Authorized Officer to the Trustee accompanied by a certificate of an Authorized Officer: (X) stating that sufficient moneys are on deposit in the Series Sinking Fund Account, after giving effect to any transfers from the related Series Revenue Account, to pay the principal portion of the purchase price of such Term Bonds; (Y) setting forth the amounts and maturities of Term Bonds of such Series which are to be redeemed from such amounts and the Amortization Installments against which the principal amount of such purchases are to be credited; and (Z) containing cash flows which demonstrate that, after giving effect to the purchase of Term Bonds in the amounts and having the maturities and with the credits against Amortization Installments set forth in clause (Y) above and any transfers from the related Series Revenue Account, the Pledged Revenues to be received by the District in the current and in each succeeding Bond Year will be sufficient to pay the principal, Maturity Amount and Amortization Installments of and interest on all Bonds of such Series. If any Bonds are purchased pursuant to this subsection (b), the principal amount of the Bonds so purchased shall be credited as follows:

(i) if the Bonds are to be purchased from amounts on deposit in the Series Prepayment Subaccount of a Series Redemption Account, against the principal coming due or Amortization Installments set forth in the certificate of the Authorized Officer accompanying the direction of the District to effect such purchase; or

(ii) if the Bonds are Term Bonds of a Series, against the Amortization Installments for Bonds of such Series first coming due in the current Bond Year or, if such Term Bonds so purchased are to be credited against Amortization Installments coming due in any succeeding Bond Year, against the Amortization Installments on Term Bonds of such Series maturing on the same date and designated in the certificate of the Authorized Officer accompanying the direction of the District to effect such purchase; or

(iii) against the principal or Maturity Amount of Serial Bonds coming due on the maturity date of such Serial Bonds.

Section 507. Rebate Fund.

(a) **Creation.** There is created and established by Section 502 hereof a Rebate Fund, and within the Rebate Fund a Series Rebate Account for each Series

of Tax-Exempt Bonds. Moneys deposited and held in the Rebate Fund shall not be subject to the pledge of this Master Indenture.

(b) ***Payment to United States.*** The Trustee shall pay to the District, upon written request of the District, the Rebate Amount required to be paid to the United States at the times, in the manner and as calculated in accordance with the Supplemental Indenture related to a Series of Tax-Exempt Bonds. The Trustee shall have no responsibility for computation of the Rebate Amount and instead the District shall cause the Rebate Amount to be calculated by the Rebate Analyst and shall cause the Rebate Analyst to deliver such computation to the Trustee as provided in the Supplemental Indenture related to a Series of Tax-Exempt Bonds but before the date of any required payment of the Rebate Amount to the Internal Revenue Service. The fees of, and expenses incurred by, the Rebate Analyst in computing the Rebate Amount shall be paid by the District, which amount shall be treated as administrative and operating expenses of the District payable or reimbursable from the Series Revenue Account in accordance with Section 505(b) hereof.

(c) ***Deficiencies.*** If the Trustee does not have on deposit in the Series Rebate Account sufficient amounts to make the payments required by this Section 507, the District shall pay, from any legally available source, the amount of any such deficiency to the United States as provided in paragraph (b) above. The Trustee shall have no duty to pay such deficiency from its own funds.

(d) ***Survival.*** The covenants and agreements of the District in this Section 507 and Section 809, and any additional covenants related to compliance with provisions necessary in order to preserve the exclusion of interest on the Tax-Exempt Bonds of a Series from gross income for federal income tax purposes shall survive the defeasance of the Bonds of such Series in accordance with Article XII hereof.

Section 508. Investment of Funds and Accounts. Unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of a Series of Bonds, moneys held for the credit of the Accounts for such Series of Bonds shall be invested as hereinafter in this Section 508 provided.

(a) ***Series Acquisition and Construction Account, Series Revenue Account and Series Debt Service Account.*** Moneys held for the credit of a Series Acquisition and Construction Account, a Series Revenue Account, and a Series Debt Service Account shall, as nearly as may be practicable, be continuously invested and reinvested by the Trustee in Investment Obligations as directed in writing by an Authorized Officer, which Investment Obligations shall mature, or shall be subject to redemption by the holder thereof at the option of such holder, not later than the respective dates, as estimated by an Authorized Officer, when

moneys held for the credit of each such Account will be required for the purposes intended.

(b) ***Series Reserve Account.*** Moneys held for the credit of a Series Reserve Account shall be continuously invested and reinvested by the Trustee in Investment Obligations as directed in writing by an Authorized Officer.

(c) ***Investment Obligations as a Part of Funds and Accounts.*** Investment Obligations purchased as an investment of moneys in any Fund or Account shall be deemed at all times to be a part of such Fund or Account, and the interest accruing thereon and profit realized from such investment shall be credited as provided in Section 510 hereof. Any loss resulting from such investment shall be charged to such Fund or Account. The foregoing notwithstanding, for purposes of investment and to the extent permitted by law, amounts on deposit in any Fund or Account may be commingled for purposes of investment, provided adequate care is taken to account for such amounts in accordance with the prior sentence. The Trustee may, upon the written direction of an Authorized Officer, transfer investments within such Funds or Accounts without being required to sell such investments. The Trustee shall sell at the best price obtainable or present for redemption any obligations so purchased whenever it shall be necessary so to do in order to provide moneys to meet any payment or transfer from any such Fund or Account. The Trustee shall not be liable or responsible for any loss resulting from any such investment or for failure to make an investment (except failure to make an investment in accordance with the written direction of an Authorized Officer) or for failure to achieve the maximum possible earnings on investments. The Trustee shall have no obligation to invest funds without written direction from an Authorized Officer.

(d) ***Valuation.*** In computing the value of the assets of any Fund or Account, investments and earnings thereon shall be deemed a part thereof. The Trustee shall value the assets in each of the Funds and Accounts established hereunder as of September 30 of each Fiscal Year, and as soon as practicable after each such valuation date (but no later than ten (10) days after each such valuation date) shall provide the District a report of the status of each Fund and Account as of the valuation date. For the purpose of determining the amount on deposit to the credit of any Fund or Account established hereunder, with the exception of a Series Reserve Account, obligations in which money in such Fund or Account shall have been invested shall be valued at the market value or the amortized cost thereof, whichever is lower, or at the Redemption Price thereof, to the extent that any such obligation is then redeemable at the option of the holder. For the purpose of determining the amount on deposit to the credit of a Series Reserve Account, obligations in which money in such Account shall have been invested shall be valued at par, if purchased at par, or at amortized cost, if purchased at other than par, plus, in each case, accrued interest. Amortized cost, when used with respect to an obligation purchased at a premium above or a discount below par, means the

value as of any given time obtained by dividing the total premium or discount at which such obligation was purchased by the number of days remaining to maturity on such obligation at the date of such purchase and by multiplying the amount thus calculated by the number of days having passed since such purchase; and (i) in the case of an obligation purchased at a premium by deducting the product thus obtained from the purchase price, and (ii) in the case of an obligation purchased at a discount by adding the product thus obtained to the purchase price.

Section 509. Deficiencies and Surpluses in Funds and Accounts.

For purposes of this Section 509, (a) a "deficiency" shall mean, in the case of a Series Reserve Account, that the amount on deposit therein is less than the Series Reserve Account Requirement (but only after the Bond Year in which the amount on deposit therein first equals the Series Reserve Account Requirement), and (b) a "surplus" shall mean in the case of a Series Reserve Account, that the amount on deposit therein is in excess of the Series Reserve Account Requirement.

At the time of any withdrawal from a Series Reserve Account that results in a deficiency therein, the Trustee shall promptly notify the District of the amount of any such deficiency and the Trustee shall withdraw the amount of such deficiency from the related Series Revenue Account and, if amounts on deposit therein are insufficient therefor, the District shall pay the amount of such deficiency to the Trustee, for deposit in such Series Reserve Account, from the first legally available sources of the District.

The Trustee, as of the close of business on the last Business Day in each Bond Year, after taking into account all payments and transfers made as of such date, shall compute, in the manner set forth in Section 508(d), the value of the Series Reserve Account and shall promptly notify the District of the amount of any deficiency or surplus as of such date in such Series Reserve Account. The District shall immediately pay the amount of any deficiency to the Trustee, for deposit in the Series Reserve Account, from any legally available sources of the District. The Trustee, as soon as practicable after such computation, shall deposit any surplus, at the direction of an Authorized Officer, to the credit of the Series Revenue Account, or as otherwise provided in the related Supplemental Indenture.

Section 510. Investment Income. Unless otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture, earnings on Investments in a Series Acquisition and Construction Account, a Series Interest Account, a Series Capitalized Interest Account and a Series Revenue Account shall be retained, as realized, to the credit of such Account and used for the purpose of such Account. Unless otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture, earnings on investments in the Funds and Accounts other than a Series Reserve Account and other than as set forth above shall be deposited, as realized, to the credit of such Series Revenue Account and used for the purpose of such Account.

Earnings on investments in a Series Reserve Account shall, unless otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture, be disposed of as follows:

(a) if there was no deficiency (as defined in Section 509 above) in the Series Reserve Account as of the most recent date on which amounts on deposit in the Series Reserve Account were valued by the Trustee, and if no withdrawals have been made from the Series Reserve Account since such date, then earnings on investments in the Series Reserve Account shall be deposited to the Series Revenue Account; or

(b) if there was a deficiency (as defined in Section 509 above) in the Series Reserve Account as of the most recent date on which amounts on deposit in the Series Reserve Account were valued by the Trustee, or if after such date withdrawals have been made from the Series Reserve Account and have created such a deficiency, then earnings on investments in the Series Reserve Account shall be retained in the Series Reserve Account until the amount on deposit therein equals the Series Reserve Account Requirement and thereafter shall be deposited to the Series Revenue Account.

Section 511. Cancellation of Bonds. All Bonds paid, redeemed or purchased, either at or before maturity, shall be canceled upon the payment, redemption or purchase of such Bonds. All Bonds canceled under any of the provisions of this Master Indenture shall be destroyed by the Paying Agent, which shall upon request of the District execute a certificate in duplicate describing the Bonds so destroyed. One executed certificate shall be filed with the Trustee and the other executed certificate shall be retained by the Paying Agent.

ARTICLE VI CONCERNING THE TRUSTEE

Section 601. Acceptance of Trust. The Trustee accepts and agrees to execute the trusts hereby created, but only upon the additional terms set forth in this Article VI, to all of which the parties hereto and the Owners agree. The Trustee shall have only those duties expressly set forth herein, and no duties shall be implied against the Trustee.

Section 602. No Responsibility for Recitals. The recitals, statements and representations in this Master Indenture, in any Supplemental Indenture or in the Bonds, save only the Trustee's authentication certificate, if any, upon the Bonds, have been made by the District and not by the Trustee, and the Trustee shall be under no responsibility for the correctness thereof.

