

THE WINSTON

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

March 31, 2026

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

PUBLIC HEARINGS, REGULAR MEETING AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

THE WINSTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

AGENDA
LETTER

The Winston Community Development District
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W•Boca Raton, Florida 33431
Phone: (561) 571-0010•Toll-free: (877) 276-0889•Fax: (561) 571-0013

March 31, 2026

Board of Supervisors
The Winston Community Development District

Dear Board Members:

The Board of Supervisors of The Winston Community Development District will hold Public Hearings, a Regular Meeting and an Audit Committee Meeting on March 31, 2026 at 11:15 a.m., at the Villages Public Library at Pinellas Plaza, 7375 Powell Rd., Conference Room 162, Wildwood, Florida 34785. The agenda is as follows:

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comments
3. Administration of Oath of Office to Elected Supervisors Rachel Beren [Seat 3] and Motty Segal [Seat 4] (*the following to be provided in a separate package*)
 - A. Required Ethics Training and Disclosure Filing
 - Sample Form 1 2023/Instructions
 - B. Membership, Obligations and Responsibilities
 - C. Guide to Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees
 - D. Form 8B: Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal and other Local Public Officers
4. Ratification of Resolution 2026-01, Electing Certain Officers of the District, and Providing for an Effective Date
5. Public Hearing Confirming the Intent of the District to Use the Uniform Method of Levy, Collection and Enforcement of Non-Ad Valorem Assessments as Authorized and Permitted by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes; Expressing the Need for the Levy of Non-Ad Valorem Assessments and Setting Forth the Legal Description of the Real Property Within the District's Jurisdictional Boundaries that May or Shall Be Subject to the Levy of District Non-Ad Valorem Assessments; Providing for Severability; Providing for Conflict and Providing for an Effective Date

ATTENDEES:

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

- A. Affidavit/Proof of Publication
 - B. Consideration of Resolution 2026-35, Expressing its Intent to Utilize the Uniform Method of Levying, Collecting, and Enforcing Non-Ad Valorem Assessments Which May Be Levied by The Winston Community Development District in Accordance with Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date
6. Public Hearing to Consider the Adoption of an Assessment Roll and the Imposition of Special Assessments Relating to the Financing and Securing of Certain Public Improvements
- *Hear testimony from the affected property owners as to the propriety and advisability of making the improvements and funding them with special assessments on the property.*
 - *Thereafter, the governing authority shall meet as an equalizing board to hear any and all complaints as to the special assessments on a basis of justice and right.*
- A. Affidavit/Proof of Publication
 - B. Mailed Notice to Property Owner(s)
 - C. Engineer's Report *(for informational purposes)*
 - D. Master Special Assessment Methodology Report *(for informational purposes)*
 - E. Consideration of Resolution 2026-36, Making Certain Findings; Authorizing a Capital Improvement Plan; Adopting an Engineer's Report; Providing an Estimated Cost of Improvements; Adopting an Assessment Report; Equalizing, Approving, Confirming and Levying Debt Assessments; Addressing the Finalization of Special Assessments; Addressing the Payment of Debt Assessments and the Method of Collection; Providing for the Allocation of Debt Assessments and True-Up Payments; Addressing Government Property, and Transfers of Property to Units of Local, State and Federal Government; Authorizing an Assessment Notice; and Providing for Severability, Conflicts and 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 2026-37, Adopting Rules of Procedure; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date
8. Public Hearing on Adoption of Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget

- A. Proof/Affidavit of Publication
 - B. Consideration of Resolution 2026-38, Relating to the Annual Appropriations and Adopting the Budget(s) for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2025, and Ending September 30, 2026; Authorizing Budget Amendments; and Providing an Effective Date
9. Consideration of Resolution 2026-39, Approving a Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and Setting a Public Hearing Thereon Pursuant to Florida Law; Addressing Transmittal, Posting and Publication Requirements; Addressing Severability; and Providing an Effective Date
 10. Recess Regular Meeting/Commencement of Audit Selection Committee Meeting
 11. Review of Responses to Request for Proposals (RFP) for Annual Audit Services
 - A. Affidavit of Publication
 - B. RFP Package
 - C. Respondent(s)
 - I. Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank
 - II. DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A.
 - III. Grau & Associates
 - IV. McIntosh CPA
 - 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 Response(s) to Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering Services
 - A. Affidavit of Publication
 - B. RFQ Package
 - C. Respondent: *AE Group*
 - D. Competitive Selection Criteria/Ranking
 - E. Award of Contract

15. Consideration of Resolution 2026-09, Designating the Location of the Local District Records Office and Providing an Effective Date
16. Consideration of Resolution 2026-17, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular Meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and Providing for an Effective Date
17. Consideration of Resolution 2026-40, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular Meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and Providing for an Effective Date
18. Consideration of Resolution 2026-24, 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
19. Consideration of Resolution 2026-25, 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
20. Consideration of Resolution 2026-26, Adopting a Policy for Reimbursement of District Travel Expenses; and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date
21. Consideration of Resolution 2026-27, Adopting Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures Pursuant to Chapter 218, Florida Statutes; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date
22. Consideration of Resolution 2026-28, Adopting an Internal Controls Policy Consistent with Section 218.33, Florida Statutes; Providing an Effective Date
23. Consideration of the Following Project Related Items:
 - A. Acquisition Agreement
 - B. Temporary Construction Easement
24. Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of February 28, 2026
25. Approval of Minutes
 - A. January 29, 2026 Landowners' Meeting
 - B. January 29, 2026 Organizational Meeting

26. Staff Reports

- A. District Counsel: *Kutak Rock LLP*
- B. District Engineer (Interim): *AE Group*
- C. District Manager: *Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC*

- Property Insurance on Vertical Assets
- Form 1 Submission and Ethics Training
- Hardcopy Agendas vs Tablets
- NEXT MEETING DATE: TBD

○ QUORUM CHECK

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| SEAT 1 | JACOB BEREN | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON | <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| SEAT 2 | KIRSTAN JONES | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON | <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| SEAT 3 | RACHEL BEREN | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON | <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| SEAT 4 | MOTTY SEGAL | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON | <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| SEAT 5 | JON SMITH | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON | <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |

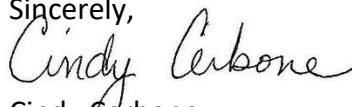
- Performance Measures/Standards & Annual Reporting Form (*for informational purposes*)

27. Board Members' Comments/Requests

28. Public Comments

29. Adjournment

If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (561) 346-5294 or Jamie Sanchez at (561) 512-9027.

Sincerely,

 Cindy Carbone
 District Manager

FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF TO ATTEND BY TELEPHONE
CALL-IN NUMBER: 1-888-354-0094
PARTICIPANT PASSCODE: 801 901 3513

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RESOLUTION 2026-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ELECTING CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, The Winston Community Development District (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District desires to elect and designate certain Officers of the District.

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

SECTION 1. **Jacob Beren** is Chair.

SECTION 2. **Kirstan Jones** is Vice Chair.

SECTION 3. **Craig Wrathell** is Secretary.

 Rachel Beren is Assistant Secretary.

 Motty Segal is Assistant Secretary.

 Jon Smith is Assistant Secretary.

 Jamie Sanchez is Assistant Secretary.

 Cindy Cerbone is Assistant Secretary.

SECTION 4. **Craig Wrathell** is Treasurer.

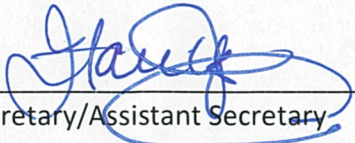
 Jeffrey Pinder is Assistant Treasurer.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of January, 2026.

ATTEST:

**THE WINSTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**



Secretary/Assistant Secretary



Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

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The Villages[®] DAILY SUN

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Affidavit of Publication

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared **ALLAN LOVELL** who on oath says that he or she is Legal Ad Coordinator of the Villages DAILY SUN, a daily newspaper published in Sumter County, Florida with circulation in Lake, Sumter and Marion Counties; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Legal Ad in the matter of **NOTICE OF INTENT**

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was published in said newspaper in the issues of

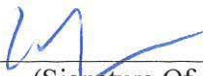
March 3, 2026

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March 24, 2026

Affiant further says that the Daily Sun is a newspaper that complies with all legal requirements for publication in chapter 50, Florida Statutes.



(Signature Of Affiant)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24
day March 2026

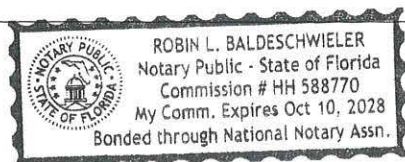


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THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT'S NOTICE OF THE DISTRICT'S INTENT TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTION OF NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of The Winston Community Development District ("District") intends to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments to be levied by the District pursuant to Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. The Board of Supervisors of the District will conduct a public hearing on March 31, 2026 at 11:15 a.m. at the Villages Public Library at Pinellas Plaza, 7375 Powell Rd., Conference Room 162, Wildwood, Florida 34785.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the adoption of a resolution authorizing the District to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments ("Uniform Method") to be levied by the District on properties located on land included in, or to be added to, the District.

The District may levy non-ad valorem special assessments for the purpose of financing, acquiring, maintaining and/or operating community development facilities, services, and improvements within and without the boundaries of the District, to consist of, among other things, roadway improvements, utility improvements, stormwater management facilities, landscape and irrigation improvements, and/or any other lawful improvements or services of the District.

Owners of the properties to be assessed and other interested parties may appear at the public hearing and be heard regarding the use of the Uniform Method. This hearing is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. The public hearing may be continued to a date, time, and location to be specified on the record at the hearing. There may be occasions when Supervisors or District Staff may participate by speaker telephone.

Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in the hearing and/or meeting is asked to contact the District Manager's office at c/o Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, 561-571-0010, at least forty-eight (48) hours before the hearing and/or meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771 who can aid you 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 hearing is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

District Manager

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March 3, 2026

March 10, 2026

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RESOLUTION 2026-35

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT EXPRESSING ITS INTENT TO UTILIZE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF LEVYING, COLLECTING, AND ENFORCING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS WHICH MAY BE LEVIED BY THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 197.3632, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Winston Community Development District (“District”) was established pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, which authorizes the District to levy certain assessments which include benefit and maintenance assessments and further authorizes the District to levy special assessments pursuant to Chapter 170, Florida Statutes, for the acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of assessable improvements authorized by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the above referenced assessments are non-ad valorem in nature and, therefore, may be collected under the provisions of Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, in which the State of Florida has provided a uniform method for the levying, collecting, and enforcing such non-ad valorem assessments; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, the District has caused notice of a public hearing to be advertised weekly in a newspaper of general circulation within Sumter County, Florida, for four (4) consecutive weeks prior to such hearing.

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

SECTION 1. The District upon conducting its public hearing as required by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, hereby expresses its intent to use the uniform method of collecting assessments imposed by the District as provided in Chapters 170 and 190, Florida Statutes, each of which are non-ad valorem assessments which may be collected annually pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, for the purpose of paying principal and interest on any and all of its indebtedness and for the purpose of paying the cost of operating and maintaining its assessable improvements. The legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to a levy of assessments is attached and made a part of this Resolution as **Exhibit A**. The non-ad valorem assessments and the District’s use of the uniform method of collecting its non-ad valorem assessment(s) may continue in any given year when the Board of Supervisors determines that use of the uniform method for that year is in the best interests of the District.

SECTION 2. The District’s Secretary is authorized to provide the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector of Sumter County, Florida, and the Department of Revenue of the State of Florida with a copy of this Resolution and enter into any agreements with the Property Appraiser and/or Tax Collector necessary to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 31st day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

**THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

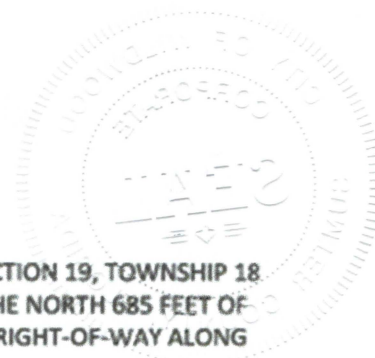
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Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Legal Description

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EXHIBIT A



PARCEL 1:

THE WEST 905.88 FEET OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF THE N.W. 1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA; EXCEPT THE NORTH 685 FEET OF THE WEST 660 FEET THEREOF. AND EXCEPT 25 FEET FOR ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY FOR COUNTY ROAD NO. 214.

TOGETHER WITH:

THE EAST 282.91 FEET OF THE NORTH 685 FEET OF THE WEST 660 FEET OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF THE N.W. 1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXCEPT THE NORTH 25 FEET THEREOF FOR ROAD RIGHT OF WAY FOR COUNTY ROAD NO. 214.

PARCEL 2:

THE N.W. 1/4 OF THE N.E. 1/4, AND THE N.E. 1/4 OF THE N.W. 1/4, AND THE EAST 60.00 FEET OF THE S.W. 1/4 OF THE N.E. 1/4, OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA,

EXCEPT THE WEST 905 FEET OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF THE N.W. 1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA. AND EXCEPT ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY FOR COUNTY ROAD NO. 214 AND ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY FOR COUNTY ROAD NO. 216.

PARCEL 3:

A PORTION OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT THE S.E. CORNER OF THE S.W. 1/4 OF THE N.E. 1/4; THENCE RUN NORTH 440 YARDS; THENCE WEST 320 YARDS; THENCE SOUTH 440 YARDS; THENCE EAST TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPT THE EAST 60 FEET THEREOF.

AND

EXCEPT A PORTION OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE N.W. CORNER OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 19;
THENCE S89°50'05"E ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID N.E. 1/4, A DISTANCE OF 363.00

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FEET; THENCE $S00^{\circ}05'34''E$, PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID N.E. 1/4, A DISTANCE OF 1329.82 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 1320 FEET (440 YARDS) OF THE N.E. 1/4 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE $S00^{\circ}05'34''E$, A DISTANCE OF 1320.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID N.E. 1/4; THENCE $S89^{\circ}53'17''E$, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 630.00 FEET; THENCE $N00^{\circ}05'34''W$, PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID N.E. 1/4, A DISTANCE OF 1320.00 FEET; THENCE $N89^{\circ}53'17''W$, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE OF SOUTH 1320 FEET OF SAID N.E. 1/4, A DISTANCE OF 630.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY FOR COUNTY ROAD NO. 216.

APPROXIMATELY 83.16 ACRES IN TOTAL.

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Affidavit of Publication

Before the undersigned authority personally
Appeared **Amber Sevison** who on oath says that
he or she is Legal Ad Coordinator of the Villages
DAILY SUN, a daily newspaper published in
Sumter County, Florida with circulation in Lake,
Sumter and Marion Counties; that the attached
copy of advertisement, being a Legal Ad # **01294662**
in the matter of

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

was published in said newspaper in the issues of

MARCH 2, 2026
MARCH 9, 2026

Affiant further says that the Daily Sun is a newspaper
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chapter 50, Florida Statutes.



(Signature Of Affiant)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9

day March, 2026.

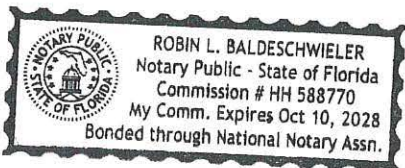


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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS TO CONSIDER THE IMPOSITION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 170.07 AND 197.3632, FLORIDA STATUTES, BY THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

In accordance with Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*, the Winston Community Development District's ("District") Board of Supervisors ("Board") hereby provides notice of the following public hearings and public meeting:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

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| DATE: | March 31, 2026 |
| TIME: | 11:15 a.m. |
| LOCATION: | The Villages Public Library at Pinellas Plaza 7375 Powell Road, Conference Room 162 Wildwood, Florida 34785 |

The purpose of the public hearings announced above is to consider the imposition of special assessments ("Debt Assessments"), and adoption of assessment rolls to secure proposed bonds, on benefited lands within the District, and, to provide for the levy, collection and enforcement of the Debt Assessments. The proposed bonds secured by the Debt Assessments are intended to finance certain public infrastructure improvements, including, but not limited to, stormwater management, water and sewer utilities, landscape, irrigation, lighting, and other infrastructure improvements (together, "Project"), benefitting certain lands within the District. The Project is described in more detail in the *Engineer's Report ("Engineer's Report")*. Specifically, the Project includes a Capital Improvement Plan to provide public infrastructure benefitting all lands within the District, as identified in the *Engineer's Report*. The Debt Assessments are proposed to be levied as one or more assessment liens and allocated to the benefitted lands within the District, as set forth in the *Master Special Assessment Methodology Report ("Assessment Report")*. At the conclusion of the public hearings, the Board will, by resolution, levy and impose assessments as finally approved by the Board. A special meeting of the District will also be held where the Board may consider any other business that may properly come before it.

The site consists of approximately 83.16 acres, and is generally located between County Road 214 and County Road 216 and West of U.S. 301. A geographic depiction of the District is shown below. All lands within the District are expected to be improved in accordance with the reports identified above.

A description of the property to be assessed and the amount to be assessed to each piece or parcel of property may be ascertained at the "District's Office" located at c/o Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 (877)276-0889. Also, a copy of the agendas and other documents referenced herein may be obtained from the District Office.

Proposed Debt Assessments

The proposed Debt Assessments are in the total principal amount of \$21,105,000 (not including interest or collection costs), and are as follows:

| Product Type | Number of Units | ERU | Maximum Principal Bond Assessments per Unit | Maximum Annual Bond Assessments per Unit |
|--------------|-----------------|-----|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| SF 40' | 128 | 0.8 | \$62,672.61 | \$5,922.39 |
| SF 50' | 167 | 1.0 | \$78,340.76 | \$7,402.99 |

*Amount includes principal only, and not interest or collect costs

**Amount includes estimated 2% County collection costs and 4% early payment discounts

The assessments shall be paid in not more than thirty (30) annual installments subsequent to the issuance of debt to finance the improvements. These annual assessments will be collected on the County tax roll by the Tax Collector. Alternatively, the District may choose to directly collect and enforce these assessments.

The public hearings and meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with Florida law. The public hearings and meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record. There may be occasions when staff or board members may participate by speaker telephone. Any person requiring special accommodations because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District 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 Office.

Please note that all affected property owners have the right to appear and comment at the public hearings and meeting, and may also file written objections with the District Office within twenty (20) days of issuance of this notice. Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the public hearings 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

RESOLUTION 2026-33

[MASTER DEBT ASSESSMENT DECLARING RESOLUTION]

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE WINSTON 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 Winston 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 ("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*, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, incorporated herein by reference, and on file with the District Manager at c/o Wrathell, Hunt & 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 WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

- 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.
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- 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.

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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.

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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: | March 31, 2026 |
| TIME: | 11:15 a.m. |
| LOCATION: | The Villages Public Library at Pinellas Plaza 7375 Powell Road, Conference Room 162 Wildwood, Florida 34785 |

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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of January, 2026.

ATTEST: **WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

/s/ Jamie Sanchez
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

/s/ Jacob Beren
Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: District *Engineer's Report*

Exhibit B: *Master Special Assessment Methodology Report*



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS TO CONSIDER THE IMPOSITION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 170.07 AND 197.3632, FLORIDA STATUTES, BY THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

In accordance with Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*, the Winston Community Development District's ("District") Board of Supervisors ("Board") hereby provides notice of the following public hearings and public meeting:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

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The purpose of the public hearings announced above is to consider the imposition of special assessments ("Debt Assessments"), and adoption of assessment rolls to secure proposed bonds, on benefited lands within the District, and, to provide for the levy, collection and enforcement of the Debt Assessments. The proposed bonds secured by the Debt Assessments are intended to finance certain public infrastructure improvements, including, but not limited to, stormwater management, water and sewer utilities, landscape, irrigation, lighting, and other infrastructure improvements (together, "Project"), benefitting certain lands within the District. The Project is described in more detail in the *Engineer's Report* ("Engineer's Report"). Specifically, the Project includes a Capital Improvement Plan to provide public infrastructure benefitting all lands within the District, as identified in the *Engineer's Report*. The Debt Assessments are proposed to be levied as one or more assessment liens and allocated to the benefitted lands within the District, as set forth in the *Master Special Assessment Methodology Report* ("Assessment Report"). At the conclusion of the public hearings, the Board will, by resolution, levy and impose assessments as finally approved by the Board. A special meeting of the District will also be held where the Board may consider any other business that may properly come before it.

