HARVEST HILLS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT

February 20, 2024

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

PUBLIC HEARINGS,
REGULAR MEETING AND
AUDIT COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA

HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

AGENDA LETTER

Harvest Hills Community Development District OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W

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February 13, 2024

ATTENDEES:

Please identify yourself each time you speak to facilitate accurate transcription of meeting minutes.

Board of Supervisors Harvest Hills Community Development District

Dear Board Members:

The Board of Supervisors of the Harvest Hills Community Development District will hold Public Hearings, a Regular Meeting and an Audit Committee Meeting on February 20, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., at Hilton Garden Inn Tampa-Wesley Chapel, 26640 Silver Maple Parkway, Wesley Chapel, Florida 33544. The agenda is as follows:

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call
- 2. Public Comments
- 3. Administration of Oath of Office to Supervisor Taryn Galvin (the following will be provided in a separate package)
 - A. Memorandum Regarding Required Ethics Training and Disclosure Filing
 - B. Sample Form 1 2023/Instructions
 - C. Guide to Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees
 - D. Membership, Obligations and Responsibilities
 - E. Form 8B: Memorandum of Voting Conflict
- 4. Acceptance of Notice of Intent to Decline Election/Appointment to Board from Alia Cowan [Seat 4]; *Term Expires 11/2025*
- 5. Consider Appointment to Fill Unexpired Term of Seat 4
 - Administration of Oath of Office
- 6. Consideration of Resolution 2024-30, Appointing and Removing Officers of the District and Providing for an Effective Date
- 7. Public Hearing to Hear Public Comments and Objections to the Adoption of the Rules of Procedure, Pursuant to Sections 120.54 and 190.035, Florida Statutes
 - A. Affidavits of Publication

- B. Consideration of Resolution 2024-31, Adopting Rules of Procedure; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date
- 8. Public Hearing on Adoption of Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget
 - A. Affidavit of Publication
 - B. Consideration of Resolution 2024-32, Relating to the Annual Appropriations and Adopting the Budget(s) for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2023, and Ending September 30, 2024; Authorizing Budget Amendments; and Providing an Effective Date
- 9. Consideration of Resolution 2024-06, Designating the Location of the Local District Records Office and Providing an Effective Date
- 10. Recess Regular Meeting/Commencement of Audit Selection Committee Meeting
- 11. Review of Response to Request for Proposals (RFP) for Annual Audit Services
 - A. Affidavit of Publication
 - B. RFP Package
 - C. Respondents
 - I. Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank
 - II. Grau & Associates
 - D. Auditor Evaluation Matrix/Ranking
- 12. Termination of Audit Selection Committee Meeting/Reconvene Regular Meeting
- 13. Consider Recommendation of Audit Selection Committee
 - Award of Contract
- 14. Consideration of Financing Items
 - A. Resolution 2024-33, 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
 - B. Presentation of Master Engineer's Report (for informational purposes)
 - C. Presentation of Master Special Assessment Methodology Report (for informational purposes)

- D. Resolution 2024-27, Declaring Special Assessments; Designating the Nature and Location of the Proposed Improvements; Declaring the Total Estimated Cost of the Improvements, the Portion to be Paid By Assessments, and the Manner and Timing in Which the Assessments are to Be Paid; Designating the Lands Upon Which the Assessments Shall Be Levied; Providing for an Assessment Plat and a Preliminary Assessment Roll; Addressing the Setting of Public Hearings; Providing for Publication of this Resolution; and Addressing Conflicts, Severability and an Effective Date
- 15. Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of December 31, 2023
- 16. Approval of November 27, 2023 Organizational Meeting Minutes

17. A. District Counsel: *Kutak Rock LLP*

B. District Engineer (Interim): LevelUp Consulting, LLC

C. District Manager: Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 19, 2024 at 11:00 AM

QUORUM CHECK

SEAT 1	SETH BENNETT	IN PERSON	PHONE	No
SEAT 2	QUINT NOORDSTAR	In Person	PHONE	No
SEAT 3	TARYN GALVIN	☐ In Person	PHONE	No
SEAT 4		☐ In Person	PHONE	No
SEAT 5	ALEX GROSS	In Person	PHONE	No

- 18. Board Members' Comments/Requests
- 19. Public Comments
- 20. Adjournment

If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 239-464-7114.

Sincerely,

Chesley E Adams, Jr.

District Manager

FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF TO ATTEND BY TELEPHONE

CALL-IN NUMBER: 1-888-354-0094 PARTICIPANT PASSCODE: 229 774 8903

HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO DECLINE ELECTION/APPOINTMENT TO BOARD

To:	Board of Supervisors Harvest Hills Community Development District Attn: District Manager 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W Boca Raton, Florida 33431
From:	Alia Cowan Printed Name
Date:	February 14, 2024
Communit Election/A	decline the appointment to the Board of Supervisors of the Harvest Hills by Development District. My tendered Notice of Intent to Decline appointment to Board to be effective as of the time a quorum of the remaining of the Board of Supervisors accepts it at a duly noticed meeting of the Board sors.
executed of Sup gillyardd@ executed	nat this Notice of Intent to Decline Election/Appointment to Board has been by me and [] personally presented at a duly noticed meeting of the Board Pervisors, [X] scanned and electronically transmitted to Dwhhassociates.com or [] faxed to 561-571-0013 and agree that the original shall be binding and enforceable and the fax or email copy shall be
	Cowan
Signature	

HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2024-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPOINTING AND REMOVING OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Harvest Hills 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 District's Board of Supervisors desires to appoint and remove Officers of the District.

> NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT **DISTRICT THAT:**

Februa	SECTION 1. ary 20, 2024:	The	following	is/are	appointed	as	Officer(s)	of	the	District	effective
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2024:	SECTION 2.	The f	following	Officer((s) shall be	rem	oved as Of	fficer	r(s) a	as of Fel	oruary 20,
	Alia Cowan			As	ssistant Secr	etar	У		•		

 $\pmb{\mathsf{SECTION}}\ \pmb{\mathsf{3}}.$ The following prior appointments by the Board remain unaffected by this Resolution:

	Chesley E. Adams, Jr.	is Secretary	
	Craig Wrathell	_ is Assistant S	ecretary
	Craig Wrathell	is Treasurer	
	Jeffrey Pinder	is Assistant T	reasurer
	PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2	OTH DAY OF F	EBRUARY, 2024.
ATTEST	- :		HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Secreta	ary/Assistant Secretary		Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF Pasco

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared Deirdre Bonett who on oath says that he/she is Legal Advertising Representative of the Tampa Bay Times a daily newspaper printed in St. Petersburg, in Pinellas County, Florida, that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Legal Notice in the matter RE: Rule Development was published in said newspaper by print in the issues of: 1/17/24 or by publication on the newspaper's website, if authorized, on

Affiant further says the said Tampa Bay Times is a newspaper published in Pasco County, Florida and that the said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said Pasco County, Florida each day and has been entered as a second class mail matter at the post office in said Pasco County, Florida for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement, and affiant further says that he/she neither paid not promised any person, firm or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or refund for the purpose of securing this advertisement for publication in the said newspaper.

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Signature Affiant	
Swops to and subscribed before me this 01/17/2024	
Signature of Notary Public	
Personally known X	or produced identification
Type of identification produced	



NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT BY THE HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

In accord with Chapters 120 and 190, Florida Statutes, the Harvest Hills Community Development District ("District") hereby gives notice of its intention to develop Rules of Procedure to govern the operations of the District.

The Rules of Procedure will address such areas as the Board of Supervisors, officers and voting, district offices, public information and inspection of records, policies, public meetings, hearings and workshops, rulemaking proceedings, competitive purchase including procedure under the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act, procedure regarding auditor selection, purchase of insurance, prequalification, construction contracts, goods, supplies and materials, maintenance services, contractual services and protests with respect to proceedings, as well as any other area of the general operation of the District

The purpose and effect of the Rules of Procedure is to provide for efficient and effective District operations and to ensure compliance with recent changes to Florida law. The legal authority for the adoption of the proposed Rules of Procedure includes sections 190.011(5), 190.011(15) and 190.015, Florida Statutes (2023). The specific laws implemented in the Rules of Procedure include, but are not limited to, sections 112.08, 112.3143, 112.31446, 112.3145, 119.07, 119.0701, 189.053, 189.069(2)(a)16, 190.006, 190.007, 190.008, 190.011(3), 190.011(5), 190.033, 190.035, 218.33, 218.391, 255.05, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.0286.0105, 286.011, 286.0113, 286.0114, 287.017, 287.055 and 287.084, Florida Statutes (2023).

A copy of the proposed Rules of Procedure may be obtained by contacting the District Manager, c/o Wrathell Hunt & Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, Phone: (561) 571-0010.

District Manager Harvest Hills Community Development District January 17, 2024

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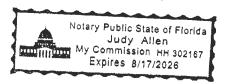
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Affiant further says the said **Tampa Bay Times** is a newspaper published in **Pasco** County, Florida and that the said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said **Pasco** County, Florida each day and has been entered as a second class mail matter at the post office in said **Pasco** County, Florida for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement, and affiant further says that he/she neither paid not promised any person, firm or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or refund for the purpose of securing this advertisement for publication in the said newspaper.

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Signature Affiant		
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NOTICE OF RULEMAKING REGARDING THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

A public hearing will be conducted by the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Harvest Hills Community Development District ("District") on February 20, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., at Hilton Garden Inn Tampa-Wesley Chapel, 26640 Silver Maple Parkway, Wesley Chapel, Florida 33544.

In accord with Chapters 120 and 190, Florida Statutes, the District hereby gives the public notice of its intent to adopt its proposed Rules of Procedure. The purpose and effect of the proposed Rules of Procedure is to provide for efficient and effective District operations and to ensure compliance with recent changes to Florida law. Prior notice of rule development was published in a newspaper of general circulation on January 17, 2024.

The Rules of Procedure may address such areas as the Board of Supervisors, officers and voting, district offices, public information and inspection of records, policies, public meetings, hearings and workshops, rulemaking proceedings and competitive purchase including procedure under the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act, procedure regarding auditor selection, purchase of insurance, prequalification, construction contracts, goods, supplies and materials, maintenance services, contractual services and protests with respect to proceedings, as well as any other area of the general operation of the District.

Specific legal authority for the adoption of the proposed Rules of Procedure includes Sections 190.011(5), 190.011(15) and 190.035, Florida Statutes (2023). The specific laws implemented in the Rules of Procedure include, but are not limited to, Sections 112.08, 112.3143, 112.31446, 112.3145, 119.07, 119.0701, 189.053, 189.069(2)(a)16, 190.006, 190.007, 190.0011(3), 190.011(5), 190.031, 190.033, 183.33, 218.391, 255.05, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 286.0105, 286.011, 286.0113, 286.0114, 287.017, 287.055 and 287.084, Florida Statutes (2023).

A copy of the proposed Rules of Procedure may be obtained by contacting the District Manager's Office, c/o Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida, 33431 (561) 571-0010.

Any person who wishes to provide the District with a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), Florida Statutes, must do so in writing within twenty one (21) days after publication of this notice to the District Manager's Office.

This public hearing may be continued to a date, time, and place specified on the record at the hearing without additional notice. If anyone chooses to appeal any decision of the Board with respect to any matter considered at a public hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and should accordingly ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which includes the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based. At the hearing, staff or Supervisors may participate in the public hearing by speaker telephone.

Pursuant to the 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 Manager's Office at least three business days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771 or 1 800-955-8770 for aid in contacting the District Office.

District Manager Harvest Hills Community Development District January 21, 2024

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HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2024-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING RULES OF PROCEDURE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Harvest Hills 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 Pasco County, 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, to provide for efficient and effective District operations and to maintain compliance with recent changes to Florida law, the Board of Supervisors finds that it is in the best interests of the District to adopt by resolution the Rules of Procedure attached hereto as **Exhibit A** for immediate use and application; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has complied with applicable Florida law concerning rule development and adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

- **SECTION 1.** The attached Rules of Procedure are hereby adopted pursuant to this resolution as necessary for the conduct of District business. These Rules of Procedure replace all prior versions of the Rules of Procedure, and shall stay in full force and effect until such time as the Board of Supervisors may amend these rules in accordance with Chapter 190, Florida Statutes.
- **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.
- **SECTION 3.** This resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of February, 2024.

ATTEST:	HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT		
Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors		

EXHIBIT A: RULES OF PROCEDURE

RULES OF PROCEDURE HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

EFFECTIVE AS OF FEBRUARY 20, 2024

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Rule 1.0 General.

- (1) The Harvest Hills 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) <u>Board of Supervisors.</u> 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) <u>Officers.</u> 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) <u>Committees.</u> 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) <u>Record Book.</u> 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) <u>District Offices.</u> 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) <u>Public Records.</u> 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) <u>Service Contracts.</u> 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) <u>Records Retention.</u> The Secretary of the District shall be responsible for retaining the District's records in accordance with applicable Florida law.
- (6) <u>Policies.</u> The Board may adopt policies related to the conduct of its business and the provision of services either by resolution or motion.
- 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 (561) 571-0010. 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) <u>Mistake.</u> 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 agenda Chairperson Vice-Chairperson, shall prepare an 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) <u>Minutes.</u> 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) <u>Special Requests.</u> 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 prepay 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) <u>Public Comment.</u> 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) <u>Budget Hearing.</u> 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) <u>Public Hearings.</u> 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) <u>Board Authorization.</u> 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) <u>Continuances.</u> 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) <u>Security and Firesafety Board Discussions</u>. 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) <u>Internal Controls.</u> 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) <u>Rule Development Workshops.</u> 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) <u>Rulemaking Materials.</u> 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) <u>Rulemaking Record.</u> 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) <u>Petitions to Challenge Existing Rules.</u>

- (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) <u>Variances and Waivers.</u> 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. Variances and waivers from District rules may be granted subject to the following:
 - (a) Variances 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) <u>Rates, Fees, Rentals and Other Charges.</u> 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) <u>Purpose and Scope.</u> 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, designbuild services, goods, supplies, and materials, Contractual Services, and maintenance services.
- (2) <u>Board Authorization.</u> 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.
- "Design Criteria Package" means concise, performance-oriented drawings (f) 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 performancebased 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) <u>Qualifying Procedures.</u> 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) <u>Competitive Selection.</u>

- (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) <u>Competitive Negotiation.</u>

- (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) <u>Contracts; Public Records.</u> 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.
- Emergency Purchase. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without (8) 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) <u>Definitions.</u>

- (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) <u>Establishment of Auditor Selection Committee.</u> 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) <u>Establishment of Minimum Qualifications and Evaluation Criteria.</u> 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) <u>Minimum Qualifications.</u> 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) <u>Public Announcement.</u> 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) <u>Request for Proposals.</u> 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. 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) <u>Contract.</u> 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) <u>Scope.</u> 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) <u>Procedure.</u> 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) <u>Scope.</u> 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) <u>Procedure.</u> 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 prequalification 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) <u>Procedure.</u> 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.
 - Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to (b) 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) <u>Sole Source; Government.</u> 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) <u>Contracts; Public Records.</u> 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) <u>Emergency Purchases.</u> 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) <u>Exceptions.</u> 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) <u>Scope.</u> 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) <u>Qualifications-Based Selection.</u> 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 In consultation with the Design Criteria District. 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) <u>Contracts; Public Records.</u> 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) <u>Emergency Purchase.</u> 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) <u>Exceptions.</u> 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) <u>Scope.</u> 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) <u>Discretionary Bond.</u> 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) <u>Purpose and Scope.</u> 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) <u>Procedure.</u> 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) <u>Renewal.</u> 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) <u>Emergency Purchases.</u> 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) <u>Procedure.</u> 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) <u>Exemptions.</u> 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) <u>Renewal.</u> Contracts for the purchase of maintenance services subject to this Rule may be renewed for a maximum period of five (5) years.
- (5) <u>Contracts; Public Records.</u> 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) <u>Emergency Purchases.</u> 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) <u>Contracts; Public Records.</u> 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) <u>Filing.</u>

- (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) <u>Contract Execution.</u> 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) <u>Informal Proceeding.</u> 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) <u>Formal Proceeding.</u> 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) <u>Intervenors.</u> Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings.
- 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) <u>Settlement.</u> 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 February 20, 2024, 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.

HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Tampa Bay Times Published Daily

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF Pasco

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared Carol Chewning who on oath says that he/she is Legal Advertising Representative of the Tampa Bay Times a daily newspaper printed in St. Petersburg, in Pinellas County, Florida, that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Legal Notice in the matter RE; Notice of FY2024 Budget Hearing was published in said newspaper by print in the issues of: 1/31/24, 2/7/24 or by publication on the newspaper's website, if authorized, on

Affiant further says the said Tampa Bay Times is a newspaper published in Pasco County, Florida and that the said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said Pasco County, Florida each day and has been entered as a second class mail matter at the post office in said Pasco County, Florida for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement, and affiant further says that he/she neither paid not promised any person, firm or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or refund for the purpose of securing this advertisement for publication in the said newspaper.

Signature Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this .02/07/2024

Signature of Notary Public

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HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 BUDGET; AND NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING.

The Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Harvest Hills Community Development District ("District") will hold a public hearing on February 20, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., at the Hilton Garden Inn Tampa-Wesley Chapel, 86640 Silver Mapie Parkway, Wesley Chapel, Florida 33544, for the purpose of hearing comments and objections on the adoption of the proposed budget ("Proposed Budget") of the District for the remainder of the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024 ("Fiscal Year 2023/2024"). A regular board meeting of the District will also be held at that time where the Board may consider any other business that may properly come before it. A copy of the agenda and Proposed Budget may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, 2300 (Glades Road, Sulte 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561) 571-0010 ("District Manager's Office"), during normal business hours.

The public hearing and meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. The public hearing and meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. There may be occasions when Board Supervisors or District Staff may participate by speaker telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least forty-eight (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 Manager's Office.

Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the public hearing or meeting is advised that person will need a record of 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.

District Manager

01/31/2024, 02/07/2024

HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2024-32

THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION OF THE HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ("DISTRICT") RELATING TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET(S) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the District Manager has submitted to the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Harvest Hills Community Development District ("District") proposed budget(s) ("Proposed Budget") for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024 ("Fiscal Year 2023/2024") along with an explanatory and complete financial plan for each fund of the District, pursuant to the provisions of Section 190.008(2)(a), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, at least sixty (60) days prior to the adoption of the Proposed Budget, the District filed a copy of the Proposed Budget with the local governing authorities having jurisdiction over the area included in the District pursuant to the provisions of Section 190.008(2)(b), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Board set a public hearing thereon and caused notice of such public hearing to be given by publication pursuant to Section 190.008(2)(a), *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District Manager posted the Proposed Budget on the District's website at least two days before the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, Section 190.008(2)(a), *Florida Statutes*, requires that, prior to October 1st of each year, the Board, by passage of the Annual Appropriation Resolution, shall adopt a budget for the ensuing fiscal year and appropriate such sums of money as the Board deems necessary to defray all expenditures of the District during the ensuing fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the District Manager has prepared a Proposed Budget, whereby the budget shall project the cash receipts and disbursements anticipated during a given time period, including reserves for contingencies for emergency or other unanticipated expenditures during the fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE MALABAR SPRINGS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. BUDGET

a. The Board has reviewed the Proposed Budget, a copy of which is on file with the office of the District Manager and at the District's Local Records Office, and hereby approves certain amendments thereto, as shown in Section 2 below.

- b. The Proposed Budget, attached hereto as **Exhibit "A,"** as amended by the Board, is hereby adopted in accordance with the provisions of Section 190.008(2)(a), *Florida Statutes* ("**Adopted Budget"**), and incorporated herein by reference; provided, however, that the comparative figures contained in the Adopted Budget may be subsequently revised as deemed necessary by the District Manager to reflect actual revenues and expenditures.
- c. The Adopted Budget, as amended, shall be maintained in the office of the District Manager and at the District's Local Records Office and identified as "The Budget for the Harvest Hills Community Development District for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2024."
- d. The Adopted Budget shall be posted by the District Manager on the District's official website within thirty (30) days after adoption, and shall remain on the website for at least 2 years.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS

There is hereby appropriated out of the revenues of the District, for Fiscal Year 2023/2024, the sums set forth in **Exhibit A** to be raised by the levy of assessments, a funding agreement and/or otherwise. Such sums are deemed by the Board to be necessary to defray all expenditures of the District during said budget year, and are to be divided and appropriated in the amounts set forth in **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 3. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to Section 189.016, *Florida Statutes*, the District at any time within Fiscal Year 2023/2024 or within 60 days following the end of the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 may amend its Adopted Budget for that fiscal year as follows:

- a. A line-item appropriation for expenditures within a fund may be decreased or increased by motion of the Board recorded in the minutes, and approving the expenditure, if the total appropriations of the fund do not increase.
- b. The District Manager or Treasurer may approve an expenditure that would increase or decrease a line-item appropriation for expenditures within a fund if the total appropriations of the fund do not increase and if either (i) the aggregate change in the original appropriation item does not exceed the greater of \$15,000 or 15% of the original appropriation, or (ii) such expenditure is authorized by separate disbursement or spending resolution.
- c. Any other budget amendments shall be adopted by resolution and consistent with Florida law.

The District Manager or Treasurer must ensure that any amendments to the budget under paragraph c. above are posted on the District's website within 5 days after adoption and remain on the website for at least 2 years.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.

ATTEST:	HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT	
Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors	

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget(s)

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HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2024

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HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT GENERAL FUND BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2024

	Proposed Budget FY 2024
REVENUES	
Landowner contribution	79,598
Total revenues	79,598_
EXPENDITURES	
Professional & administrative	
Management/accounting/recording**	36,000
Legal	25,000
Engineering	2,000
Audit	_,555
Arbitrage rebate calculation*	-
Dissemination agent*	583
Trustee*	-
Telephone	200
Postage	500
Printing & binding	500
Legal advertising	6,500
Annual special district fee	175
Insurance	5,500
Contingencies/bank charges	750
Website hosting & maintenance	1,680
Website ADA compliance	210
Total expenditures	79,598
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	-
Fund balance - beginning (unaudited) Fund balance - ending (projected)	-
Unassigned	- _
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ -</u>

^{*}These items will be realized when bonds are issued.

^{**}WHA will charge a reduced management fee of \$2,000 per month until bonds are issued.

HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DEFINITIONS OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

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**WHA will charge a reduced management fee of \$2,000 per month until bonds are issued.

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HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2024-06

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING THE LOCATION OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT RECORDS OFFICE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Harvest Hills Community Development District ("District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated within Pasco County, 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*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1.	The District	's local record	is office shall be located at:
Section 2.	This Resolu	tion shall take	e effect immediately upon adoption.
Passed and a	DOPTED this	day of	, 2024.
ATTEST:			HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
	Secretary		Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF Pasco

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared Carol Chewning who on oath says that he/she is Legal Advertising Representative of the Tampa Bay Times a daily newspaper printed in St. Petersburg, in Pinellas County, Florida; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Legal Notice in the matter RE: RFP for Annual Audit Services was published in said newspaper by print in the issues of: 1/28/24 or by publication on the newspaper's website, if authorized, on

Affiant further says the said **Tampa Bay Times** is a newspaper published in **Pasco** County, Florida and that the said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said **Pasco** County, Florida each day and has been entered as a second class mail matter at the post office in said **Pasco** County, Florida for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement, and affiant further says that he/she neither paid not promised any person, firm or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or refund for the purpose of securing this advertisement for publication in the said newspaper.

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HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES

The Harvest Hills Community Development District hereby requests proposals for annual financial auditing services. The proposal must provide for the auditing of the District's financial records for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, with an option for additional annual renewals, subject to mutual agreement by both parties. The District is a local unit of special-purpose government created under Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, for the purpose of financing, constructing, and maintaining public infrastructure. The District is located in Pasco County, Florida. The final contract will require that, among other things, the audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, be completed no later than June 30, 2025.

The auditing entity submitting a proposal must be duly licensed under Chapter 473, Florida Statutes, and be qualified to conduct audits in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards," as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy. Audits shall be conducted in accordance with Florida Law and particularly Section 218.39, Florida Statutes, and the rules of the Florida Auditor General.

Proposal packages, which include evaluation criteria and instructions to proposers, are available from the District Manager at the address and telephone number listed below.

Proposers must provide one (1) electronic and one (1) unbound copy of their proposal to the offices of the District Manager, located at 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, ph: (877) 276-0889 ("District Manager"), in an envelope marked on the outside "Auditing Services, Harvest Hills Community Development District." Proposals must be received by 12:00 p.m. on February 9, 2024, at the office of the District Manager. Please direct all questions regarding this Notice to the District Manager.

District Manager 01/28/2024

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District Manager

Run date: must be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the District and the county in which the District is located. The public announcement must allow for at least 7 days for the submission of proposals.

HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

District Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2024

Pasco County, Florida

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

- **SECTION 1. DUE DATE.** Sealed proposals must be received no later than February 9, 2024 at 12:00 p.m., at the offices of District Manager, located at Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431. Proposals will be publicly opened at that time.
- **SECTION 2. FAMILIARITY WITH THE LAW.** By submitting a proposal, the Proposer is assumed to be familiar with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that in any manner affect the work. Ignorance on the part of the Proposer will in no way relieve it from responsibility to perform the work covered by the proposal in compliance with all such laws, ordinances and regulations.
- **SECTION 3. QUALIFICATIONS OF PROPOSER.** The contract, if awarded, will only be awarded to a responsible Proposer who is qualified by experience and licensing to do the work specified herein. The Proposer shall submit with its proposal satisfactory evidence of experience in similar work and show that it is fully prepared to complete the work to the satisfaction of the District.
- **SECTION 4. SUBMISSION OF ONLY ONE PROPOSAL.** Proposers shall be disqualified and their proposals rejected if the District has reason to believe that collusion may exist among the Proposers, the Proposer has defaulted on any previous contract or is in arrears on any previous or existing contract, or for failure to demonstrate proper licensure and business organization.
- **SECTION 5. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL.** Submit one (1) electronic and one (1) unbound copy of the Proposal Documents, and other requested attachments at the time and place indicated herein, which shall be enclosed in an opaque sealed envelope, marked with the title "Auditing Services Harvest Hills Community Development District" on the face of it. **Please include pricing for each additional bond issuance.**
- **SECTION 6. MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL.** Proposals may be modified or withdrawn by an appropriate document duly executed and delivered to the place where proposals are to be submitted at any time prior to the time and date the proposals are due. No proposal may be withdrawn after opening for a period of ninety (90) days.

- **SECTION 7. PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS.** The proposal documents shall consist of the notice announcing the request for proposals, these instructions, the Evaluation Criteria Sheet and a proposal with all required documentation pursuant to Section 12 of these instructions ("**Proposal Documents**").
- **SECTION 8. PROPOSAL.** In making its proposal, each Proposer represents that it has read and understands the Proposal Documents and that the proposal is made in accordance therewith.
- **SECTION 9. BASIS OF AWARD/RIGHT TO REJECT.** The District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, make modifications to the work, and waive any informalities or irregularities in proposals as it is deemed in the best interests of the District.
- **SECTION 10. CONTRACT AWARD.** Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the Notice of Award from the District, the Proposer shall enter into and execute a Contract (engagement letter) with the District.
- **SECTION 11. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.** Nothing herein shall be construed as or constitute a waiver of the District's limited waiver of liability contained in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or any other statute or law.
- **SECTION 12. MISCELLANEOUS.** All proposals shall include the following information in addition to any other requirements of the proposal documents.
 - A. List the position or title of all personnel to perform work on the District audit. Include resumes for each person listed; list years of experience in present position for each party listed and years of related experience.
 - B. Describe proposed staffing levels, including resumes with applicable certifications.
 - C. Three references from projects of similar size and scope. The Proposer should include information relating to the work it conducted for each reference as well as a name, address and phone number of a contact person.
 - D. The lump sum cost of the provision of the services under the proposal, plus the lump sum cost of four (4) annual renewals.
- **SECTION 13. PROTESTS.** In accordance with the District's Rules of Procedure, any protest regarding the Proposal Documents, must be filed in writing, at the offices of the District Manager, within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays) after the receipt of the Proposal Documents. 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 Saturday, Sunday, 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 the aforesaid Proposal Documents.

SECTION 14. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS. The criteria to be used in the evaluation of proposals are presented in the Evaluation Criteria Sheet, contained within the Proposal Documents.

HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUDITOR SELECTION EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Ability of Personnel.

20 Points)

(E.g., geographic location of the firm's headquarters or permanent office in relation to the project; capabilities and experience of key personnel; present ability to manage this project; evaluation of existing work load; proposed staffing levels, etc.)

2. Proposer's Experience.

(20 Points)

(E.g. past record and experience of the Proposer in similar projects; volume of work previously performed by the firm; past performance for other or current Community Development District(s) in other contracts; character, integrity, reputation of Proposer, etc.)

3. Understanding of Scope of Work.

(20 Points)

Extent to which the proposal demonstrates an understanding of the District's needs for the services requested.

4. Ability to Furnish the Required Services.

(20 Points)

Extent to which the proposal demonstrates the adequacy of Proposer's financial resources and stability as a business entity necessary to complete the services required.

5. Price. (20 Points)***

Points will be awarded based upon the lowest total proposal for rendering the services and the reasonableness of the proposal.

Total (100 Points)

^{***}Alternatively, the Board may choose to evaluate firms without considering price, in which case the remaining categories would be assigned 25 points each.

HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROPOSAL FOR AUDIT SERVICES

PROPOSED BY:

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, PL

600 Citrus Avenue, Suite 200 Fort Pierce, Florida 34950

(772) 461-6120

CONTACT PERSON:

J. W. Gaines, CPA, Director

DATE OF PROPOSAL:

February 9, 2024

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Certified Public Accountants PL

600 Citrus Avenue Suite 200 Fort Pierce, Florida 34950

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February 9, 2024

Harvest Hills Community Development District Wrathell Hunt & Associates LLC 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W Boca Raton, Florida 33431

Dear District Manager:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to present our professional credentials to provide audit services for Harvest Hills Community Development District.

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL has assembled a team of governmental and nonprofit specialists second to none to serve our clients. Our firm has the necessary qualifications and experience to serve as the independent auditors for Harvest Hills Community Development District. We will provide you with top quality, responsive service.

Experience

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL is a recognized leader in providing services to governmental and nonprofit agencies throughout Florida. We have been the independent auditors for a number of local governmental agencies and through our experience in performing their audits, we have been able to increase our audit efficiency and; therefore, reduce costs. We have continually passed this cost savings on to our clients and will continue to do so in the future. As a result of our experience and expertise, we have developed an effective and efficient audit approach designed to meet or exceed the performance specifications in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the standards for financial and compliance audits. We will conduct the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; "Government Auditing Standards" issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the provisions of the Single Audit Act, Subpart F of Title 2 US Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, with minimal disruption to your operations. Our firm has frequent technical updates to keep our personnel informed and up-to-date on all changes that are occurring within the industry.



Harvest Hills Community Development District February 9, 2024

Our firm is a member of the Government Audit Quality Center, an organization dedicated to improving government audit quality. We also utilize the audit program software of a nationally recognized CPA firm to assure us that we are up to date with all auditing standards and to assist us maintain maximum audit efficiencies.

To facilitate your evaluation of our qualifications and experience, we have arranged this proposal to include a resume of our firm, including our available staff, our extensive prior governmental and nonprofit auditing experience and clients to be contacted.

You need a firm that will provide an efficient, cost-effective, high-quality audit within critical time constraints. You need a firm with the prerequisite governmental and nonprofit experience to perform your audit according to stringent legal and regulatory requirements, a firm that understands the complex nature of community development districts and their unique compliance requirements. You need a firm with recognized governmental and nonprofit specialists within the finance and governmental communities. And, certainly, you need a firm that will provide you with valuable feedback to enhance your current and future operations. Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL is that firm. J. W. Gaines is the person authorized to make representations for the firm.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit this proposal to Harvest Hills Community Development District.

Very truly yours,

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank Certified Public Accountants PL

Fort Pierce, Florida

PROFILE OF THE PROPOSER

Description and History of Audit Firm

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL is a Treasure Coast public accounting firm, which qualifies as a small business firm, as established by the Small Business Administration (13 CFR 121.38), with offices in Fort Pierce and Stuart. We are a member of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The firm was formed from the merger of Edwards, Berger, Harris & Company (originated in 1972) and McAlpin, Curtis & Associates (originated in 1949). J. W. Gaines and Associates (originated in 1979) merged with the firm in 2004. Our tremendous growth rate experienced over the last 69 years is directly attributable to the firm's unrelenting dedication to providing the highest quality, responsive professional services attainable to its clients.

We are a member of the Private Companies Practice Section (PCPS) of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) to assure we meet the highest standards. Membership in this practice section requires that our firm meet more stringent standards than standard AICPA membership. These rigorous requirements include the requirement of a triennial peer review of our firm's auditing and accounting practice and annual Continuing Professional Education (CPE) for all accounting staff (whether CPA or non-CPA). For standard AICPA membership, only a quality review is required and only CPAs must meet CPE requirements.

We are also a member of the Government Audit Quality Center ("the Center") of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants to assure the quality of our government audits. Membership in the Center, which is voluntary, requires our firm to comply with additional standards to promote the quality of government audits.

We have been extensively involved in serving local government entities with professional accounting, auditing and consulting services throughout the entire 69 year history of our firm. Our substantial experience over the years makes us uniquely qualified to provide accounting, auditing, and consulting services to these clients. We are a recognized leader in providing services to governmental and nonprofit agencies on the Treasure Coast and in Central and South Florida, with extensive experience in auditing community development districts and water control districts. We were the independent auditors of the City of Fort Pierce for over 37 years and currently, we are the independent auditors for St. Lucie County since 2002, and for 34 of the 38 years that the county has been audited by CPA firms. Additionally, we have performed audits of the City of Stuart, the City of Vero Beach, Indian River County and Martin County. We also presently audit over 75 Community Development Districts throughout Florida.

Our firm was founded on the belief that we are better able to respond to our clients needs through education, experience, independence, quality control, and personal service. Our firm's commitment to quality is reflected in our endeavor of professional excellence via continuing education, the use of the latest computer technology, professional membership in PCPS and peer review.

We believe our approach to audit engagements, intelligence and innovation teamed with sound professional judgment enables us to explore new concepts while remaining sensitive to the fundamental need for practical solutions. We take pride in giving you the assurance that the personal assistance you receive comes from years of advanced training, technical experience and financial acumen.

Professional Staff Resources

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL has a total of 27 professional and administrative staff (including 12 professional staff with extensive experience servicing government entities). The work will be performed out of our Fort Pierce office with a proposed staff of one senior accountant and one or two staff accountants supervised by an audit manager and audit partner. With the exception of the directors of the firm's offices, the professional staff is not specifically assigned to any of our individual offices. The professional and administrative staff resources available to you through Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL are as follows:

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Partners/Directors (CPA's)	6
Managers (2 CPA's)	2
Senior/Supervisor Accountants (3 CPA's)	3
Staff Accountants (2 CPA)	11
Computer Specialist	1
Paraprofessional	7
Administrative	<u>_5</u> 35
Total – all personnel	35

Following is a brief description of each employee classification:

Staff Accountant – Staff accountants work directly under the constant supervision of the auditor-in-charge and, are responsible for the various testing of documents, account analysis and any other duties as his/her supervisor believes appropriate. Minimum qualification for a staff accountant is graduation from an accredited university or college with a degree in accounting or equivalent.

Senior Accountant – A senior accountant must possess all the qualifications of the staff accountant, in addition to being able to draft the necessary reports and financial statements, and supervise other staff accountants when necessary.

Managers – A manager must possess the qualifications of the senior accountant, plus be able to work without extensive supervision from the auditor-in-charge. The manager should be able to draft audit reports from start to finish and to supervise the audit team, if necessary.

Principal – A principal is a partner/director in training. He has been a manager for several years and possesses the technical skills to act as the auditor–in-charge. A principal has no financial interest in the firm.

Partner/Director – The director has extensive governmental auditing experience and acts as the auditor-in-charge. Directors have a financial interest in the firm.

Professional Staff Resources (Continued)

Independence – Independence of the public accounting firm, with respect to the audit client, is the foundation from which the public gains its trust in the opinion issued by the public accounting firm at the end of the audit process. This independence must be in appearance as well as in fact. The public must perceive that the accounting firm is independent of the audit entity to ensure that nothing would compromise the opinion issued by the public accounting firm. Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL is independent of Harvest Hills Community Development District, including its elected officials and related parties, at the date of this proposal, as defined by the following rules, regulations, and standards:

AuSection 220 – Statements on Auditing Standards issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants;

ET Sections 101 and 102 – Code of Professional Conduct of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants;

Chapter 21A-1, Florida Administrative Code;

Section 473.315, Florida Statutes; and,

Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

On an annual basis, all members of the firm are required to confirm, in writing, that they have no personal or financial relationships or holding that would impair their independence with regard to the firm's clients.

Independence is a hallmark of our profession. We encourage our staff to use professional judgment in situations where our independence could be impaired or the perception of a conflict of interest might exist. In the governmental sector, public perception is as important as professional standards. Therefore, the utmost care must be exercised by independent auditors in the performance of their duties.

Ability to Furnish the Required Services

As previously noted in the Profile of the Proposer section of this document, our firm has been in existence for over 74 years. We have provided audit services to some clients for over 30 years continually. Our firm is insured against physical loss through commercial insurance and we also carry liability insurance. The majority of our audit documentation is stored electronically, both on our office network and on each employee laptop or computer assigned to each specific job. Our office computer network is backed up on tape, so in the event of a total equipment loss, we can restore all data as soon as replacement equipment is acquired. In addition, our field laptop computers carry the same data and can be used in the event of emergency with virtually no delay in completing the required services.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED

Arbitrage Rebate Services

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL also provides arbitrage rebate compliance and related services to governmental issuers. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 requires issuers of most tax-exempt obligations to pay (i.e., "rebate") to the United States government any arbitrage profits. Arbitrage profits are earnings on the investment of bond proceeds and certain other monies in excess of what would have been earned had such monies been invested at a yield equal to the yield on the bonds.

Federal tax law requires that interim rebate calculations and payments are due at the end of every fifth bond year. Final payment is required upon redemption of the bonds. More frequent calculations may be deemed advisable by an issuer's auditor, trustee or bond counsel or to assure that accurate and current records are available. These more frequent requirements are usually contained in the Arbitrage or Rebate Certificate with respect to the bonds.

Our firm performs a comprehensive rebate analysis and includes the following:

- Verifying that the issue is subject to rebate;
- Calculating the bond yield;
- Identifying, and separately accounting for, all "Gross Proceeds" (as that term is defined in the Code) of the bond issue, including those requiring analysis due to "transferred proceeds" and/or "commingled funds" circumstances;
- Determining what general and/or elective options are available to Gross proceeds of the issue;
- Calculating the issue's excess investment earning (rebate liability), if any;
- Delivering appropriate documentation to support all calculations:
- Providing an executive summary identifying the methodology employed, major assumptions, conclusions, and any other recommendations for changes in recordkeeping and investment policies;
- Assisting as necessary in the event of an Internal Revenue Service inquiry; and,
- Consulting with issue staff, as necessary, regarding arbitrage related matters.

GOVERNMENTAL AUDITING EXPERIENCE

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL has been practicing public accounting in Florida for 69 years. Our success over the years has been the result of a strong commitment to providing personalized quality service to our clients.

The current members of our firm have performed audits of over 1,100 community development districts, and over 2,100 audits of municipalities, counties and other governmental entities such as the City of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County.

Our firm provides a variety of accounting, auditing, tax litigation support, and consulting services. Some of the professional accounting, auditing and management consulting services that are provided by our firm are listed below:

- Performance of annual financial and compliance audits, including Single Audits of state
 and federal financial assistance programs, under the provisions of the Single Audit Act,
 Subpart F of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform
 Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal
 Awards (Uniform Guidance), with minimal disruptions to your operations;
- Performance of special compliance audits to ascertain compliance with the applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations;
- Issuance of comfort letters and consent letters in conjunction with the issuance of taxexempt debt obligations, including compiling financial data and interim period financial statement reviews;
- Calculation of estimated and actual federal arbitrage rebates;
- Assistance in compiling historical financial data for first-time and supplemental submissions for GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting;
- Preparation of indirect cost allocation systems in accordance with Federal and State regulatory requirements;
- Providing human resource and employee benefit consulting;
- Performance of automation feasibility studies and disaster recovery plans:
- Performance feasibility studies concerning major fixed asset acquisitions and utility plant expansion plans (including electric, water, pollution control, and sanitation utilities); and
- Assistance in litigation, including testimony in civil and criminal court.
- Assist clients who utilize QuickBooks software with their software needs. Our Certified QuickBooks Advisor has undergone extensive training through QuickBooks and has passed several exams to attain this Certification.

Continuing Professional Education

All members of the governmental audit staff of our firm, and audit team members assigned to this engagement, are in compliance with the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirements set forth in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. In addition, our firm is in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Florida Statutes that require CPA's to have met certain CPE requirements prior to proposing on governmental audit engagements.

The audit team has extensive experience in performing governmental audits and is exposed to intensive and continuing concentration on these types of audits. Due to the total number of governmental audits our team performs, each member of our governmental staff must understand and be able to perform several types of governmental audits. It is our objective to provide each professional employee fifty hours or more of comprehensive continuing professional education each year. This is accomplished through attending seminars throughout Florida and is reinforced through in-house training.

Our firm has made a steadfast commitment to professional education. Our active attendance and participation in continuing professional education is a major part of our objective to obtain the most recent knowledge on issues which are of importance to our clients. We are growing on the reputation for work that our firm is providing today.

Quality Control Program

Quality control requires continuing commitment to professional excellence. Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL is formally dedicated to that commitment.

To ensure maintaining the standards of working excellence required by our firm, we joined the Private Companies Practice Section (PCPS) of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). To be a participating member firm of this practice section, a firm must obtain an independent Peer Review of its quality control policies and procedures to ascertain the firm's compliance with existing auditing standards on the applicable engagements.

The scope of the Peer Review is comprehensive in that it specifically reviews the following quality control policies and procedures of the participating firm:

- Professional, economic, and administrative independence;
- · Assignment of professional personnel to engagements;
- Consultation on technical matters;
- Supervision of engagement personnel;
- Hiring and employment of personnel;
- Professional development;
- Advancement:
- · Acceptance and continuation of clients; and,
- Inspection and review system.

We believe that our commitment to the program is rewarding not only to our firm, but primarily to our clients.

The external independent Peer Review of the elements of our quality control policies and procedures performed by an independent certified public accountant, approved by the PCPS of the AICPA, provides you with the assurance that we continue to conform to standards of the profession in the conduct of our accounting and auditing practice.

Our firm is also a member of Governmental Audit Quality Center (GAQC), a voluntary membership center for CPA firms that perform governmental audits. This center promotes the quality of governmental audits.

Our firm has completed successive Peer Reviews. These reviews included a representative sample of our firm's local governmental auditing engagements. As a result of these reviews, our firm obtained an unqualified opinion on our quality control program and work procedures. On page 31 is a copy of our most recent Peer Review report. It should be noted that we received a pass rating.

Our firm has never had any disciplinary actions by state regulatory bodies or professional organizations.

As our firm performs approximately one hundred audits each year that are reviewed by federal, state or local entities, we are constantly dealing with questions from these entities about our audits. We are pleased to say that any questions that have been raised were minor issues and were easily resolved without re-issuing any reports.

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR)

We are proud and honored to have been involved with the City of Fort Pierce and the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority when they received their first Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal years ended September 30, 1988 and 1994, respectively. We were also instrumental in the City of Stuart receiving the award, in our first year of performing their audit, for the year ended September 30, 1999.

We also assisted St. Lucie County, Florida for the year ended September 30, 2003, in preparing their first Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, and St. Lucie County has received their Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting every year since.

As continued commitment to insuring that we are providing the highest level of experience, we have had at least one employee of our firm serve on the GFOA – Special Review Committee since the mid-1980s. This committee is made up of selective Certified Public Accountants throughout the United States who have demonstrated their high level of knowledge and expertise in governmental accounting. Each committee member attends a special review meeting at the Annual GFOA Conference. At this meeting, the committee reports on the Certificate of Achievement Program's most recent results, future goals, and common reporting deficiencies.

We feel that our previous experience in assisting the City of Fort Pierce, the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority and St. Lucie County obtain their first CAFRs, and the City of Stuart in continuing to receive a CAFR and our firm's continued involvement with the GFOA, and the CAFR review committee make us a valued asset for any client in the field of governmental financial reporting.

References

Terracina Community Development Gateway Community Development

District District

Jeff Walker, Special District Services Stephen Bloom, Severn Trent Management

(561) 630-4922 (954) 753-5841

The Reserve Community Development District Clearwater Cay Community Development

District

Darrin Mossing, Governmental Management Cal Teague, Premier District Management

Services LLC (407) 841-5524 (239) 690-7100 ext 101

In addition to the above, we have the following additional governmental audit experience:

Community Development Districts

Aberdeen Community Development Beacon Lakes Community
District Development District

Alta Lakes Community Development Beaumont Community Development

District District

Amelia Concourse Community Bella Collina Community Development

Development District District

Amelia Walk Community

Development District

Bonnet Creek Community

Development District

Aqua One Community Development

Buckeye Park Community

District Development District

Arborwood Community Development Candler Hills East Community

District Development District

Arlington Ridge Community

Development District

Cedar Hammock Community

Development District

Bartram Springs Community Central Lake Community

Development District Development District

Baytree Community Development Channing Park Community

District Development District

District

Estancia @ Wiregrass Community

Development District

Cheval West Community Evergreen Community Development District **Development District** Coconut Cay Community Forest Brooke Community **Development District Development District** Colonial Country Club Community **Gateway Services Community Development District Development District Connerton West Community Gramercy Farms Community Development District Development District** Copperstone Community **Greenway Improvement District Development District** Creekside @ Twin Creeks Community **Greyhawk Landing Community Development District Development District** Deer Run Community Development Griffin Lakes Community Development District District **Dowden West Community Habitat Community Development Development District** District **DP1 Community Development** Harbor Bay Community Development District District **Eagle Point Community Development** Harbourage at Braden River District Community Development District Harmony Community Development East Nassau Stewardship District District Eastlake Oaks Community **Development District** Harmony West Community **Development District** Easton Park Community Development

Harrison Ranch Community
Development District

Hawkstone Community
Development District

Heritage Harbor Community Madeira Community Development **Development District** District Heritage Isles Community Marhsall Creek Community **Development District Development District** Heritage Lake Park Community Meadow Pointe IV Community **Development District Development District** Heritage Landing Community Meadow View at Twin Creek **Development District** Community Development District Heritage Palms Community Mediterra North Community **Development District Development District** Heron Isles Community Midtown Miami Community **Development District Development District** Heron Isles Community Development Mira Lago West Community District **Development District Highland Meadows II Community** Montecito Community **Development District Development District** Julington Creek Community Narcoossee Community **Development District Development District** Laguna Lakes Community Naturewalk Community **Development District Development District** Lake Bernadette Community **New Port Tampa Bay Community Development District Development District** Lakeside Plantation Community **Overoaks Community Development Development District** District Landings at Miami Community Panther Trace II Community **Development District**

Development District

Legends Bay Community **Development District**

Lexington Oaks Community **Development District**

Live Oak No. 2 Community **Development District**

Pine Ridge Plantation Community **Development District**

Paseo Community Development

Piney Z Community Development District

District

Poinciana Community
Development District
Sampson Creek Community
Development District

Poinciana West Community

Development District

San Simeon Community

Development District

Port of the Islands Community
Development District
Six Mile Creek Community
Development District

Portofino Isles Community
Development District
South Village Community
Development District

Quarry Community Development Southern Hills Plantation I
District Community Development District

Renaissance Commons Community
Development District
Southern Hills Plantation III
Community Development District

Reserve Community
Development District
South Fork Community
Development District

Reserve #2 Community
Development District
St. John's Forest Community
Development District

River Glen Community

Development District

Stoneybrook South Community

Development District

River Hall Community Stoneybrook South at ChampionsGate
Development District Community Development District

River Place on the St. Lucie Stoneybrook West Community
Community Development District Development District

Rivers Edge Community

Development District

Tern Bay Community

Development District

Riverwood Community Terracina Community Development
Development District District

Riverwood Estates Community

Development District

Tison's Landing Community

Development District

Rolling Hills Community TPOST Community Development

Development District District

Development District District

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Rolling Oaks Community

Development District

Triple Creek Community Vizcaya in Kendall Development District Development District

TSR Community Development Waterset North Community
District Development District

Turnbull Creek Community Westside Community Development District District

Twin Creeks North Community WildBlue Community Development Development District District

Urban Orlando Community

Development District

Willow Creek Community

Development District

Verano #2 Community

Development District

Willow Hammock Community

Development District

Viera East Community

Development District

Winston Trails Community

Development District

VillaMar Community

Development District

Zephyr Ridge Community

Development District

Other Governmental Organizations

City of Westlake Office of the Medical Examiner,

District 19

Florida Inland Navigation District Rupert J. Smith Law Library

of St. Lucie County

Fort Pierce Farms Water Control

District St. Lucie Education Foundation

Indian River Regional Crime

Seminole Improvement District

Laboratory, District 19, Florida

Troup Indiantown Water

Viera Stewardship District Control District

Current or Recent Single Audits,

St. Lucie County, Florida
Early Learning Coalition, Inc.
Gateway Services Community Development District.