Section 603. Trustee May Act Through Agents; Answerable Only for Willful Misconduct or Gross Negligence. The Trustee may execute any powers hereunder and perform any duties required of it through attorneys, agents, officers

or employees, and shall be entitled to advice of counsel concerning all questions hereunder, and the Trustee shall not be answerable for the default or misconduct of any attorney, agent or employee selected by it with reasonable care. In performance of its duties hereunder, the Trustee may rely on the advice of counsel and shall not be held liable for actions taken in reliance on the advice of counsel. The Trustee shall not be answerable for the exercise of any discretion or power under this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture nor for anything whatsoever in connection with the trust hereunder, except only its own gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Section 604. Compensation and Indemnity. The District shall pay the Trustee reasonable compensation for its services hereunder, and also all its reasonable expenses and disbursements, including the reasonable fees and expenses of Trustee's counsel, and to the extent permitted under State law shall indemnify the Trustee and hold the Trustee harmless against any liabilities which it may incur in the exercise and performance of its powers and duties hereunder except with respect to its own negligence or misconduct. The Trustee shall have no duty in connection with its responsibilities hereunder to advance its own funds nor shall the Trustee have any duty to take any action hereunder without first having received indemnification satisfactory to it. If the District defaults in respect of the foregoing obligations, the Trustee may deduct the amount owing to it from any moneys received or held by the Trustee under this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture other than moneys from a Credit Facility or Liquidity Facility. This Section 604 shall survive termination of this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture, and as to any Trustee, its resignation or removal thereof. As security for the foregoing, the District hereby grants to the Trustee a security interest in and to the amounts on deposit in all Series Funds and Accounts (other than the Rebate Fund) thereby, in effect, granting the Trustee a first charge against these moneys following an Event of Default for its fees and expenses (including legal counsel and default administration costs and expenses), subordinate and inferior to the security interest granted to the Owners of the Bonds from time to time secured thereby, but nevertheless payable in the order of priority as set forth in Section 905(a) upon the occurrence of an Event of Default.

Section 605. No Duty to Renew Insurance. The Trustee shall be under no duty to effect or to renew any insurance policy nor shall it incur any liability for the failure of the District to require or effect or renew insurance or to report or file claims of loss thereunder.

Section 606. Notice of Default; Right to Investigate. The Trustee shall give written notice, as soon as practicable, by first-class mail to registered Owners of Bonds of all defaults of which the Trustee has actual knowledge, unless such defaults have been remedied (the term "defaults" for purposes of this Section 606 and Section 607 being defined to include the events specified as "Events of Default" in Section 902 hereof, but not including any notice or periods of grace

provided for therein) or if the Trustee, based upon the advice of counsel upon which the Trustee is entitled to rely, determines that the giving of such notice is not in the best interests of the Owners of the Bonds. The Trustee will be deemed to have actual knowledge of any payment default under this Master Indenture or under any Supplemental Indenture and after receipt of written notice thereof by a Credit Facility issuer or Liquidity Facility issuer of a default under its respective reimbursement agreement, but shall not be deemed to have actual knowledge of any other default unless notified in writing of such default by the Owners of at least twenty-five percent (25%) in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then Outstanding and affected by such default. The Trustee may, however, at any time require of the District full information as to the performance of any covenant hereunder; and if information satisfactory to it is not forthcoming, the Trustee may make or cause to be made, at the expense of the District, an investigation into the affairs of the District.

Section 607. Obligation to Act on Default. Before taking any action under this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture in respect of an Event of Default, the Trustee may require that a satisfactory indemnity bond be furnished for the reimbursement of all expenses to which it may be put and to protect it against all liability, except liability resulting from its own gross negligence or willful misconduct in connection with any such action.

Section 608. Reliance by Trustee. The Trustee may act on any requisition, resolution, notice, telegram, request, consent, waiver, opinion, certificate, statement, affidavit, voucher, bond, or other paper or document or telephone message which it in good faith believes to be genuine and to have been passed, signed or given by the proper persons or to have been prepared and furnished pursuant to any of the provisions of this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture, and the Trustee shall be under no duty to make any investigation as to any statement contained in any such instrument, but may accept the same as conclusive evidence of the accuracy of such statement.

Section 609. Trustee May Deal in Bonds. The Trustee may in good faith buy, sell, own, hold and deal in any of the Bonds and may join in any action which any Owners may be entitled to take with like effect as if the Trustee were not a party to this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture. The Trustee may also engage in or be interested in any financial or other transaction with the District.

Section 610. Construction of Ambiguous Provision. The Trustee may construe any ambiguous or inconsistent provisions of this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture and any construction by the Trustee shall be binding upon the Owners. The Trustee shall give prompt written notice to the District of any intention to make such construal.

Section 611. Resignation of Trustee. The Trustee may resign and be discharged of the trusts created by this Master Indenture by written resignation filed with the Secretary of the District not less than sixty (60) days before the date when such resignation is to take effect; provided that notice of such resignation shall be sent by first-class mail to each Owner as its name and address appears on the Bond Register and to any Paying Agent, Bond Registrar, any Credit Facility issuer and any Liquidity Facility issuer, at least sixty (60) days before the resignation is to take effect. Such resignation shall take effect on the day specified in the Trustee's notice of resignation unless a successor Trustee is previously appointed, in which event the resignation shall take effect immediately on the appointment of such successor; provided, however, that notwithstanding the foregoing such resignation shall not take effect until a successor Trustee has been appointed. If a successor Trustee has not been appointed within sixty (60) days after the Trustee has given its notice of resignation, the Trustee may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a temporary successor Trustee to serve as Trustee until a successor Trustee has been duly appointed.

Section 612. Removal of Trustee. Any Trustee hereunder may be removed at any time by an instrument appointing a successor to the Trustee so removed, upon application of the District; provided, however, that if an Event of Default has occurred hereunder and is continuing with respect to a Series of Bonds, then the Trustee hereunder may be removed only by an instrument appointing a successor to the Trustee so removed executed by the Majority Owners of the Series of Bonds as to which such Event of Default exists and filed with the Trustee and the District.

The Trustee may also be removed at any time for any breach of trust or for acting or proceeding in violation of, or for failing to act or proceed in accordance with, any provision of this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture with respect to the duties and obligations of the Trustee, by any court of competent jurisdiction upon the application of the District; provided that no Event of Default has occurred hereunder and is continuing, or upon the application of the Owners of not less than twenty percent (20%) in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then Outstanding.

Section 613. Appointment of Successor Trustee. If the Trustee or any successor Trustee resigns or is removed or dissolved, or if its property or business is taken under the control of any state or federal court or administrative body, a vacancy shall forthwith exist in the office of the Trustee, and the District shall appoint a successor and shall mail notice of such appointment, including the name and address of the applicable corporate trust office of the successor Trustee, by first-class mail to each Owner as its name and address appears on the Bond Register, and to the Paying Agent, Bond Registrar, any Credit Facility issuer and any Liquidity Facility issuer; provided, however, that the District shall not appoint a successor Trustee if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, unless the

District shall have received the prior written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, of any Credit Facility issuer and any Liquidity Facility issuer, to the appointment of such successor Trustee. If an Event of Default has occurred hereunder and is continuing and the Trustee or any successor Trustee resigns or is removed or dissolved, or if its property or business is taken under the control of any state or federal court or administrative body, a vacancy shall forthwith exist in the office of the Trustee, and a successor may be appointed by any court of competent jurisdiction upon the application of the Owners of not less than twenty percent (20%) in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then Outstanding and such successor Trustee shall mail notice of its appointment, including the name and address of the applicable corporate trust office of the successor Trustee, by first-class mail to each Owner as its name and address appears on the Bond Registrar, and to the Paying Agent, Bond Registrar, any Credit Facility issuer and any Liquidity Facility issuer.

Section 614. Qualification of Successor Trustee. A successor Trustee shall be a national bank with trust powers or a bank or trust company with trust powers, having a combined net capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000.

Section 615. Instruments of Succession. Except as provided in Section 616 hereof, any successor Trustee shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the District an instrument accepting such appointment hereunder, and thereupon such successor Trustee, without any further act, deed, or conveyance, shall become fully vested with all the estates, properties, rights, powers, trusts, duties and obligations of its predecessor in trust hereunder, with like effect as if originally named Trustee herein, except for the predecessor's rights under Section 604 hereof. After withholding from the funds on hand any amounts owed to itself hereunder, the Trustee ceasing to act hereunder shall pay over to the successor Trustee all moneys held by it hereunder; and the Trustee ceasing to act and the District shall execute and deliver an instrument or instruments transferring to the successor Trustee all the estates, properties, rights, powers and trusts hereunder of the Trustee ceasing to act except for the rights granted under Section 604 hereof. The successor Trustee shall mail notice of its appointment, including the name and address of the applicable corporate trust office of the successor Trustee, by first-class mail to each Owner as its name and address appears on the Bond Registrar, and to the Paying Agent, Bond Registrar, any Credit Facility issuer and any Liquidity Facility issuer.

Section 616. Merger of Trustee. Any corporation, entity or purchaser into which any Trustee hereunder may be merged or with which it may be consolidated or into which all or substantially all of its corporate trust assets shall be sold or its operations conveyed, or any corporation, entity or purchaser resulting from any merger, consolidation or sale to which any Trustee hereunder shall be a party, shall be the successor Trustee under this Master Indenture, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of the parties thereto, anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding; provided, however, that any such

successor corporation, entity or purchaser continuing to act as Trustee hereunder shall meet the requirements of Section 614 hereof, and if such corporation, entity or purchaser does not meet the aforesaid requirements, a successor Trustee shall be appointed pursuant to this Article VI.

Section 617. Resignation of Paying Agent or Bond Registrar. The Paying Agent or Bond Registrar may resign and be discharged of the duties created by this Master Indenture by executing an instrument in writing resigning such duties and specifying the date when such resignation shall take effect, and filing the same with the District and the Trustee not less than sixty (60) days before the date specified in such instrument when such resignation shall take effect, and by giving written notice of such resignation mailed not less than sixty (60) days prior to such resignation date to each Owner as its name and address appear on the registration books of the District maintained by the Bond Registrar. Such resignation shall take effect on the date specified in such notice, unless a successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar is previously appointed in which event such resignation shall take effect immediately upon the appointment of such successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar. If a successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar shall not have been appointed within a period of sixty (60) days following the giving of notice, then the Trustee may appoint a successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar as provided in Section 619 hereof.

Section 618. Removal of Paying Agent or Bond Registrar. The Paying Agent or Bond Registrar may be removed at any time prior to any Event of Default by the District by filing with the Paying Agent or Bond Registrar to be removed and the Trustee, an instrument or instruments in writing executed by an Authorized Officer appointing a successor. Such removal shall be effective thirty (30) days after delivery of the instrument (or such longer period as may be set forth in such instrument); provided, however, that no such removal shall be effective until the successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar appointed hereunder shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the District an instrument accepting such appointment hereunder.