The site consists of approximately 83.16 acres, and is generally located between County Road 214 and County Road 216 and West of U.S. 301. A geographic depiction of the District is shown below. All lands within the District are expected to be improved in accordance with the reports identified above.

A description of the property to be assessed and the amount to be assessed to each piece or parcel of property may be ascertained at the "District's Office" located at c/o Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 (877)276-0889. Also, a copy of the agendas and other documents referenced herein may be obtained from the District Office.

Proposed Debt Assessments

The proposed Debt Assessments are in the total principal amount of \$21,105,000 (not including interest or collection costs), and are as follows:

| Product Type | Number of Units | ERU | Maximum Principal Bond Assessments per Unit | Maximum Annual Bond Assessments per Unit |
|--------------|-----------------|-----|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| SF 40' | 128 | 0.8 | \$62,672.61 | \$5,922.39 |
| SF 50' | 167 | 1.0 | \$78,340.76 | \$7,402.99 |

*Amount includes principal only, and not interest or collect costs

**Amount includes estimated 2% County collection costs and 4% early payment discounts

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District Manager

RESOLUTION 2026-33

[MASTER DEBT ASSESSMENT DECLARING RESOLUTION]

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE WINSTON 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 Winston 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* ("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*, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, incorporated herein by reference, and on file with the District Manager at c/o Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 ("District Records Office");

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/s/ Jamie Sanchez
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

/s/ Jacob Beren
Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

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THE WINSTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF PALM BEACH)

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, this day personally appeared Curtis Marcoux, who by me first being duly sworn and deposed says:

1. I am over eighteen (18) years of age and am competent to testify as to the matters contained herein. I have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein.
2. I, Curtis Marcoux, am employed by Wrathell Hunt & Associates, LLC, and, in the course of that employment, serve as Financial Analyst for the Winston Community Development District ("District").
3. Among other things, my duties include preparing and transmitting correspondence relating to the District.
4. I do hereby certify that on February 27, 2026, and in the regular course of business, I caused letters, in the forms attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, to be sent notifying affected landowner(s) in the District of their rights under Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*, with respect to the District's anticipated imposition of assessments. I further certify that the letters were sent to the addressees identified in **Exhibit B** and in the manner identified in **Exhibit A**.
5. I have personal knowledge of having sent the letters to the addressees, and those records are kept in the course of the regular business activity for my office.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


By: Curtis Marcoux

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED before me by means of physical presence or online notarization this 27th day of February 2026, by Curtis Marcoux, for Wrathell Hunt & Associates, LLC, who is personally known to me or has provided _____ as identification, and who did or did not take an oath.



DAPHNE GILLYARD
Notary Public
State of Florida
Comm# HH390392
Expires 8/20/2027

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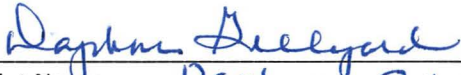

Print Name: Daphne Gillyard
Notary Public, State of Florida
Commission No.: HH390392
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EXHIBIT A: Copies of Forms of Mailed Notices
EXHIBIT B: List of Addressee

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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER**

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Via First Class U.S. Mail

February 27, 2026

GREEN GARDENS 42 LLC
1192 ARCADIA DRIVE
TOMS RIVER, NJ 08755

Property Appraiser PINs: D19-113, D19-007, D19-006, D19-112

**RE: *The Winston Community Development District (“District”)
 Notice of Hearings on Debt Assessments***

Dear Property Owner:

In accordance with Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*, the District’s Board of Supervisors (“**Board**”) hereby provides notice of the following public hearings, and public meeting:

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The Debt Assessments constitute a lien against benefitted property located within the District just as do each year's property taxes. For the Debt Assessments, the District may elect to have the County Tax Collector collect the assessments, or alternatively may collect the assessments by sending out an annual bill. For delinquent assessments that were initially directly billed by the District, the District may initiate a foreclosure action or may place the delinquent assessments on the next year's county tax bill. IT IS IMPORTANT TO PAY YOUR ASSESSMENT BECAUSE FAILURE TO PAY WILL CAUSE A TAX CERTIFICATE TO BE ISSUED AGAINST THE PROPERTY WHICH MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF TITLE, OR FOR DIRECT BILLED ASSESSMENTS, MAY RESULT IN A FORECLOSURE ACTION, WHICH ALSO MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF TITLE. The District's decision to collect assessments on the tax roll or by direct billing does not preclude the District from later electing to collect those or other assessments in a different manner at a future time.

The site consists of approximately 83.16 acres, and is generally located between County Road 214 and County Road 216 and west of U.S. 301. All lands within the District are expected to be improved in accordance with the reports identified above. A geographic description of the property to be assessed and the amount to be assessed to each piece or parcel of property may be ascertained at the "**District's Office**" located at c/o Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 (877) 276-0889. Also, a copy of the agendas and other documents referenced herein may be obtained from the District Office.

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Sincerely,



Jamie Sanchez
District Manager

ATTACHMENTS: Engineer's Report and Assessment Report (with Legal Descriptions of Lands)

THE WINSTON

Community Development District

Prepared for:

Board of Supervisors

The Winston CDD

January 29th, 2026

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1.0 Introduction

The Winston Community Development District (CDD) is located within the City of Wildwood in Section 19, Township 18 South, Range 23 East, Sumter County, Florida. The development is between County Road 214 and County Road 216 and approximately 1500' West of U.S. 301 with a total project area of 83.16 acres. A project location map is shown in Exhibit 1.

The site is zoned R-2, low-medium density residential. Its future land use is designated as low-medium density residential. See zoning map on Exhibit 2 and FLUM on Exhibit 3.

Creation of the CDD provides an efficient mechanism for managing and financing the public infrastructure associated with the planning and development of the CDD Improvement Plan including certain utilities, the stormwater management system, and amenities. It is anticipated that The Winston will be developed in a single phase.

2.0 Project Description

The CDD is composed of 83.16 acres, located in The City of Wildwood, Florida. The Winston project will be comprised primarily of 50' wide and 40' wide Single Family Detached homes with a mix of recreational/amenity spaces within the development and the associated stormwater, utility, and right of way infrastructure.

The proposed land uses for The Winston project are tabulated below:

| Land Use | Acres | Units | Square Feet (GSF) |
|-------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Single Family Detached | 40 | 40' Units = 127 50' Units = 168 | 1,742,526 |
| Amenity/Recreational | 4.09 | ---- | 178,160 |
| Stormwater Ponds | 16.49 | ---- | 718,304 |
| Right of Way | 12.22 | ---- | 532,303 |
| Open Space ¹ | 20.71 | ---- | 902,127 |

1. Open Space is defined as tree preservation, green space, amenities with no conditioned structures, and 50% of stormwater facilities up to 50% of the requirement.

2.1 The CDD

The CDD will be a single-use development consisting of single-family residences, a community recreation complex, and various neighborhood parks and pedestrian paths. In general, the development program within the CDD will consist of 127 40' and 168 50'(295 total) single-family homes and a community recreation space that includes bathrooms, a pool, and multiple acres of open space dedicated to neighborhood parks and pedestrian paths.

The Improvement Plan contained in this report reflects the present intentions of the CDD. However, the Improvement Plan may be subject to modification(s) in the future. The Winston CDD Boundary and legal description of lands are provided as Exhibit 4.

3.0 Proposed Improvements

3.1 General

All residential and recreational spaces within the CDD shall be benefitted by the construction of the infrastructure improvements proposed within the Improvement Plan and should be subject to assessment for the construction thereof.

3.2 The Winston Improvements

The CDD overall master development plan is provided as can be seen in Exhibit 7. The CDD presently intends to finance, design, and construct the Infrastructure Improvements within and adjacent to the CDD boundary. The Infrastructure Improvements include improvements to provide utility service to the CDD, which includes stormwater management facilities, water & wastewater. The Infrastructure Improvements shall also include internal roadways providing access to all the residential and recreational parcels, irrigation, electric, & street lighting to such parcels. The Infrastructure Improvements shall also include the construction of entry features to the CDD and off-site improvements to CR214 and CR216. The infrastructure consists of the following categories and estimated costs as further described herein.

3.2.1 Infrastructure Improvements

Stormwater Management Facilities

The CDD's stormwater system will be constructed as part of the Improvement Plan and consists of stormwater ponds to fully capture and treat stormwater runoff from all developed areas. This stormwater system is equipped with an emergency overflow structure to regulate the water level even during the most intense storms. The Stormwater Plan is included as Exhibit 5. The stormwater ponds and associated infrastructure in the Right of Way are in designated drainage tracts. The respective costs are set forth in the infrastructure cost opinion tables included herein.

The stormwater system improvements will include clearing and earthwork for storm sewer systems, treatment ponds, erosion control, structures & piping inside and outside of the right of way.

These improvements will all be constructed consistently with the specifications of The City of Wildwood and The Southwest Florida Water Management District. The stormwater system will remain under sole control and ownership of the CDD. The stormwater management plans will ensure that adequate stormwater management facilities are available to provide stormwater management capacity for the final development and to meet the regulatory requirements as listed below:

- Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD)
- City of Wildwood

The stormwater management plans will identify 25 and 100-year peak discharge rates and design high water levels. Prior to construction, the final design of the proposed stormwater drainage system for the CDD will be reviewed and approved by SWFWMD and the City of Wildwood. The drainage system will maintain existing drainage patterns to the greatest extent possible.

Utilities (Water Mains, Sanitary Mains, and Lift Stations)

The CDD intends to finance, design, and construct certain water and sewer facilities within and adjacent to the CDD boundary and to extend existing water and sewer services from their present location outside the boundary of the CDD to connect to improvements within the CDD. A Utility Map is included in this report as Exhibit 6. The Improvements will include the necessary piping, valving, fire hydrants, and appurtenances to provide potable water to the residences. The improvements will also include the necessary gravity sewer main pipes, manholes, cleanouts, lift stations & force mains to provide sanitary sewer service to the residences. These improvements will be designed and constructed to the City of Wildwood and/or DEP standards and will be owned and maintained by the City of Wildwood upon completion of construction and conveyance by the district.