Members of our audit team have acquired extensive experience from performing or participating in over 1,800 audits of governments, independent special taxing districts, school boards, and other agencies that receive public money and utilize fund accounting.

Much of our firm's auditing experience is with compliance auditing, which is required for publicly financed agencies. In this type of audit, we do a financial examination and also confirm compliance with various statutory and regulatory guidelines.

Following is a summary of our other experience, including Auditor General experience, as it pertains to other governmental and fund accounting audits.

Counties

(Includes elected constitutional officers, utilities and dependent taxing districts)

Indian River Martin Okeechobee Palm Beach

Municipalities

City of Port St. Lucie City of Vero Beach Town of Orchid

Special Districts

Bannon Lakes Community Development District Boggy Creek Community Development District Capron Trail Community Development District Celebration Pointe Community Development District Coquina Water Control District Diamond Hill Community Development District **Dovera Community Development District Durbin Crossing Community Development District** Golden Lakes Community Development District Lakewood Ranch Community Development District Martin Soil and Water Conservation District Meadow Pointe III Community Development District Myrtle Creek Community Development District St. Lucie County – Fort Pierce Fire District The Crossings at Fleming Island St. Lucie West Services District Indian River County Mosquito Control District St. John's Water Control District Westchase and Westchase East Community Development Districts Pier Park Community Development District Verandahs Community Development District Magnolia Park Community Development District

Schools and Colleges

Federal Student Aid Programs – Indian River Community College Indian River Community College Okeechobee County District School Board St. Lucie County District School Board

State and County Agencies

Central Florida Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc. (a nonprofit organization affiliated with the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners)
Florida School for Boys at Okeechobee
Indian River Community College Crime Laboratory
Indian River Correctional Institution

FEE SCHEDULE

We propose the fee for our audit services described below to be \$3,250 for the year ended September 30, 2024. In addition, if a bond issuance occurs in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the fee for our audit services will be \$4,500. The fee is contingent upon the financial records and accounting systems of Harvest Hills Community Development District being "audit ready" and the financial activity for the District is not materially increased. If we discover that additional preparation work or subsidiary schedules are needed, we will consult with your authorized representative. We can assist with this additional work at our standard rates should you desire.

SCOPE OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED

If selected as the District's auditors, we will perform a financial and compliance audit in accordance with Section 11.45, Florida Statutes, in order to express an opinion on an annual basis on the financial statements of v Community Development District as of September 30, 2024. The audits will be performed to the extent necessary to express an opinion on the fairness in all material respects with which the financial statements present the financial position, results of operations and changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and to determine whether, for selected transactions, operations are properly conducted in accordance with legal and regulatory requirements. Reportable conditions that are also material weaknesses shall be identified as such in the Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters. Other (non-reportable) conditions discovered during the course of the audit will be reported in a separate letter to management, which will be referred to in the Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters.

Our audit will be performed in accordance with standards for financial and compliance audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as in compliance with rules and regulations of audits of special districts as set forth by the State Auditor General in Chapter 10.550, Local Governmental Entity Audits, and other relevant federal, state and county orders, statutes, ordinances, charter, resolutions, bond covenants, Administrative Code and procedures, or rules and regulations which may pertain to the work required in the engagement.

The primary purpose of our audit will be to express an opinion on the financial statements discussed above. It should be noted that such audits are subject to the inherent risk that errors or irregularities may not be detected. However, if conditions are discovered which lead to the belief that material errors, defalcations or other irregularities may exist or if other circumstances are encountered that require extended services, we will promptly notify the appropriate individual.

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

J. W. Gaines, CPA, CITP

Director – 44 years

Education

♦ Stetson University, B.B.A. – Accounting

Registrations

- Certified Public Accountant State of Florida, State Board of Accountancy
- Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP) American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Professional Affiliations/Community Service

- Member of the American and Florida Institutes of Certified Public Accountants
- ♦ Affiliate member Government Finance Officers Association
- Past President, Vice President-Campaign Chairman, Vice President and Board Member of United Way of St. Lucie County, 1989 - 1994
- Past President, President Elect, Secretary and Treasurer of the Treasure Coast Chapter of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants, 1988 - 1991
- Past President of Ft. Pierce Kiwanis Club, 1994 95, Member/Board Member since 1982
- ◆ Past President, Vice President and Treasurer of St. Lucie County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, 1980 -1986
- Member of the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, Member Board of Directors, Treasurer, September 2002 - 2006, Chairman Elect 2007, Chairman 2008, Past Chairman 2009
- Member Lawnwood Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees, 2000 Present, Chairman 2013 - Present
- ♦ Member of St. Lucie County Citizens Budget Committee, 2001 2002
- ♦ Member of Ft. Pierce Citizens Budget Advisory Committee, 2010 2011
- ♦ Member of Ft. Pierce Civil Service Appeals Board, 2013 Present

Professional Experience

- ♦ Miles Grant Development/Country Club Stuart, Florida, July 1975 October 1976
- ◆ State Auditor General's Office Public Accounts Auditor November 1976 through September 1979
- ◆ Director Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants PL, responsible for numerous government and nonprofit audits.
- Over 40 years experience in all phases of public accounting and auditing experience, with a concentration in financial and compliance audits. Mr. Gaines has been involved in all phases of the audits listed on the preceding pages.

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

J. W. Gaines, CPA, CITP (Continued) Director

Continuing Professional Education

♦ Has participated in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors over the last two years to keep abreast of the latest developments in accounting and auditing such as:

Governmental Accounting Report and Audit Update

Analytical Procedures, FICPA

Annual Update for Accountants and Auditors

Single Audit Sampling and Other Considerations

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

David S. McGuire, CPA, CITP

Director - 36 years experience

Education

- ◆ University of Central Florida, B.A. Accounting
- Barry University Master of Professional Accountancy

Registrations

- ♦ Certified Public Accountant State of Florida, State Board of Accountancy
- Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP) American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Certified Not-For-Profit Core Concepts 2018

Professional Affiliations/Community Service

- Member of the American and Florida Institutes of Certified Public Accountants
- ◆ Associate Member, Florida Government Finance Office Associates
- ◆ Assistant Coach St. Lucie County Youth Football Organization (1994 2005)
- ◆ Assistant Coach Greater Port St. Lucie Football League, Inc. (2006 2010)
- ♦ Board Member Greater Port St. Lucie Football League, Inc. (2011 2017)
- Treasurer, AIDS Research and Treatment Center of the Treasure Coast, Inc. (2000 2003)
- ◆ Board Member/Treasurer, North Treasure Coast Chapter, American Red Cross (2004 – 2010)
- ♦ Member/Board Member of Port St. Lucie Kiwanis (1994 2001)
- ◆ President (2014/15) of Sunrise Kiwanis of Fort Pierce (2004 2017)
- ◆ St. Lucie District School Board Superintendent Search Committee (2013 present)
- ◆ Board Member Phrozen Pharoes (2019-2021)

Professional Experience

- Twenty-eight years public accounting experience with an emphasis on nonprofit and governmental organizations.
- ♦ Audit Manager in-charge on a variety of audit and review engagements within several industries, including the following government and nonprofit organizations:

St. Lucie County, Florida

19th Circuit Office of Medical Examiner

Troup Indiantown Water Control District

Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Inc.

Healthy Kids of St. Lucie County

Mustard Seed Ministries of Ft. Pierce, Inc.

Reaching Our Community Kids, Inc.

Reaching Our Community Kids - South

St. Lucie County Education Foundation, Inc.

Treasure Coast Food Bank, Inc.

North Springs Improvement District

♦ Four years of service in the United States Air Force in computer operations, with a top secret (SCI/SBI) security clearance.

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

David S. McGuire, CPA, CITP (Continued) Director

Continuing Professional Education

Mr. McGuire has attended numerous continuing professional education courses and seminars taught by nationally recognized sponsors in the accounting auditing and single audit compliance areas. He has attended courses over the last two years in those areas as follows:

Not-for-Profit Auditing Financial Results and Compliance Requirements Update: Government Accounting Reporting and Auditing Annual Update for Accountants and Auditors

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Matthew Gonano, CPA

Director - 13 years total experience

Education

- ◆ University of North Florida, B.B.A. Accounting
- University of Alicante, Spain International Business
- Florida Atlantic University Masters of Accounting

Professional Affiliations/Community Service

- ♦ American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- ♦ Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Professional Experience

- ♦ Senior Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.
- ♦ Performed audits of nonprofit and governmental organizations in accordance with Governmental Accounting Auditing Standards (GAAS)
- ♦ Performed Single Audits of nonprofit organizations in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, Audits of State, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.

Continuing Professional Education

• Mr. Gonano has participated in numerous continuing professional education courses.

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

David F. Haughton, CPA

Accounting and Audit Manager - 33 years

Education

♦ Stetson University, B.B.A. – Accounting

Registrations

◆ Certified Public Accountant – State of Florida, State Board of Accountancy

Professional Affiliations/Community Service

- Member of the American and Florida Institutes of Certified Public Accountants
- Former Member of Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants Committee on State and Local Government
- ◆ Affiliate Member Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for over 10 years
- Affiliate Member Florida Government Finance Officers Association (FGFOA) for over 10 vears
- ♦ Technical Review 1997 FICPA Course on State and Local Governments in Florida
- ◆ Board of Directors Kiwanis of Ft. Pierce, Treasurer 1994-1999; Vice President 1999-2001

Professional Experience

- Twenty-seven years public accounting experience with an emphasis on governmental and nonprofit organizations.
- ◆ State Auditor General's Office West Palm Beach, Staff Auditor, June 1985 to September 1985
- Accounting and Audit Manager of Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants PL, responsible for audit and accounting services including governmental and not-for-profit audits.
- Over 20 years of public accounting and governmental experience, specializing in governmental and nonprofit organizations with concentration in special districts, including Community Development Districts which provide services including water and sewer utilities. Governmental and non-profit entities served include the following:

Counties:

St. Lucie County

Municipalities:

City of Fort Pierce City of Stuart

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

David F. Haughton, CPA (Continued)

Accounting and Audit Manager

Professional Experience (Continued)

Special Districts:

Bluewaters Community Development District

Country Club of Mount Dora Community Development District

Fiddler's Creek Community Development District #1 and #2

Indigo Community Development District

North Springs Improvement District

Renaissance Commons Community Development District

St. Lucie West Services District

Stoneybrook Community Development District

Summerville Community Development District

Terracina Community Development District

Thousand Oaks Community Development District

Tree Island Estates Community Development District

Valencia Acres Community Development District

Non-Profits:

The Dunbar Center, Inc.

Hibiscus Children's Foundation. Inc.

Hope Rural School, Inc.

Maritime and Yachting Museum of Florida, Inc.

Tykes and Teens, Inc.

United Way of Martin County, Inc.

Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast, Inc.

- While with the Auditor General's Office he was on the staff for the state audits of the Martin County School District and Okeechobee County School District.
- During 1997 he performed a technical review of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants state CPE course on Audits of State and Local Governments in Florida. His comments were well received by the author and were utilized in future updates to the course.

Continuing Professional Education

◆ During the past several years, he has participated in numerous professional development training programs sponsored by the AICPA and FICPA, including state conferences on special districts and governmental auditing in Florida. He averages in excess of 100 hours bi-annually of advanced training which exceeds the 80 hours required in accordance with the continuing professional education requirements of the Florida State Board of accountancy and the AICPA Private Companies Practice Section. He has over 75 hours of governmental CPE credit within the past two years.

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Paul Daly

Staff Accountant - 11 years

Education

◆ Florida Atlantic University, B.S. – Accounting

Professional Experience

• Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

Continuing Professional Education

• Working to attain the requirements to take the Certified Public Accounting (CPA) exam.

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Melissa Marlin, CPA

Senior Staff Accountant - 9 years

Education

- ◆ Indian River State College, A.A. Accounting
- ◆ Florida Atlantic University, B.B.A. Accounting

Professional Experience

• Staff accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

Continuing Professional Education

 Mrs. Marlin participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Bryan Snyder

Staff Accountant - 8 years

Education

◆ Florida Atlantic University, B.B.A. – Accounting

Professional Experience

- Accountant beginning his professional auditing career with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank.
- Mr. Snyder is gaining experience auditing governmental & nonprofit entities.

Continuing Professional Education

- Mr. Snyder participates in numerous continuing education courses and plans on working to acquire his CPA certificate.
- Mr. Snyder is currently studying to pass the CPA exam.

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Maritza Stonebraker, CPA

Senior Accountant – 7 years

Education

♦ Indian River State College, B.S. – Accounting

Professional Experience

◆ Staff Accountant beginning her professional auditing career with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank.

Continuing Professional Education

• Mrs. Stonebraker participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Jonathan Herman, CPA

Senior Staff Accountant - 9 years

Education

- ♦ University of Central Florida, B.S. Accounting
- Florida Atlantic University, MACC

Professional Experience

♦ Accounting graduate with nine years experience with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

Continuing Professional Education

 Mr. Herman participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Sean Stanton, CPA

Staff Accountant - 5 years

Education

- ♦ University of South Florida, B.S. Accounting
- ♦ Florida Atlantic University, M.B.A. Accounting

Professional Experience

◆ Staff accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank auditing governmental and non-profit entities.

Continuing Professional Education

• Mr. Stanton participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Tifanee Terrell

Staff Accountant – 3 years

Education

◆ Florida Atlantic University, M.A.C.C. – Accounting

Professional Experience

• Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

Continuing Professional Education

- Ms. Terrell participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.
- Ms. Terrell is currently studying to pass the CPA exam.

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Dylan Dixon

Staff Accountant – 1 year

Education

♦ Indian River State College, B.S. – Accounting

Professional Experience

◆ Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

Continuing Professional Education

• Mr. Dixon participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Brennen Moore

Staff Accountant

Education

♦ Indian River State College, B.S. – Accounting

Professional Experience

◆ Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

Continuing Professional Education

• Mr. Moore participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Jordan Wood

Staff Accountant - 1 year

Education

◆ Indian River State College, A.A. – Accounting

Professional Experience

• Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

Continuing Professional Education

- Ms. Wood is currently enrolled at Indian River State College to complete her bachelor's degree.
- Ms. Wood participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.
- Ms. Wood is currently working towards completing an additional 30 hours of education to qualify to sit for CPA exam.

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Katie Gifford

Staff Accountant

Education

♦ Indian River State College, B.S. – Accounting

Professional Experience

◆ Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

Continuing Professional Education

 Ms. Gifford participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Rayna Zicari

Staff Accountant

Education

♦ Stetson University, B.B.A. – Accounting

Professional Experience

• Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

Continuing Professional Education

- ♦ Ms. Zicari participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.
- Ms. Zicari is currently working towards completing an additional 30 hours of education to qualify to sit for CPA exam.



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Report on the Firm's System of Quality Control

To the Partners of November 30, 2022
Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, CPAs, PL
and the Peer Review Committee of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, CPAs, PL (the firm), in effect for the year ended May 31, 2022. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Standards).

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review as described in the Standards may be found at aicpa.org/prsummary. The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer reviewer to determine a peer review rating.

Firm's Responsibility

The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. The firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remediate engagements deemed as not performed or reported in conformity with professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if any.

Peer Reviewer's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control, and the firm's compliance therewith based on our review.

Required Selections and Considerations

Engagements selected for review included engagements performed under *Government Auditing Standards*, including a compliance audit under the Single Audit Act.

As a part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the firm, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

Opinion

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, CPAs, PL, in effect for the year ended May 31, 2022, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of *pass, pass with deficiency(ies)*, or *fall*. Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, CPAs, PLC, has received a peer review rating of *pass*.

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HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

District Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2024 Pasco County, Florida

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

- **SECTION 1. DUE DATE.** Sealed proposals must be received no later than February 9, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., at the offices of the District Manager, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561) 571-0010. Proposals will be publicly opened at that time.
- **SECTION 2. FAMILIARITY WITH THE LAW.** By submitting a proposal, the Proposer is assumed to be familiar with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that in any manner affect the work. Ignorance on the part of the Proposer will in no way relieve it from responsibility to perform the work covered by the proposal in compliance with all such laws, ordinances and regulations.
- **SECTION 3. QUALIFICATIONS OF PROPOSER.** The contract, if awarded, will only be awarded to a responsible Proposer who is qualified by experience and licensing to do the work specified herein. The Proposer shall submit with its proposal satisfactory evidence of experience in similar work and show that it is fully prepared to complete the work to the satisfaction of the District.
- **SECTION 4. SUBMISSION OF ONLY ONE PROPOSAL.** Proposers shall be disqualified and their proposals rejected if the District has reason to believe that collusion may exist among the Proposers, the Proposer has defaulted on any previous contract or is in arrears on any previous or existing contract, or for failure to demonstrate proper licensure and business organization.
- **SECTION 5. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL.** Submit one (1) unbound and one (1) electronic copy of the Proposal Documents, and other requested attachments at the time and place indicated herein, which shall be enclosed in an opaque sealed envelope, marked with the title "Auditing Services Harvest Hills Community Development District" on the face of it. Please include pricing for each additional bond issuance.
- **SECTION 6. MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL.** Proposals may be modified or withdrawn by an appropriate document duly executed and delivered to the place where proposals are to be submitted at any time prior to the time and date the proposals are due. No proposal may be withdrawn after opening for a period of ninety (90) days.
- **SECTION 7. PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS.** The proposal documents shall consist of the notice announcing the request for proposals, these instructions, the Evaluation Criteria Sheet and a proposal with all required documentation pursuant to Section 12 of these instructions (the "Proposal Documents").
- **SECTION 8. PROPOSAL.** In making its proposal, each Proposer represents that it has read and understands the Proposal Documents and that the proposal is made in accordance therewith.

SECTION 9. BASIS OF AWARD/RIGHT TO REJECT. The District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, make modifications to the work, and waive any informalities or irregularities in proposals as it is deemed in the best interests of the District.

SECTION 10. CONTRACT AWARD. Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the Notice of Award from the District, the Proposer shall enter into and execute a Contract (engagement letter) with the District.

SECTION 11. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY. Nothing herein shall be construed as or constitute a waiver of the District's limited waiver of liability contained in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, or any other statute or law.

SECTION 12. MISCELLANEOUS. All proposals shall include the following information in addition to any other requirements of the proposal documents.

- A. List the position or title of all personnel to perform work on the District audit. Include resumes for each person listed; list years of experience in present position for each party listed and years of related experience.
- B. Describe proposed staffing levels, including resumes with applicable certifications.
- C. Three references from projects of similar size and scope. The Proposer should include information relating to the work it conducted for each reference as well as a name, address and phone number of a contact person.
- D. The lump sum cost of the provision of the services under the proposal for the District's first audit for which there are no special assessment bonds, plus the lump sum cost of two (2) annual renewals, which renewals shall include services related to the District's anticipated issuance of special assessment bonds.

SECTION 13. PROTESTS. In accordance with the District's Rules of Procedure, any protest regarding the Proposal Documents, must be filed in writing, at the offices of the District Manager, within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays) after the receipt of the Proposal Documents. 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 Saturday, Sunday, 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 the aforesaid Proposal Documents.

SECTION 14. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS. The criteria to be used in the evaluation of proposals are presented in the Evaluation Criteria Sheet, contained within the Proposal Documents.

HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUDITOR SELECTION EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Ability of Personnel.

(20 Points)

(E.g., geographic location of the firm's headquarters or permanent office in relation to the project; capabilities and experience of key personnel; present ability to manage this project; evaluation of existing work load; proposed staffing levels, etc.)

2. Proposer's Experience.

(20 Points)

(E.g. past record and experience of the Proposer in similar projects; volume of work previously performed by the firm; past performance for other or current Community Development District(s) in other contracts; character, integrity, reputation of Proposer, etc.)

3. Understanding of Scope of Work.

(20 Points)

Extent to which the proposal demonstrates an understanding of the District's needs for the services requested.

4. Ability to Furnish the Required Services.

(20 Points)

Extent to which the proposal demonstrates the adequacy of Proposer's financial resources and stability as a business entity necessary to complete the services required.

5. Price. (20 Points)***

Points will be awarded based upon the lowest total proposal for rendering the services and the reasonableness of the proposal.

Total (100 Points)

***Alternatively, the Board may choose to evaluate firms without considering price, in which case the remaining categories would be assigned 25 points each.

HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT



Proposal to Provide Financial Auditing Services:

HARVEST HILLS

Community Development District

Proposal Due: February 9, 2024 12:00PM

Submitted to:

Harvest Hills Community Development District c/o District Manager 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W Boca Raton, Florida 33431

Submitted by:

Antonio J. Grau, Partner Grau & Associates 951 Yamato Road, Suite 280 Boca Raton, Florida 33431

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February 9, 2024

Harvest Hills Community Development District c/o District Manager 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W Boca Raton, Florida 33431

Re: Request for Proposal for Professional Auditing Services for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, with an option for four additional annual renewals.

Grau & Associates (Grau) welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Harvest Hills Community Development District's (the "District") Request for Proposal (RFP), and we look forward to working with you on your audit. We are an energetic and robust team of knowledgeable professionals and are a recognized leader of providing services to Community Development Districts. As one of Florida's few firms to primarily focus on government, we are especially equipped to provide you an effective and efficient audit.

Special district audits are at the core of our practice: **we have a total of 360 clients, 329 or 91% of which are special districts.** We know the specifics of the professional services and work products needed to meet your RFP requirements like no other firm. With this level of experience, we are able to increase efficiency, to provide immediate and continued savings, and to minimize disturbances to client operations.

Why Grau & Associates:

Knowledgeable Audit Team

Grau is proud that the personnel we assign to your audit are some of the most seasoned auditors in the field. Our staff performs governmental engagements year round. When not working on your audit, your team is refining their audit approach for next year's audit. Our engagement partners have decades of experience and take a hands-on approach to our assignments, which all ensures a smoother process for you.

Servicing your Individual Needs

Our clients enjoy personalized service designed to satisfy their unique needs and requirements. Throughout the process of our audit, you will find that we welcome working with you to resolve any issues as swiftly and easily as possible. In addition, due to Grau's very low turnover rate for our industry, you also won't have to worry about retraining your auditors from year to year.

Developing Relationships

We strive to foster mutually beneficial relationships with our clients. We stay in touch year round, updating, collaborating and assisting you in implementing new legislation, rules and standards that affect your organization. We are also available as a sounding board and assist with technical questions.

Maintaining an Impeccable Reputation

We have never been involved in any litigation, proceeding or received any disciplinary action. Additionally, we have never been charged with, or convicted of, a public entity crime of any sort. We are financially stable and have never been involved in any bankruptcy proceedings.

Complying With Standards

Our audit will follow the Auditing Standards of the AICPA, Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida, and any other applicable federal, state and local regulations. We will deliver our reports in accordance with your requirements.

This proposal is a firm and irrevocable offer for 90 days. We certify this proposal is made without previous understanding, agreement or connection either with any previous firms or corporations offering a proposal for the same items. We also certify our proposal is in all respects fair, without outside control, collusion, fraud, or otherwise illegal action, and was prepared in good faith. Only the person(s), company or parties interested in the project as principals are named in the proposal. Grau has no existing or potential conflicts and anticipates no conflicts during the engagement. Our Federal I.D. number is 20-2067322.

We would be happy to answer any questions or to provide any additional information. We are genuinely excited about the prospect of serving you and establishing a long-term relationship. Please do not hesitate to call or email either of our Partners, Antonio J. Grau, CPA (tgrau@graucpa.com) or David Caplivski, CPA (dcaplivski@graucpa.com) at 561.994.9299. We thank you for considering our firm's qualifications and experience.