Section 619. Appointment of Successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar. In case at any time the Paying Agent or Bond Registrar shall be removed, or be dissolved, or if its property or affairs shall be taken under the control of any state or federal court or administrative body because of insolvency or bankruptcy, or for any other reason, then a vacancy shall forthwith and ipso facto exist in the office of the Paying Agent or Bond Registrar, as the case may be, and a successor shall be appointed by the District; and in case at any time the Paying Agent or Bond Registrar shall resign, then a successor shall be appointed by the District. Upon any such appointment, the District shall give written notice of such appointment to the predecessor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar, the successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar, the Trustee and all Owners. Any new Paying

Agent or Bond Registrar so appointed shall immediately and without further act supersede the predecessor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar.

Section 620. Qualifications of Successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar. Every successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar shall (a) be a commercial bank or trust company duly organized under the laws of the United States or any state or territory thereof, authorized by law to perform all the duties imposed upon it by this Master Indenture, and capable of meeting its obligations hereunder, and (b) have a combined net capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000.

Section 621. Acceptance of Duties by Successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar. Except as provided in Section 622 hereof, any successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar appointed hereunder shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the District an instrument accepting such appointment hereunder, and thereupon such successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar, without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become duly vested with all the estates property, rights, powers, duties and obligations of its predecessor hereunder, with like effect as if originally named Paying Agent or Bond Registrar herein. Upon request of such Paying Agent or Bond Registrar, such predecessor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar and the District shall execute and deliver an instrument transferring to such successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar all the estates, property, rights and powers hereunder of such predecessor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar and such predecessor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar shall pay over and deliver to the successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar all moneys and other assets at the time held by it hereunder.

Section 622. Successor by Merger or Consolidation. Any corporation, entity or purchaser into which any Paying Agent or Bond Registrar hereunder may be merged, converted or sold or with which it may be consolidated or into which substantially all of its corporate trust assets shall be sold or otherwise conveyed, or any corporation, entity or purchaser resulting from any merger, consolidation or sale to which any Paying Agent or Bond Registrar hereunder shall be a party, shall be the successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar under this Master Indenture without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of the parties hereto, anything in this Master Indenture to the contrary notwithstanding.

Section 623. Brokerage Statements. The District acknowledges that to the extent regulations of the Comptroller of the Currency or other applicable regulatory entity grant the District the right to receive individual confirmations of security transactions at no additional cost, as they occur, the District specifically waives receipt of such confirmations to the extent permitted by law. The Trustee will furnish the District periodic cash transaction statements that include detail for all investment transactions made by the Trustee hereunder.

Section 624. Patriot Act Requirements of the Trustee. To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. For a non-individual person such as a business entity, a charity, a trust, or other legal entity, the Trustee will ask for documentation to verify such non-individual person's formation and existence as a legal entity. The Trustee may also ask to see financial statements, licenses, identification and authorization documents from individuals claiming authority to represent the entity or other relevant documentation.

ARTICLE VII FUNDS CONSTITUTE TRUST FUNDS

Section 701. Trust Funds. Subject to the provisions of Section 604 and Section 905(a) hereof, all amounts on deposit in Funds or Accounts for the benefit of a Series of Bonds shall:

(a) be used only for the purposes and in the manner provided herein and in the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds and, pending such application, be held by the Trustee in trust for the benefit of the Owners of such Series of Bonds;

(b) be irrevocably pledged to the payment of such Series of Bonds, except for amounts on deposit in the Series Rebate Account in the Rebate Fund;

(c) be held and accounted for separate and apart from all other Funds and Accounts, including Accounts of other Series of Bonds, and other funds and accounts of the Trustee and the District;

(d) until applied for the purposes provided herein, be subject to a first lien in favor of the Owners of such Series of Bonds and any parity obligations to issuers of Credit Facilities or Liquidity Facilities with respect to such Series of Bonds, which lien is hereby created, prior and superior to all other liens now existing or hereafter created, and, to a second lien in favor of the Trustee, as security for the reasonable compensation for the services of the Trustee hereunder, and also all its reasonable expenses and disbursements, including the reasonable fees and expenses of Trustee's counsel, subordinate and inferior to the security interest granted to the Owners of such Series of Bonds and any parity obligations to issuers of Credit Facilities or Liquidity Facilities with respect to such Series of Bonds, but nevertheless payable in the order of priority as set forth in Section 905(a) or Section 905(b) hereof upon the occurrence of an Event of Default; and

(e) shall not be subject to lien or attachment by any creditor of the Trustee or any creditor of the District or any other Series of Bonds other than the Owners of

such Series of Bonds and the issuers of Credit Facilities or Liquidity Facilities with respect to such Series of Bonds.

ARTICLE VIII COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS OF THE DISTRICT

Section 801. Payment of Bonds. The District shall duly and punctually pay or cause to be paid, but only from the Series Trust Estate with respect to each Series of Bonds, Debt Service on the dates, at the places, and in the amounts stated herein, in any Supplemental Indenture, and in the Bonds of such Series.

Section 802. Extension of Payment of Bonds. Except as provided in Section 901 hereof, the District shall not directly or indirectly extend the time for payment of the interest on any Bonds. The time for payment of Bonds of any Series shall be the time prescribed in the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds.

Section 803. Further Assurance. At any and all times the District shall, so far as it may be authorized by law, pass, make, do, execute, acknowledge and deliver, all and every such further resolutions, acts, deeds, conveyances, assignments, transfers and assurances as may be necessary or desirable for the better assuring, conveying, granting, assigning and confirming all and singular the rights, moneys, securities and funds hereby pledged or assigned, or intended so to be, or which the District may become bound to pledge or assign after the date of execution of this Master Indenture.

Section 804. Power to Issue Bonds and Create a Lien. The District hereby represents to the Trustee and to the Owners that it is and will be duly authorized under all applicable laws to issue the Bonds of each Series, to execute this Master Indenture, to adopt Supplemental Indentures, and to pledge its moneys, securities and funds in the manner and to the extent provided herein. Except as provided herein, the District hereby represents that such moneys, securities and funds of the District are and will be free and clear of any pledge, lien, charge or encumbrance thereon and all action on the part of the District to that end has been and will be duly and validly taken. The Bonds of each Series, this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture are and will be the valid and legally enforceable obligations of the District, enforceable in accordance with their terms except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be subject to bankruptcy and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally. The District shall at all times, to the extent permitted by law, defend, preserve and protect the pledge and lien created by this Master Indenture and all the rights of the Owners hereunder against all claims and demands of all other persons whomsoever.

Section 805. Power to Undertake Series Projects and to Collect Pledged Revenues. The District has or will have upon the date of issuance of

each Series of Bonds, and will have so long as any Bonds are Outstanding, good right and lawful power: (a) to undertake the Series Projects, or it will take such action on its part required which it deems reasonable in order to obtain licenses, orders, permits or other authorizations, if any, from any agency or regulatory body having lawful jurisdiction which must be obtained in order to undertake such Series Project; and (b) to fix, levy and collect or cause to be collected any and all Pledged Revenues.

Section 806. Sale of Series Projects. The District covenants that, until such time as there are no Bonds of a Series Outstanding, it will not sell, lease or otherwise dispose of or encumber the related Series Project or any part thereof other than as provided herein. The District may, however, from time to time, sell any machinery, fixtures, apparatus, tools, instruments, or other movable property acquired by the District in connection with a Series Project, or any materials used in connection therewith, if the District shall determine that such articles are no longer needed or are no longer useful in connection with the acquisition, construction, operation or maintenance of a Series Project, and the proceeds thereof may be applied to the replacement of the properties so sold or disposed of and, if not so applied, shall be deposited to the credit of the related Series Acquisition and Construction Account or, after the Date of Completion of the Series Project, shall be applied as provided in the corresponding Supplemental Indenture. The District may from time to time sell or lease such other property forming part of a Series Project which it may determine is not needed or serves no useful purpose in connection with the maintenance and operation of such Series Project, if the Consulting Engineer shall in writing approve such sale or lease, and the proceeds of any such sale shall be disposed of as hereinabove provided for the proceeds of the sale or disposal of movable property. The proceeds of any lease as described above shall be applied as provided in the corresponding Supplemental Indenture.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the District may: (a) dispose of all or any part of a Series Project, other than a Series Project the revenues to be derived from the operation of which are pledged to a Series of Bonds, by gift or dedication thereof to any unit of local government, or to the State or any agency or instrumentality of either of the foregoing or the United States Government; and/or (b) impose, declare or grant title to or interests in the Series Project or a portion or portions thereof in order to create ingress and egress rights and public and private utility easements as the District may deem necessary or desirable for the development, use and occupancy of the property within the District; and/or (c) impose or declare covenants, conditions and restrictions pertaining to the use, occupancy and operation of the Series Projects.

Section 807. Completion and Maintenance of Series Projects. The District shall complete the acquisition and construction of a Series Project with all practical dispatch and in a sound and economical manner. So long as any Series Project is owned by the District, the District shall maintain, preserve and keep the

same or cause the same to be maintained, preserved and kept, with the appurtenances and every part and parcel thereof, in good repair, working order and condition, and shall from time to time make, or cause to be made, all necessary and proper repairs, replacements and renewals so that at all times the operation thereof may be properly and advantageously conducted.

Section 808. Accounts and Reports.

(a) ***Annual Report.*** The District shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt and approval by the District, so long as any Bonds are Outstanding, deliver to each Requesting Owner (hereinafter defined), and otherwise as provided by law, a copy of its annual audit for such year, accompanied by an Accountant's Certificate, including (i) statements in reasonable detail of its financial condition as of the end of such Fiscal Year and income and expenses for such Fiscal Year, and (ii) statements of all receipts and disbursements of the Pledged Revenues of each Series of Bonds (unless the Pledged Revenues of such Series are remitted directly to the Trustee). The Trustee shall, within ninety (90) days after the close of each Fiscal Year so long as any Bonds are Outstanding, file with the District a summary with respect to each Fund and Account of the deposits thereto and disbursements therefrom during such Fiscal Year and the amounts held therein at the end of such Fiscal Year, or at the option of the Trustee, such summary can be made on a monthly basis. For purposes of the foregoing, the term "Requesting Owner" shall mean the Owner (or Beneficial Owner in the case of Bonds held in book-entry form) of more than \$1,000,000 aggregate principal amount of any Series of Bonds who requests such information in writing to the District.

(b) ***No Default Certificate.*** The District shall file with the Trustee, so long as any Bonds are Outstanding, a certificate of an Authorized Officer upon the occurrence of an Event of Default as described in Section 902(h) hereof, such certificate to contain a description of the nature of such Event of Default and actions taken or to be taken to remedy such Event of Default.

(c) ***Inspection.*** The reports, statements and other documents required to be furnished by the District to the Trustee and by the Trustee to the District pursuant to any provisions hereof shall be available for inspection by any Owner at the designated office of the District upon the giving of at least five (5) days advance written notice to the District or the Trustee, as the case may be.

(d) ***Reports Pursuant to Uniform Special District Accountability Act of 1989.*** The District covenants and agrees that it will comply with the provisions of Chapter 189.01 et seq., Florida Statutes, the Uniform Special District Accountability Act of 1989, to the extent applicable to the District, including any reporting requirements contained therein which are applicable to the District. The District may contract with a service provider selected by the District to ensure such compliance.