Electric & Street Lighting

The Infrastructure Improvements will include a network of underground electric conduits, junction boxes, manholes and services to serve the CDD. The electrical power utility provider is responsible for the installation of electrical cable, switches, & transformers. Street lighting will also be provided by the electrical power utility provider. These improvements will be designed and constructed to the appropriate City of Wildwood standards.

Landscaping/Hardscape & Irrigation

The CDD intends to finance, design, and construct the landscaping, hardscape, & irrigation. The irrigation will be provided by potable water main. There are existing wells on-site with an existing consumptive use permit (CUP). These wells and the permit are being abandoned, and no further monitoring will be required. The landscape and hardscape will be owned and maintained by the CDD, however the potable water main and irrigation services will remain the City of Wildwood's up to the meter.

Roadways

The typical roadway section will include sidewalks on both sides of the road. Roadway improvements will consist of asphalt, curb & gutter, roadway base, and stabilized subgrade. Required roadway improvements will be designed and constructed to City of Wildwood standards. The roadways will be maintained and owned by the CDD upon completion of construction and conveyance by the CDD.

Amenities

The CDD intends to finance, design, and construct multiple amenity sites. Including but not limited to a pool & cabana, and various pedestrian walking paths. The amenity sites will be designed and constructed to City of Wildwood standards and will be owned and maintained by the CDD upon completion of construction and conveyance by the CDD.

Offsite Improvements

The CDD intends to finance, design, and construct the offsite improvements. These improvements include a turn lane expansion and striping on CR214, and road widening and striping on CR216.

Design, Engineering, Surveying, & Permitting

The CDD will pay permit fees, survey costs & engineering costs associated with the Infrastructure Improvements as part of the cost of performing such improvements.

3.2.2 Improvement Costs, Ownership & Maintenance

| IMPROVEMENT CATEGORY | INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT COST ESTIMATE | FUNDED BY | FINAL OWNER/MAINTENANCE ENTITY |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| Storm Water Management Facilities | \$3,600,000 | CDD | CDD |
| Roadways | \$1,900,000 | CDD | CDD |
| Water & Wastewater Systems | \$2,700,000 | CDD | CITY |
| Environmental/Wetland Mitigation | Negligible | CDD | CDD |
| Hardscaping, Landscape & Irrigation | \$1,200,000 | CDD | CDD/CITY |
| Amenities | \$2,000,000 | CDD | CDD |
| Offsite Improvements Road Improvements | \$580,000 | CDD | CITY/COUNTY |
| Professional Services & Permit Fees | \$1,800,000 | CDD | N/A |
| Contingency | \$1,400,000 | CDD | N/A |
| Total | \$15,180,000 | N/A | N/A |

Notes:

- a. The exact location of some of the facilities may change during approval and implementation. These changes will not diminish or alter the benefits to be received by the CDD, and any changes will result in the CDD receiving the same or greater benefits at no additional cost to the landowners. The CDD must retain the right to make reasonable adjustments in the plan to meet the requirements of governmental agencies while at the same time providing the same or greater benefits to the CDD. The plan presented herein has been prepared based upon both previous and current regulatory criteria. If substantial changes are necessary in the future, they should be addressed and included as an addendum to the plan. Infrastructure cost opinions are based upon preliminary opinions of probable construction costs based on the most recent set of construction plans dated March 17, 2025.
- b. The probable costs estimated herein do not include anticipated carrying cost, interest reserves or other anticipated CDD expenditures that may be incurred.
- c. The developer reserves the right to finance any of the improvements outlined above, and have such improvements owned and maintained by a property owner's or homeowner's association, in which case such items would not be part of the CIP.
- d. 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 Districts bond counsel.

3.3 Permit Status

Permits will be acquired in the normal course of development approvals. Permits from the following agencies will be required for the proposed improvements.

- FDEP Water & Sewer
- Environmental Resource Permit from SWFWMD
- Cancellation of existing Consumptive Use Permit through SWFWMD
- City of Wildwood Permits
- Sumter County Use Permit
- FDOT Roadway Permit
- FDOT Drainage Permit

3.3.1 State Permits

An Environmental Resource Permit and the cancellation of the existing CUP will be required to be issued by SWFWMD for the CDD's Improvement Plans. An FDOT Roadway permit and Drainage permit will be required for the off-site improvements, specifically the turn lanes at CR214 and US 301.

3.3.2 County Permits

A Sumter County Use permit will be required 120 days prior to construction for the off-site improvements on CR214 and CR216.

3.3.3 Utility Permits

Florida Department of Environmental Protection Permits are required for water and sewer for the CDD's Improvement Plan. City of Wildwood engineering permits are required prior to construction.

3.4 Construction Status

Construction has not yet begun. Construction documents are under design and permitting.

3.5 Jurisdiction of Federal, State, and Local Governments

During construction of the proposed improvements, federal, state, and local governmental entities and agencies, including but not limited to, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Department of Transportation, the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Sumter County, and the City of Wildwood retain jurisdiction over future land use and permitting matters associated with the proposed improvements. Any changes, modifications, additions or amendments to the development plan or the proposed improvements that would require the approval of or a permit from the government entity or agency having jurisdiction require the developer or CDD, as appropriate, to obtain such subsequent approvals from said governmental entity or agency. The developer and the CDD continue to be under the jurisdiction of such federal, state, and local government entities or agencies, in the future, for permitting purposes and other required authorizations with respect to the CDD's infrastructure improvements.

4.0 Engineer's Certification

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.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of The Winston CDD Improvement Plan.

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Date: January 29th, 2026

EXHIBIT 8

ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

- Estimated Permitting Completion February 30, 2026
- Estimated Start of Construction April 30, 2026
- Estimated Completion of Construction October 1, 2027

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

This Master Special Assessment Methodology Report (the "Report") was prepared to provide a master financing plan and a master special assessment methodology for The Winston Community Development District (the "District"), located entirely within the City of Wildwood, Sumter County, Florida (the "City"), as related to funding the costs of public infrastructure improvements (the "Capital Improvement Plan" or "CIP") contemplated to be provided by the District.

1.2 Scope of the Report

This Report presents the projections for financing the District's CIP described in The Winston Community Development District Engineer's Report prepared by Alann Engineering Group (the "District Engineer") and dated January 29, 2026, as may be amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Engineer's Report"), and this Report also describes the method for the allocation of special benefits and the apportionment of special assessment debt resulting from the provision and funding of the CIP.

1.3 Special Benefits and General Benefits

The improvements undertaken and funded by the District as part of the CIP create direct special and peculiar benefits to the assessable lands within its borders, different in kind and degree than general benefits for properties outside of its borders as well as general 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 direct and special and peculiar benefits which accrue to the assessable property within the District. The District's CIP 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 CIP. However, these benefits are only incidental since the CIP is designed solely to provide direct and special benefits peculiar to property within the District. Properties outside the District are not directly served by the CIP and do not depend upon the CIP to obtain or to maintain their development entitlements. This fact alone clearly distinguishes the direct special benefits which District properties receive compared to those lying outside of the District's boundaries.

The CIP 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 CIP. Even though the exact value of the benefits provided by the CIP 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 CIP 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 serves The Winston development (the “Development” or “The Winston”), a master planned residential development located entirely within the City of Wildwood, Sumter County, Florida. The land within the District consists of approximately 83.16 +/- acres and is generally located between County Road 214 and County Road 216 and approximately 1,500’ west of U.S. 301.

2.2 The Development Program

The development of The Winston is anticipated to be conducted by Green Gardens 42, LLC, or an affiliated entity (the “Developer”). Based upon the information provided by the Developer and the District Engineer, the current development plan envisions 127 Single-family 40’ units and 168 Single-family 50’ units for a total of 295 Single-family units to be developed over a multi-year period in one or more development phases, although unit numbers, land use types, and phasing may change throughout the development period. Table 1 in the *Appendix* illustrates the current development plan for the Development.

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 Capital Improvement Plan

The CIP needed to serve the Development is projected to consist of master 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 CIP will consist of Stormwater Management Facilities, Roadways, Water & Wastewater Systems, Environmental/ Wetland Mitigation, Hardscaping, Landscape & Irrigation, Amenities, Off-site Improvements/ Road Improvements, along with professional services & permit fees and contingency, which cumulatively are estimated by the District Engineer at \$15,180,000.

The public infrastructure improvements that comprise the CIP will serve and provide a direct 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.

Table 2 in the *Appendix* illustrates the specific components of the CIP.

4.0 Financing Program

4.1 Overview

As noted above, the District is embarking on a program of public 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. The choice of the exact mechanism for providing the public infrastructure has not yet been made at the time of this writing, and the District may either acquire the public infrastructure from the Developer or construct it, or 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 costs of the CIP as described in *Section 3.2* in one financing transaction, the District would have to issue approximately \$21,105,000 in par amount of special assessment bonds (the “Bonds”).

Please note that the purpose of this Report is to allocate the benefit of the CIP to the various land uses in the District and based on such benefit allocation to apportion the maximum debt necessary to fund the CIP. 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 \$21,105,000 to, among other things, finance approximately \$15,180,000 in CIP 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 \$21,105,000. The difference is comprised of funding one or more debt service reserve account, capitalized interest, underwriter's discount and paying the costs of issuance. Preliminary sources and uses of funding and financing 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 public infrastructure improvements which are part of the CIP outlined in *Section 3.2* and described in more detail by the District Engineer in the Engineer's Report. These improvements lead to direct special and general benefits, with special benefits accruing to the assessable properties within the boundaries of the District and general benefits accruing outside the District but being only incidental in nature. The debt incurred in financing the public infrastructure will be secured by assessing properties that derive direct special and peculiar benefits from the CIP. All properties that receive special benefits from the CIP will be assessed for their fair share of the debt issued in order to finance all or a portion of the CIP.