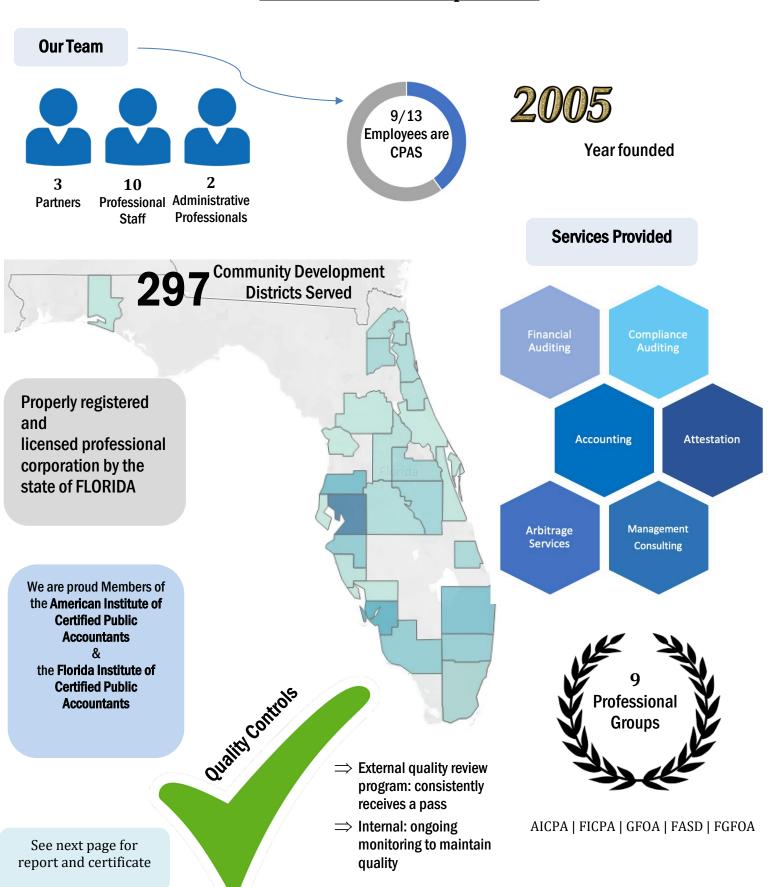
Very truly yours, Grau & Associates

Antonio J. Grau

Firm Qualifications



Grau's Focus and Experience









Peer Review Program

FICPA Peer Review Program Administered in Florida by The Florida Institute of CPAs

AICPA Peer Review Program
Administered in Florida
by the Florida Institute of CPAs

March 17, 2023

Antonio Grau Grau & Associates 951 Yamato Rd Ste 280 Boca Raton, FL 33431-1809

Dear Antonio Grau:

It is my pleasure to notify you that on March 16, 2023, the Florida Peer Review Committee accepted the report on the most recent System Review of your firm. The due date for your next review is December 31, 2025. This is the date by which all review documents should be completed and submitted to the administering entity.

As you know, the report had a peer review rating of pass. The Committee asked me to convey its congratulations to the firm.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

FICPA Peer Review Committee

Peer Review Team FICPA Peer Review Committee

850.224.2727, x5957

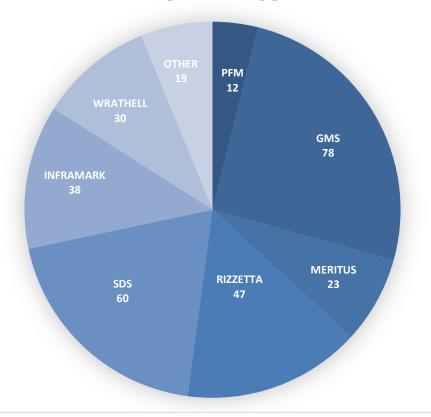
cc: Daniel Hevia, Racquel McIntosh

Firm Number: 900004390114 Review Number: 594791

Firm & Staff Experience



GRAU AND ASSOCIATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT EXPERIENCE BY MANAGEMENT COMPANY



Profile Briefs:

Antonio J GRAU, CPA (Partner)

Years Performing
Audits: 35+
CPE (last 2 years):
Government
Accounting, Auditing:
40 hours; Accounting,
Auditing and Other:
53 hours
Professional
Memberships: AICPA,
FICPA, FGFOA, GFOA

David Caplivski, CPA (Partner)

Years Performing
Audits: 13+
CPE (last 2 years):
Government
Accounting, Auditing:
24 hours; Accounting,
Auditing and Other:
64 hours
Professional
Memberships: AICPA,
FICPA, FGFOA, FASD

"Here at Grau & Associates, staying up to date with the current technological landscape is one of our top priorities. Not only does it provide a more positive experience for our clients, but it also allows us to perform a more effective and efficient audit. With the every changing technology available and utilized by our clients, we are constantly innovating our audit process."

- Tony Grau

"Quality audits and exceptional client service are at the heart of every decision we make. Our clients trust us to deliver a quality audit, adhering to high standards and assisting them with improvements for their organization."

-David Caplivski



YOUR ENGAGEMENT TEAM

Grau's client-specific engagement team is meticulously organized in order to meet the unique needs of each client. Constant communication within our solution team allows for continuity of staff and audit team.

An advisory consultant will Grau contracts with an be available as a sounding outside group of IT board to advise in those management consultants to areas where problems are assist with matters encountered. including, but not limited to; network and database security, internet security and vulnerability testing. Successful Audit **Audit Staff** The assigned personnel will The Engagement Partner will work closely with the partner participate extensively during and the District to ensure that the various stages of the the financial statements and all engagement and has direct other reports are prepared in responsibility for engagement accordance with professional policy, direction, supervision, standards and firm policy. quality control, security, Responsibilities will include confidentiality of information planning the audit; of the engagement and communicating with the client communication with client and the partners the progress personnel. The engagement of the audit; and partner will also be involved determining that financial directing the development of statements and all reports the overall audit approach issued by the firm are accurate, and plan; performing an complete and are prepared in overriding review of work accordance with professional papers and ascertain client standards and firm policy. satisfaction.





Antonio 'Tony 'J. Grau, CPA Partner

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Experience

For over 30 years, Tony has been providing audit, accounting and consulting services to the firm's governmental, non-profit, employee benefit, overhead and arbitrage clients. He provides guidance to clients regarding complex accounting issues, internal controls and operations.

As a member of the Government Finance Officers Association Special Review Committee, Tony participated in the review process for awarding the GFOA Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting. Tony was also the review team leader for the Quality Review of the Office of Management Audits of School Board of Miami-Dade County. Tony received the AICPA advanced level certificate for governmental single audits.

Education

University of South Florida (1983)

Bachelor of Arts
Business Administration

Clients Served (partial list)

(>300) Various Special Districts, including:

Bayside Improvement Community Development District Dunes Community Development District Fishhawk Community Development District (I, II, IV) Grand Bay at Doral Community Development District Heritage Harbor North Community Development District

St. Lucie West Services District Ave Maria Stewardship Community District Rivers Edge II Community Development District Bartram Park Community Development District Bay Laurel Center Community Development District

Boca Raton Airport Authority Greater Naples Fire Rescue District Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District Lake Worth Drainage District South Indian River Water Control

Professional Associations/Memberships

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Florida Government Finance Officers Association Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants Government Finance Officers Association Member City of Boca Raton Financial Advisory Board Member

Professional Education (over the last two years)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Government Accounting and Auditing	40
Accounting, Auditing and Other	<u>53</u>
Total Hours	93 (includes of 4 hours of Ethics CPE)





David Caplivski, CPA/CITP, Partner

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Experience

Grau & Associates Partner 2021-Present
Grau & Associates Manager 2014-2020
Grau & Associates Senior Auditor 2013-2014
Grau & Associates Staff Auditor 2010-2013

Education

Florida Atlantic University (2009) Master of Accounting Nova Southeastern University (2002) Bachelor of Science Environmental Studies

Certifications and Certificates

Certified Public Accountant (2011)
AICPA Certified Information Technology Professional (2018)
AICPA Accreditation COSO Internal Control Certificate (2022)

Clients Served (partial list)

(>300) Various Special Districts
Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse
Boca Raton Airport Authority
Broward Education Foundation
CareerSource Brevard
CareerSource Central Florida 403 (b) Plan
City of Lauderhill GERS
South Trail Fire Protection & Rescue District
Town of Haverhill

Hispanic Human Resource Council
Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District
Pinetree Water Control District
San Carlos Park Fire & Rescue Retirement Plan
South Indian River Water Control District
South Trail Fire Protection & Rescue District
Town of Haverhill

City of Parkland Police Pension Fund
City of Sunrise GERS
Coquina Water Control District
Central County Water Control District
Town of Hypoluxo
Town of Hillsboro Beach
Town of Lantana

City of Miami (program specific audits)

Town of Lauderdale By-The-Sea Volunteer Fire Pension

City of West Park
Coquina Water Control District
Town of Pembroke Park
Village of Wellington

East Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Facl. Village of Golf

East Naples Fire Control & Rescue District

Professional Education (over the last two years)

CourseHoursGovernment Accounting and Auditing24Accounting, Auditing and Other64Total Hours88 (includes 4 hours of Ethics CPE)

Professional Associations

Member, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Member, Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants Member, Florida Government Finance Officers Association

Member, Florida Association of Special Districts



References



We have included three references of government engagements that require compliance with laws and regulations, follow fund accounting, and have financing requirements, which we believe are similar to the District.

Dunes Community Development District

Scope of Work Financial audit **Engagement Partner** Antonio J. Grau

Dates Annually since 1998

Client Contact Darrin Mossing, Finance Director

475 W. Town Place, Suite 114 St. Augustine, Florida 32092

904-940-5850

Two Creeks Community Development District

Scope of Work Financial audit **Engagement Partner** Antonio J. Grau

Dates Annually since 2007

Client Contact William Rizzetta, President

3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200

Tampa, Florida 33614

813-933-5571

Journey's End Community Development District

Scope of Work Financial audit **Engagement Partner** Antonio J. Grau

Dates Annually since 2004

Client Contact Todd Wodraska, Vice President

2501 A Burns Road

Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410

561-630-4922



Specific Audit Approach



AUDIT APPROACH

Grau's Understanding of Work Product / Scope of Services:

We recognize the District is an important entity and we are confident our firm is eminently qualified to meet the challenges of this engagement and deliver quality audit services. *You would be a valued client of our firm and we pledge to commit all firm resources to provide the level and quality of services (as described below) which not only meet the requirements set forth in the RFP but will exceed those expectations.* Grau & Associates fully understands the scope of professional services and work products requested. Our audit will follow the Auditing Standards of the AICPA, *Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida and any other applicable Federal, State of Local regulations. We will deliver our reports in accordance with your requirements.

Proposed segmentation of the engagement

Our approach to the audit engagement is a risk-based approach which integrates the best of traditional auditing techniques and a total systems concept to enable the team to conduct a more efficient and effective audit. The audit will be conducted in three phases, which are as follows:



Phase I - Preliminary Planning

A thorough understanding of your organization, service objectives and operating environment is essential for the development of an audit plan and for an efficient, cost-effective audit. During this phase, we will meet with appropriate personnel to obtain and document our understanding of your operations and service objectives and, at the same time, give you the opportunity to express your expectations with respect to the services that we will provide. Our work effort will be coordinated so that there will be minimal disruption to your staff.

During this phase we will perform the following activities:

- » Review the regulatory, statutory and compliance requirements. This will include a review of applicable federal and state statutes, resolutions, bond documents, contracts, and other agreements;
- » Read minutes of meetings;
- » Review major sources of information such as budgets, organization charts, procedures, manuals, financial systems, and management information systems;
- » Obtain an understanding of fraud detection and prevention systems;
- » Obtain and document an understanding of internal control, including knowledge about the design of relevant policies, procedures, and records, and whether they have been placed in operation;
- Assess risk and determine what controls we are to rely upon and what tests we are going to perform and perform test of controls;
- » Develop audit programs to incorporate the consideration of financial statement assertions, specific audit objectives, and appropriate audit procedures to achieve the specified objectives;
- » Discuss and resolve any accounting, auditing and reporting matters which have been identified.



Phase II - Execution of Audit Plan

The audit team will complete a major portion of transaction testing and audit requirements during this phase. The procedures performed during this period will enable us to identify any matter that may impact the completion of our work or require the attention of management. Tasks to be performed in Phase II include, but are not limited to the following:

- » Apply analytical procedures to further assist in the determination of the nature, timing, and extent of auditing procedures used to obtain evidential matter for specific account balances or classes of transactions:
- » Perform tests of account balances and transactions through sampling, vouching, confirmation and other analytical procedures; and
- » Perform tests of compliance.

Phase III - Completion and Delivery

In this phase of the audit, we will complete the tasks related to year-end balances and financial reporting. All reports will be reviewed with management before issuance, and the partners will be available to meet and discuss our report and address any questions. Tasks to be performed in Phase III include, but are not limited to the following:

- » Perform final analytical procedures;
- » Review information and make inquiries for subsequent events; and
- » Meeting with Management to discuss preparation of draft financial statements and any potential findings or recommendations.

You should expect more from your accounting firm than a signature in your annual financial report. Our concept of truly responsive professional service emphasizes taking an active interest in the issues of concern to our clients and serving as an effective resource in dealing with those issues. In following this approach, we not only audit financial information with hindsight but also consider the foresight you apply in managing operations.

Application of this approach in developing our management letter is particularly important given the increasing financial pressures and public scrutiny facing today's public officials. We will prepare the management letter at the completion of our final procedures.

In preparing this management letter, we will initially review any draft comments or recommendations with management. In addition, we will take necessary steps to ensure that matters are communicated to those charged with governance.

In addition to communicating any recommendations, we will also communicate the following, if any:

- » Significant audit adjustments:
- » Significant deficiencies or material weaknesses;
- » Disagreements with management; and
- » Difficulties encountered in performing the audit.



Our findings will contain a statement of condition describing the situation and the area that needs strengthening, what should be corrected and why. Our suggestions will withstand the basic tests of corrective action:



To assure full agreement with facts and circumstances, we will fully discuss each item with Management prior to the final exit conference. This policy means there will be no "surprises" in the management letter and fosters a professional, cooperative atmosphere.

Communications

We emphasize a continuous, year-round dialogue between the District and our management team. We regularly communicate through personal telephone calls and electronic mail throughout the audit and on a regular basis.

Our clients have the ability to transmit information to us on our secure client portal with the ability to assign different staff with separate log on and viewing capability. This further facilitates efficiency as all assigned users receive electronic mail notification as soon as new information has been posted into the portal.



Cost of Services



Our proposed all-inclusive fees for the financial audit for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024-2028 are as follows:

Year Ended September 30,	Fee
2023	\$3,200
2024	\$3,300
2025	\$3,400
2026	\$3,500
2027	<u>\$3,600</u>
TOTAL (2023-2027)	<u>\$17,000</u>

The above fees are based on the assumption that the District maintains its current level of operations. Should conditions change or additional Bonds are issued the fees would be adjusted accordingly upon approval from all parties concerned. If Bonds are issued the fee would increase by \$1,500. The fee for subsequent annual renewals would be agreed upon separately.



Supplemental Information



PARTIAL LIST OF CLIENTS

SPECIAL DISTRICTS	Governmental Audit	Single Audit	Utility Audit	Current Client	Year End
Boca Raton Airport Authority	✓	√		✓	9/30
Captain's Key Dependent District	✓			✓	9/30
Central Broward Water Control District	✓			✓	9/30
Collier Mosquito Control District	✓			✓	9/30
Coquina Water Control District	✓			✓	9/30
East Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility	✓		✓		9/30
Florida Green Finance Authority	✓				9/30
Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District	✓			✓	9/30
Greater Naples Fire Control and Rescue District	✓	✓		✓	9/30
Green Corridor P.A.C.E. District	✓			✓	9/30
Hobe-St. Lucie Conservancy District	✓			✓	9/30
Indian River Mosquito Control District	✓				9/30
Indian Trail Improvement District	✓			✓	9/30
Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District	✓	✓	✓	✓	9/30
Lake Padgett Estates Independent District	✓			✓	9/30
Lake Worth Drainage District	✓			✓	9/30
Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District	✓				9/30
Old Plantation Control District	✓			✓	9/30
Pal Mar Water Control District	✓			✓	9/30
Pinellas Park Water Management District	✓			✓	9/30
Pine Tree Water Control District (Broward)	✓			✓	9/30
Pinetree Water Control District (Wellington)	✓				9/30
Ranger Drainage District	✓	✓		✓	9/30
Renaissance Improvement District	✓			✓	9/30
San Carlos Park Fire Protection and Rescue Service District	✓			✓	9/30
Sanibel Fire and Rescue District	✓			✓	9/30
South Central Regional Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Board	✓			✓	9/30
South-Dade Venture Development District	✓			✓	9/30
South Indian River Water Control District	✓	✓		✓	9/30
South Trail Fire Protection & Rescue District	✓			✓	9/30
Spring Lake Improvement District	✓			✓	9/30
St. Lucie West Services District	✓		✓	✓	9/30
Sunshine Water Control District	✓			✓	9/30
West Villages Improvement District	✓			✓	9/30
Various Community Development Districts (297)	✓			✓	9/30
TOTAL	332	5	3	327	



ADDITIONAL SERVICES

CONSULTING / MANAGEMENT ADVISORY SERVICES

Grau & Associates also provide a broad range of other management consulting services. Our expertise has been consistently utilized by Governmental and Non-Profit entities throughout Florida. Examples of engagements performed are as follows:

- Accounting systems
- Development of budgets
- Organizational structures
- Financing alternatives
- IT Auditing

- Fixed asset records
- Cost reimbursement
- Indirect cost allocation
- Grant administration and compliance

ARBITRAGE

The federal government has imposed complex rules to restrict the use of tax-exempt financing. Their principal purpose is to eliminate any significant arbitrage incentives in a tax-exempt issue. We have determined the applicability of these requirements and performed the rebate calculations for more than 150 bond issues, including both fixed and variable rate bonds.

73 Current
Arbitrage
Calculations

We look forward to providing Harvest Hills Community Development District with our resources and experience to accomplish not only those minimum requirements set forth in your Request for Proposal, but to exceed those expectations!

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HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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AUDITOR EVALUATION MATRIX

RFP FOR ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES	ABILITY OF PERSONNEL	PROPOSER'S EXPERIENCE	UNDERSTANDING OF SCOPE OF WORK	ABILITY TO FURNISH REQUIRED SERVICES	PRICE	TOTAL POINTS
PROPOSER	20 Points	20 POINTS	20 Points	20 Points	20 Points	100 Points
Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank						
Grau & Associates						
NOTES:						
Completed by:			Date:			
Board Member's Sign	ature					
Printed Name of Boar	d Member					

HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2024-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HARVEST HILLS 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 Harvest Hills Community Development District ("**District**") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; 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 Board of Supervisors of the District ("**Board**") to levy, collect and enforce special assessments pursuant to Chapters 170 and 190, *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* ("**Uniform Method**").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

- 1. PUBLIC HEARING. A Public Hearing will be held on the District's intent to adopt the Uniform Method on _______, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., at the Hilton Garden Inn Tampa-Wesley Chapel, 26640 Silver Maple Parkway, Wesley Chapel, Florida 33544.
- **2. PUBLICATION.** The District Secretary is directed to publish notice of the hearing in accordance with Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*.
- **3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of February, 2024.

ATTEST:	HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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ENGINEER'S REPORT

PREPARED FOR:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

ENGINEER:

LEVELUP CONSULTING, LLC 505 E. JACKSON STREET, SUITE 200 TAMPA, FLORIDA 33602

December 2023

HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to provide a description of the capital improvement plan ("CIP") and estimated costs of the CIP, for the Harvest Hills Community Development District ("District").

2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION

The District consists of approximately 553 acres of land and is located entirely within Pasco County, Florida. The site is generally located south of Clinton Avenue Extension, west of Prospect Road, east of Curley Road and north of Kiefer Road. The District intends to undertake a boundary amendment ("Boundary Amendment") to remove certain multi-family parcels from the District's boundaries, and to add additional lands into the District, which in total would result in a revised boundary with _1005_ acres of land. This report assumes that the Boundary Amendment will occur.

3. PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The CIP is intended to provide public infrastructure improvements for the entire development. The following chart shows the planned product types for the District:

PRODUCT TYPES

Product Type	Unit Mix Pre Boundary Amendment	Unit Mix Post Boundary Amendment	Total Unit Mix
20' TH	148	0	148
32' SF	183	183	366
34' SF	291	171	462
40' SF	86	26	112
50' SF	568	371	939
60' SF	189	77	266
TOTAL	1,465	828	2,293

The public infrastructure for the project is as follows:

Roadway Improvements:

The CIP includes subdivision roads within the District. Generally, all roads will be 2-lane un-divided roads with periodic roundabouts. Such roads include the roadway asphalt, base, and subgrade, roadway curb and gutter, striping and signage and sidewalks within rights-of-way abutting non-lot lands. Sidewalks abutting lots will be constructed by the homebuilders. All roads will be designed in accordance with applicable design requirements.

All internal roadways may be financed by the District. Collector roads are intended to be dedicated to a local general purpose unit of government for ownership, operation, and maintenance, while the District anticipates owning and operating all other roads. Alternatively, the developer may elect to finance the internal roads, gate them, and turn them over to a homeowner's association for ownership, operation and maintenance (in such an event, the District would be limited to financing only utilities, conservation and stormwater improvements behind such gated areas).

Stormwater Management System:

The stormwater collection and outfall system is a combination of roadway curbs, curb inlets, pipe, control structures and open lakes designed to treat and attenuate stormwater runoff from District lands. The stormwater system will be designed consistent with the applicable design requirements for stormwater/floodplain management systems. The District will finance, own, operate and maintain the stormwater system, with the exception of the inlets and storm sewer systems that may be part of dedicated rights-of-way.

NOTE: No private earthwork is included in the CIP. Accordingly, the District will not fund any costs of mass grading of lots or the transportation of any fill to such lots.

Water, Wastewater and Reclaim Utilities:

As part of the CIP, the District intends to construct and/or acquire water, wastewater and reclaim infrastructure. In particular, the on-site water supply improvements include water mains that will be located within rights-of-way and used for potable water service and fire protection.

Wastewater improvements for the project will include an onsite gravity collection system, offsite and onsite force main and onsite lift stations.

Similarly, the reclaim water distribution system will be constructed to provide service for irrigation throughout the community.

The water and reclaim distribution and wastewater collection systems for all phases will be constructed and/or acquired by the District and then dedicated to a local, public utility provider for operation and maintenance. The CIP will only include laterals to the lot lines (i.e., point of connection).

Hardscape, Landscape, and Irrigation:

The District will construct and/or install landscaping, irrigation and hardscaping within District common areas and rights-of-way. The District must meet local design criteria requirements for planting and irrigation design. This project will at a minimum meet those requirements and in most cases will exceed the requirements with enhancements for the benefit of the community.

All such landscaping, irrigation and hardscaping will be owned, maintained and funded by the District. Such infrastructure, to the extent that it is located in rights-of-way owned by a local general purpose government will be maintained pursuant to a right-of-way agreement or permit.

Any landscaping, irrigation or hardscaping systems behind hard-gated roads, if any, would not be financed by the District and instead would be privately installed and maintained.

Streetlights / Undergrounding of Electrical Utility Lines

The District intends to lease street lights through an agreement with a local utility provider and will fund the street lights through an annual operations and maintenance assessment. As such, streetlights are not included as part of the CIP.

The CIP does however include the incremental cost of undergrounding of electrical utility lines within right-of-way utility easements throughout the community. Any lines and transformers located in such areas would be owned by the local utility provider and not paid for by the District as part of the CIP.

Recreational Amenities:

As part of the overall development, the District intends to construct a clubhouse and other amenity facilities. Any District funded clubhouse or other amenity facilities will be open to the public and will be owned, operated and maintained by the District. Alternatively, the Developer may privately fund such facilities and, upon completion, transfer them to a homeowners' association for ownership, operation and maintenance. In such event, the amenities would be considered common elements for the exclusive benefit of the District landowners.

Environmental Conservation

The District will provide onsite conservation areas in order to offset wetland impacts associated with the construction of the development. The District will be responsible for the design, permitting, construction, maintenance, and government reporting of the environmental mitigation. The onsite conservation costs are included within the CIP.

Off-Site Improvements

Offsite improvements include certain intersection improvements, including at Handcart/Prospect, Handcart/Tyndall and Prospect/On-Site Road.

Professional Services

The CIP also includes various professional services. These include: (i) engineering, surveying and architectural fees, (ii) permitting and plan review costs, and (iii) development/construction management services fees that are required for the design, permitting, construction, and maintenance acceptance of the public improvements and community facilities.

NOTE: In the event that impact fee credits are generated from any roadway, utilities or other improvements funded by the District, any such credits, if any, will be the subject of an acquisition agreement between the applicable developer and the District.

4. PERMITTING/CONSTRUCTION COMMENCEMENT

All necessary permits for the construction of the CIP are reasonably expected to be obtained in due course.

5. CIP COST ESTIMATE / MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

The table below presents, among other things, a cost estimate for the CIP. It is our professional opinion that the costs set forth below are reasonable and consistent with market pricing.