Section 809. Arbitrage and Other Tax Covenants. The District hereby covenants that it will not take any action, and will not fail to take any action, which action or failure would cause any Tax-Exempt Bonds to become "arbitrage bonds" as defined in Section 148 of the Code. The District further covenants that it will take all such actions after delivery of any Tax-Exempt Bonds as may be required in order for interest on such Tax-Exempt Bonds to remain excludable from gross income (as defined in Section 61 of the Code) of the Owners. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the District hereby covenants that it will to the extent not remitted by the Trustee from funds held in the Rebate Account, remit to the United States the Rebate Amount at the time and place required by this Master Indenture, any Supplemental Indenture, and the Tax Regulatory Covenants.

Section 810. Enforcement of Payment of Assessments. The District will assess, levy, collect or cause to be collected and enforce the payment of Assessments, Benefit Special Assessments, and/or any other sources which constitute Pledged Revenues for the payment of any Series of Bonds in the manner prescribed by this Master Indenture, any Supplemental Indenture and all resolutions, ordinances or laws thereunto appertaining at times and in amounts as shall be necessary in order to pay, when due, the principal of and interest on the Series of Bonds to which such Pledged Revenues are pledged, and to pay or cause to be paid the proceeds of such Assessments, Benefit Special Assessments, and/or any other sources as received to the Trustee in accordance with the provisions hereof.

Section 811. Method of Collection of Assessments and Benefit Special Assessments. The District shall levy and collect Assessments and Benefit Special Assessments in accordance with applicable State law.

Section 812. Delinquent Assessments. If the owner of any lot or parcel of land shall be delinquent in the payment of any Assessment or Benefit Special Assessment, pledged to a Series of Bonds, then such Assessment or Benefit Special Assessment shall be enforced in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 170 and/or 197, Florida Statutes, including but not limited to the sale of tax certificates and tax deeds as regards such Delinquent Assessment. In the event the provisions of Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, are inapplicable or unavailable, then upon the delinquency of any Assessment or Benefit Special Assessment, the District either on its own behalf, or through the actions of the Trustee may, and shall, if so directed in writing by the Majority Owners of the Bonds of such Series then Outstanding, declare the entire unpaid balance of such Assessment or Benefit Special Assessment, to be in default and, at its own expense, cause such delinquent property to be foreclosed in the same method now or hereafter provided by law for the foreclosure of mortgages on real estate, or pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 170 and 173, and Section 190.026, Florida Statutes, or otherwise as provided by law. The District further covenants to furnish, at its expense, to any Owner of Bonds of the related Series so requesting, sixty (60) days after the due date of each annual installment, a list of all Delinquent Assessments together with

a copy of the District's annual audit, and a list of foreclosure actions currently in progress and the current status of such Delinquent Assessments.

Section 813. Deposit of Proceeds from Sale of Tax Certificates. If any tax certificates relating to Delinquent Assessments which are pledged to a Series of Bonds are sold by the Tax Collector pursuant to the provisions of Section 197.432, Florida Statutes, or if any such tax certificates are not sold but are later redeemed, the proceeds of such sale or redemption (to the extent that such proceeds relate to the Delinquent Assessments), less any commission or other charges retained by the Tax Collector, shall, if paid by the Tax Collector to the District, be paid by the District to the Trustee not later than five (5) Business Days following receipt of such proceeds by the District and shall be deposited by the Trustee to the credit of the related Series Revenue Account.

Section 814. Sale of Tax Deed or Foreclosure of Assessment or Benefit Special Assessment Lien. If any property shall be offered for sale for the nonpayment of any Assessment or Benefit Special Assessment, which is pledged to a Series of Bonds, and no person or persons shall purchase such property for an amount less than or equal to the full amount due on the Assessments or Benefit Special Assessments (principal, interest, penalties and costs, plus attorneys' fees, if any), the property may then be purchased by the District for an amount equal to the balance due on the Assessments or Benefit Special Assessments (principal, interest, penalties and costs, plus attorneys' fees, if any), from any legally available funds of the District and the District shall receive in its corporate name or in the name of a special purpose entity title to the property for the benefit of the Owners of the Series of Bonds to which such Assessments or Benefit Special Assessments were pledged; provided that the Trustee shall have the right, acting at the direction of the Majority Owners of the applicable Series of Bonds secured by such Assessments or Benefit Special Assessments, but shall not be obligated, to direct the District with respect to any action taken pursuant to this paragraph. The District, either through its own actions, or actions caused to be taken through the Trustee, shall have the power to lease or sell such property, and deposit all of the net proceeds of any such lease or sale into the related Series Revenue Account. Not less than ten (10) days prior to the filing of any foreclosure action as herein provided, the District shall cause written notice thereof to be mailed to any designated agents of the Owners of the related Series of Bonds. Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the proposed sale of any lot or tract of land acquired by foreclosure by the District, it shall give written notice thereof to such representatives. The District, either through its own actions, or actions caused to be taken through the Trustee, agrees that it shall be required to take the measures provided by law for the listing for sale of property acquired by it as trustee for the benefit of the Owners of the related Series of Bonds within sixty (60) days after the receipt of the request therefor signed by the Trustee or the Majority Owners of the Bonds of such Series then Outstanding.

Section 815. Other Obligations Payable from Assessments or Benefit Special Assessments. The District will not issue or incur any obligations payable from the proceeds of Assessments or Benefit Special Assessments securing a Series of Bonds nor voluntarily create or cause to be created any debt, lien, pledge, assignment, encumbrance or other charge upon such Assessments or Benefit Special Assessments other than the lien of any Subordinate Debt except for fees, commissions, costs, and other charges payable to the Property Appraiser or to the Tax Collector pursuant to State law.

Section 816. Re-Assessments. If any Assessment or Benefit Special Assessment shall be either in whole or in part annulled, vacated or set aside by the judgment of any court, or the District shall be satisfied that any such Assessment or Benefit Special Assessment is so irregular or defective that it cannot be enforced or collected, or if the District shall have omitted to make such Assessment or Benefit Special Assessment when it might have done so, the District shall either: (a) take all necessary steps to cause a new Assessment or Benefit Special Assessment to be made for the whole or any part of such improvement or against any property benefited by such improvement; or (b) in its sole discretion, make up the amount of such Assessment or Benefit Special Assessment from legally available moneys, which moneys shall be deposited into the related Series Revenue Account. In case any such subsequent Assessment or Benefit Special Assessment shall also be annulled, the District shall obtain and make other Assessments or Benefit Special Assessments until a valid Assessment or Benefit Special Assessment shall be made.

Section 817. General. The District shall do and perform, or cause to be done and performed, all acts and things required to be done or performed by or on behalf of the District under law and this Master Indenture, in accordance with the terms of such provisions.

Upon the date of issuance of each Series of Bonds, all conditions, acts and things required by law and this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture to exist, to have happened and to have been performed precedent to and in the issuance of such Series of Bonds shall exist, have happened and have been performed and upon issuance, such Series of Bonds shall be within every debt and other limit prescribed by the laws of the State applicable to the District.

The District shall not enter into any contract or take any action by which the rights of the Trustee or the Owners may be impaired and shall, from time to time, execute and deliver such further instruments and take such further action as may be required to carry out the purposes of this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture. For so long as any Bonds are Outstanding hereunder, unless otherwise provided by the Act, the District shall maintain its corporate existence as a local unit of special purpose government under the Act and shall provide for or otherwise require all Series Projects, and all parts thereof owned by the District to be (a) continuously operated, repaired, improved and maintained as

shall be necessary to provide adequate service to the lands benefited thereby, and (b) in compliance with all valid and applicable laws, acts, rules, regulations, permits, orders, requirements and directions of any competent public authority.

Section 818. Continuing Disclosure. The District covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of any Continuing Disclosure Agreement. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture, failure of the District or any other obligated person to comply with any Continuing Disclosure Agreement shall not be considered an Event of Default hereunder; however, the Trustee may (and, at the request of any participating underwriter or the Owners of at least twenty-five percent (25%) aggregate principal amount of Bonds of a Series then Outstanding and receipt of indemnity to its satisfaction, shall) or any Owner or Beneficial Owner of the Bonds of a Series then Outstanding may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking specific performance by court order, to cause the District to comply with its obligations under this Section 818. For purposes of this Section, "Beneficial Owner" means any person which (a) has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of, any Bonds (including persons holding Bonds through nominees, depositories or other intermediaries), or (b) is treated as the owner of any Bonds for federal income tax purposes.

ARTICLE IX EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

Section 901. Extension of Interest Payment. If the time for payment of interest of a Bond of any Series shall be extended, whether or not such extension be by or with the consent of the District, such interest so extended shall not be entitled in case of default hereunder to the benefit or security of this Master Indenture unless the aggregate principal amount of such Bonds then Outstanding and of all accrued interest the time for payment of which shall not have been extended, shall have previously been paid in full.

Section 902. Events of Default. Each of the following events is hereby declared an Event of Default with respect to a Series of Bonds, but no other Series of Bonds unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series:

(a) Any payment of Debt Service on such Series of Bonds is not made when due;

(b) The District shall for any reason be rendered incapable of fulfilling its obligations hereunder or under the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds;

(c) The District admits in writing its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or files a petition in bankruptcy or makes an assignment for the benefit of its creditors or consents to the appointment of a receiver or trustee for itself or for the whole or any part of the related Series Project;

(d) The District is adjudged insolvent by a court of competent jurisdiction, or is adjudged bankrupt on a petition in bankruptcy filed against the District, or an order, judgment or decree be entered by any court of competent jurisdiction appointing, without the consent of the District, a receiver or trustee of the District or of the whole or any part of its property and if the aforesaid adjudications, orders, judgments or decrees shall not be vacated or set aside or stayed within ninety (90) days from the date of entry thereof;

(e) The District shall file a petition or answer seeking reorganization or any arrangement under the federal bankruptcy laws or any other applicable law or statute of the United States of America or any state thereof;

(f) Under the provisions of any other law for the relief or aid of debtors, any court of competent jurisdiction shall assume custody or control of the District's assets or any part thereof, and such custody or control shall not be terminated within ninety (90) days from the date of assumption of such custody or control;

(g) Any portion of the Assessments or Benefit Special Assessments pledged to a Series of Bonds shall have become Delinquent Assessments and, as the result thereof, the Indenture provides for the Trustee to withdraw funds in an amount greater than twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount on deposit in a Series Reserve Account to pay Debt Service on the corresponding Series of Bonds (regardless of whether the Trustee does or does not, per the direction of the Majority Owners, actually withdraw such funds from the Series Reserve Account to pay Debt Service on the corresponding Series of Bonds);

(h) The District shall default in the due and punctual performance of any of the material covenants, conditions, agreements and provisions contained in the Bonds of such Series or in this Master Indenture or in the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds on the part of the District to be performed (other than a default in the payment of Debt Service on the related Series of Bonds when due, which is an Event of Default under subsection (a) above) and such default shall continue for thirty (30) days after written notice specifying such default and requiring the same to be remedied shall have been given to the District by the Trustee or, if the Trustee is unwilling or unable to act, by Owners of not less than ten percent (10%) in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds of such Series then Outstanding and affected by such default; and

(i) More than twenty percent (20%) of the Operation and Maintenance Assessments levied by the District on tax parcels subject to Assessments or Benefit

Special Assessments pledged to a Series of Bonds are not paid by the date such are due and payable.