5.2 Benefit Allocation

The most current development plan envisions the development of 127 Single-family 40' units and 168 Single-family 50' units for a total of 295 Single-family units, to be developed over a multi-year period in one or more development phases, although unit numbers and land use types may change throughout the development period.

The public infrastructure improvements that comprise the CIP 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 public improvements will serve the entire District and improvements will be interrelated such that they will reinforce one another.

By allowing for the land in the District to be developable, both the public infrastructure improvements that comprise the CIP 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 CIP have a logical connection to the direct special and peculiar benefits received by the assessable 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 direct 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 assessments, to the land receiving such direct special and peculiar benefits. Even though these direct 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 pro-rata cost of the improvements necessary for that parcel, or the actual non-ad valorem assessment amount levied on that parcel.

The benefit associated with the CIP of the District is proposed to be allocated to the different product 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"). Table 4 in the *Appendix* illustrates the ERU weights that are proposed to be assigned to the unit types contemplated to be developed within the District based on the relative density of development and the intensity of use of master infrastructure, the total ERU counts for each land use category, and the share of the benefit received by each land use.

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. As the exact amount of the benefit 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 from the CIP.

Table 5 in the *Appendix* presents the apportionment of the assessment associated with funding the District's CIP (the "Bond Assessments") in accordance with the ERU benefit allocation method presented in Table 4. 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 proposed to be 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 the land in the District is not yet platted for its intended final use and the precise location of the various product types by lot or parcel is unknown, the Bond Assessments will initially be levied on all of the land in the District on an equal pro-rata gross acre basis and thus the total bonded debt in the amount of \$21,105,000 will be preliminarily levied on approximately 83.16 +/- gross acres at a rate of approximately \$253,787.88 per gross acre.

As 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 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 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.

5.4 Lienability Test: Special and Peculiar Benefit to the Property

As first discussed in *Section 1.3*, Special Benefits and General Benefits, the public infrastructure improvements undertaken by the District create direct special and peculiar benefits to the assessable 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 direct special and peculiar benefits to the property within the District. The direct 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;
- d. increased marketability and value of the property.

The public infrastructure improvements which are part of the CIP make the land in the District developable and saleable and when implemented jointly as parts of the CIP, provide direct special and peculiar benefits which are greater than the benefits of any single category of improvements. These direct 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 direct special and peculiar benefits received from the improvements is delineated in Table 4 (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 direct special and peculiar benefits derived from the CIP by the various land uses. Accordingly, no acre or parcel of property within the District will be lienied for the payment of any Bond Assessments more than the determined direct 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 ERUs as set forth in Table 1 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 re-approved), 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 within the District results in the same amount of ERUs (and thus Bond Assessments) able to be imposed on the "Remaining Unplatted Developable Lands" within the District (i.e., those remaining unplatted developable 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 has more than the anticipated ERUs (and thus Bond Assessments) such that the Remaining Unplatted Developable Lands would be assigned fewer ERUs (and Bond Assessments) than originally contemplated by the Development Plan, then the District may undertake a pro rata reduction of Bond Assessments for all assessed properties within the District, may allocate additional ERUs/densities for a future bond financing, or may otherwise address such net decrease as permitted by law.

c. If a Proposed Plat has fewer than the anticipated ERUs (and thus 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 by 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.).

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 their reasonable discretion what amount of ERUs (and thus Bond Assessments) are able to be

imposed on the Remaining Unplatted Developable Lands within the District, 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 District, b) the revised, overall development plan showing the number and type of units reasonably planned for the District, c) proof of the amount of entitlements for the Remaining Unplatted Developable Lands within the District, d) evidence of allowable zoning conditions that would enable those entitlements to be placed in accordance with the revised development plan, and e) 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 Bond 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 within the District, 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 Quarterly Redemption Date that occurs at least 45 days after the True-Up Payment (or the second succeeding Quarterly Redemption Date if such True-Up Payment is made within forty-five (45) calendar days before a Quarterly Redemption Date (or such as the term Quarterly Redemption Date is defined in the supplemental indentures for the applicable bond series)).

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 payment has been satisfactorily made. Further, upon the District's review of the final plat for the developable acres within the District, 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 Bond 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 of \$21,105,000 are proposed to be levied over the area described in Exhibit “A”. Excluding any capitalized interest period, Bond Assessments shall be paid in thirty (30) annual principal installments.

5.8 Additional Items Regarding Bond Assessment Imposition and Allocation

Master Lien - This master assessment allocation methodology 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 CIP. 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 CIP functions as a system of improvements. Among other implications, this means that proceeds from any particular bond issuance can be used to fund the CIP 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 may be 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, shall 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 Assessments will not be eligible for “deferred costs” or any other form of repayment, if any are provided for in connection with any particular bond issuance.

New Unit Types - As noted herein, this Report identifies the various anticipated product types for the development, and associates ERU factors for such product types. If new product types are identified in

the course of development, the District's Assessment Consultant – without a further hearing – may determine the ERU factor for the new product types on a front footage basis, provided that such determination is made on a pro-rated basis and derived from the front footage of the existing product types and their corresponding ERUs. For example, if a Single-family 50' unit has an ERU of 1.00, and a Single-family 60' unit would have an ERU of 1.20, then a new Single-family 55' unit would have an ERU of 1.10.

6.0 Additional Stipulations

6.1 Overview

Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC was retained by the District to prepare a methodology to fairly allocate the Bond Assessments related to the District's CIP. 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 & 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 & Associates, LLC does not represent the District as a Municipal Advisor or Securities Broker nor is Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC registered to provide such services as described in Section 15B of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Similarly, Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC does not provide the District with financial advisory services or offer investment advice in any form.

7.0 Appendix

Table 1

The Winston Community Development District

Development Plan

| Unit Type | Total Number of Units |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Single-family 40' | 127 |
| Single-family 50' | 168 |
| Total | 295 |

Table 2

The Winston Community Development District

Capital Improvement Plan

| Improvement | Total CIP Costs |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Stormwater Management Facilities | \$ 3,600,000.00 |
| Roadways | \$ 1,900,000.00 |
| Water & Wastewater Systems | \$ 2,700,000.00 |
| Environmental/ Wetland Mitigation | \$ - |
| Hardscaping, Landscape & Irrigation | \$ 1,200,000.00 |
| Amenities | \$ 2,000,000.00 |
| Off-site Improvements/ Road Improvements | \$ 580,000.00 |
| Professional Services & Permit Fees | \$ 1,800,000.00 |
| Contingency | \$ 1,400,000.00 |
| Total | \$ 15,180,000.00 |

Table 3

The Winston

Community Development District

Preliminary Sources and Uses of Funds

Sources

| | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Bond Proceeds: | |
| Par Amount | \$21,105,000.00 |
| Total Sources | \$21,105,000.00 |

Uses

| | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Project Fund Deposits: | |
| Project Fund | \$15,180,000.00 |
| Other Fund Deposits: | |
| Debt Service Reserve Fund | \$1,874,702.98 |
| Capitalized Interest Fund | \$3,376,800.00 |
| Delivery Date Expenses: | |
| Costs of Issuance | \$672,100.00 |
| Rounding | \$1,397.02 |
| Total Uses | \$21,105,000.00 |

Financing Assumptions

- Coupon Rate: 8%*
- Capitalized Interest Period: 24 months*
- Term: 30 Years*
- Underwriter's Discount: 2%*
- Cost of Issuance: \$250,000*

Table 4

The Winston

Community Development District

Benefit Allocation

| Unit Type | Number of Units | ERU per Unit | Total ERU |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Single-family 40' | 127 | 0.80 | 101.60 |
| Single-family 50' | 168 | 1.00 | 168.00 |
| Total | 295 | | 269.60 |

Table 5

The Winston

Community Development District

Bond Assessment Apportionment

| Unit Type | Total Number of Units | Total Cost Allocation* | Total Bond Assessment Apportionment | Bond Assessment Apportionment per Unit | Annual Bond Assessment Debt Service per Unit** |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Single-family 40' | 127 | \$5,720,652.82 | \$7,953,516.32 | \$62,626.11 | \$5,918.00 |
| Single-family 50' | 168 | \$9,459,347.18 | \$13,151,483.68 | \$78,282.64 | \$7,397.50 |
| Total | 295 | \$15,180,000.00 | \$21,105,000.00 | | |

* Please note that cost allocations to units herein are based on the ERU benefit allocation illustrated in Table 4

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

Exhibit "A"

Bond Assessments in the amount of \$21,105,000 are proposed to be levied over the area as described below designating the boundary of the District:

EXHIBIT 2

PARCEL 1:

THE WEST 905.88 FEET OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF THE N.W. 1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA; EXCEPT THE NORTH 685 FEET OF THE WEST 660 FEET THEREOF. AND EXCEPT 25 FEET FOR ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY FOR COUNTY ROAD NO. 214.

TOGETHER WITH:

THE EAST 282.91 FEET OF THE NORTH 685 FEET OF THE WEST 660 FEET OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF THE N.W. 1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXCEPT THE NORTH 25 FEET THEREOF FOR ROAD RIGHT OF WAY FOR COUNTY ROAD NO. 214.

PARCEL 2:

THE N.W. 1/4 OF THE N.E. 1/4, AND THE N.E. 1/4 OF THE N.W. 1/4, AND THE EAST 60.00 FEET OF THE S.W. 1/4 OF THE N.E. 1/4, OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA,

EXCEPT THE WEST 905 FEET OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF THE N.W. 1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA. AND EXCEPT ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY FOR COUNTY ROAD NO. 214 AND ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY FOR COUNTY ROAD NO. 216.

PARCEL 3:

A PORTION OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT THE S.E. CORNER OF THE S.W. 1/4 OF THE N.E. 1/4; THENCE RUN NORTH 440 YARDS; THENCE WEST 320 YARDS; THENCE SOUTH 440 YARDS; THENCE EAST TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPT THE EAST 60 FEET THEREOF.