Infrastructure Costs	Cost Estimate for Pre Boundary Amendment Parcels	Cost Estimate for Post Boundary Amendment Parcels	Total Cost Estimate	O&M Maintenance Entity
Soft Costs*	\$5,885,797.23	\$3,326,580.28	\$9,212,377.51	CDD
Master Earthwork related to roads/public improvements	\$1,177,773.14	\$665,662.91	\$1,843,436.04	CDD
Intersection Improvements				
Handcart/Prospect (Signal)	\$750,000.00	-	\$750,000.00	COUNTY
Handcart/Tyndall (Signal)	\$650,000.00	-	\$650,000.00	COUNTY
Prospect/On-site Road (H/M)	\$400,000.00	-	\$400,000.00	COUNTY
Prospect/On-site Road (I/N)	\$600,000.00	-	\$600,000.00	COUNTY
Prospect/On-site Road (J)	\$200,000.00	-	\$200,000.00	COUNTY
Prospect/On-site Road (K)	\$200,000.00	-	\$200,000.00	COUNTY
6' Wall	\$932,944.41	\$527,288.72	\$1,460,233.13	CDD
Enhanced Landscaping/Irrigation	\$2,118,582.79	\$1,197,396.96	\$3,315,979.75	CDD
Electric/Conduit	\$2,118,582.79	\$1,197,396.96	\$3,315,979.75	CDD
Onsite Lift Station	\$2,542,299.35	\$1,436,876.36	\$3,979,175.70	COUNTY
Entry Monuments	\$1,588,937.09	\$898,047.72	\$2,486,984.82	CDD
Amenity/Parks	\$3,177,874.19	\$1,796,095.44	\$4,973,969.63	CDD

On-site Roads (Neighborhood Rds)	\$24,212,223.43	\$13,684,451.19	\$37,896,674.62	CDD/COUNTY
Onsite Utilities	\$18,022,739.16	\$10,186,230.74	\$28,208,969.90	COUNTY
Contingency (15%)	\$9,686,663.04	\$5,237,404.09	\$14,924,067.13	
Infrastructure Costs	\$74,264,416.62	\$40,153,431.38	\$114,417,848.00	

- 1. This Cost Opinion has been put together using the VOPH Harvest Hills master plan dated June 2022, and is based on pricing from projects of similar size and configuration.
- 2. This Cost Opinion includes contractor mobilization, layout, survey, as-builts and associated costs with starting, progressing and finalizing the project.
- 3. This Cost Opinion does not include:
 - a. Any relocation or mitigation of any species;
 - b. Any impacts fees or similar costs;
 - c. Any remediation costs;
 - d. Any bridges;
 - e. Any right of way acquisition costs; or
 - f. Any other item not specifically labeled above.
- 4. No retaining walls or stems walls have been added to this Cost Opinion. It is assumed stem walls and retaining walls will be needed, but engineering will need to be completed to determine this scope of work and produce a cost estimate.
- 5. The Onsite Roads cost includes pavement, curbs, sidewalks, curb inlets and drainage pipes. This category does not include utility lines.
- 6. The Onsite Utilities include potable water, reclaimed water and sanitary sewer systems.
- 7. The District (or an HOA) will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the sidewalks and landscaping within rights-of-way located within the boundaries of the District pursuant to Pasco County requirements.
- 8. Pasco County Utilities will only maintain lines in public rights-of-way or County-owned easements.
- 9. The Developer may alternatively elect to privately finance certain of the improvements above, and have an HOA own and operate such improvements instead of the District, in which case, such improvements would not be funded by the District.
- 10. The District may enter into an agreement with a third-party, or an applicable property owner's or homeowner's association, to maintain any District-owned improvements, subject to the approval of the District's bond counsel.
- 11. Certain of the costs shown above are for master improvements that may benefit the developable lands currently within the District (and are required for the development of those lands) as well as the developable lands within the proposed expansion parcel. Supplemental reports, prepared after the boundary amendment and when plans are further along, may reallocate such master costs across all such developable lands to reflect this shared benefit.
- 12. The table above shows the costs for certain master improvements as being attributable just to the lands within the original CDD boundary because such master improvements must be constructed for the development of those lands. That said, in a supplemental engineer's report, and as the project is developed, the engineer reserves the right to attribute benefits from these master improvements to the expansion parcels as well.

The multi-family parcel that will be excluded from the District's boundary as part of the Boundary Amendment will only minimally benefit from the District's CIP because that parcel is on the periphery of the project, and any such capital costs shall be contributed by the project developer at no cost to the District and so that property owners within the District will not pay those costs. The amount of benefit will be determined in a supplemental report.

6. CONCLUSIONS

The CIP will be designed in accordance with current governmental regulations and requirements. The CIP will serve its intended function so long as the construction is in substantial compliance with the design.

It is further our opinion that:

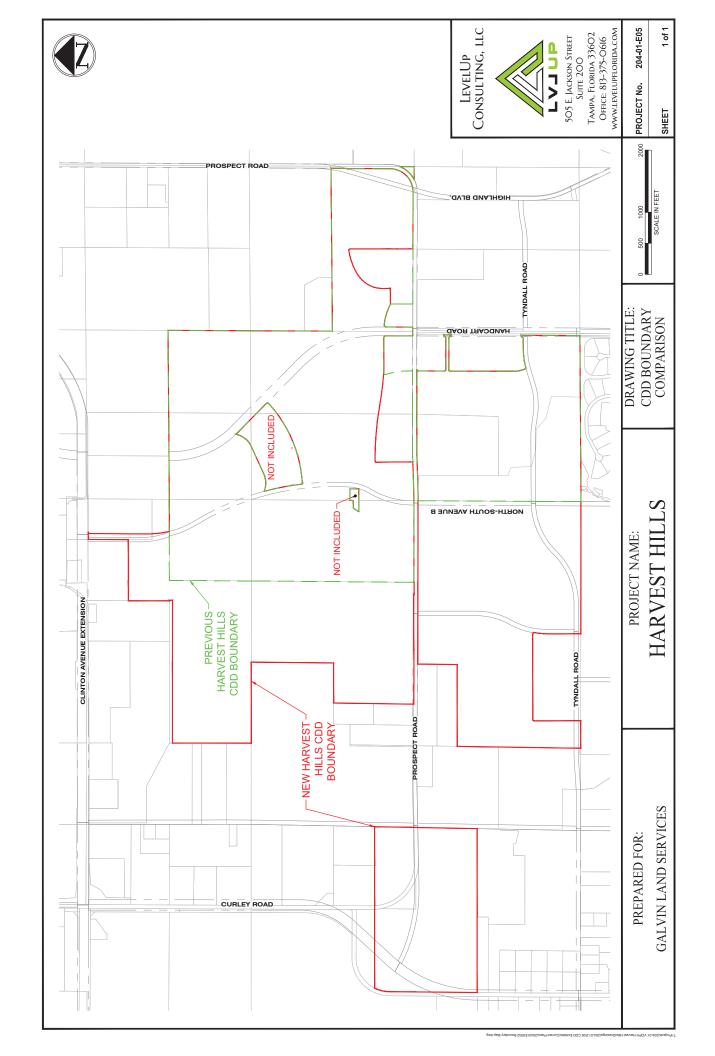
- the estimated cost to the CIP as set forth herein is reasonable based on prices currently being experienced in the jurisdiction in which the District is located, and is not greater than the lesser of the actual cost of construction or the fair market value of such infrastructure;
- All of the improvements comprising the CIP are required by applicable development approvals issued pursuant to Section 380.06, Florida Statutes;
- the CIP is feasible to construct, there are no technical reasons existing at this time that would prevent the implementation of the CIP, and it is reasonable to assume that all necessary regulatory approvals will be obtained in due course; and
- the assessable property within the District will receive a special benefit from the CIP that is at least equal to such costs.

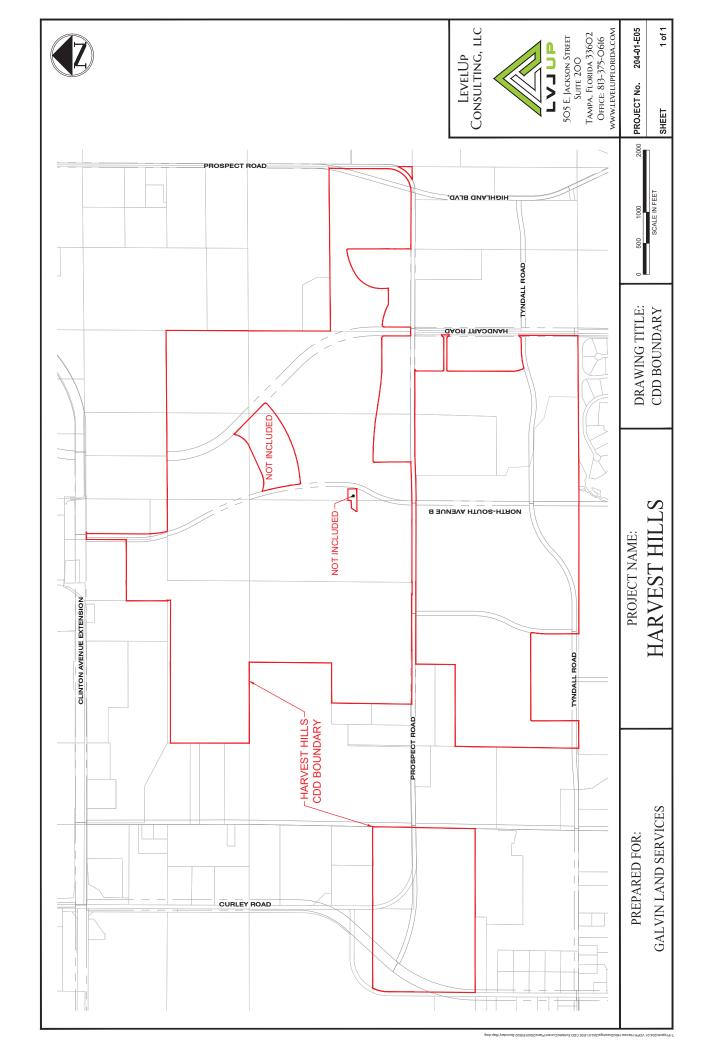
Also, the CIP will constitute a system of improvements that will provide benefits, both general, and special and peculiar, to all lands within the District. The general public, property owners, and property outside the District will benefit from the provisions of the District's CIP; however, these are incidental to the District's CIP, which is designed solely to provide special benefits peculiar to property within the District. Special and peculiar benefits accrue to property within the District and enables properties within its boundaries to be developed.

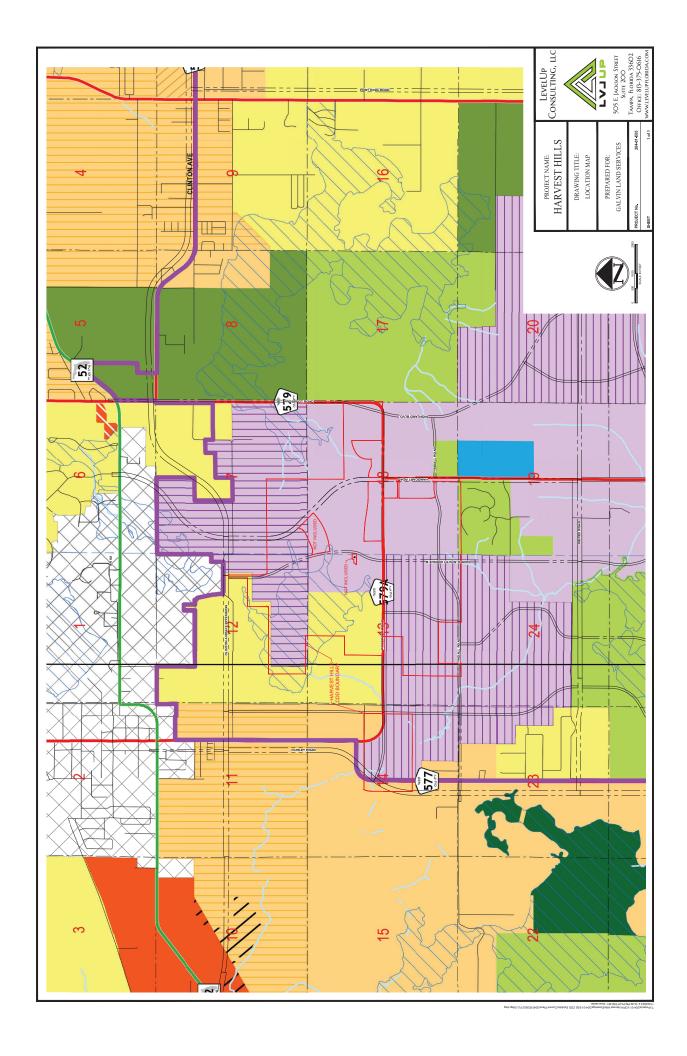
The CIP will be owned by the District or other governmental units and such CIP is intended to be available and will reasonably be available for use by the general public (either by being part of a system of improvements that is available to the general public or is otherwise available to the general public) including nonresidents of the District. All of the CIP is or will be located on lands owned or to be owned by the District or another governmental entity or on perpetual easements in favor of the District or other governmental entity. The CIP, and any cost estimates set forth herein, do not include any earthwork, grading or other improvements on private lots or property. The District will pay the lesser of the cost of the components of the CIP or the fair market value.

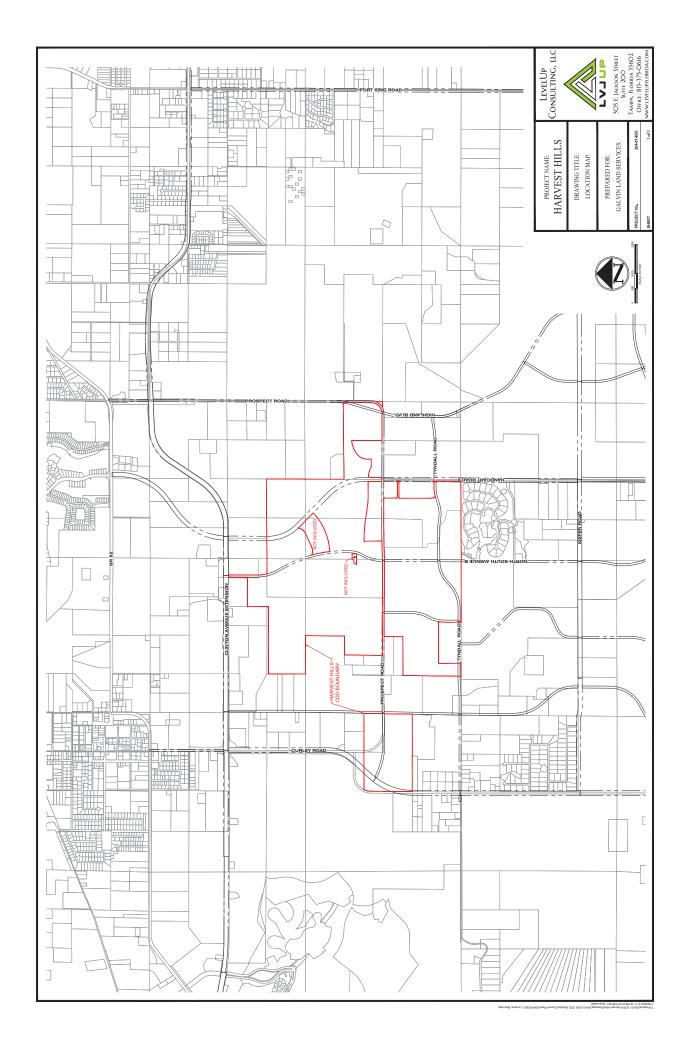
Please note that the CIP as presented herein is based on current plans and market conditions which are subject to change. Accordingly, the CIP, as used herein, refers to sufficient public infrastructure of the kinds described herein (i.e., stormwater/floodplain management, sanitary sewer, potable water, etc.) to support the development and sale of the planned residential units in the District, which (subject to true-up determinations) number and type of units may be changed with the development of the site. Stated differently, during development and implementation of the public infrastructure improvements as described for the District, it may be necessary to make modifications and/or deviations for the plans, and the District expressly reserves the right to do so.

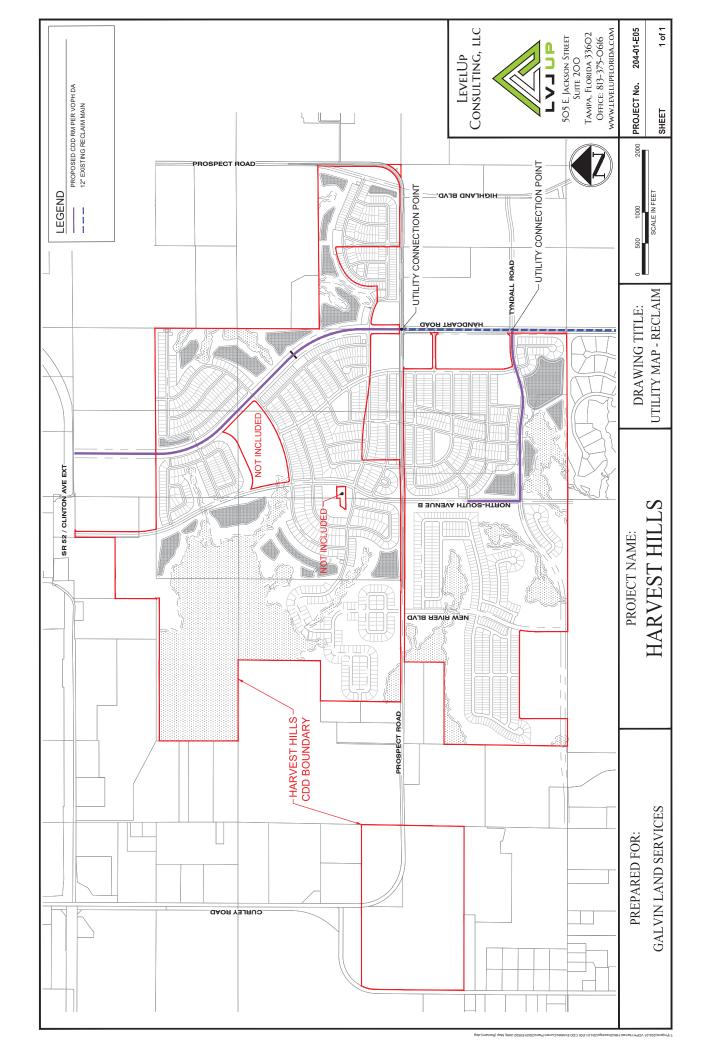
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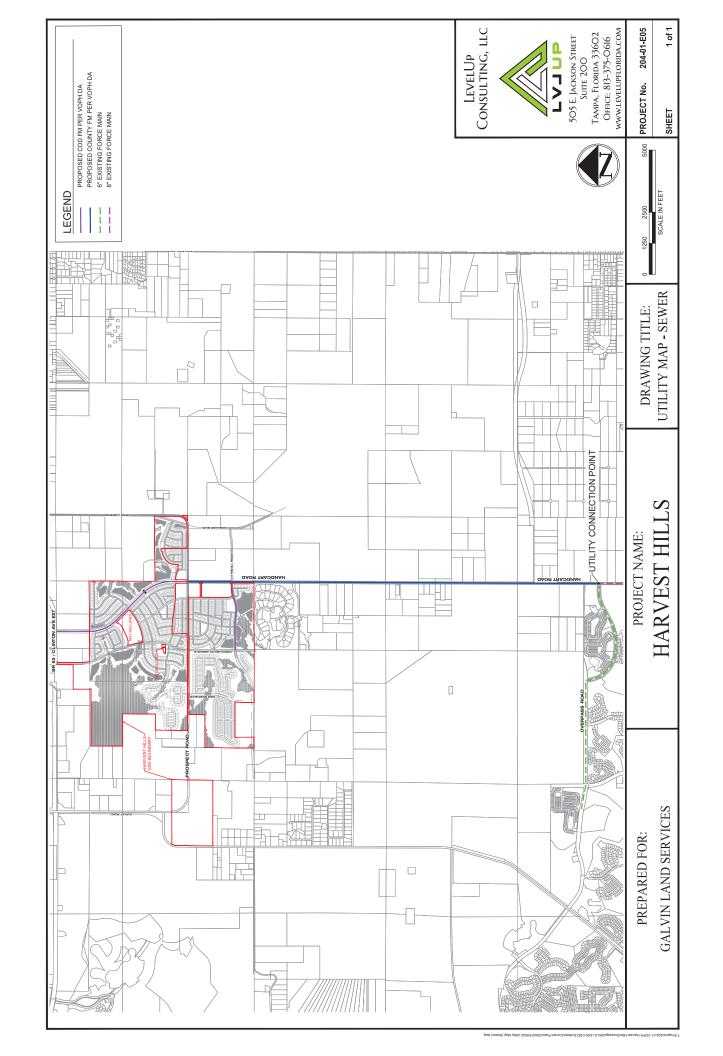


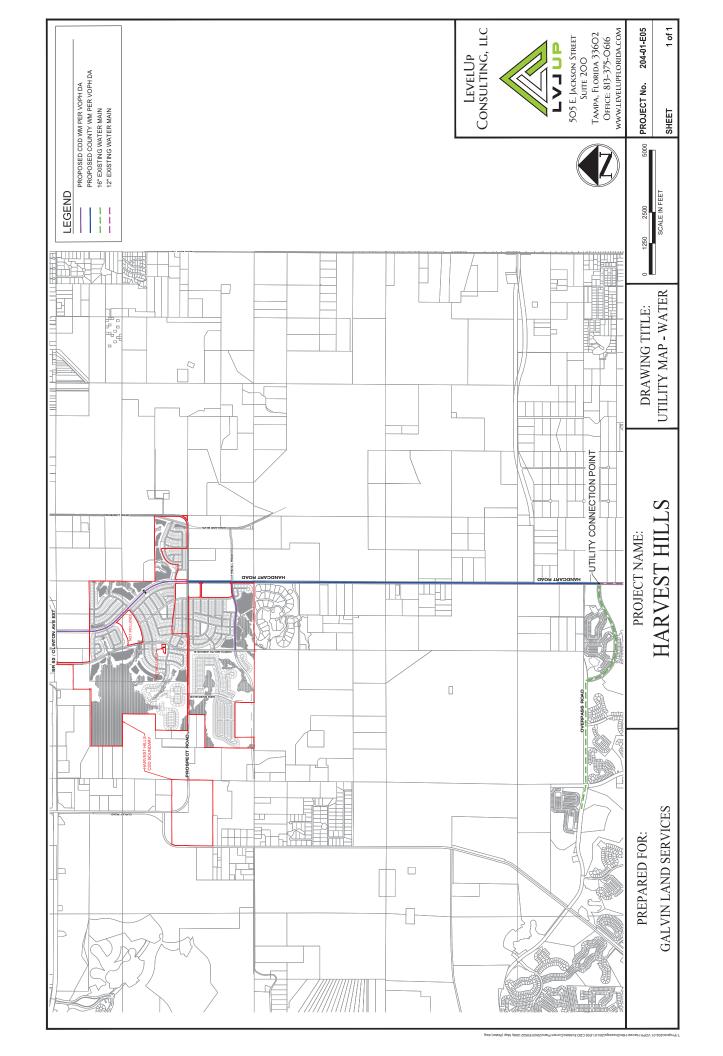












HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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Master Special Assessment Methodology Report

February 20, 2024



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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

This Master Special Assessment Methodology Report (the "Report") was developed to provide a master financing plan and a master special assessment methodology for the Harvest Hills Community Development District (the "District"), located entirely within Pasco County, Florida, as related to funding the costs of the acquisition and construction of public infrastructure improvements contemplated to be provided by the District.

1.2 Scope of the Report

This Report presents the projections for financing the District's Capital Improvement Plan described in the Engineer's Report developed by LevelUp Consulting, LLC (the "District Engineer") and dated December 2023 (the "Engineer's Report"), as well as describes the method for the allocation of special benefits and the apportionment of special assessment debt resulting from the provision and funding of the Capital Improvement Plan. Please note that the Engineer's Report describes the Capital Improvement Plan which would be required for the District after the projected expansion of its boundaries from the current approximately 553.135 +/- acres to the anticipated total of approximately 1,005 +/- acres.

1.3 Special Benefits and General Benefits

The public infrastructure improvements undertaken and funded by the District as part of the Capital Improvement Plan create special and peculiar benefits, different in kind and degree from the general and incidental benefits to the public at large. However, as discussed within this Report, these general benefits are incidental in nature and are readily distinguishable from the special and peculiar benefits which accrue to property within the District. The District's Capital Improvement Plan enables properties within its boundaries to be developed.

There is no doubt that the general public and property owners of property outside the District will benefit from the provision of the Capital Improvement Plan. However, these benefits are only incidental since the Capital Improvement Plan is designed solely to provide special benefits peculiar to property within the District. Properties outside the District are not directly served by the Capital Improvement Plan and do not depend upon the Capital Improvement Plan to obtain or to maintain their development entitlements. This

fact alone clearly distinguishes the special benefits which District properties receive compared to those lying outside of the District's boundaries.

The Capital Improvement Plan will provide public infrastructure improvements which are all necessary in order to make the lands within the District developable and saleable. The installation of such improvements will cause the value of the developable and saleable lands within the District to increase by more than the sum of the financed cost of the individual components of the Capital Improvement Plan. Even though the exact value of the benefits provided by the Capital Improvement Plan is hard to estimate at this point, it is nevertheless greater than the costs associated with providing the same.

1.4 Organization of the Report

Section Two describes the development program as proposed by the Developer, as defined below.