Section 903. Acceleration of Maturities of Bonds of a Series Under Certain Circumstances. Upon the happening and continuance of any Event of Default specified in clauses (a) through (i) of Section 902 above with respect to a Series of Bonds, the Trustee shall, upon written direction of the Majority Owners of the Bonds of such Series then Outstanding, by a notice in writing to the District, declare the aggregate principal amount of all of the Bonds of such Series then Outstanding (if not then due and payable) to be due and payable immediately and, upon such declaration, the same shall become and be immediately due and payable, anything contained in the Bonds of such Series or in this Master Indenture or in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing such Series of Bonds to the contrary notwithstanding; provided, however, that no such declaration of acceleration shall occur in the case of Bonds of a Series secured by Assessments, except to the extent that the Assessments have been accelerated and are currently due and payable in accordance with applicable law; and provided further, however, that if at any time after the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds of any Series then Outstanding shall have been so declared to be due and payable, and before the entry of final judgment or decree in any suit, action or proceeding instituted on account of such default, or before the completion of the enforcement of any other remedy under this Master Indenture or the related Supplemental Indenture, moneys shall have accumulated in the related Series Revenue Account sufficient to pay the principal of all matured Bonds of such Series and all arrears of interest, if any, upon all Bonds of such Series then Outstanding (except the aggregate principal amount of any Bonds of such Series then Outstanding that is only due because of a declaration under this Section 903, and except for the interest accrued on the Bonds of such Series since the last Interest Payment Date), and all amounts then payable by the District hereunder shall have been paid or a sum sufficient to pay the same shall have been deposited with the Paying Agent, and every other default (other than a default in the payment of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds of such Series then Outstanding that is due only because of a declaration under this Section 903) shall have been remedied, then the Trustee or, if the Trustee is unable or unwilling to act, the Majority Owners of such Series of Bonds then Outstanding not then due except by virtue of a declaration under this Section 903, may, by written notice to the District, rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences, but no such rescission or annulment shall extend to or affect any subsequent default or impair any right consequent thereon.

Section 904. Enforcement of Remedies. Upon the happening and continuance of any Event of Default specified in Section 902 above with respect to a Series of Bonds, the Trustee may protect and enforce the rights of the Owners of the Bonds of such Series under State law, and under this Master Indenture, the related Supplemental Indenture and the Bonds of such Series, by such proceedings in equity or at law, either for the specific performance of any covenant or agreement

contained herein or in aid or execution of any power herein or in the related Supplemental Indenture granted or for the enforcement of any proper legal or equitable remedy, as the Trustee shall deem most effectual to protect and enforce such rights.

The Majority Owners of the Bonds of such Series then Outstanding shall, subject to the requirements of Section 607, have the right, by an instrument or instruments in writing executed and delivered to the Trustee, to direct the method and place of conducting all remedial proceedings by the Trustee hereunder, provided that such directions shall not be in conflict with any rule of law or this Master Indenture and that the Trustee shall have the right to decline to follow any such direction which in the opinion of the Trustee would be unduly prejudicial to the rights of the Owners of such Series of Bonds not parties to such direction or would subject the Trustee to personal liability or expense. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee shall have the right to select and retain legal counsel of its choosing to represent it in any such proceedings. The Trustee may take any other action which is not inconsistent with any direction under this second paragraph of this Section 904.

No Owner of such Series of Bonds shall have any right to pursue any other remedy under this Master Indenture or such Series of Bonds unless: (a) an Event of Default shall have occurred and is continuing; (b) the Majority Owners of the Bonds of such Series then Outstanding have requested the Trustee, in writing, to exercise the powers granted in the first paragraph of this Section 904 or to pursue such remedy in its or their name or names; (c) the Trustee has been offered indemnity satisfactory to it against costs, expenses and liabilities reasonably anticipated to be incurred; (d) the Trustee has declined to comply with such request, or has failed to do so, within sixty (60) days after its receipt of such written request and offer of indemnity; and (e) no direction inconsistent with such request has been given to the Trustee during such sixty (60) day period by the Majority Owners of the Bonds of such Series then Outstanding. The provisions of the immediately preceding sentence of this Section 904 are conditions precedent to the exercise by any Owner of such Series of Bonds of any remedy hereunder. The exercise of such rights is further subject to the provisions of Sections 907, 909, 910, 912 and the second paragraph of this Section 904. No Owner or Owners of such Series of Bonds shall have any right in any manner whatsoever to enforce any right under this Master Indenture, except in the manner herein provided.

The District covenants and agrees that upon the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default, it will take such actions to enforce the remedial provisions of the Indenture, the provisions for the collection of Delinquent Assessments, including delinquent Direct Billed Operation and Maintenance Assessments, the provisions for the foreclosure of liens of Delinquent Assessments, including delinquent Direct Billed Operation and Maintenance Assessments, and will take such other appropriate remedial actions as shall be directed by the Trustee acting

at the direction of, and on behalf of, the Majority Owners, from time to time, of the Bonds of a Series. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, and unless otherwise directed by the Majority Owners of the Bonds of a Series and allowed pursuant to federal or State law, the District acknowledges and agrees that (y) upon failure of any property owner to pay an installment of Assessments collected directly by the District when due, that the entire Assessment on the tax parcel as to which such Delinquent Assessment appertains, with interest and penalties thereon, shall immediately become due and payable as provided by applicable law and the District shall promptly, but in any event within 120 days, cause to be brought the necessary legal proceedings for the foreclosure of liens of Delinquent Assessments, including interest and penalties with respect to such tax parcel and (z) the foreclosure proceedings shall be prosecuted to a sale and conveyance of the property involved in said proceedings as now provided by law in suits to foreclose mortgages.

Section 905. Pro Rata Application of Funds Among Owners of a Series of Bonds. Anything in this Master Indenture to the contrary notwithstanding, if at any time the moneys in the Series Funds and Accounts shall not be sufficient to pay Debt Service on the related Series of Bonds when due, such moneys together with any moneys then available or thereafter becoming available for such purpose, whether through the exercise of the remedies provided for in this Article IX or otherwise, shall be applied as follows:

(a) Unless the aggregate principal amount of all the Bonds of such Series shall have become due and payable or shall have been declared due and payable pursuant to the provisions of Section 903 hereof, all such moneys shall be applied:

FIRST: to the payment of any then-due fees and expenses of the Trustee, including reasonable counsel fees and expenses, to the extent not otherwise paid;

SECOND: to payment to the persons entitled thereto of all installments of interest then due and payable on the Bonds of such Series, in the order in which such installments become due and payable and, if the amount available shall not be sufficient to pay in full any particular installment, then to the payment ratably, according to the amounts due on such installment, to the persons entitled thereto, without any discrimination or preference except as to any difference in the rates of interest specified in the Bonds of such Series; and

THIRD: to the payment to the persons entitled thereto of the unpaid principal of any of the Bonds of such Series which shall have become due (other than Bonds of such Series called for redemption for the payment of which sufficient moneys are held pursuant to this Master Indenture), in the order of their due dates, with interest upon the Bonds of such Series at the rates specified therein from the dates upon which they become due to their

payment date, and, if the amount available shall not be sufficient to pay in full the principal of Bonds of such Series due on any particular date, together with such interest, then to the payment first of such interest, ratably according to the amount of such interest due on such date, and then to the payment of such principal, ratably according to the amount of such principal due on such date, to the Owners of the Bonds of such Series entitled thereto without any discrimination or preference except as to any difference in the foregoing rates of interest.

(b) If the aggregate principal amount of all the Bonds of a Series shall have become due and payable in accordance with their terms or shall have been declared due and payable pursuant to the provisions of Section 903 hereof, all such moneys shall be applied first to the payment of any fees and expenses of the Trustee, including reasonable counsel fees and expenses, to the extent not otherwise paid, and then the payment of the whole amount of principal and interest then due and unpaid upon the Bonds of such Series, without preference or priority of principal or of interest or of any installment of interest over any other, or of any Bond over any other Bond of such Series, ratably, according to the amounts due respectively for principal and interest, to the persons entitled thereto without any discrimination or preference except as to any difference in the respective rates of interest specified in the Bonds of such Series.

(c) If the principal of all the Bonds of a Series shall have been declared due and payable pursuant to the provisions of Section 903 hereof, and if such declaration shall thereafter have been rescinded and annulled pursuant to the provisions of Section 903 hereof, then, if the aggregate principal amount of all of the Bonds of such Series shall later become due or be declared due and payable pursuant to the provisions of Section 903 hereof, the moneys remaining in and thereafter accruing to the related Series Revenue Fund shall be applied in accordance with subsection (b) above.

The provisions of this Section 905 are in all respects subject to the provisions of Section 901 hereof.

Whenever moneys are to be applied pursuant to this Section 905, such moneys shall be applied by the Trustee at such times as the Trustee in its sole discretion shall determine, having due regard to the amount of such moneys available for application and the likelihood of additional moneys becoming available for such application. The deposit of such moneys with the Paying Agent shall constitute proper application by the Trustee, and the Trustee shall incur no liability whatsoever to any Owner or to any other person for any delay in applying any such funds, so long as the Trustee acts with reasonable diligence, having due regard to the circumstances, and ultimately applies such moneys in accordance with such provisions of this Master Indenture as may be applicable at the time of application. Whenever the Trustee shall exercise such discretion in applying such funds, it shall

fix the date upon which such application is to be made and upon such date interest on the amounts of principal to be paid on such date shall cease to accrue. The Trustee shall give such notice as it may deem appropriate of the fixing of any such date and shall not be required to make payment to any Owner until such Bond shall be surrendered to him for appropriate endorsement.

Section 906. Effect of Discontinuance of Proceedings. If any proceeding taken by the Trustee or any Owner on account of any default shall have been discontinued or abandoned for any reason, then the District and the Owner shall be restored to their former positions and rights hereunder, respectively, and all rights and remedies of the Owners shall continue as though no such proceeding had been taken.

Section 907. Restriction on Individual Owner Actions. Except as provided in Section 910 below, no Owner of any Bonds of a Series shall have any right in any manner whatsoever to affect, disturb or prejudice the security of this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture, or to enforce any right hereunder or thereunder except in the manner herein or therein provided, and all proceedings at law or in equity shall be instituted and maintained for the benefit of all Owners of the Bonds of such Series.

Section 908. No Remedy Exclusive. No remedy conferred upon the Trustee or the Owners is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy herein or in any Supplemental Indenture provided, and each such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or thereunder.

Section 909. Delay Not a Waiver. No delay or omission of the Trustee or any Owner to exercise any right or power accruing upon any default shall impair any such right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver of any such default or an acquiescence therein; and every power and remedy given to the Trustee and the Owners may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient.