AND

EXCEPT A PORTION OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE N.W. CORNER OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 19;
THENCE S89°50'05"E ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID N.E. 1/4, A DISTANCE OF 363.00

FEET; THENCE S00°05'34"E, PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID N.E. 1/4, A DISTANCE OF 1329.82 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 1320 FEET (440 YARDS) OF THE N.E. 1/4 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE S00°05'34"E, A DISTANCE OF 1320.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID N.E. 1/4; THENCE S89°53'17"E, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 630.00 FEET; THENCE N00°05'34"W, PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID N.E. 1/4, A DISTANCE OF 1320.00 FEET; THENCE N89°53'17"W, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE OF SOUTH 1320 FEET OF SAID N.E. 1/4, A DISTANCE OF 630.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY FOR COUNTY ROAD NO. 216.

APPROXIMATELY 83.16 ACRES IN TOTAL.

Exhibit "B"

The debt assessment lien is being placed on property described in the attached legal description. For notice purposes, listed below are the currently applicable County Property Appraiser parcels, and property owners, that will be included on a mailing list related to debt assessments:

| Parcel ID | Owner | Address | City State Zip |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| D19-113 D19-007 D19-006 D19-112 | Green Gardens 42 LLC | 1192 Arcadia Dr | Toms River, NJ 08755 |

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| 2. | Zoning Map |
| 3. | Future Land Use Map |
| 4. | District Boundary & Legal Description |
| 5. | Storm Sewer Exhibit |
| 6. | Utilities Exhibit |
| 7. | Master Development Plan |
| 8. | Estimated Construction Schedule |

1.0 Introduction

The Winston Community Development District (CDD) is located within the City of Wildwood in Section 19, Township 18 South, Range 23 East, Sumter County, Florida. The development is between County Road 214 and County Road 216 and approximately 1500' West of U.S. 301 with a total project area of 83.16 acres. A project location map is shown in Exhibit 1.

The site is zoned R-2, low-medium density residential. Its future land use is designated as low-medium density residential. See zoning map on Exhibit 2 and FLUM on Exhibit 3.

Creation of the CDD provides an efficient mechanism for managing and financing the public infrastructure associated with the planning and development of the CDD Improvement Plan including certain utilities, the stormwater management system, and amenities. It is anticipated that The Winston will be developed in a single phase.

2.0 Project Description

The CDD is composed of 83.16 acres, located in The City of Wildwood, Florida. The Winston project will be comprised primarily of 50' wide and 40' wide Single Family Detached homes with a mix of recreational/amenity spaces within the development and the associated stormwater, utility, and right of way infrastructure.

The proposed land uses for The Winston project are tabulated below:

| Land Use | Acres | Units | Square Feet (GSF) |
|-------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Single Family Detached | 40 | 40' Units = 127 50' Units = 168 | 1,742,526 |
| Amenity/Recreational | 4.09 | ---- | 178,160 |
| Stormwater Ponds | 16.49 | ---- | 718,304 |
| Right of Way | 12.22 | ---- | 532,303 |
| Open Space ¹ | 20.71 | ---- | 902,127 |

1. Open Space is defined as tree preservation, green space, amenities with no conditioned structures, and 50% of stormwater facilities up to 50% of the requirement.

2.1 The CDD

The CDD will be a single-use development consisting of single-family residences, a community recreation complex, and various neighborhood parks and pedestrian paths. In general, the development program within the CDD will consist of 127 40' and 168 50'(295 total) single-family homes and a community recreation space that includes bathrooms, a pool, and multiple acres of open space dedicated to neighborhood parks and pedestrian paths.

The Improvement Plan contained in this report reflects the present intentions of the CDD. However, the Improvement Plan may be subject to modification(s) in the future. The Winston CDD Boundary and legal description of lands are provided as Exhibit 4.

3.0 Proposed Improvements

3.1 General

All residential and recreational spaces within the CDD shall be benefitted by the construction of the infrastructure improvements proposed within the Improvement Plan and should be subject to assessment for the construction thereof.

3.2 The Winston Improvements

The CDD overall master development plan is provided as can be seen in Exhibit 7. The CDD presently intends to finance, design, and construct the Infrastructure Improvements within and adjacent to the CDD boundary. The Infrastructure Improvements include improvements to provide utility service to the CDD, which includes stormwater management facilities, water & wastewater. The Infrastructure Improvements shall also include internal roadways providing access to all the residential and recreational parcels, irrigation, electric, & street lighting to such parcels. The Infrastructure Improvements shall also include the construction of entry features to the CDD and off-site improvements to CR214 and CR216. The infrastructure consists of the following categories and estimated costs as further described herein.

3.2.1 Infrastructure Improvements

Stormwater Management Facilities

The CDD's stormwater system will be constructed as part of the Improvement Plan and consists of stormwater ponds to fully capture and treat stormwater runoff from all developed areas. This stormwater system is equipped with an emergency overflow structure to regulate the water level even during the most intense storms. The Stormwater Plan is included as Exhibit 5. The stormwater ponds and associated infrastructure in the Right of Way are in designated drainage tracts. The respective costs are set forth in the infrastructure cost opinion tables included herein.

The stormwater system improvements will include clearing and earthwork for storm sewer systems, treatment ponds, erosion control, structures & piping inside and outside of the right of way.

These improvements will all be constructed consistently with the specifications of The City of Wildwood and The Southwest Florida Water Management District. The stormwater system will remain under sole control and ownership of the CDD. The stormwater management plans will ensure that adequate stormwater management facilities are available to provide stormwater management capacity for the final development and to meet the regulatory requirements as listed below:

- Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD)
- City of Wildwood

The stormwater management plans will identify 25 and 100-year peak discharge rates and design high water levels. Prior to construction, the final design of the proposed stormwater drainage system for the CDD will be reviewed and approved by SWFWMD and the City of Wildwood. The drainage system will maintain existing drainage patterns to the greatest extent possible.

Utilities (Water Mains, Sanitary Mains, and Lift Stations)

The CDD intends to finance, design, and construct certain water and sewer facilities within and adjacent to the CDD boundary and to extend existing water and sewer services from their present location outside the boundary of the CDD to connect to improvements within the CDD. A Utility Map is included in this report as Exhibit 6. The Improvements will include the necessary piping, valving, fire hydrants, and appurtenances to provide potable water to the residences. The improvements will also include the necessary gravity sewer main pipes, manholes, cleanouts, lift stations & force mains to provide sanitary sewer service to the residences. These improvements will be designed and constructed to the City of Wildwood and/or DEP standards and will be owned and maintained by the City of Wildwood upon completion of construction and conveyance by the district.

Electric & Street Lighting

The Infrastructure Improvements will include a network of underground electric conduits, junction boxes, manholes and services to serve the CDD. The electrical power utility provider is responsible for the installation of electrical cable, switches, & transformers. Street lighting will also be provided by the electrical power utility provider. These improvements will be designed and constructed to the appropriate City of Wildwood standards.

Landscaping/Hardscape & Irrigation

The CDD intends to finance, design, and construct the landscaping, hardscape, & irrigation. The irrigation will be provided by potable water main. There are existing wells on-site with an existing consumptive use permit (CUP). These wells and the permit are being abandoned, and no further monitoring will be required. The landscape and hardscape will be owned and maintained by the CDD, however the potable water main and irrigation services will remain the City of Wildwood's up to the meter.

Roadways

The typical roadway section will include sidewalks on both sides of the road. Roadway improvements will consist of asphalt, curb & gutter, roadway base, and stabilized subgrade. Required roadway improvements will be designed and constructed to City of Wildwood standards. The roadways will be maintained and owned by the CDD upon completion of construction and conveyance by the CDD.

Amenities

The CDD intends to finance, design, and construct multiple amenity sites. Including but not limited to a pool & cabana, and various pedestrian walking paths. The amenity sites will be designed and constructed to City of Wildwood standards and will be owned and maintained by the CDD upon completion of construction and conveyance by the CDD.

Offsite Improvements

The CDD intends to finance, design, and construct the offsite improvements. These improvements include a turn lane expansion and striping on CR214, and road widening and striping on CR216.

Design, Engineering, Surveying, & Permitting

The CDD will pay permit fees, survey costs & engineering costs associated with the Infrastructure Improvements as part of the cost of performing such improvements.

3.2.2 Improvement Costs, Ownership & Maintenance

| IMPROVEMENT CATEGORY | INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT COST ESTIMATE | FUNDED BY | FINAL OWNER/MAINTENANCE ENTITY |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Storm Water Management Facilities | \$3,600,000 | CDD | CDD |
| Roadways | \$1,900,000 | CDD | CDD |
| Water & Wastewater Systems | \$2,700,000 | CDD | CITY |
| Environmental/Wetland Mitigation | Negligible | CDD | CDD |
| Hardscaping, Landscape & Irrigation | \$1,200,000 | CDD | CDD/CITY |
| Amenities | \$2,000,000 | CDD | CDD |
| Offsite Improvements Road Improvements | \$580,000 | CDD | CITY/COUNTY |
| Professional Services & Permit Fees | \$1,800,000 | CDD | N/A |
| Contingency | \$1,400,000 | CDD | N/A |
| Total | \$15,180,000 | N/A | N/A |

Notes:

- a. The exact location of some of the facilities may change during approval and implementation. These changes will not diminish or alter the benefits to be received by the CDD, and any changes will result in the CDD receiving the same or greater benefits at no additional cost to the landowners. The CDD must retain the right to make reasonable adjustments in the plan to meet the requirements of governmental agencies while at the same time providing the same or greater benefits to the CDD. The plan presented herein has been prepared based upon both previous and current regulatory criteria. If substantial changes are necessary in the future, they should be addressed and included as an addendum to the plan. Infrastructure cost opinions are based upon preliminary opinions of probable construction costs based on the most recent set of construction plans dated March 17, 2025.
- b. The probable costs estimated herein do not include anticipated carrying cost, interest reserves or other anticipated CDD expenditures that may be incurred.
- c. The developer reserves the right to finance any of the improvements outlined above, and have such improvements owned and maintained by a property owner's or homeowner's association, in which case such items would not be part of the CIP.
- d. 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 Districts bond counsel.

3.3 Permit Status

Permits will be acquired in the normal course of development approvals. Permits from the following agencies will be required for the proposed improvements.