Section Three provides a summary of the Capital Improvement Plan as determined by the District Engineer.

Section Four discusses the financing program for the District.

Section Five introduces the special assessment methodology for the District.

2.0 Development Program

2.1 Overview

The District will serve the Harvest Hills development (the "Development"), a master planned residential development located in Pasco County, Florida. The District currently consists of approximately 553.135 +/- acres, the "Current Boundary Area", and is generally located south of Clinton Avenue Extension, west of Prospect Road, east of Curley Road and north of Kiefer Road, although the boundaries of the District are expected to be amended to include an additional 451.865 +/- acres, the "Expansion Area", after completion of which, the size of the District will total approximately 1,005 +/- acres, the "Post-Expansion Area."

2.2 The Development Program

The development of Harvest Hills is anticipated to be conducted by Galvin-Harris Land Services, LLC or an affiliated entity (the "Developer"). Based upon the information provided by the Developer and the District Engineer, the development plan for the Current Boundary Area is 1,465 residential units, and the development plan for the Expansion Area anticipates an additional 828 residential units for a total of 2,293 residential units developed in one or more phases, although land use types, phasing and unit numbers may change throughout the development period. Table 1 in the *Appendix* illustrates the development plan for the District.

3.0 The Capital Improvement Plan

3.1 Overview

The public infrastructure costs to be funded by the District are described by the District Engineer in the Engineer's Report. Only public infrastructure that may qualify for bond financing by the District under Chapter 190, Florida Statutes and under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, was included in these estimates.

3.2 The Capital Improvement Plan

The public infrastructure improvements which are part of the Capital Improvement Plan and are needed to serve the Development after the full expansion of its boundaries are projected to consist of improvements which will serve all of the lands in the District. The District, however, reserves the right to create distinct assessment areas to coincide with the phases of development. The Capital Improvement Plan will consist of master earthwork related to roads/public improvements, intersection improvements, 6' wall, enhanced landscaping/ irrigation, electric/ conduit, on-site lift station, entry monuments, amenity/ parks, on-site roads (neighborhood roads), and on-site utilities as well as soft costs and contingency all as set forth in more detail in the Engineer's Report.

The public infrastructure improvements that comprise the Capital Improvement Plan will serve and provide benefit to all land uses in the District and will comprise an interrelated system of improvements, which means all of improvements will serve the entire District and improvements will be interrelated such that they will reinforce one another. As illustrated in the Engineer's Report, the Capital Improvement Plan includes components necessary to serve

the development within the Current Boundary Area of the District (valued by the District Engineer at \$74,264,416.62), as well as components necessary to serve the development within the Expansion Area (valued by the District Engineer at \$40,153,431.38).

Table 2 in the *Appendix* illustrates the specific components of the Capital Improvement Plan.

4.0 Financing Program

4.1 Overview

As noted above, the District is embarking on a program of capital improvements which will facilitate the development of lands within the District. Generally, construction of public improvements is either funded by the Developer and then acquired by the District or funded directly by the District. As of the time of writing of this Report, the District will most likely acquire completed improvements from the Developer, although the District maintains the complete flexibility to either acquire the public infrastructure from the Developer or construct it, or even partly acquire it and partly construct it.

Even though the actual financing plan may change to include multiple series of bonds, it is likely that in order to fully fund the costs of the Capital Improvement Plan for the Post-Expansion Area estimated at \$114,417,848.00, as described in *Section 3.2* in one financing transaction, the District would have to issue approximately \$162,555,000 in par amount of special assessment bonds (the "Bonds") as illustrated in Table 3 in the *Appendix*.

Please note that the purpose of this Report is to allocate the benefit of the Capital Improvement Plan to the various land uses in the District and based on such benefit allocation to apportion the maximum debt necessary to fund the Capital Improvement Plan. The discussion of the structure and size of the indebtedness is based on various estimates and is subject to change.

4.2 Types of Bonds Proposed

The proposed financing plan for the District provides for the issuance of the Bonds in the approximate principal amount of \$162,555,000 to finance approximately \$114,417,848.00 in Capital Improvement Plan costs. The Bonds as projected under this financing plan would be structured to be amortized in 30 annual installments following a 24-

month capitalized interest period. Interest payments on the Bonds would be made every May 1 and November 1, and principal payments on the Bonds would be made either on May 1 or on November 1.

In order to finance the improvements and other costs, the District would need to borrow more funds and incur indebtedness in the total amount of approximately \$162,555,000. The difference is comprised of funding a debt service reserve, capitalized interest, underwriter's discount and costs of issuance. Preliminary sources and uses of funding and assumptions for the Bonds are presented in Table 3 in the *Appendix*.

Please note that the structure of the Bonds as presented in this Report is preliminary and may change due to changes in the development program, market conditions, timing of infrastructure installation as well as for other reasons. The District maintains complete flexibility as to the structure of the Bonds and reserves the right to modify it as necessary.

5.0 Assessment Methodology

5.1 Overview

The issuance of the Bonds provides the District with funds necessary to construct/acquire the infrastructure improvements which are part of the Capital Improvement Plan outlined in *Section 3.2* and described in more detail by the District Engineer in the Engineer's Report. These improvements lead to special and general benefits, with special benefits accruing to the assessable properties within the boundaries of the District and general benefits accruing to areas outside the District but being only incidental in nature. The debt incurred in financing the public infrastructure will be secured by assessing properties within the District that derive special and peculiar benefits from the Capital Improvement Plan. All properties within the District that receive special benefits from the Capital Improvement Plan will be assessed for their fair share of the debt issued in order to finance all or a portion of the Capital Improvement Plan.

5.2 Benefit Allocation

The most current development plan for the District once expanded to 1,005 +/- acres envisions the development of 2,293 residential

units, although, unit numbers and land use types may change throughout the development period.

The public infrastructure improvements that comprise the Capital Improvement Plan will serve and provide benefit to all land uses in the District and will comprise an interrelated system of improvements, which means all of the improvements will serve the entire District and improvements will be interrelated such that they will reinforce one another. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the District reserves the right to create distinct assessment areas securing a series of Bonds issued to finance a portion of the Capital Improvement Plan.

By allowing for the land in the District to be developable, both the public infrastructure improvements that comprise the Capital Improvement Plan and their combined benefit will be greater than the sum of their individual benefits. All of the land uses within the District will benefit from each infrastructure improvement category, as the improvements provide basic infrastructure to all land within the District and benefit all land within the District as an integrated system of improvements.

As stated previously, the public infrastructure improvements included in the Capital Improvement Plan have a logical connection to the special and peculiar benefits received by the land within the District, as without such improvements, the development of the properties within the District would not be possible. Based upon the connection between the improvements and the special and peculiar benefits to the land within the District, the District can assign or allocate a portion of the District's debt through the imposition of non-ad valorem special assessments, to the land receiving such special and peculiar benefits. Even though these special and peculiar benefits are real and ascertainable, the precise amount of the benefit cannot yet be calculated with mathematical certainty. However, such benefit is more valuable than the cost of, or the actual non-ad valorem special assessment amount levied on that parcel.

The proposed Development plan is expected to encompass 2,293 residential units, of which 1,465 residential units are contained within the Original Boundary Area and 828 residential units are contained within the Future Expansion Area. The benefit associated with the Capital Improvement Plan of the District is proposed to be allocated to the different unit types within the District in proportion to the density of development and intensity of use of the infrastructure as measured by a standard unit called an Equivalent Residential Unit ("ERU"). Tables 4A, 4B, and 4C in the *Appendix* illustrate the ERU

weights that are proposed to be assigned to the unit types contemplated to be developed within the District's Original Boundary Area, Future Expansion Area, and Post-Expansion Area, based on the relative density of development and the intensity of use of master infrastructure, the total ERU counts for each unit type, and the share of the benefit received by each unit type.

The rationale behind different ERU weights is supported by the fact that generally and on average units with smaller lot sizes will use and benefit from the District's improvements less than units with larger lot sizes, as for instance, generally and on average units with smaller lot sizes produce less storm water runoff, may produce fewer vehicular trips, and may need less water/sewer capacity than units with larger lot sizes. Additionally, the value of the units with larger lot sizes is likely to appreciate by more in terms of dollars than that of the units with smaller lot sizes as a result of the implementation of the Capital Improvement Plan. As the exact amount of the benefit and appreciation is not possible to be calculated at this time, the use of ERU measures serves as a reasonable approximation of the relative amount of benefit received by the different unit types from the District's improvements.

Please note that the method used to derive ERU values for Single Family units is based on the linear front footage of the various product types as a proportion to the product type that is set to a standard unit of 1 ERU. For example, if the product type that is set to a standard unit of 1 ERU is a Single Family 40' unit, a Single Family 80' unit would be 2.0 ERU (80' / 40'). In the event that a new product type was to be introduced, the aforementioned ERU value method would be applied accordingly.

Table 5 in the *Appendix* presents the apportionment of the non-ad valorem special assessments associated with funding a portion of the District's Capital Improvement Plan (the "Bond Assessments") in accordance with the ERU benefit allocation method presented in Tables 4A, 4B, and 4C. Table 5 also presents the annual levels of the projected annual debt service assessments per unit.

Amenities. No Bond Assessments are allocated herein to any private amenities or other common areas planned for the development. If owned by a homeowner's association, the amenities and common areas would be considered a common element for the exclusive benefit of property owners. Accordingly, any benefit to the amenities and common areas would directly benefit all platted lots in the District. If the common elements are owned by the District, then they would be governmental property not subject to the Bond

Assessments and would be open to the general public, subject to District rules and policies. As such, no Bond Assessments will be assigned to the amenities and common areas.

Government Property. Real property owned by units of local, state, and federal governments, or similarly exempt entities, shall not be subject to the Bond Assessments without specific consent thereto. If at any time, any real property on which Bond Assessments are imposed is sold or otherwise transferred to a unit of local, state, or federal government, or similarly exempt entity, all future unpaid Bond Assessments for such tax parcel shall become due and payable immediately prior to such transfer by way of a mandatory true-up payment without any further action of the District.

5.3 Assigning Debt

As previously stated in the Report, the present boundaries of the District contain approximately 553.135 +/- acres, while it is anticipated that the District's boundaries will be expanded to eventually contain a total of approximately 1,005 +/- acres. As the land in the District is not yet platted for its intended final use and the precise location of the residential units by lot or parcel is unknown, the Bond Assessments in the amount of \$102,899,958.58 will be preliminarily levied on approximately 553.135 +/- acres at a rate of \$186,030.46 per acre on an equal pro-rata gross acre basis.

When the land is platted, the Bond Assessments will be allocated to each platted parcel on a first platted-first assigned basis based on the planned use for that platted parcel as reflected in Table 5 in the *Appendix*. Such allocation of Bond Assessments to platted parcels will reduce the amount of Bond Assessments levied on unplatted gross acres within the District.

Transferred Property. In the event unplatted land is sold to a third party (the "Transferred Property"), the Bond Assessments will be assigned to such Transferred Property at the time of the sale based on the maximum total number of ERUs (as herein defined) assigned by the Developer to that Transferred Property, subject to review by the District's methodology consultant, to ensure that any such assignment is reasonable, supported by current development rights and plans, and otherwise consistent with this Report. The District shall provide an estoppel or similar document to the buyer evidencing the amount of Bond Assessments transferred at sale. The owner of the Transferred Property will be responsible for the total Bond Assessments applicable to the Transferred Property, regardless of the total number of ERUs ultimately actually platted. This total Bond

Assessment is allocated to the Transferred Property at the time of the sale. If the Transferred Property is subsequently sub-divided into smaller parcels, the total Bond Assessments initially allocated to the Transferred Property will be re-allocated to the smaller parcels pursuant to the methodology as described herein (i.e., equal assessment per gross acre until platting).

5.4 Lienability Test: Special and Peculiar Benefit to the Property

As first discussed in *Section 1.3*, Special Benefits and General Benefits, public infrastructure improvements undertaken by the District create special and peculiar benefits to certain properties within the District. The District's improvements benefit assessable properties within the District and accrue to all such assessable properties on an ERU basis.

Public infrastructure improvements undertaken by the District can be shown to be creating special and peculiar benefits to the property within the District. The special and peculiar benefits resulting from each improvement include, but are not limited to:

- a. added use of the property;
- b. added enjoyment of the property;
- c. decreased insurance premiums; and
- d. increased marketability and value of the property.

The public infrastructure improvements which are part of the Capital Improvement Plan make the land in the District developable and saleable and when implemented jointly as parts of the Capital Improvement Plan, provide special and peculiar benefits which are greater than the benefits of any single category of improvements. These special and peculiar benefits are real and ascertainable, but not yet capable of being calculated and assessed in terms of numerical value; however, such benefits are more valuable than either the cost of, or the actual assessment levied for, the improvement or debt allocated to the parcel of land.

5.5 Lienability Test: Reasonable and Fair Apportionment of the Duty to Pay

A reasonable estimate of the proportion of special and peculiar benefits received from the improvements is delineated in Tables 4A, 4B, and 4C (expressed as ERU factors) in the *Appendix*.

The apportionment of the Bond Assessments is fair and reasonable because it was conducted on the basis of consistent application of the methodology described in *Section 5.2* across all assessable property within the District according to reasonable estimates of the special and peculiar benefits derived from the Capital Improvement Plan by different unit types.

Accordingly, no acre or parcel of property within the District will be liened for the payment of Bond Assessment more than the determined special benefit peculiar to that property.

5.6 True-Up Mechanism

The District's assessment program is predicated on the development of lots in a manner sufficient to include all of the planned Equivalent Residential Units ("ERUs") as set forth in Tables 4A, 4B, and 4C in the Appendix ("Development Plan"). At such time as lands are to be platted (or re-platted) or site plans are to be approved (or reapproved), the plat or site plan (either, herein, "Proposed Plat") shall be presented to the District for a "true-up" review as follows:

- a. If a Proposed Plat results in the same amount of ERUs (and thus Bond Assessments) able to be imposed on the "Remaining Unplatted Lands" (i.e., those remaining unplatted lands after the Proposed Plat is recorded) as compared to what was originally contemplated under the Development Plan, then the District shall allocate the Bond Assessments to the product types being platted and the remaining property in accordance with this Report, and cause the Bond Assessments to be recorded in the District's improvement lien book.
- b. If a Proposed Plat within the District has more than the anticipated ERUs (and Bond Assessments) such that the Remaining Unplatted Developable Lands would be assigned fewer ERUs (and Bond Assessments) than originally contemplated in the Development Plan, then the District may undertake a pro rata reduction of Bond Assessments for all assessed properties within the Property, or may otherwise address such net decrease as permitted by law.
- c. If a Proposed Plat within the District has fewer than the anticipated ERUs (and Bond Assessments) such that the Remaining Unplatted Developable Lands would have to be assigned more ERUs (and Bond Assessments) in order to fully assign all of the ERUs originally contemplated in the Development Plan, then the District shall require the landowner(s) of the lands encompassed by the Proposed Plat to pay a "True-Up Payment" equal to the difference between: (i) the Bond Assessments originally

contemplated to be imposed on the lands subject to the Proposed Plat, and (ii) the Bond Assessments able to be imposed on the lands subject to the Proposed Plat, after the Proposed Plat (plus applicable interest, collection costs, penalties, etc.).¹

With respect to the foregoing true-up analysis, the District's Assessment Consultant, in consultation with the District Engineer and District Counsel, shall determine in his or her sole discretion what amount of ERUs (and thus Bond Assessments) are able to be imposed on the Remaining Unplatted Lands, taking into account a Proposed Plat, by reviewing: a) the original, overall development plan showing the number and type of units reasonably planned for the development, b) the revised, overall development plan showing the number and type of units reasonably planned for the development, c) proof of the amount of entitlements for the Remaining Unplatted Lands, d) evidence of allowable zoning conditions that would enable those entitlements to be placed in accordance with the revised development plan, documentation that shows the feasibility of implementing the proposed development plan. Prior to any decision by the District not to impose a true-up payment, a supplemental methodology shall be produced demonstrating that there will be sufficient assessments to pay debt service on the applicable series of bonds and the District will conduct new proceedings under Chapters 170, 190 and 197, Florida Statutes upon the advice of District Counsel.

Any True-Up Payment shall become due and payable that tax year by the landowner of the lands subject to the Proposed Plat, shall be in addition to the regular assessment installment payable for such lands, and shall constitute part of the debt assessment liens imposed against the Proposed Plat property until paid. A True-Up Payment shall include accrued interest on the applicable bond series to the interest payment date that occurs at least 45 days after the True-Up Payment (or the second succeeding interest payment date if such True-Up Payment is made within forty-five (45) calendar days before an interest payment date (or such other time as set forth in the supplemental indentures for the applicable bond series)).

¹ For example, if the first platting includes 148 Townhomes, 183 Single-Family 32' units, 291 Single-Family 34' units, 66 Single-Family 40' units, 568 Single-Family 50' units and 189 Single-Family 60' units which equates to a total allocation of \$101,569,857.32 in Bond Assessments, then the remaining unplatted land would be required to absorb 20 Single-Family 40' units, which equates to \$1,330,101.26 in Bond Assessments. If the remaining unplatted land would only be able to absorb 10 instead of 20 Single-Family 40' units or \$665,050.63 in Bond Assessments, then a true-up, payable by the owner of the unplatted land, would be due in the amount of \$665,050.63 in Bond Assessments plus applicable accrued interest to the extent described in this Section.

All Bond Assessments levied run with the land, and such assessment liens include any True-Up Payments. The District will not release any liens on property for which True-Up Payments are due, until provision for such payment has been satisfactorily made. Further, upon the District's review of the final plat for the developable acres, any unallocated Bond Assessments shall become due and payable and must be paid prior to the District's approval of that plat. This true-up process applies for both plats and/or re-plats.

Such review shall be limited solely to the function and the enforcement of the District's assessment liens and/or true-up agreements. Nothing herein shall in any way operate to or be construed as providing any other plat approval or disapproval powers to the District. For further detail on the true-up process, please refer to the True-Up Agreement and applicable assessment resolution(s).

5.7 Assessment Roll

The Bond Assessments in the amount of \$102,899,958.58 are proposed to be levied over the area described in Exhibit "A". Excluding any capitalized interest period, Bond Assessments shall be paid in no more than thirty (30) annual principal installments.

5.8 Additional Items Regarding Bond Assessment Imposition and Allocation

Master Lien – This Report is intended to establish the necessary benefit and fair and reasonable allocation findings for a master assessment lien, which may give rise to one or more individual assessment liens relating to individual bond issuances necessary to fund all or a portion of the project(s) referenced herein comprising the Capital Improvement Plan. All such liens shall be within the benefit limits established herein and using the allocation methodology described herein, and shall be described in one or more supplemental reports.

System of Improvements - As noted herein, the Capital Improvement Plan functions as a system of improvements. Among other implications, this means that proceeds from any particular bond issuance can be used to fund improvements within any benefitted property or designated assessment area within the District, regardless of where the Bond Assessments are levied, provided that Bond Assessments are fairly and reasonably allocated across all benefitted properties.

Contributions - As set forth in any supplemental report, and for any particular bond issuance, the Developer may opt to "buy down" the Bond Assessments on particular product types and/or lands using a contribution of cash, infrastructure or other consideration, and in order for Bond Assessments to reach certain target levels. Note that any "true-up," as described herein, may require a payment to satisfy "true-up" obligations as well as additional contributions to maintain such target assessment levels. Any amounts contributed by the Developer to pay down Bond Assessment will not be eligible for "deferred costs," if any are provided for in connection with any particular bond issuance.

6.0 Additional Stipulations

6.1 Overview

Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC was retained by the District to prepare a methodology to fairly allocate the special assessments related to the District's Capital Improvement Plan. Certain financing, development and engineering data was provided by members of District Staff and/or the Developer. The allocation methodology described herein was based on information provided by those professionals. Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC makes no representations regarding said information transactions beyond restatement of the factual information necessary for compilation of this Report. For additional information on the bond structure and related items, please refer to the Offering Statement associated with this transaction.

Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC does not represent the District as a Municipal Advisor or Securities Broker nor is Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC registered to provide such services as described in Section 15B of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Similarly, Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC does not provide the District with financial advisory services or offer investment advice in any form.

7.0 Appendix

Table 1

Harvest Hills

Community Development District

Development Plan

Unit Type	Unit Count (Pre- Boundary Amendment)	Unit Count (Post- Boundary Amendment)	Total Unit Count
Townhome	148	0	148
Single-family 32'	183	183	366
Single-family 34'	291	171	462
Single-family 40'	86	26	112
Single-family 50'	568	371	939
Single-family 60'	189	77	266
Total	1,465	828	2,293

Table 2

Harvest Hills

Community Development District

Capital Improvement Plan

Improvement	CIP Costs (Pre- Boundary Amendment)	CIP Costs (Post- Boundary Amendment)	Total CIP Costs
Soft Costs*	\$5,885,797.23	\$3,326,580.28	\$9,212,377.51
Master Earthwork erlated to roads/ public improvements	\$1,177,773.14	\$665,662.91	\$1,843,436.05
Intersection Improvements			
Handcart/Prospect (Signal)	\$750,000.00	-	\$750,000.00
Handcart/Tyndall (Signal)	\$650,000.00	-	\$650,000.00
Prospect/On-site Road (H/M)	\$400,000.00	-	\$400,000.00
Prospect/On-site Road (I/N)	\$600,000.00	-	\$600,000.00
Prospect/On-site Road (J)	\$200,000.00	-	\$200,000.00
Prospect/On-site Road (K)	\$200,000.00	-	\$200,000.00
6' Wall	\$932,944.41	\$527,288.72	\$1,460,233.13
Enhanced Landscaping/Irrigation	\$2,118,582.79	\$1,197,396.96	\$3,315,979.75
Electric/Conduit	\$2,118,582.79	\$1,197,396.96	\$3,315,979.75
On-site Lift Station	\$2,542,299.35	\$1,436,876.36	\$3,979,175.71
Entry Monuments	\$1,588,937.09	\$898,047.72	\$2,486,984.81
Amenity/Parks	\$3,177,874.19	\$1,796,095.44	\$4,973,969.63
On-site Roads (Neighbrohood Roads)	\$24,212,223.43	\$13,684,451.19	\$37,896,674.62
On-site Utilities	\$18,022,739.16	\$10,186,230.74	\$28,208,969.90
Contingency (15%)	\$9,686,663.04	\$5,237,404.09	\$14,924,067.13
Total	\$74,264,416.62	\$40,153,431.38	\$114,417,848.00

Table 3

Harvest Hills

Community Development District

Preliminary Sources and Uses of Funds

Sources Bond Proceeds:

Par Amount \$162,555,000.00 Total Sources \$162,555,000.00

<u>Uses</u> Project Fund Deposits:

Project Fund \$114,417,848.00

Other Fund Deposits:

Debt Service Reserve Fund \$15,125,836.27 Capitalized Interest Fund \$27,634,350.00

Delivery Date Expenses:

\$5,376,650.00 Costs of Issuance Rounding \$315.73

Total Uses \$162,555,000.00

Assumptions: Coupon Rate: 8.5% | CAPI Length: 24 months | Number of Principal Repayments: 30 | Underwriter's Discount: 3% | Cost of Issuance: \$500,000

Table 4A

Harvest Hills

Community Development District

Benefit Allocation - Current Boundary Parcels

Unit Type	Unit Count (Pre- Boundary Amendment)	ERU per Unit	Total ERU	Percent of Total
Townhome	148	0.50	74.00	3.03%
Single-family 32'	183	0.80	146.40	5.99%
Single-family 34'	291	0.85	247.35	10.12%
Single-family 40'	86	1.00	86.00	3.52%
Single-family 50'	568	1.25	710.00	29.05%
Single-family 60'	189	1.50	283.50	11.60%
Total	1,465		1,547.25	63.30%

Table 4B

Harvest Hills

Community Development District

Benefit Allocation - Expansion Parcels

Unit Type	Unit Count (Post- Boundary Amendment)	ERU per Unit	Total ERU	Percent of Total
Townhome	0	0.50	0.00	0.00%
Single-family 32'	183	0.80	146.40	5.99%
Single-family 34'	171	0.85	145.35	5.95%
Single-family 40'	26	1.00	26.00	1.06%
Single-family 50'	371	1.25	463.75	18.97%
Single-family 60'	77	1.50	115.50	4.73%
Total	828		897.00	36.70%

Table 4C

Harvest Hills

Community Development District

Benefit Allocation

Unit Type	Total Unit Count	ERU per Unit	Total ERU
Townhome	148	0.50	74.00
Single-family 32'	366	0.80	292.80
Single-family 34'	462	0.85	392.70
Single-family 40'	112	1.00	112.00
Single-family 50'	939	1.25	1,173.75
Single-family 60'	266	1.50	399.00
Total	2,293		2,444.25

Table 5

Harvest Hills

Community Development District

Bond Assessment Apportionment

Unit Type	Total Number of Current Boundary Units*	Total Cost Allocation	Total Bond Assessment Apportionment*	Bond Assessment Apportionment per Unit	Annual Bond Assessment Debt Service per Unit - paid in March**
Townhome	148	\$3,464,015.85	\$4,921,374.65	\$33,252.53	\$5,199.97
Single-family 32'	183	\$6,853,134.07	\$9,736,341.21	\$53,204.05	\$8,319.96
Single-family 34'	291	\$11,578,707.05	\$16,450,027.31	\$56,529.30	\$8,839.95
Single-family 40'	86	\$4,025,748.16	\$5,719,435.41	\$66,505.06	\$10,399.95
Single-family 50'	568	\$33,235,827.79	\$47,218,594.66	\$83,131.33	\$12,999.93
Single-family 60'	189	\$13,270,925.60	\$18,854,185.33	\$99,757.59	\$15,599.92
Total	1,465	\$72,428,358.52	\$102,899,958.58		

^{*}As the boundary expansion has not officially occurred, Bond Assessments and Costs can only be apportioned to lands within the current boundaries of the District.