Section 910. Right to Enforce Payment of Bonds. Nothing in this Article IX shall affect or impair the right of any Owner to enforce the payment of Debt Service on the Bond of which such person is the registered Owner, or the obligation of the District to pay Debt Service to the Owner at the time and place specified in such Bond.

Section 911. No Cross Default Among Series. The occurrence of an Event of Default hereunder or under any Supplemental Indenture with respect to any Series of Bonds shall not constitute an Event of Default with respect to any other Series of Bonds, unless the event giving rise to the Event of Default also constitutes an Event of Default hereunder or under the Supplemental Indenture with respect to such other Series of Bonds.

Section 912. Indemnification. Other than to make proper draws under a Credit Facility, the Trustee shall be under no obligation to institute any suit or to take any remedial proceeding under this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture or to enter any appearance or in any way defend in any suit in which it may be made defendant, or to advance its own money, or to take any steps in the execution of the trusts hereby created or in the enforcement of any rights and powers hereunder, until it shall be indemnified to its satisfaction against any and all costs and expenses, outlays and counsel fees and other reasonable disbursements, and against all liability. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the indemnification provided by this Section 912 shall not be applicable in cases of the Trustee's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Section 913. Provisions Relating to Bankruptcy or Insolvency of Landowner.

(a) The provisions of this Section 913 shall be applicable both before and after the commencement, whether voluntary or involuntary, of any case, proceeding or other action by or against any owner of any tax parcel, or tax parcels which are in the aggregate, subject to at least five percent (5%) of the Assessments pledged to the Bonds of a Series then Outstanding (an "Insolvent Taxpayer") under any existing or future law of any jurisdiction relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, assignment for the benefit of creditors, or relief of debtors (a "Proceeding").

(b) The District acknowledges and agrees that, although the Bonds of a Series were issued by the District, the Owners of the Bonds of a Series are categorically the party with the ultimate financial stake in the transaction and, consequently, the party with a vested and pecuniary interest in a Proceeding. In the event of any Proceeding involving an Insolvent Taxpayer:

(i) the District hereby agrees that it shall seek to secure the written consent of the Trustee, acting at the direction of the Majority Owners of the Bonds of a Series then Outstanding, prior to making any election, giving any consent, commencing any action or filing any motion, claim, obligation, notice or application or in taking any other action or position in any Proceeding or in any action related to a Proceeding that affects, either directly or indirectly, the Assessments relating to the Bonds of a Series then Outstanding, the Bonds of such Series then Outstanding or any rights of the Trustee under the Indenture (provided, however, the Trustee shall be deemed to have consented, on behalf of the Majority Owners of the Bonds of such Series then Outstanding, to the proposed action if the District does not receive a written response from the Trustee within sixty (60) days following delivery to the Trustee of a written request for consent);

(ii) the District hereby agrees that it shall not make any election, give any consent, commence any action or file any motion, claim, obligation,

notice or application or take any other action or position in any Proceeding or in any action related to a Proceeding that affects, either directly or indirectly, the Assessments relating to the Bonds of a Series then Outstanding, the Bonds of such Series then Outstanding or any rights of the Trustee under the Indenture that are inconsistent with any written consent received (or deemed received) from the Trustee;

(iii) the District hereby agrees that it shall seek the written consent of the Trustee prior to filing and voting in any such Proceeding (provided, however, the Trustee shall be deemed to have consented, on behalf of the Majority Owners of the Bonds of such Series then Outstanding, to the proposed action if the District does not receive a written response from the Trustee within sixty (60) days following delivery to the Trustee of a written request for consent);

(iv) the Trustee shall have the right, by interpleader or otherwise, to seek or oppose any relief in any such Proceeding that the District, as claimant with respect to the Assessments relating to the Bonds of a Series then Outstanding, would have the right to pursue, and, if the Trustee chooses to exercise any such rights, the District shall not oppose the Trustee in seeking to exercise any and all rights and taking any and all actions available to the District in connection with any Proceeding of any Insolvent Taxpayer, including, without limitation, the right to file and/or prosecute and/or defend any claims and proofs of claims, to vote to accept or reject a plan, to seek dismissal of the Proceeding, to seek stay relief to commence or continue foreclosure or pursue any other available remedies as to the Assessments relating to the Bonds of a Series then Outstanding, to seek substantive consolidation, to seek to shorten the Insolvent Taxpayer's exclusivity periods or to oppose any motion to extend such exclusivity periods, to oppose any motion for use of cash collateral or for authority to obtain financing, to oppose any sale procedures motion or any sale motion, to propose a competing plan of reorganization or liquidation, or to make any election under Section 1111(b) of the Bankruptcy Code; and

(v) the District shall not challenge the validity or amount of any claim submitted in good faith by the Trustee in such Proceeding or any valuations of the lands owned by any Insolvent Taxpayer submitted in good faith by the Trustee in such Proceeding or take any other action in such Proceeding, which is adverse to the Trustee's enforcement of the District's claim and rights with respect to the Assessments relating to the Bonds of a Series then Outstanding or receipt of adequate protection (as that term is defined in the Bankruptcy Code). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the District agrees that the Trustee shall have the right to (A) file a proof of claim with respect to the Assessments pledged to the Bonds of a Series then Outstanding, (B) deliver to the District a copy thereof, together

with evidence of the filing with the appropriate court or other authority, and (C) defend any objection filed to said proof of claim.

The District acknowledges and agrees that it shall not be a defense to a breach of the foregoing covenants that it has acted on advice of counsel in not complying with the foregoing covenants.

(c) Nothing in this Section 913 shall preclude the District from becoming a party to a Proceeding in order to enforce a claim for Operation and Maintenance Assessments, and the District shall be free to pursue such a claim for Operation and Maintenance Assessments in such manner as it shall deem appropriate in its sole and absolute discretion. Any actions taken by the District in pursuance of its claim for Operation and Maintenance Assessments in any Proceeding shall not be considered an action adverse or inconsistent with the Trustee's rights or consents with respect to the Assessments relating to the Bonds of a Series then Outstanding whether such claim is pursued by the District or the Trustee; provided, however, that the District shall not oppose any relief sought by the Trustee under the authority granted to the Trustee in clause (b)(iv) above.

ARTICLE X EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS BY OWNERS AND PROOF OF OWNERSHIP OF BONDS

Section 1001. Execution of Instruments by Owners and Proof of Ownership of Bonds. Any request, direction, consent or other instrument in writing required or permitted by this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture to be signed or executed by Owners may be in any number of concurrent instruments of similar tenor and may be signed or executed by Owners or their attorneys or legal representatives. Proof of the execution of any such instrument shall be sufficient for any purpose of this Master Indenture and shall be conclusive in favor of the District with regard to any action taken by it under such instrument if verified by any officer in any jurisdiction who, by the laws thereof, has power to take affidavits within such jurisdiction, to the effect that such instrument was subscribed and sworn to before him, or by an affidavit of a witness to such execution. Where such execution is on behalf of a person other than an individual such verification or affidavit shall also constitute sufficient proof of the authority of the signer thereof.

Nothing contained in this Article X shall be construed as limiting the Trustee to such proof, it being intended that the Trustee may accept any other evidence of the matters herein stated which it may deem sufficient. Any request or consent of the Owner of any Bond shall bind every future Owner of the same Bond in respect of anything done by the Trustee or the District in pursuance of such request or consent.

Section 1002. Deposit of Bonds. Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither the District nor the Trustee shall be required to recognize any person as an Owner of any Bond or to take any action at his request unless such Bond shall be deposited with the Trustee.

ARTICLE XI SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES

Section 1101. Supplemental Indentures Without Owner Consent. The Governing Body from time to time may authorize such indentures supplemental hereto or amendatory hereof as shall not be inconsistent with the terms and provisions hereof (which Supplemental Indenture shall thereafter form a part hereof), without the consent of the Owners, for the following purposes:

(a) to provide for the initial issuance of a Series of Bonds or Refunding Bonds; or

(b) to make any change whatsoever to the terms and provisions of this Master Indenture, but only as such change relates to a Series of Bonds upon the original issuance thereof (or upon the original issuance of Refunding Bonds which defease and discharge the Supplemental Indenture of the Series of Bonds to be refunded) under and pursuant to the terms of the Supplemental Indenture effecting such change; or

(c) to cure any ambiguity or formal defect or omission or to correct any inconsistent provisions in this Master Indenture; or

(d) to grant to the Owners or to the Trustee on behalf of the Owners any additional rights or security that may lawfully be granted; or

(e) to add to the covenants and agreements of the District in this Master Indenture other covenants and agreements thereafter to be observed by the District to the benefit of the Owners of the Bonds then Outstanding; or

(f) to make such changes as may be necessary in order to reflect amendments to Chapters 170, 190, 197 and 298, Florida Statutes, or any other Florida Statutes, so long as, in the opinion of counsel to the District, such changes either: (i) do not have a material adverse effect on the Owners of each Series of Bonds to which such changes relate; or (ii) if such changes do have a material adverse effect, that they nevertheless are required to be made as a result of such amendments; or

(g) to modify the provisions of this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture provided that such modification does not, in the written opinion of Bond Counsel, materially adversely affect the interests of the Owners of Bonds then Outstanding, upon which opinion the Trustee may conclusively rely.

Section 1102. Supplemental Indentures With Owner Consent.

(a) Subject to the provisions contained in this Section 1102, and not otherwise, the Majority Owners of Bonds then Outstanding shall have the right, from time to time, anything contained in this Master Indenture to the contrary notwithstanding, to consent to and approve the adoption of such indentures supplemental hereto or amendatory hereof as shall be deemed desirable by the District for the purpose of modifying, altering, amending, adding to or rescinding, in any particular, any of the provisions of this Master Indenture; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall permit, or be construed as permitting, without the consent of all Owners of Bonds then Outstanding and affected by such supplement or amendment,

- (i) an extension of the maturity of, or an extension of the Interest Payment Date on, any Bond;
- (ii) a reduction in the principal, premium, or interest on any Bond;
- (iii) a preference or priority of any Bond over any other Bond; or
- (iv) a reduction in the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds required for consent to such Supplemental Indenture.

(b) In addition to the foregoing, the Majority Owners of any Series of Bonds then Outstanding shall have the right, from time to time, anything contained in this Master Indenture or in the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds to the contrary notwithstanding, to consent to and approve the adoption of such indentures supplemental to the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds or amendatory thereof, but not hereof, as shall be deemed desirable by the District for the purpose of modifying, altering, amending, adding to or rescinding, in any particular, any of the provisions of such Supplemental Indenture or of any indenture supplemental thereto; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall permit, or be construed as permitting, without the consent of all Owners of Bonds of such Series then Outstanding and affected by such amendment,

- (i) an extension of the maturity of, or an extension of the Interest Payment Date on, any Bond of such Series;
- (ii) a reduction in the principal, premium, or interest on any Bond of such Series;
- (iii) a preference or priority of any Bond of such Series over any other Bond of such Series; or

(iv) a reduction in the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds of such Series required for consent to such indenture supplemental to the Supplemental Indenture.