- FDEP Water & Sewer
- Environmental Resource Permit from SWFWMD
- Cancellation of existing Consumptive Use Permit through SWFWMD
- City of Wildwood Permits
- Sumter County Use Permit
- FDOT Roadway Permit
- FDOT Drainage Permit

3.3.1 State Permits

An Environmental Resource Permit and the cancellation of the existing CUP will be required to be issued by SWFWMD for the CDD's Improvement Plans. An FDOT Roadway permit and Drainage permit will be required for the off-site improvements, specifically the turn lanes at CR214 and US 301.

3.3.2 County Permits

A Sumter County Use permit will be required 120 days prior to construction for the off-site improvements on CR214 and CR216.

3.3.3 Utility Permits

Florida Department of Environmental Protection Permits are required for water and sewer for the CDD's Improvement Plan. City of Wildwood engineering permits are required prior to construction.

3.4 Construction Status

Construction has not yet begun. Construction documents are under design and permitting.

3.5 Jurisdiction of Federal, State, and Local Governments

During construction of the proposed improvements, federal, state, and local governmental entities and agencies, including but not limited to, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Department of Transportation, the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Sumter County, and the City of Wildwood retain jurisdiction over future land use and permitting matters associated with the proposed improvements. Any changes, modifications, additions or amendments to the development plan or the proposed improvements that would require the approval of or a permit from the government entity or agency having jurisdiction require the developer or CDD, as appropriate, to obtain such subsequent approvals from said governmental entity or agency. The developer and the CDD continue to be under the jurisdiction of such federal, state, and local government entities or agencies, in the future, for permitting purposes and other required authorizations with respect to the CDD's infrastructure improvements.

4.0 Engineer's Certification

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.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of The Winston CDD Improvement Plan.

Alann Engineering Group, Inc.

Cole T. Buck, P.E.

Florida License No. 88690

Date: January 29th, 2026

EXHIBIT 8

ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

- Estimated Permitting Completion February 30, 2026
- Estimated Start of Construction April 30, 2026
- Estimated Completion of Construction October 1, 2027

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Master Special Assessment Methodology Report

January 29, 2026



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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

This Master Special Assessment Methodology Report (the "Report") was prepared to provide a master financing plan and a master special assessment methodology for The Winston Community Development District (the "District"), located entirely within the City of Wildwood, Sumter County, Florida (the "City"), as related to funding the costs of public infrastructure improvements (the "Capital Improvement Plan" or "CIP") contemplated to be provided by the District.

1.2 Scope of the Report

This Report presents the projections for financing the District's CIP described in The Winston Community Development District Engineer's Report prepared by Alann Engineering Group (the "District Engineer") and dated January 29, 2026, as may be amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Engineer's Report"), and this Report also describes the method for the allocation of special benefits and the apportionment of special assessment debt resulting from the provision and funding of the CIP.

1.3 Special Benefits and General Benefits

The improvements undertaken and funded by the District as part of the CIP create direct special and peculiar benefits to the assessable lands within its borders, different in kind and degree than general benefits for properties outside of its borders as well as general 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 direct and special and peculiar benefits which accrue to the assessable property within the District. The District's CIP 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 CIP. However, these benefits are only incidental since the CIP is designed solely to provide direct and special benefits peculiar to property within the District. Properties outside the District are not directly served by the CIP and do not depend upon the CIP to obtain or to maintain their development entitlements. This fact alone clearly distinguishes the direct special benefits which District properties receive compared to those lying outside of the District's boundaries.

The CIP 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 CIP. Even though the exact value of the benefits provided by the CIP 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 CIP 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 serves The Winston development (the “Development” or “The Winston”), a master planned residential development located entirely within the City of Wildwood, Sumter County, Florida. The land within the District consists of approximately 83.16 +/- acres and is generally located between County Road 214 and County Road 216 and approximately 1,500’ west of U.S. 301.

2.2 The Development Program

The development of The Winston is anticipated to be conducted by Green Gardens 42, LLC, or an affiliated entity (the “Developer”). Based upon the information provided by the Developer and the District Engineer, the current development plan envisions 127 Single-family 40’ units and 168 Single-family 50’ units for a total of 295 Single-family units to be developed over a multi-year period in one or more development phases, although unit numbers, land use types, and phasing may change throughout the development period. Table 1 in the *Appendix* illustrates the current development plan for the Development.

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 Capital Improvement Plan

The CIP needed to serve the Development is projected to consist of master 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 CIP will consist of Stormwater Management Facilities, Roadways, Water & Wastewater Systems, Environmental/ Wetland Mitigation, Hardscaping, Landscape & Irrigation, Amenities, Off-site Improvements/ Road Improvements, along with professional services & permit fees and contingency, which cumulatively are estimated by the District Engineer at \$15,180,000.

The public infrastructure improvements that comprise the CIP will serve and provide a direct 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.

Table 2 in the *Appendix* illustrates the specific components of the CIP.

4.0 Financing Program

4.1 Overview

As noted above, the District is embarking on a program of public 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. The choice of the exact mechanism for providing the public infrastructure has not yet been made at the time of this writing, and the District may either acquire the public infrastructure from the Developer or construct it, or 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 costs of the CIP as described in *Section 3.2* in one financing transaction, the District would have to issue approximately \$21,105,000 in par amount of special assessment bonds (the “Bonds”).

Please note that the purpose of this Report is to allocate the benefit of the CIP to the various land uses in the District and based on such benefit allocation to apportion the maximum debt necessary to fund the CIP. 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 \$21,105,000 to, among other things, finance approximately \$15,180,000 in CIP 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 \$21,105,000. The difference is comprised of funding one or more debt service reserve account, capitalized interest, underwriter's discount and paying the costs of issuance. Preliminary sources and uses of funding and financing 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 public infrastructure improvements which are part of the CIP outlined in *Section 3.2* and described in more detail by the District Engineer in the Engineer's Report. These improvements lead to direct special and general benefits, with special benefits accruing to the assessable properties within the boundaries of the District and general benefits accruing outside the District but being only incidental in nature. The debt incurred in financing the public infrastructure will be secured by assessing properties that derive direct special and peculiar benefits from the CIP. All properties that receive special benefits from the CIP will be assessed for their fair share of the debt issued in order to finance all or a portion of the CIP.

5.2 Benefit Allocation

The most current development plan envisions the development of 127 Single-family 40' units and 168 Single-family 50' units for a total of 295 Single-family units, to be developed over a multi-year period in one or more development phases, although unit numbers and land use types may change throughout the development period.

The public infrastructure improvements that comprise the CIP 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 public improvements will serve the entire District and improvements will be interrelated such that they will reinforce one another.

By allowing for the land in the District to be developable, both the public infrastructure improvements that comprise the CIP 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 CIP have a logical connection to the direct special and peculiar benefits received by the assessable 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 direct 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 assessments, to the land receiving such direct special and peculiar benefits. Even though these direct 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 pro-rata cost of the improvements necessary for that parcel, or the actual non-ad valorem assessment amount levied on that parcel.

The benefit associated with the CIP of the District is proposed to be allocated to the different product 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"). Table 4 in the *Appendix* illustrates the ERU weights that are proposed to be assigned to the unit types contemplated to be developed within the District based on the relative density of development and the intensity of use of master infrastructure, the total ERU counts for each land use category, and the share of the benefit received by each land use.

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. As the exact amount of the benefit 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 from the CIP.

Table 5 in the *Appendix* presents the apportionment of the assessment associated with funding the District's CIP (the "Bond Assessments") in accordance with the ERU benefit allocation method presented in Table 4. 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 proposed to be 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 the land in the District is not yet platted for its intended final use and the precise location of the various product types by lot or parcel is unknown, the Bond Assessments will initially be levied on all of the land in the District on an equal pro-rata gross acre basis and thus the total bonded debt in the amount of \$21,105,000 will be preliminarily levied on approximately 83.16 +/- gross acres at a rate of approximately \$253,787.88 per gross acre.

As 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 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 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.

5.4 Lienability Test: Special and Peculiar Benefit to the Property

As first discussed in *Section 1.3*, Special Benefits and General Benefits, the public infrastructure improvements undertaken by the District create direct special and peculiar benefits to the assessable 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 direct special and peculiar benefits to the property within the District. The direct 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;
- d. increased marketability and value of the property.

The public infrastructure improvements which are part of the CIP make the land in the District developable and saleable and when implemented jointly as parts of the CIP, provide direct special and peculiar benefits which are greater than the benefits of any single category of improvements. These direct 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 direct special and peculiar benefits received from the improvements is delineated in Table 4 (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 direct special and peculiar benefits derived from the CIP by the various land uses. Accordingly, no acre or parcel of property within the District will be lienied for the payment of any Bond Assessments more than the determined direct 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 ERUs as set forth in Table 1 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 re-approved), 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 within the District results in the same amount of ERUs (and thus Bond Assessments) able to be imposed on the "Remaining Unplatted Developable Lands" within the District (i.e., those remaining unplatted developable 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 has more than the anticipated ERUs (and thus Bond Assessments) such that the Remaining Unplatted Developable Lands would be assigned fewer ERUs (and Bond Assessments) than originally contemplated by the Development Plan, then the District may undertake a pro rata reduction of Bond Assessments for all assessed properties within the District, may allocate additional ERUs/densities for a future bond financing, or may otherwise address such net decrease as permitted by law.

c. If a Proposed Plat has fewer than the anticipated ERUs (and thus 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 by 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.).

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 their reasonable discretion what amount of ERUs (and thus Bond Assessments) are able to be

imposed on the Remaining Unplatted Developable Lands within the District, 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 District, b) the revised, overall development plan showing the number and type of units reasonably planned for the District, c) proof of the amount of entitlements for the Remaining Unplatted Developable Lands within the District, d) evidence of allowable zoning conditions that would enable those entitlements to be placed in accordance with the revised development plan, and e) 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 Bond 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 within the District, 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 Quarterly Redemption Date that occurs at least 45 days after the True-Up Payment (or the second succeeding Quarterly Redemption Date if such True-Up Payment is made within forty-five (45) calendar days before a Quarterly Redemption Date (or such as the term Quarterly Redemption Date is defined in the supplemental indentures for the applicable bond series)).