** Includes costs of collection estimated at 2% (subject to change) and an allowance for early payment discount estimated at 4% (subject to change)

Exhibit "A"

Series 2023 Bond Assessments in the amount of \$102,899,958.58 are proposed to be levied over the area as described below designating the current boundary of the District:

EXHIBIT A

(SOUTH OF PROSPECT ROAD-PARCEL 1)

DESCRIPTION:

A portion of Section 18, Township 25 South, Range 21 East, Pasco County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

BEGIN at the Southwest corner of Section 18, Township 25 South, Range 21 East, Pasco County, Florida; thence North 00°19'52" East along the West line of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 18, a distance of 2623.52 feet to a point on the Southerly Right of Way line of Prospect Road (F.D.O.T. Right of way Section No. 1451-151 State Road Nos. S-579 & S-579-A, R,P.B. 1, Pg. 107) (Conveyed to Paso County, recorded in Road Plat Book 2, Pages 13-14, Public records of Pasco County, Florida); said point lying on a curve concave Northerly having a radius of 17218.75 feet, a chord bearing of North 88°37'02" East, a chord length of 314.55 feet; thence along said Southerly Right of Way line and the arc of said curve through a central angle of 01°02'48", an arc length of 314.56 feet; thence continue along said Southerly Right of Way line the following three (3) courses: 1) North 88°05'38" East, 443.11 feet; 2) North 89°48'38" East, 722.25 feet; 3) South 89°49'07" East, 635.04 feet; thence departing said Southerly Right of Way line run South 00°10'53" West, 5.00 feet to the beginning of a non-tangent curve concave Southerly having a radius of 25.00 feet, a chord bearing of South 45°14'33" West, a chord length of 35.32 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 89°52'41", an arc length of 39.22 feet to a point of tangency; thence South 00°18'13" West, 413.56 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve concave Easterly having a radius of 25.00 feet, a chord bearing of South 44°41'47" East, a chord length of 35.36 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 90°00'00", an arc length of 39.27 feet; thence South 89°41'47" East, 502.00 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve concave Northerly having a radius of 35.00 feet, a chord bearing of North 45°18'13" East, a chord length of 49.50 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 90°00'00", an arc length of 54.98 feet to a point of non-tangency; thence South 89°41'48" East, 21.00 feet to the West Right of Way line of Handcart Road, as recorded in Official Records Book 4690, Page 537, Public Records of Pasco County, Florida; thence South 00°18'12" West along said West Right of Way line, 120.00 feet; thence departing said West Right of Way run North 89°41'48" West, 21.00 feet to the beginning of a nontangent curve concave Westerly having a radius of 35.00 feet, a chord bearing of North 44°41'47" West, a chord length of 49.50 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 90°00'00", an arc length of 54.98 feet to a point of tangency; thence North 89°41'47" West, 502.00 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve concave Southerly having a radius of 25.00 feet, a chord bearing of South 45°18'13" West, a chord length of 35.36 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 90°00'00", an arc length of 39.27 feet; thence South 00°18'13" West, 1006.86 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve concave Easterly having a radius of 458.50 feet, a chord bearing of South 08°28'02" East, a chord length of 139.83 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 17°32'30", an arc length of 140.37 feet; thence South 17°14'17" East, 52.86 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve concave Northerly having a radius of 25.00 feet, a chord bearing of South 60°43'31" East, a chord length of 34.41 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 86°58'29", an arc length of 37.95 feet to the beginning of a reverse curve concave Southerly having a radius of 1235.00 feet, a chord bearing of North 82°45'35" East, a chord length of 299.84 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 13°56'41", an arc length of 300.58 feet; thence North 89°43'56" East, 162.76 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve concave Northerly having a radius of 35.00 feet, a chord bearing of North 45°01'04" East, a chord length of 49.25 feet; thence run

along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 89°25'43", an arc length of 54.63 feet to a point of non-tangency; thence South 89°41'48" East, 21.00 feet to afore said West Right of Way line of Handcart Road; thence South 00°18'12" West along said West Right of Way line, 947.31 feet; thence departing said West Right of Way line run South 89°39'07" West, 2673.97 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Containing 139.390 acres, more or less.

AND

(SOUTH OF PROSPECT ROAD-PARCEL 2)

DESCRIPTION:

A portion of Section 18, Township 25 South, Range 21 East, Pasco County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

BEGIN at the Southeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 18, Township 25 South, Range 21 East, Pasco County, Florida; thence South 89°26'42" West, 211.69 feet to Southerly Right of Way line of Prospect Road (F.D.O.T. Right of way Section No. 1451-151 State Road Nos. S-579 & S-579-A, R,P.B. 1, Pg. 107)) (Conveyed to Paso County, recorded in Road Plat Book 2, Pages 13-14, Public records of Pasco County, Florida) and to the beginning of a non-tangent curve concave Westerly having a radius of 439.26 feet, a chord bearing of North 42°34'23" East, a chord length of 314.61 feet; thence run along said Southerly right of way line and the arc of said curve through a central angle of 41°58'09", an arc length of 321.76 feet to the East line of said Northeast 1/4 of Section 18; thence South 00°17'26" West, 229.64 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Containing 18151 square feet, 0.417 acres, more or less.

(NORTH OF PROSPECT ROAD-PARCEL 3)

DESCRIPTION:

A portion of Sections 12 and 13, Township 25 South, Range 20 East and Sections 7 and 18, Township 25 South, Range 21 East, Pasco County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCE at the Southwest corner of Section 18, Township 25 South, Range 21 East, Pasco County, Florida; thence North 00°19'52" East along the West line of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 18, a distance of 2650.59 feet to the Northwest corner of said Southwest 1/4 Section 18; thence North 00°19'02" East along the West line of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 18, a distance of 32.94 feet to the Northerly Right of Way line of Prospect Road (F.D.O.T. Right of way Section No. 1451-151 State Road Nos. S-579 & S-579-A, R,P.B. 1, Pg. 107)) (Conveyed to Paso County, recorded in Road Plat Book 2, Pages 13-14, Public records of Pasco County, Florida) for the POINT OF BEGINNING and the beginning of a nontangent curve concave Northerly having a radius of 17158.75 feet, a chord bearing of South 89°39'25" West, a chord length of 311.68 feet; thence run along said Northerly Right of Way line and along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 01°02'27", an arc length of 311.69 feet; thence continuing along said Northerly Right of Way line the following two (2) courses: 1) North 89°49'22" West, 986.32 feet; 2) North 89°51'52" West, 16.42 feet to the West line of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13, township 25 South, Range 20 East, Pasco County, Florid; thence departing said Northerly Right of Way line run North 00°29'58" East along said West line of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4, 2618.51 feet to

the Southwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 12 Township 25 South, Range 20 East, Pasco County, Florida; thence North 00°17'34" East along the West line of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 12, a distance of 1322.28 feet to the Northwest corner of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 12; thence North 89°59'00" East along the North line of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 12, a distance of 1306.91 feet to the Northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Township 25 South, Range 21 East, Pasco County, Florida; thence North 89°35'56" East along the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 and the North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 7, a distance of 2720.25 feet to the Northeast corner of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 7; thence South 00°16'42" West along the East line of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 7, a distance of 1323.55 feet to the Northeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 18; thence South 00°16'50" West, 1321.40 feet to the North line of the South 10.00 feet of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 18; thence North 89°30'27" East along said North line, 2624.17 feet to the Westerly Right of Way line of Prospect Road (F.D.O.T. Right of way Section No. 1451-151 State Road Nos. S-579 & S-579-A, R,P.B. 1, Pg. 107)) (Conveyed to Paso County, recorded in Road Plat Book 2, Pages 13-14, Public records of Pasco County, Florida); thence along the Westerly and Northerly Right of Way line of said Prospect Road the following eighteen (18) courses: 1) South 00°17'26" West, 947.98 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve concave Northerly having a radius of 379.26 feet, a chord bearing of South 45°14'09" West, a chord length of 535.84 feet; 2)thence run along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 89°53'28", an arc length of 595.02 feet; 3) North 89°49'07" West, 273.57 feet; 4) thence North 00°10'53" East, 5.00 feet; 5) North 89°49'07" West, 600.00 feet; 6) South 00°10'53" West, 5.00 feet; 7) North 89°49'07" West, 1200.00 feet; 8) South 00°10'53" West, 3.00 feet; 9) North 89°49'07" West, 830.00 feet; 10) North 00°10'53" East, 3.00 feet; 11) thence North 89°49'07" West, 585.38 feet; 12) South 89°48'38" West, 56.02 feet; 13) South 00°11'22" East, 7.50 feet; 14) South 89°48'38" West, 21.40 feet; 15) North 00°11'22" West, 7.50 feet; 16) South 89°48'38" West, 645.93 feet; 17) South 88°05'38" West, 444.01 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve concave Northerly having a radius of 17158.75 feet, a chord bearing of South 88°36'55" West, a chord length of 312.22 feet; 18) thence run along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 01°02'33", an arc length of 312.22 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

LESS

A portion of Section 13, Township 25 South, Range 20 East and Section 18, Township 25 South, Range 21 East, Pasco County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCE at the Southwest corner of Section 18, Township 25 South, Range 21 East, Pasco County, Florida; thence North 00°19'52" East along the West line of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 18, a distance of 2650.59 feet to the Northwest corner of said Southwest 1/4 Section 18; thence North 00°19'02" East along the West line of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 18, a distance of 1068.40 to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 89°37'48" East, 183.00 feet; thence South 01°14'13" East, 142.25 feet; thence South 89°44'01" West, 364.54 feet; thence North 07°45'04" East, 15.00 feet; thence North 35°43'57" East, 90.28 feet; thence North 88°35'52" East, 120.46 feet; thence North 03°29'31" East, 54.10 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALSO LESS

A portion of Sections 7 and 18, Township 25 South, Range 21 East, Pasco County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCE at the Northwest corner of Section 18, Township 25 South, Range 21 East, Pasco County, Florida; thence North 89°34'42" East along the North line of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 18, a distance of 864.63 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and to the beginning of a non-tangent curve concave Westerly having a radius of 345.00 feet, a chord bearing of North 37°37'46" East, a chord length of 311.04 feet; thence departing said North line run along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 53°35'13", an arc length of 322.67 feet to the beginning of a non-tangent curve concave Easterly having a radius of 1471.00 feet, a chord bearing of South 44°55'40" East, a chord length of 19.59 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 00°45'46", an arc length of 19.59 feet to a point of tangency; thence South 45°18'33" East, 668.87 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve concave Westerly having a radius of 35.00 feet, a chord bearing of South 01°13'44" West, a chord length of 50.81 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 93°04'34", an arc length of 56.86 feet to the beginning of a compound curve concave Northerly having a radius of 2070.00 feet, a chord bearing of South 65°47'24" West, a chord length of 1280.90 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 36°02'45", an arc length of 1302.28 feet; thence South 83°48'47" West, 96.46 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve concave Northerly having a radius of 25.00 feet, a chord bearing of North 51°34'53" West, a chord length of 35.11 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 89°12'41", an arc length of 38.93 feet; to the beginning of a reverse curve concave Westerly having a radius of 4335.00 feet, a chord bearing of North 10°58'59" West, a chord length of 605.90 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 08°00'53", an arc length of 606.40 feet

to the beginning of a non-tangent curve concave Northerly having a radius of 345.00 feet, a chord bearing of North 89°18'12" East, a chord length of 276.14 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 47°10'52", an arc length of 284.10 feet to a point of tangency; thence North 65°42'46" East, 489.06 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve concave Northerly having a radius of 345.00 feet, a chord bearing of North 65°04'04" East, a chord length of 7.77 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 01°17'24", an arc length of 7.77 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALSO LESS

A portion of Section 18, Township 25 South, Range 21 East, Pasco County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCE at the Southwest corner of Section 18, Township 25 South, Range 21 East, Pasco County, Florida; thence North 00°19'52" East along the West line of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 18, a distance of 2650.59 feet to the Northwest corner of said Southwest 1/4 Section 18; thence North 00°19'02" East along the West line of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 18, a distance of 32.94 feet to the Northerly Right of Way line of Prospect Road (F.D.O.T. Right of way Section No. 1451-151 State Road Nos. S-579 & S-579-A, R,P.B. 1, Pg. 107)) (Conveyed to Paso County, recorded in Road Plat Book 2, Pages 13-14, Public records of Pasco County, Florida) to the beginning of a non-tangent curve concave Northerly having a radius of 17158.75 feet, a chord bearing of North 88°36'55" East, a chord length of 312.22 feet; thence run along said Northerly Right of Way line and along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 01°02'33", an arc length of 312.22 feet; thence continue along said Northerly Right of Way line the following nine (9) courses: 1) North 88°05'38" East, 444.01 feet; 2) North 89°48'38" East, 645.93 feet; 3) South 00°11'22" East, 7.50 feet; 4) North 89°48'38" East, 21.40 feet; 5) North 00°11'22"

West, 7.50 feet; 6) North 89°48'38" East, 56.02 feet; 7) South 89°49'07" East, 585.38 feet; 8) South 00°10'53" West, 3.00 feet; 9) South 89°49'07" East, 50.11 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence departing said Northerly Right of Way line run North 00°10'53" East, 8.00 feet to the beginning of a nontangent curve concave Easterly having a radius of 25.00 feet, a chord bearing of North 44°45'27" West, a chord length of 35.39 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 90°07'19", an arc length of 39.32 feet to the beginning of a reverse curve concave Westerly having a radius of 1431.18 feet, a chord bearing of North 07°55'49" West, a chord length of 409.92 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 16°28'03", an arc length of 411.34 feet to the beginning of a reverse curve concave Easterly having a radius of 25.40 feet, a chord bearing of North 36°27'30" East, a chord length of 40.37 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 105°14'41", an arc length of 46.66 feet to a point of tangency; thence South 89°41'47" East, 561.89 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve concave Westerly having a radius of 35.00 feet, a chord bearing of South 44°41'47" East, a chord length of 49.50 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 90°00'00", an arc length of 54.98 feet; thence South 00°18'13" West, 392.23 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve concave Northerly having a radius of 35.00 feet, a chord bearing of South 45°14'33" West, a chord length of 49.44 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 89°52'41", an arc length of 54.90 feet to a point of non-tangency; thence South 00°10'53" West, 8.00 feet to aforesaid Northerly Right of Way line; thence North 89°49'07" West along said Northerly Right of Way line, 502.02 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALSO LESS

A portion of Section 18, Township 25 South, Range 21 East, Pasco County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCE at the Southwest corner of Section 18, Township 25 South, Range 21 East, Pasco County, Florida; thence North 00°19'52" East along the West line of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 18, a distance of 2650.59 feet to the Northwest corner of said Southwest 1/4 Section 18; thence North 00°19'02" East along the West line of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 18, a distance of 32.94 feet to the Northerly Right of Way line of Prospect Road (F.D.O.T. Right of way Section No. 1451-151 State Road Nos. S-579 & S-579-A, R,P.B. 1, Pg. 107)) (Conveyed to Paso County, recorded in Road Plat Book 2, Pages 13-14, Public records of Pasco County, Florida) to the beginning of a non-tangent curve concave Northerly having a radius of 17158.75 feet, a chord bearing of North 88°36'55" East, a chord length of 312.22 feet; thence run along said Northerly Right of Way line and along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 01°02'33", an arc length of 312.22 feet; thence continue along said Northerly Right of Way line the following nine (9) courses: 1) North 88°05'38" East, 444.01 feet; 2) North 89°48'38" East, 645.93 feet; 3) South 00°11'22" East, 7.50 feet; 4) North 89°48'38" East, 21.40 feet; 5) North 00°11'22" West, 7.50 feet; 6) North 89°48'38" East, 56.02 feet; 7) South 89°49'07" East, 585.38 feet; 8) South 00°10'53" West, 3.00 feet; 9) South 89°49'07" East, 764.13 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence departing said Northerly Right of Way line run North 00°10'53" East, 8.00 feet to the beginning of a nontangent curve concave Easterly having a radius of 35.00 feet, a chord bearing of North 44°45'27" West, a chord length of 49.55 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 90°07'19", an arc length of 55.05 feet to a point of tangency; thence North 00°18'13" East, 387.39 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve concave Southerly having a radius of 35.00 feet, a chord bearing of North 48°11'23" East, a chord length of 51.93 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 95°46'21", an arc length of 58.50 feet to the beginning of a compound curve concave Southerly

having a radius of 900.00 feet, a chord bearing of South 73°05'12" East, a chord length of 338.44 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 21°40'29", an arc length of 340.47 feet to the beginning of a compound curve concave Southerly having a radius of 50.00 feet, a chord bearing of South 56°52'31" East, a chord length of 9.37 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 10°44'53", an arc length of 9.38 feet; thence South 00°10'53" West, 359.67 feet to aforesaid Northerly Right of Way line; thence run along said Northerly Right of Way line the following three (3) courses: North 89°49'07" West, 270.52 feet; thence South 00°10'53" West, 3.00 feet; thence North 89°49'07" West, 65.87 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Containing 413.328 acres, more or less.

FOR A TOTAL OF 553.135 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2024-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DECLARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; DESIGNATING THE NATURE AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS; DECLARING THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS, THE PORTION TO BE PAID BY ASSESSMENTS, AND THE MANNER AND TIMING IN WHICH THE ASSESSMENTS ARE TO BE PAID; DESIGNATING THE LANDS UPON WHICH THE ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEVIED; PROVIDING FOR AN ASSESSMENT PLAT AND A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL; ADDRESSING THE SETTING OF PUBLIC HEARINGS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND ADDRESSING CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

WHEREAS, the District is authorized by Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, to finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, install, equip, operate, extend, construct, or reconstruct roadways, sewer and water distribution systems, stormwater management/earthwork improvements, landscape, irrigation and entry features, conservation and mitigation, street lighting and other infrastructure projects, and services necessitated by the development of, and serving lands within, the District; and

WHEREAS, the District hereby determines to undertake, install, plan, establish, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, acquire, operate, and/or maintain the portion of the infrastructure improvements comprising the District's overall capital improvement plan as described in the District *Engineer's Report*, dated December 2023 ("Project"), which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the District to pay for all or a portion of the cost of the Project by the levy of special assessments ("Assessments") using the methodology set forth in that *Master Special Assessment Methodology Report*, dated February 20, 2024, which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, incorporated herein by reference, and on file with the District Manager at c/o Wrathell, Hunt and Associates LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 ("District Records Office");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

- 1. **AUTHORITY FOR THIS RESOLUTION; INCORPORATION OF RECITALS.** This Resolution is adopted pursuant to the provisions of Florida law, including without limitation Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*. The recitals stated above are incorporated herein and are adopted by the Board as true and correct statements.
- 2. **DECLARATION OF ASSESSMENTS.** The Board hereby declares that it has determined to undertake the Project and to defray all or a portion of the cost thereof by the Assessments.
- 3. **DESIGNATING THE NATURE AND LOCATION OF IMPROVEMENTS.** The nature and general location of, and plans and specifications for, the Project 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.
- 4. DECLARING THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS, THE PORTION TO BE PAID BY ASSESSMENTS, AND THE MANNER AND TIMING IN WHICH THE ASSESSMENTS ARE TO BE PAID.
 - A. The total estimated cost of the Project is \$ ("Estimated Cost").
 - B. The Assessments will defray approximately \$\frac{\\$}{}\$ ______, which is the anticipated maximum par value of any bonds and which includes all or a portion of the Estimated Cost, as well as other financing-related costs, as set forth in **Exhibit B**, and which is in addition to interest and collection costs. On an annual basis, the Assessments will defray no more than \$\frac{\\$}{}\$ ______ per year, again as set forth in **Exhibit B**.
 - C. The manner in which the Assessments shall be apportioned and paid is set forth in Exhibit B, as may be modified by supplemental assessment resolutions. The Assessments will constitute a "master" lien, which may be imposed without further public hearing in one or more separate liens each securing a series of bonds, and each as determined by supplemental assessment resolution. With respect to each lien securing a series of bonds, the special assessments shall be paid in not more than (30) thirty yearly installments. The special 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, including but not limited to by direct bill. The decision to collect special assessments by any particular method – e.g., on the tax roll or by direct bill – does not mean that such method will be used to collect special assessments in future years, and the District

reserves the right in its sole discretion to select collection methods in any given year, regardless of past practices.

- 5. **DESIGNATING THE LANDS UPON WHICH THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEVIED**. The Assessments securing the Project shall be levied on the lands within the District, as described in **Exhibit B**, and as further designated by the assessment plat hereinafter provided for.
- 6. **ASSESSMENT PLAT.** Pursuant to Section 170.04, *Florida Statutes*, there is on file, at the District Records Office, an assessment plat showing the area to be assessed certain plans and specifications describing the Project and the estimated cost of the Project, all of which shall be open to inspection by the public.
- 7. **PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL.** Pursuant to Section 170.06, *Florida Statutes*, 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.
- 8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS DECLARED; DIRECTION TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE HEARINGS.** Pursuant to Sections 170.07 and 197.3632(4)(b), *Florida Statutes*, among other provisions of Florida law, there are hereby declared two public hearings to be held as follows:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS					
DATE:	,,, 2024				
TIME:	11:00 AM				
LOCATION:	Hilton Garden Inn Tampa-Wesley Chapel				
	26640 Silver Maple Parkway				
	Wesley Chapel, Florida 33544				

The purpose of the public hearings is to hear comment and objections to the proposed special assessment program for District improvements as identified in the preliminary assessment roll, a copy of which is on file and as set forth in **Exhibit B**. Interested parties may appear at that hearing or submit their comments in writing prior to the hearings at the District Records Office.

Notice of said hearings 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 of general circulation within the County in which the District is located (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 Records Office. The District Manager shall file proof of such mailing by affidavit with the District Secretary.

- 9. **PUBLICATION OF RESOLUTION.** Pursuant to Section 170.05, *Florida Statutes*, the District Manager is hereby directed to cause this Resolution to be published twice (once a week for two (2) weeks) in a newspaper of general circulation within the County in which the District is located and to provide such other notice as may be required by law or desired in the best interests of the District.
- 10. **CONFLICTS.** All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, superseded and repealed.
- 11. **SEVERABILITY.** If any section or part of a section of this resolution be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the validity, force, and effect of any other section or part of a section of this resolution shall not thereby be affected or impaired unless it clearly appears that such other section or part of a section of this resolution is wholly or necessarily dependent upon the section or part of a section so held to be invalid or unconstitutional.
 - 12. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

[signatures appear on the following page]

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of February, 2024.