(c) If at any time the District shall determine that it is desirable to approve any Supplemental Indenture pursuant to this Section 1102, the District shall cause the Trustee to mail, at the expense of the District, notice of the proposed approval to the Owners whose approval is required. Such notice shall be prepared by the District and shall briefly set forth the nature of the proposed Supplemental Indenture or indenture supplemental to a Supplemental Indenture and shall state that copies thereof are on file with the Secretary for inspection by all affected Owners. The District shall not, however, be subject to any liability to any Owner by reason of its failure to cause the notice required by this Section 1102 to be mailed and any such failure shall not affect the validity of such Supplemental Indenture or indenture supplemental to a Supplemental Indenture when consented to and approved as provided in this Section 1102.

(d) Whenever, at any time within one (1) year after the date of the first mailing of such notice, there shall be delivered to the District an instrument or instruments in writing purporting to be executed by the Owners of the requisite principal amount of the Bonds of such Series then Outstanding, which instrument or instruments shall refer to the proposed Supplemental Indenture or indenture supplemental to a Supplemental Indenture described in such notice and shall specifically consent to and approve the execution thereof in substantially the form of the copy thereof referred to in such notice, thereupon, but not otherwise, the Governing Body and the Trustee may approve such Supplemental Indenture and cause it to be executed, in substantially such form, without liability or responsibility to any Owner.

Section 1103. Opinion of Bond Counsel With Respect to Supplemental Indenture. In addition to the other requirements herein set forth with respect to Supplemental Indentures or indentures supplemental to a Supplemental Indenture, no such indenture shall be effective unless and until there shall have been delivered to the Trustee an opinion of Bond Counsel to the effect that such indenture is permitted pursuant to this Master Indenture and that such indenture is the valid and binding obligation of the District enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as the enforceability thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or general equitable principles, upon which opinion the Trustee may conclusively rely. In addition, if such indenture relates to a Series of Tax-Exempt Bonds, such opinion shall also state that such indenture will not adversely affect the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on the related Series of Bonds.

Section 1104. Supplemental Indenture Part of Indenture. Any Supplemental Indenture executed in accordance with this Article XI and approved

as to legality by counsel to the District shall thereafter, except as otherwise provided therein, form a part of this Master Indenture. Except as applicable only to Bonds of a Series, all of the terms and conditions contained in any such Supplemental Indenture amendatory of this Master Indenture shall be part of the terms and conditions hereof. The Trustee is not obligated to execute any amendment that is adverse to the interests of the Trustee.

Section 1105. Insurer or Issuer of a Credit Facility or Liquidity Facility as Owner of Bonds.

(a) As long as a Credit Facility or Liquidity Facility securing all or a portion of the Bonds of a Series then Outstanding is in effect and the issuer thereof is not in default of any of its obligations under such Credit Facility or Liquidity Facility, as the case may be, the issuer of the Credit Facility or Liquidity Facility or the Insurer, to the extent so authorized in the applicable Supplemental Indenture, will be deemed to be the Owner of the Bonds of such Series secured by the Credit Facility or Liquidity Facility:

(i) at all times for the purpose of the execution and delivery of a Supplemental Indenture or of any amendment, change or modification of the Master Indenture or the applicable Supplemental Indenture or the initiation by Owners of any action to be undertaken by the Trustee at the Owner's request, which under the Master Indenture or the applicable Supplemental Indenture requires the written approval or consent of or can be initiated by the Majority Owners of the Bonds of such Series then Outstanding;

(ii) at all times for the purpose of the mailing of any notice to Owners under the Master Indenture or the applicable Supplemental Indenture; and

(iii) following an Event of Default for all other purposes.

(b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither an Insurer nor the issuer of a Credit Facility or Liquidity Facility with respect to a Series of Bonds will be deemed to be an Owner of the Bonds of such Series with respect to any such Supplemental Indenture or of any amendment, change or modification of the Master Indenture which would have the effect of permitting:

(i) a change in the terms of redemption or maturity of any Bonds of a Series then Outstanding or of any installment of interest thereon; or

(ii) a reduction in the principal amount or the Redemption Price thereof or in rate of interest thereon; or

(iii) reducing the percentage or otherwise affecting the classes of Bonds the consent of the Owners of which is required to effect any such modification or amendment; or

(iv) creating any preference or priority of any Bond of a Series over any other Bond of such Series.

ARTICLE XII DEFEASANCE

Section 1201. Defeasance and Discharge of the Lien of this Master Indenture and Supplemental Indentures.

(a) If the District pays or causes to be paid, or there shall otherwise be paid, to the Owners of all Bonds, the principal or Redemption Price, if applicable, and interest due or to become due thereon and the obligations under any Letter of Credit Agreement and any Liquidity Agreement, at the times and in the manner stipulated therein and in this Master Indenture and pays or causes to be paid all other moneys owing hereunder and under any Supplemental Indenture (including, without limitation the fees and expenses of the Trustee, including reasonable counsel fees and expenses), then the lien of this Master Indenture and all covenants, agreements and other obligations of the District to the Owners and the issuer of any Credit Facility or Liquidity Facility shall thereupon cease, terminate and become void and be discharged and satisfied. In such event, the Trustee upon the request of the District shall execute and deliver to the District all such instruments as may be desirable to evidence such discharge and satisfaction, and the Trustee and the Paying Agent shall pay over or deliver, as directed by the District, all moneys or securities held by them pursuant to this Master Indenture which are not required for the payment of principal or Redemption Price, if applicable, on Bonds not theretofore surrendered for such payment or redemption or for payment of obligations under any Letter of Credit Agreement and any Liquidity Agreement. If the District pays or causes to be paid, or there shall otherwise be paid, to the Owners of all Bonds then Outstanding or of a particular maturity, of a particular Series or of any part of a particular maturity or Series, the principal or Redemption Price, if applicable, and interest due or to become due thereon, at the times and in the manner stipulated therein and in this Master Indenture, such Bonds shall cease to be entitled to any lien, benefit or security under this Master Indenture, and all covenants, agreements and obligations of the District to the Owners of such Bonds shall thereupon cease, terminate and become void and be discharged and satisfied. Anything to the contrary in this Section 1201 notwithstanding, this Master Indenture shall not be discharged nor shall any Bonds with respect to which moneys or Federal Securities have been deposited in accordance with the provisions of this Section 1201 cease to be entitled to the lien, benefit or security under this Master Indenture, except to the extent that the lien, benefit and security of this Master Indenture and the obligations of the District

hereunder shall be limited solely to and such Bonds shall be secured solely by and be payable solely from the moneys or Federal Securities so deposited.

(b) Bonds or interest installments for the payment or redemption of which moneys shall have been set aside and shall be held in trust by the Trustee (through deposit pursuant to this Master Indenture of funds for such payment or redemption or otherwise) at the maturity or redemption date thereof shall be deemed to have been paid within the meaning and with the effect expressed in this Section 1201. All Bonds of any particular maturity or Series then Outstanding shall, prior to the maturity or redemption date thereof, be deemed to have been paid within the meaning and with the effect expressed in subsection (a) of this Section 1201 if:

(i) in case any of such Bonds are to be redeemed on any date prior to their maturity, the District shall have given to the Trustee or the Bond Registrar irrevocable instructions accepted in writing by the Trustee or the Bond Registrar to mail as provided in Article III hereof notice of redemption of such Bonds on such date;

(ii) there shall have been deposited with the Trustee either moneys in an amount which shall be sufficient, or Federal Securities, the principal of and the interest on which when due shall, as demonstrated in an Accountant's Certificate, provide moneys which, together with the moneys, if any, deposited with the Trustee at the same time, shall be sufficient, to pay when due the principal or Redemption Price, if applicable, and interest due and to become due on said Bonds on or prior to the redemption date or maturity date thereof, as the case may be;

(iii) the District shall have given the Trustee or the Bond Registrar in form satisfactory to it irrevocable instructions to mail, postage prepaid, to each registered Owner of Bonds then Outstanding at the address, if any, appearing upon the registration books of the District, a notice to the registered Owners of such Bonds and to the Bond Registrar that the deposit required by (ii) above has been made with the Trustee and that such Bonds are deemed to have been paid in accordance with this Section 1201 and stating such maturity or redemption date upon which moneys are to be available for the payment of the principal or Redemption Price, if applicable, on such Bonds; and

(iv) an opinion of Bond Counsel to the effect that such defeasance is permitted under this Master Indenture and the Supplemental Indenture relating to the Series of Bonds so defeased and that, in the case of Tax-Exempt Bonds, such defeasance will not adversely affect the tax-exempt status of such Series of Bonds.

(c) Neither Federal Securities nor moneys deposited with the Trustee pursuant to this Section 1201 nor principal or interest payments on any such Federal Securities shall be withdrawn or used for any purpose other than, and shall be held in trust for, the payment of the principal or Redemption Price, if applicable, and interest on such Bonds; provided that any cash received from such principal or interest payments on such Federal Securities deposited with the Trustee:

(i) to the extent such cash shall not be required at any time for such purpose as evidenced by an Accountant's Certificate, and to the extent all obligations under any Letter of Credit Agreement and any Liquidity Agreement are satisfied, as determined by an Insurer or an issuer of any Credit Facility or Liquidity Facility securing the Bonds with respect to which such Federal Securities have been so deposited, shall be paid over upon the direction of the District as received by the Trustee, free and clear of any trust, lien, pledge or assignment securing such Bonds or otherwise existing under this Master Indenture; and

(ii) to the extent such cash shall be required for such purpose at a later date, shall, to the extent practicable, be reinvested in Federal Securities maturing at times and in amounts sufficient to pay when due the principal or Redemption Price, if applicable, and interest to become due on such Bonds, or obligations under any Letter of Credit Agreement and any Liquidity Agreement, on or prior to such redemption date or maturity date thereof, as the case may be, and interest earned from such reinvestments shall be paid over as received by the Trustee to the District, free and clear of any lien, pledge or security interest securing such Bonds or otherwise existing under this Master Indenture.

For the purposes of this provision, Federal Securities means and includes only such securities which shall not be subject to redemption prior to their maturity other than at the option of the holder thereof.

(d) As to any Variable Rate Bonds, whether discharged and satisfied under the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) above, the amount required for the interest thereon shall be calculated at the maximum rate permitted by the terms of the provisions which authorized the issuance of such Variable Rate Bonds; provided, however, that if on any date, as a result of such Variable Rate Bonds having borne interest at less than such maximum rate for any period, the total amount of moneys and Investment Obligations on deposit for the payment of interest on such Variable Rate Bonds is in excess of the total amount which would have been required to be deposited on such date in respect of such Variable Rate Bonds in order to fully discharge and satisfy such Bonds and obligations under any Letter of Credit Agreement and any Liquidity Agreement pursuant to the provisions of this Section 1201, the District may use the amount of such excess free and clear of any trust, lien, security interest, pledge or assignment securing said

Variable Rate Bonds or otherwise existing under this Master Indenture, any Letter of Credit Agreement or any Liquidity Agreement.