ATTEST:		HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Secretary/A	ssistant Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors
Exhibit A: Exhibit B:	•	ort, dated December 2023 Dent Methodology Report, dated February 20, 2024

HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS UNAUDITED DECEMBER 31, 2023

HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2023

	C	General Fund	S	Debt ervice Fund	 Total ernmental Funds
ASSETS					
Due from Landowner	\$	17,742	\$	1,875	\$ 19,617
Total assets		17,742		1,875	 19,617
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$	11,742	\$	1,875	\$ 13,617
Due to Landowner		-		1,875	1,875
Landowner advance		6,000		-	6,000
Total liabilities		17,742		3,750	21,492
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES Deferred receipts Total deferred inflows of resources		11,742 11,742		<u>-</u>	11,742 11,742
Fund balances: Unassigned Total fund balances		(11,742) (11,742)		- (1,875)	(11,742) (13,617)
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$	17,742	\$	1,875	\$ 19,617

HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	% of Budget
REVENUES				
Landowner contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 79,598	0%
Total revenues			79,598	0%
EXPENDITURES				
Professional & administrative				
Management/accounting/recording	2,000	4,000	36,000	11%
Legal	336	7,408	25,000	30%
Engineering	-	· <u>-</u>	2,000	0%
Dissemination agent*	-	-	583	0%
Telephone	17	33	200	17%
Postage	-	23	500	5%
Printing & binding	42	278	500	56%
Legal advertising	-	-	6,500	0%
Annual special district fee	-	-	175	0%
Insurance	-	-	5,500	0%
Contingencies/bank charges	-	_	750	0%
Website hosting & maintenance	-	-	1,680	0%
Website ADA compliance	-	-	210	0%
Total professional & administrative	2,395	11,742	79,598	15%
Total expenditures	2,395	11,742	79,598	15%
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues				
over/(under) expenditures	(2,395)	(11,742)	-	
Fund balances - beginning	(9,347)	_	_	
Fund balances - ending	\$ (11,742)	\$ (11,742)	\$ -	

HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES DEBT SERVICE FUND FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Current Month	Year To Date
REVENUES	\$ -	\$ -
Total revenues	- _	
EXPENDITURES Polytoparises		
Debt service Cost of issuance	1,072	1,875
Total debt service	1,072	1,875
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues		
over/(under) expenditures	(1,072)	(1,875)
Fund balances - beginning	(803)	
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ (1,875)</u>	\$ (1,875)

HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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4	An Organizational Meeting of the	Harvest Hills Community Development District was	
5	held on November 27, 2023 at 11:00 a.m., at Hilton Garden Inn Tampa-Wesley Chapel, 26640		
6	Silver Maple Parkway, Wesley Chapel, Florid	da 33544.	
7	Present at the meeting were:		
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9	Seth Bennett	Chair	
10	Quint Noordstar	Vice Chair	
11 12	Alex Gross	Assistant Secretary	
13 14	Also present:		
15	Chuck Adams	District Manager	
16	Jere Earlywine (via telephone)	District Counsel	
17	Brandon Wilson	District Engineer	
18	Drew Lawler	LevelUp Consulting, LLC	
19 20	Ashton Bligh	Bond Counsel	
21 22	FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS	Call to Order/Roll Call	
23	Mr. Adams called the meeting to	o order at 11:02 a.m. Supervisors-Elect Bennett,	
24	Noordstar and Gross were present. Supervi	sors-Elect Galvin and Cowan were not present.	
25 26	SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS	Public Comments	
27 28	There were no comments from the	oublic.	
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30	GENERAL DISTRICT ITEMS		
31 32 33 34	THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS	Administration of Oath of Office to Elected Board of Supervisors (the following will be provided in a separate package)	
35	Mr. Adams, a Notary of the State of	Florida and duly authorized, administered the Oath	
36	of Office to Mr. Seth Bennett, Mr. Quint	Noordstar and Mr. Alex Gross. All Supervisors are	
37	already familiar with the following items:		
38	A. Guide to Sunshine Amendment and	Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees	

39	В.	Memb	ership, Obligations and Responsib	oilities		
40	C.	Chapter 190, Florida Statutes				
41	D.	Financ	Financial Disclosure Forms			
42		I.	Form 1: Statement of Financial Ir	nterests		
43		II.	Form 1X: Amendment to Form 1,	Statement of Finan	icial Interests	
44		III.	Form 1F: Final Statement of Fina	ncial Interests		
45	E.	Form 8	BB: Memorandum of Voting Confli	ict		
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47 48 49 50 51 52 53	FOUR	TH ORD	ER OF BUSINESS	the Landowner Held Pursuant	of Resolution 2024-01, Certifying the Results of s' Election of Supervisors to Section 190.006(2), s, and Providing for an	
54		Mr. Ad	lams presented Resolution 2024-0	1 and recapped the	results of the Landowners'	
55	Election	ion, as follows:				
56		Seat 1	Seth Bennett	414 votes	4-Year Term	
57		Seat 2	Quint Noordstar	414 votes	4-Year Term	
58		Seat 3	Taryn Galvin	413 votes	2-Year Term	
59		Seat 4	Alia Cowan	413 votes	2-Year Term	
60		Seat 5	Alex Gross	413 votes	2-Year Term	
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62 63 64 65 66		Resolu Electio	OTION by Mr. Bennett and secontion 2024-01, Canvassing and Center of Supervisors Held Pursuant to oviding for an Effective Date, was	rtifying the Results to Section 190.006(of the Landowners'	
67 68 69 70 71	FIFTH		OF BUSINESS	and Providing fo	of Resolution 2024-02, tain Officers of the District, or an Effective Date	
72		Mr. Ad	ams presented Resolution 2024-0	2. Mr. Noordstar noi	minated the following slate:	
73			Chair	Robert Q. Noord	star	

Organizational Items:

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- A. Resolution 2024-03, Appointing and Fixing the Compensation of the District Manager and Methodology Consultant; Providing an Effective Date
- 95 Agreement for District Management Services: Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC 96

Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2024-03 and the Management Fee Agreement and Fee Schedule. The Management Fee is reduced to \$2,000 per month until bonds are issued.

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On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-03, Appointing and Fixing the Compensation of Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC as the District Manager and Methodology Consultant; Providing an Effective Date, was adopted, and the Management Fee Agreement, were approved.

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107	В.	Resolution 2024-04, Appointing District Counsel for the District, and Authorizing
108		Compensation; and Providing for an Effective Date
109		Fee Agreement: Kutak Rock LLP
110		Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2024-04 and the Kutak Rock LLP Fee Agreement.
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112		On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor,
113		Resolution 2024-04, Appointing Kutak Rock LLP as District Counsel for the
114		District, and Authorizing Compensation; and Providing for an Effective Date,
115		was adopted.
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118	C.	Resolution 2024-05, Designating a Registered Agent and Registered Office of the
119		District, and Providing for an Effective Date
120		Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2024-05.
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122		On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor,
123		Resolution 2024-05, Designating Craig Wrathell as the Registered Agent and
124		Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca
125		Raton, Florida 33431 as the Registered Office of the District, and Providing for
126		an Effective Date, was adopted.
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129	D.	Resolution 2024-06, Designating the Location of the Local District Records Office and
130		Providing an Effective Date
131		This item was tabled until the Sales Facility is opened.
132	E.	Resolution 2024-07, Appointing an Interim District Engineer for the Harvest Hills
133		Community Development District, Authorizing Its Compensation and Providing for an
134		Effective Date
135		Interim Engineering Services Agreement: LevelUp Consulting, LLC
136		Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2024-07 and the Interim Engineering Services
137	Agre	ement.
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On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor,
Resolution 2024-07, Appointing LevelUp Consulting, LLC as the Interim District
Engineer for the Harvest Hills Community Development District, Authorizing Its
Compensation and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted, and the
Interim Engineering Services Agreement and accompanying Exhibits, were
approved.

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> Authorization of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering Services F.

Mr. Adams presented the RFQ for Engineering Services and Competitive Selection Criteria.

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On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor, the Request for Qualifications for Engineering Services, Competitive Selection Criteria and authorizing Staff to advertise, were approved.

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- Board Member Compensation: 190.006 (8), F.S. G.
- 157 The Board Members declined compensation.
- 158 H. Resolution 2024-08, Designating the Primary Administrative Office and Principal **Headquarters of the District and Providing an Effective Date** 159

Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2024-08. It was noted that the Resolution title above is incorrect. The actual Resolution in the agenda is titled correctly and designates only the Primary Administrative Office, not the Principal Headquarters.

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On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-08, Designating Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 as the Primary Administrative Office of the District and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

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I. Resolution 2024-09, Setting Forth the Policy of the District Board of Supervisors with Regard to the Support and Legal Defense of the Board of Supervisors and District Officers, and Providing for an Effective Date

174		 Authorization to Obtain General Liability and Public Officers' Insurance
175		Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2024-09.
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177 178 179 180		On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-09, Setting Forth the Policy of the District Board of Supervisors with Regard to the Support and Legal Defense of the Board of Supervisors and District Officers, and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.
181 182 183 184		On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor, authorizing Staff to obtain General Liability and Public Officers' Insurance, was approved.
185 186 187	J.	Resolution 2024-10, Providing for the Public's Opportunity to Be Heard; Designating
188		Public Comment Periods; Designating a Procedure to Identify Individuals Seeking to Be
189		Heard; Addressing Public Decorum; Addressing Exceptions; and Providing for
190		Severability and an Effective Date
191		Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2024-10.
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193 194 195 196 197		On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-10, 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, was adopted.
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199 200	к.	Resolution 2024-11, Providing for the Appointment of a Records Management Liaison
201		Officer; Providing the Duties of the Records Management Liaison Officer; Adopting a
202		Records Retention Policy; and Providing for Severability and Effective Date
203		Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2024-11.
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205 206 207 208 209		On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-11, 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 Effective Date, was adopted.

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212 L. Resolution 2024-12, Authorizing Certain Actions in Connection with the
213 Implementation of the District's Capital Improvement Plan, including the Conveyance
214 and/or Acquisition of Real and Personal Property, Execution of Plats, Transfer of
215 Permits, Execution of Contracts and Change Orders, Payment of Requisitions, and
216 Other Actions as Described Herein; Approving the Scope and Terms of Such
217 Authorization; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date

Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2024-12. This Resolution grants the Chair, Vice Chair and other officers, in the Chair's absence, the authority to execute certain documents in between meetings, to avoid delays.

On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-12, Authorizing Certain Actions in Connection with the Implementation of the District's Capital Improvement Plan, including the Conveyance and/or Acquisition of Real and Personal Property, Execution of Plats, Transfer of Permits, Execution of Contracts and Change Orders, Payment of Requisitions, and Other Actions as Described Herein; Approving the Scope and Terms of Such Authorization; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

M. Resolution 2024-13, Ratifying, Confirming and Approving the Recording of the Notice of Establishment of the District

Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2024-13.

On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-13, Ratifying, Confirming and Approving the Recording of the Notice of Establishment of the District, was adopted.

N. Authorization of Request for Proposals (RFP) for Annual Audit Services

Mr. Adams presented the RFP For Annual Audit Services and the Evaluation Criteria.

• Designation of Board of Supervisors as Audit Committee

245246247248		On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor, the Request for Proposals for Annual Audit Services, authorizing the District Manager to advertise the RFP and designating the Board of Supervisors as the Audit Committee, were approved.
248249250		Addit Committee, were approved.
251	0.	Strange Zone, Inc., Quotation #M22-1017 for District Website Design, Maintenance
252		and Domain Web-Site Design Agreement
253		Mr. Adams presented the Strange Zone, Inc. (SZI) proposal.
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255 256 257 258		On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor, Strange Zone, Inc., Quotation #M22-1017 for District Website Design, Maintenance and Domain Web-Site Design, in the amount of \$1,679.99, was approved.
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261	Р.	ADA Site Compliance Proposal for Website Compliance Shield, Accessibility Policy and
262		One (1) Annual Technological Audit
263		Mr. Adams presented the ADA Site Compliance proposal.
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265 266 267 268		On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor, the ADA Site Compliance Proposal for Website Compliance Shield, Accessibility Policy and One (1) Annual Technological Audit, in the annual amount of \$210, was approved.
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270 271	Q.	Resolution 2024-14, to Designate Date, Time and Place of Public Hearing and
272		Authorization to Publish Notice of Such Hearing for the Purpose of Adopting Rules of
273		Procedure; and Providing an Effective Date
274		I. Rules of Procedure
275		II. Notices [Rule Development and Rulemaking]
276		These items were included for informational purposes.
277		Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2024-14 and the accompanying Exhibits.
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285 286 287 R. Resolution 2024-15, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for R 288 the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 at 289 Effective Date 290 Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2024-15. The following changes well 291 DATES: Delete December 2023 and January 2024 meetings	all in favor, n., at Hilton vay, Wesley Hearing and of Adopting
289 Effective Date 290 Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2024-15. The following changes we	egular Meetings of
290 Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2024-15. The following changes we	nd Providing for an
201 DATES: Delete December 2022 and January 2024 mostings	re made:
DATES. Delete December 2025 and January 2024 meetings	
The following will be inserted into the Fiscal Year 2024 Meeting Scheol	dule:
293 DATES: February 20, 2024, March 19, 2024, April 16, 2024, May 21, 2	.024, June 18, 2024,
294 July 16, 2024, August 20, 2024 and September 17, 2024	
295 TIME: 11:00 AM	
296 LOCATION: Hilton Garden Inn Tampa-Wesley Chapel, 26640 Silve	er Maple Parkway,
297 Wesley Chapel, Florida 33544	
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On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with Resolution 2024-15, Designating Dates, Times and Locations Meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year as amended, and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.	for Regular
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305 S. Resolution 2024-16, Approving the Florida Statewide Mutua	I Aid Agreement;
Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date	
307 Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2024-16.	
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On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, Resolution 16, Approving the Florida Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement; Programmer 19 Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.	

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A. Resolution 2024-19, Approving A Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 and Setting a Public Hearing Thereon Pursuant to Florida Law; Addressing Transmittal, Posting and Publication Requirements; Addressing Severability; and Providing for an **Effective Date**

Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2024-19 and the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 budget, which is Landowner-funded, with expenses funded as incurred.

On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-19, Approving A Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 and Setting a Public Hearing Thereon Pursuant to Florida Law on February 20, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., at Hilton Garden Inn Tampa-Wesley Chapel, 26640 Silver Maple Parkway, Wesley Chapel, Florida 33544; Addressing Transmittal, Posting and Publication Requirements; Addressing Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.

B. Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget Funding Agreement

Mr. Adams presented the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget Funding Agreement.

On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor, the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget Funding Agreement with Galvin-Harris Land Services LLC, was approved.

- C. Resolution 2024-20, 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
 - Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2024-20.

On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-20, 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, was adopted.

D. Resolution 2024-21, Authorizing the Disbursement of Funds for Payment of Certain Continuing Expenses Without Prior Approval of the Board of Supervisors; Authorizing the Disbursement of Funds for Payment of Certain Non-Continuing Expenses Without

383		Prior Approval of the Board of Supervisors; Providing for a Monetary Threshold; and
384		Providing for an Effective Date
385		Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2024-21 and discussed the processes for unbudgeted
386	emer	gency expenses.
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388 389 390 391 392 393 394		On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-21, Authorizing the Disbursement of Funds for Payment of Certain Continuing Expenses Without Prior Approval of the Board of Supervisors; Authorizing the Disbursement of Funds for Payment of Certain Non-Continuing Expenses Without Prior Approval of the Board of Supervisors; Providing for a Monetary Threshold; and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.
396 397	E.	Resolution 2024-22, Adopting a Policy for Reimbursement of District Travel Expenses;
398		and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date
399		Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2024-22.
400		Wil. Addits presented resolution 2024-22.
401 402 403 404		On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-22, Adopting a Policy for Reimbursement of District Travel Expenses; and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date, was adopted.
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406	F.	Resolution 2024-23, Adopting Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures Pursuant to
407		Chapter 218, Florida Statutes; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an
408		Effective Date
409		Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2024-23.
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411 412 413 414		On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-23, Adopting Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures Pursuant to Chapter 218, Florida Statutes; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.
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417	G.	Resolution 2024-24, Adopting an Internal Controls Policy Consistent with Section
418		218.33, Florida Statutes; Providing an Effective Date
419		Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2024-24.
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421 422 423		On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-24, Adopting an Internal Controls Policy Consistent with Section 218.33, Florida Statutes; Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.
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426	H.	Resolution 2024-25, Authorizing a Direct Purchasing Agent and Related Work
427		Authorization; Approving the Form of a Purchase Requisition Request; Approving the
428		Form of a Purchase Order; Approving the Form of a Certificate of Entitlement;
429		Authorizing the Purchase of Insurance; Providing a Severability Clause; And Providing
430		an Effective Date
431		Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2024-25.
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433 434 435 436 437 438		On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-25, Authorizing a Direct Purchasing Agent and Related Work Authorization; Approving the Form of a Purchase Requisition Request; Approving the Form of a Purchase Order; Approving the Form of a Certificate of Entitlement; Authorizing the Purchase of Insurance; Providing a Severability Clause; And Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.
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440 441	I.	Consideration of E-Verify Memo with MOU
442		Mr. Adams presented E-Verify information related to the requirement for all employers
443	to ver	ify employment eligibility utilizing the E-Verify System and for the CDD to enroll with E-
444	Verify	and execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with E-Verify.
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446 447 448 449		On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor, acknowledging the E-Verify requirements, as set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding, and authorizing enrollment and utilization of the E-Verify program, was approved.

452	BOND	FINANCING ITEMS			
453 454 455	NINTH	ORDER OF BUSINESS Consideration of the Following Financing Related Items:	Bond		
456	A.	Bond Financing Team Funding Agreement			
457		Mr. Adams presented the Bond Financing Team Funding Agreement.			
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459 460 461 462		On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor, the Bond Financing Team Funding Agreement with Galvin-Harris Land Services LLC, as presented, was approved.			
463 464	В.	Engagement of Bond Financing Professionals			
465		Mr. Earlywine presented the following Agreements:			
466		I. Underwriter/Investment Banker: FMSbonds, Inc.			
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468 469 470		On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor, the FMSbonds, Inc., Agreement for Underwriter Services and G-17 Disclosure, was approved.			
471 472 473 474		II. Bond Counsel: Greenberg Traurig, PA			
475 476 477		On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor, the Greenberg Traurig, P.A., Engagement Letter for Bond Counsel Services, was approved.			
478 479 480 481		III. Trustee, Paying Agent and Registrar: US Bank, NA	.		
482 483 484 485		On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor, the US Bank, NA Engagement Letter to serve as Trustee, Paying Agent and Registrar, was approved.			

C. Resolution 2024-26, 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

Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2024-26 and read the title.

On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-26, Designating a Date, Time, and Location of February 20, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., at the Hilton Garden Inn Tampa-Wesley Chapel, 26640 Silver Maple Parkway, Wesley Chapel, Florida 33544 for 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, was adopted.

D. Presentation of Master Engineer's Report

Because of the Boundary Amendment, Mr. Earlywine suggested approving certain items needed to start the bond validation process but delaying proceeding with the Uniform Method and matters related to the assessment process.

Mr. Earlywine stated that the Engineer's Report is in flux because of the boundary amendment and the unit count changing. He reviewed the Product Type Chart on Page 1 and noted unit counts for the existing boundaries.

Discussion ensued regarding the unit counts and what the unit counts will be after the Boundary Amendment.

Mr. Earlywine felt that only the total number of units after the Boundary Amendment are needed for validation purposes and recommended reflecting development of 2,293 residential units, once expanded.

Mr. Bennett stated that the Post Boundary Exhibits to the Report need to be changed.

On MOTION by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Noordstar, with all in favor, the Master Engineer's Report dated November 2023, in substantial form for bond validation purposes, were approved.

E. Presentation of Special Assessment Methodology Report

Mr. Adams reviewed the pertinent information in the Master Special Assessment Methodology Report dated November 27, 2023 and noted that further updates will be made to reflect the recent changes to the Engineer's Report.

On MOTION by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Noordstar, with all in favor, the Master Special Assessment Methodology Report dated November 27, 2023, in substantial form, was approved.

F. Resolution 2024-27, Declaring Special Assessments; Designating the Nature and Location of the Proposed Improvements; Declaring the Total Estimated Cost of the Improvements, the Portion to be Paid By Assessments, and the Manner and Timing in Which the Assessments are to Be Paid; Designating the Lands Upon Which the Assessments Shall Be Levied; Providing for an Assessment Plat and a Preliminary Assessment Roll; Addressing the Setting of Public Hearings; Providing for Publication of this Resolution; and Addressing Conflicts, Severability and an Effective Date This item was deferred.

G. Resolution 2024-28, Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$179,520,000

Aggregate Principal Amount of Harvest Hills Community Development District Special

Assessment Bonds, in One or More Series to Pay All or a Portion of the Costs of the

Planning, Financing, Construction and/or Acquisition of Public Infrastructure
Improvements Including, but Not Limited to Entry Features and Signage, Stormwater

Facilities, Water and Sewer Facilities, Recreation Facilities and Road Construction, and

Associated Professional Fees and Incidental Costs Related thereto Pursuant to Chapter

190, Florida Statutes, as Amended; Appointing a Trustee; Approving the Form of and

Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Master Trust Indenture; Providing that

Such Bonds Shall Not Constitute a Debt, Liability or Obligation of Harvest Hills Community Development District, Pasco County, Florida, or the State of Florida or of Any Political Subdivision Thereof, but Shall Be Payable from Special Assessments Assessed and Levied on the Property Within the District Benefited by the Improvements and Subject to Assessment; Providing for the Judicial Validation of Such Bonds; and Providing for Other Related Matters

Ms. Bligh presented Resolution 2024-28, which accomplishes the following:

Authorizes issuance of a not to exceed \$179,520,000 aggregate principal amount of bonds.

Ms. Bligh stated the not-to-exceed amount is based on the Master Special Assessment Methodology and, if this changes, she will provide split pages to reflect that for validation purposes. A Delegation Resolution will be presented in the future, which will outline the Series of bonds the CDD intends to issue.

- Chapter 190 requires any bonds to be secured by a Trust Agreement for certain projects.
- Authorizes and approves the execution and delivery of the Master Indenture and is an Exhibit to the Resolution.
- The project related to the District's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and described in the Engineer's Report is described in Schedule I of the Resolution.

Ms. Bligh stated that she will provide split pages to reflect the most up-to-date Cost Table from the Engineer's Report.

- 570 Appoints US Bank Trust Company, National Association, as the Trustee.
- 571 Authorizes and directs District Counsel and Bound Counsel to file for bond validation.

On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Bennett, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-28, Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$179,520,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of Harvest Hills Community Development District Special Assessment Bonds, in One or More Series to Pay All or a Portion of the Costs of the Planning, Financing, Construction and/or Acquisition of Public Infrastructure Improvements Including, but Not Limited to Entry Features and Signage, Stormwater Facilities, Water and Sewer Facilities, Recreation Facilities and Road Construction, and Associated Professional Fees and Incidental Costs Related thereto Pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as Amended;

Appointing a Trustee; Approving the Form of and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Master Trust Indenture; Providing that Such Bonds Shall Not Constitute a Debt, Liability or Obligation of Harvest Hills Community Development District, Pasco County, Florida, or the State of Florida or of Any Political Subdivision Thereof, but Shall Be Payable from Special Assessments Assessed and Levied on the Property Within the District Benefited by the Improvements and Subject to Assessment; Providing for the Judicial Validation of Such Bonds; and Providing for Other Related Matters, was adopted.

CONSTRUCTION ITEMS

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Consideration of the Following Construction Related Items:

Mr. Earlywine presented the following:

- 597 A. Acquisition Agreement
- 598 B. Temporary Construction and Access Easement Agreement

Mr. Bennett asked Mr. Earlywine to defer recording the Temporary Construction and Access Easement Agreement until the Boundary Amendment is approved.

On MOTION by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Noordstar, with all in favor, the Acquisition Agreement and Temporary Construction and Access Easement Agreement, both in substantial form, were approved.

BOUNDARY AMENDMENT ITEMS

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Consideration of the Following Boundary Amendment Related Items

Mr. Earlywine stated that the County might have an issue with the western-most parcel, if so, he is prepared to provide information supporting the boundary amendment. He presented the following:

Resolution 2024-29, Directing the Chairman and District Staff to Request the Passage
of an Ordinance by the Board of County Commissioners of Pasco County, Florida,
Amending the District's Boundaries, and Authorizing Such Other Actions as are
Necessary in Furtherance of that Process; and Providing an Effective Date

618		A.	Consideration of Boundary A	mendment Funding Agreement
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629 630 631	TWEL	FTH O	RDER OF BUSINESS	Approval of June 6, 2023 Landowners' Meeting Minutes
632 633 634			•	conded by Mr. Noordstar, with all in favor, ng Minutes, as presented, were approved.
635 636 637	THIRT	EENTH	I ORDER OF BUSINESS	Staff Reports
638	A.	Distr	ict Counsel: Kutak Rock LLP	
639	В.	Distr	ict Engineer (Interim): LevelUp	Consulting, LLC
640	C.	Distr	ict Manager: Wrathell, Hunt and	d Associates, LLC
641		Ther	e were no Staff reports.	
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November 27, 2023

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STAFF REPORTS

HARVEST HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

LOCATION

Hilton Garden Inn Tampa-Wesley Chapel 26640 Silver Maple Parkway, Wesley Chapel, Florida 33544

DATE	POTENTIAL DISCUSSION/FOCUS	TIME
December 19, 2023 CANCELED	Regular Meeting	5:00 PM
January 16, 2024 CANCELED	Regular Meeting	5:00 PM
February 20, 2024	Regular Meeting	11:00 AM
March 19, 2024	Regular Meeting	11:00 AM
April 16, 2024	Regular Meeting	11:00 AM
May 21, 2024	Regular Meeting	5:00 PM
June 18, 2024	Regular Meeting	11:00 AM
July 16, 2024	Regular Meeting	11:00 AM
August 20, 2024	Regular Meeting	11:00 AM
September 17, 2024	Regular Meeting	5:00 PM