(e) Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this Master Indenture to the contrary, Option Bonds may only be fully discharged and satisfied either pursuant to subsection (a) above or by depositing in the Series Interest Account, the Series Principal Account, the Series Sinking Fund Account and the Series Redemption Account, or in such other accounts which are irrevocably pledged to the payment of the Option Bonds, as the District may create and establish by Supplemental Indenture, moneys which together with other moneys lawfully available therefor shall be sufficient at the time of such deposit to pay when due the maximum amount of principal of and Redemption Price, if any, and interest on such Option Bonds which could become payable to the Owners of such Bonds upon the exercise of any options provided to the Owners of such Bonds; provided however, that if at the time a deposit is made pursuant to this subsection (e) the options originally exercisable by the Owner of an Option Bond are no longer exercisable, such Bond shall not be considered an Option Bond for purposes of this subsection (e). If any portion of the moneys deposited for the payment of the principal of and Redemption Price, if any, and interest on Option Bonds is not required for such purpose and is not needed to reimburse an Insurer or an issuer of any Credit Facility or Liquidity Facility, for obligations under any Letter of Credit Agreement and any Liquidity Agreement, the District may use the amount of such excess free and clear of any trust, lien, security interest, pledge or assignment securing such Option Bonds or otherwise existing under this Master Indenture, any Letter of Credit Agreement or any Liquidity Agreement.

(f) Anything in this Master Indenture to the contrary notwithstanding, any moneys held by the Trustee or any Paying Agent in trust for the payment and discharge of any of the Bonds which remain unclaimed for two (2) years after the date when such Bonds have become due and payable, either at their stated maturity dates or by call for earlier redemption, if such moneys were held by the Trustee or any Paying Agent at such date, or for two (2) years after the date of deposit of such moneys if deposited with the Trustee or Paying Agent after the date when such Bonds became due and payable, shall at the written request of the District be repaid by the Trustee or Paying Agent to the District, as its absolute property and free from trust, and the Trustee or Paying Agent shall thereupon be released and discharged with respect thereto and the Owners shall look only to the District for the payment of such Bonds; provided, however, that before being required to make any such payment to the District, the Trustee or Paying Agent shall, at the expense of the District, cause to be mailed, postage prepaid, to any Insurer or any issuer of any Credit Facility or Liquidity Facility, and to each registered Owner of Bonds then Outstanding at the address, if any, appearing upon the registration books of the District, a notice that such moneys remain unclaimed and that, after a date named in such notice, which date shall be not less than thirty (30) days after the

date of the mailing of such notice, the balance of such moneys then unclaimed shall be returned to the District.

(g) In the event that the principal and Redemption Price, if applicable, and interest due on the Bonds shall be paid by the Insurer pursuant to a municipal bond insurance policy, the assignment and pledge and all covenants, agreements and other obligations of the District to the Owners of such Bonds shall continue to exist and the Insurer shall be subrogated to the rights of such Owners.

(h) Anything in this Master Indenture to the contrary notwithstanding, the provisions of the foregoing subsections (b) through (g) shall apply to the discharge of Bonds of a Series and to the discharge of the lien of any Supplemental Indenture securing such Series of Bonds as though each reference to the "Master Indenture" were a reference to such "Supplemental Indenture" and as though each reference to "Bonds then Outstanding" were a reference to the "Bonds of such Series then Outstanding."

Section 1202. Moneys Held in Trust. All moneys and obligations held by an escrow or paying agent or trustee pursuant to this Section 1202 shall be held in trust and the principal and interest of said obligations when received, and said moneys, shall be applied to the payment, when due, of the principal, interest and premium, if any, of the Bonds to be paid or to be called for redemption.

ARTICLE XIII MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 1301. Effect of Covenant. All covenants, stipulations, obligations and agreements of the District contained in this Master Indenture shall be deemed to be covenants, stipulations, obligations and agreements of the District and of the Governing Body of the District to the full extent authorized or permitted by law and all such covenants, stipulations, obligations and agreements shall bind or inure to the benefit of the successor or successors thereof from time to time and any officer, board, body or commission to whom or to which any power or duty affecting such covenants, stipulations, obligations and agreements shall be transferred by or in accordance with law.

Except as otherwise provided herein, all rights, powers and privileges conferred, and duties and liabilities imposed, upon the District or the Governing Body, by this Master Indenture shall be exercised or performed by the Governing Body, or by such other officers, board, body or commission as may be required by law to exercise such powers or to perform such duties.

No covenant, stipulation, obligation or agreement herein contained shall be deemed to be a covenant, stipulation, obligation or agreement of any member, agent or employee of the Governing Body in his or her individual capacity, and neither the

members of the Governing Body nor any official executing the Bonds shall be liable personally on the Bonds or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the issuance thereof.

Section 1302. Manner of Giving Notice to the District and the Trustee. Any notice, demand, direction, request or other instrument authorized or required by this Master Indenture to be given to or filed with the District or the Governing Body or the Trustee shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given or filed for all purposes of this Master Indenture if and when sent by certified mail, return receipt requested:

To the District, addressed to:

Hicks Ditch Community Development District
c/o Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC
219 East Livingston Street
Orlando, Florida 32801

To the Trustee, addressed to:

U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association
500 West Cypress Creek Road
Suite 460
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309
Attention: Corporate Trust Department

or to such other address as shall be provided to the other party hereto in writing.

All documents received by the District and the Trustee under this Master Indenture shall be retained in their possession, subject at all reasonable times to the inspection of any Owner and the agents and representatives thereof.

Section 1303. Manner of Giving Notice to the Owners. Any notice, demand, direction, request, or other instrument authorized or required by this Master Indenture to be mailed to the Owners shall be deemed to have been sufficiently mailed if mailed by first class mail, postage pre-paid, to the Owners at their addresses as they appear at the time of mailing on the registration books maintained by the Bond Registrar.

Section 1304. Successorship of District Officers. If the offices of Chairman or Secretary shall be abolished or any two or more of such offices shall be merged or consolidated, or in the event of a vacancy in any such office by reason of death, resignation, removal from office or otherwise, or in the event any such officer shall become incapable of performing the duties of his office by reason of sickness, absence from the District or otherwise, all powers conferred and all obligations and

duties imposed upon such officer shall be performed by the officer succeeding to the principal functions thereof or by the officer upon whom such powers, obligations and duties shall be imposed by law.

Section 1305. Inconsistent Provisions. All provisions of any resolutions, and parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Master Indenture are hereby declared to be inapplicable to this Master Indenture.

Section 1306. Further Acts; Counterparts. The officers and agents of the District are hereby authorized and directed to do all acts and things required of them by the Bonds and this Master Indenture, for the full, punctual and complete performance of all of the terms, covenants, provisions and agreements contained in the Bonds and this Master Indenture.

This Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture may be executed in duplicate counterparts each of which shall constitute one and the same agreement.

Section 1307. Headings Not Part of Indenture. Any headings preceding the texts of the several Articles and Sections hereof and any table of contents, marginal notes or footnotes appended to copies hereof shall be solely for convenience of reference and shall not constitute a part of this Master Indenture, nor shall they affect its meaning, construction or effect.

Section 1308. Effect of Partial Invalidity. In case any one or more of the provisions of this Master Indenture or of any Bonds shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Master Indenture or of the Bonds, but this Master Indenture and the Bonds shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision had not been contained therein. The Bonds are issued and this Master Indenture is adopted with the intent that the laws of the State shall govern their construction.

Section 1309. Attorneys' Fees. Any reference herein to the term "attorneys' fees," "counsel fees" or "legal fees" or words of like import shall include but not be limited to fees of legal assistants and paralegals and fees incurred in any and all legal proceedings, including any trial or appellate level proceedings, and any sales tax thereon.

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Section 1310. Effective Date. This Master Indenture shall be effective as of the date first written above.

(SEAL)

**HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

By: _____
Chairman/Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

**U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as
Trustee**

By: _____
Vice President

EXHIBIT A

FORM OF REQUISITION

The undersigned, an Authorized Officer of Hicks Ditch Community Development District (the "District") hereby submits the following requisition for disbursement under and pursuant to the terms of the Master Trust Indenture between the District and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, as trustee (the "Trustee"), dated as of [Dated Date], as amended and supplemented by the [_____] Supplemental Trust Indenture between the District and the Trustee, dated as of [_____] (collectively, the "Indenture"). All capitalized terms used herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Indenture.

(A) Requisition Number:

(B) Name of Payee:

(C) Amount Payable:

(D) Purpose for which paid or incurred (refer also to specific contract if amount is due and payable pursuant to a contract involving progress payments or state Costs of Issuance, if applicable):

(E) Fund, Account or subaccount from which disbursement is to be made:

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

obligations in the stated amount set forth above have been incurred by the District, that each disbursement set forth above is a proper charge against the [_____] Acquisition and Construction Account and the subaccount, if any, referenced above, that each disbursement set forth above was incurred in connection with the acquisition and/or construction of the [_____] Project and each represents a Cost of the [_____] Project, and has not previously been paid out of such Account or subaccount;

OR

this requisition is for Costs of Issuance payable from the [_____] Costs of Issuance Account that has not previously been paid out of such Account.

The undersigned hereby further certifies that there has not been filed with or served upon the District notice of any lien, right to lien, or attachment upon, or claim affecting the right to receive payment of, any of the moneys payable to the Payee set forth above, which has not been released or will not be released simultaneously with the payment hereof.

The undersigned hereby further certifies that such requisition contains no item representing payment on account of any retained percentage which the District is at the date of such certificate entitled to retain.

Originals or copies of the invoice(s) from the vendor of the property acquired or services rendered with respect to which disbursement is hereby requested are on file with the District.

**HICKS DITCH COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

By: _____
Authorized Officer

**CONSULTING ENGINEER'S APPROVAL FOR
NON-COST OF ISSUANCE REQUESTS ONLY**

If this requisition is for a disbursement from other than the [_____] Costs of Issuance Account, the undersigned Consulting Engineer hereby certifies that this disbursement is for a Cost of the [_____] Project and is consistent with (i) the applicable acquisition or construction contract, (ii) the plans and specifications for the portion of the [_____] Project with respect to which such disbursement is being made, and (iii) the report of the Consulting Engineer attached as an Exhibit to the [_____] Supplemental Indenture, as such report shall have been amended or modified on the date hereof.

Consulting Engineer

SECTION VIII

SECTION C

Hicks Ditch
Community Development District

Funding Request #1
November 22, 2022

Bill to: TLC Pine Meadows, LLC

Payee		General Fund FY2023	
1	Funds to open Operating Account	\$	5,000.00
2	Insurance - Fiscal Year 2023	\$	5,000.00
3	ADA Website Creation	\$	1,750.00
4	Legal Advertising	\$	5,000.00
		\$	16,750.00
		Total:	\$ 16,750.00

Please make check payable to:

Hicks Ditch Community Development District
6200 Lee Vista Blvd, Suite 300
Orlando, FL 32822