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 payment has been satisfactorily made. Further, upon the District's review of the final plat for the developable acres within the District, 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 Bond 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 of \$21,105,000 are proposed to be levied over the area described in Exhibit “A”. Excluding any capitalized interest period, Bond Assessments shall be paid in thirty (30) annual principal installments.

5.8 Additional Items Regarding Bond Assessment Imposition and Allocation

Master Lien - This master assessment allocation methodology 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 CIP. 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 CIP functions as a system of improvements. Among other implications, this means that proceeds from any particular bond issuance can be used to fund the CIP 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 may be 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, shall 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 Assessments will not be eligible for “deferred costs” or any other form of repayment, if any are provided for in connection with any particular bond issuance.

New Unit Types - As noted herein, this Report identifies the various anticipated product types for the development, and associates ERU factors for such product types. If new product types are identified in

the course of development, the District's Assessment Consultant – without a further hearing – may determine the ERU factor for the new product types on a front footage basis, provided that such determination is made on a pro-rated basis and derived from the front footage of the existing product types and their corresponding ERUs. For example, if a Single-family 50' unit has an ERU of 1.00, and a Single-family 60' unit would have an ERU of 1.20, then a new Single-family 55' unit would have an ERU of 1.10.

6.0 Additional Stipulations

6.1 Overview

Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC was retained by the District to prepare a methodology to fairly allocate the Bond Assessments related to the District's CIP. 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 & 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 & Associates, LLC does not represent the District as a Municipal Advisor or Securities Broker nor is Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC registered to provide such services as described in Section 15B of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Similarly, Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC does not provide the District with financial advisory services or offer investment advice in any form.

7.0 Appendix

Table 1

The Winston Community Development District

Development Plan

| Unit Type | Total Number of Units |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Single-family 40' | 127 |
| Single-family 50' | 168 |
| Total | 295 |

Table 2

The Winston Community Development District

Capital Improvement Plan

| Improvement | Total CIP Costs |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Stormwater Management Facilities | \$ 3,600,000.00 |
| Roadways | \$ 1,900,000.00 |
| Water & Wastewater Systems | \$ 2,700,000.00 |
| Environmental/ Wetland Mitigation | \$ - |
| Hardscaping, Landscape & Irrigation | \$ 1,200,000.00 |
| Amenities | \$ 2,000,000.00 |
| Off-site Improvements/ Road Improvements | \$ 580,000.00 |
| Professional Services & Permit Fees | \$ 1,800,000.00 |
| Contingency | \$ 1,400,000.00 |
| Total | \$ 15,180,000.00 |

Table 3

The Winston

Community Development District

Preliminary Sources and Uses of Funds

Sources

| | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Bond Proceeds: | |
| Par Amount | \$21,105,000.00 |
| Total Sources | \$21,105,000.00 |

Uses

| | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Project Fund Deposits: | |
| Project Fund | \$15,180,000.00 |
| Other Fund Deposits: | |
| Debt Service Reserve Fund | \$1,874,702.98 |
| Capitalized Interest Fund | \$3,376,800.00 |
| Delivery Date Expenses: | |
| Costs of Issuance | \$672,100.00 |
| Rounding | \$1,397.02 |
| Total Uses | \$21,105,000.00 |

Financing Assumptions

- Coupon Rate: 8%*
- Capitalized Interest Period: 24 months*
- Term: 30 Years*
- Underwriter's Discount: 2%*
- Cost of Issuance: \$250,000*

Table 4

The Winston

Community Development District

Benefit Allocation

| Unit Type | Number of Units | ERU per Unit | Total ERU |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Single-family 40' | 127 | 0.80 | 101.60 |
| Single-family 50' | 168 | 1.00 | 168.00 |
| Total | 295 | | 269.60 |

Table 5

The Winston

Community Development District

Bond Assessment Apportionment

| Unit Type | Total Number of Units | Total Cost Allocation* | Total Bond Assessment Apportionment | Bond Assessment Apportionment per Unit | Annual Bond Assessment Debt Service per Unit** |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Single-family 40' | 127 | \$5,720,652.82 | \$7,953,516.32 | \$62,626.11 | \$5,918.00 |
| Single-family 50' | 168 | \$9,459,347.18 | \$13,151,483.68 | \$78,282.64 | \$7,397.50 |
| Total | 295 | \$15,180,000.00 | \$21,105,000.00 | | |

* Please note that cost allocations to units herein are based on the ERU benefit allocation illustrated in Table 4

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

Exhibit "A"

Bond Assessments in the amount of \$21,105,000 are proposed to be levied over the area as described below designating the boundary of the District:

EXHIBIT 2

PARCEL 1:

THE WEST 905.88 FEET OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF THE N.W. 1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA; EXCEPT THE NORTH 685 FEET OF THE WEST 660 FEET THEREOF. AND EXCEPT 25 FEET FOR ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY FOR COUNTY ROAD NO. 214.

TOGETHER WITH:

THE EAST 282.91 FEET OF THE NORTH 685 FEET OF THE WEST 660 FEET OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF THE N.W. 1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXCEPT THE NORTH 25 FEET THEREOF FOR ROAD RIGHT OF WAY FOR COUNTY ROAD NO. 214.

PARCEL 2:

THE N.W. 1/4 OF THE N.E. 1/4, AND THE N.E. 1/4 OF THE N.W. 1/4, AND THE EAST 60.00 FEET OF THE S.W. 1/4 OF THE N.E. 1/4, OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA,

EXCEPT THE WEST 905 FEET OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF THE N.W. 1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA. AND EXCEPT ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY FOR COUNTY ROAD NO. 214 AND ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY FOR COUNTY ROAD NO. 216.

PARCEL 3:

A PORTION OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT THE S.E. CORNER OF THE S.W. 1/4 OF THE N.E. 1/4; THENCE RUN NORTH 440 YARDS; THENCE WEST 320 YARDS; THENCE SOUTH 440 YARDS; THENCE EAST TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPT THE EAST 60 FEET THEREOF.

AND

EXCEPT A PORTION OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE N.W. CORNER OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 19;
THENCE S89°50'05"E ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID N.E. 1/4, A DISTANCE OF 363.00

FEET; THENCE S00°05'34"E, PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID N.E. 1/4, A DISTANCE OF 1329.82 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 1320 FEET (440 YARDS) OF THE N.E. 1/4 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE S00°05'34"E, A DISTANCE OF 1320.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID N.E. 1/4; THENCE S89°53'17"E, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 630.00 FEET; THENCE N00°05'34"W, PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID N.E. 1/4, A DISTANCE OF 1320.00 FEET; THENCE N89°53'17"W, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE OF SOUTH 1320 FEET OF SAID N.E. 1/4, A DISTANCE OF 630.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY FOR COUNTY ROAD NO. 216.

APPROXIMATELY 83.16 ACRES IN TOTAL.

Exhibit "B"

The debt assessment lien is being placed on property described in the attached legal description. For notice purposes, listed below are the currently applicable County Property Appraiser parcels, and property owners, that will be included on a mailing list related to debt assessments:

| Parcel ID | Owner | Address | City State Zip |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| D19-113 D19-007 D19-006 D19-112 | Green Gardens 42 LLC | 1192 Arcadia Dr | Toms River, NJ 08755 |

THE WINSTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

6 E

RESOLUTION 2026-36

**[SECTION 170.08, F.S. DEBT ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION FOR
WINSTON CDD MASTER LIEN]**

A RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS; AUTHORIZING A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN; ADOPTING AN ENGINEER’S REPORT; PROVIDING AN ESTIMATED COST OF IMPROVEMENTS; ADOPTING AN ASSESSMENT REPORT; EQUALIZING, APPROVING, CONFIRMING AND LEVYING DEBT ASSESSMENTS; ADDRESSING THE FINALIZATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; ADDRESSING THE PAYMENT OF DEBT ASSESSMENTS AND THE METHOD OF COLLECTION; PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF DEBT ASSESSMENTS AND TRUE-UP PAYMENTS; ADDRESSING GOVERNMENT PROPERTY, AND TRANSFERS OF PROPERTY TO UNITS OF LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; AUTHORIZING AN ASSESSMENT NOTICE; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

WHEREAS, the District has previously indicated its intention to construct certain types of improvements and to finance such improvements through the issuance of bonds, notes or other specific financing mechanisms, which bonds, notes or other specific financing mechanisms would be repaid by the imposition of special assessments on benefited property within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors (“**Board**”) has noticed and conducted a public hearing pursuant to Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*, relating to the imposition, levy, collection and enforcement of such assessments, and now desires to adopt a resolution imposing and levying such assessments as set forth herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **AUTHORITY.** This Resolution is adopted pursuant to Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*, including without limitation, Section 170.08, *Florida Statutes*. The recitals stated above are incorporated herein; are adopted by the Board as true and correct statements; and are further declared to be findings made and determined by the Board.

2. **FINDINGS.** The Board further finds and determines as follows:

The Capital Improvement Plan

- a. 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

- b. On January 29, 2026, and pursuant to Section 170.03, *Florida Statutes*, among other laws, the Board adopted Resolution 2026-33 (“**Declaring Resolution**”), and in doing so determined to undertake a capital improvement plan to install, plan, establish, construct or reconstruct, enlarge, equip, acquire, operate and/or maintain the District’s capital improvements planned for the lands within the District (“**Project**”); and
- c. The Project is described in the Declaring Resolution and the *Engineer’s Report* (“**Engineer’s Report**,” attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by this reference), and the plans and specifications for the Project are on file in the offices of the District Manager at c/o Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 (“**District Records Office**”); and

The Debt Assessment Process

- d. Also as part of the Declaring Resolution, the Board expressed an intention to issue bonds, notes or other specific financing mechanisms to provide a portion of the funds needed for the Project, and further declared its intention to defray the whole or any part of the expense of the Projects by levying special assessments (“**Debt Assessments**”) on specially benefited property within the District (“**Assessment Area**”); and
- e. The Declaring Resolution was adopted in compliance with the requirements of Section 170.03, *Florida Statutes*, and prior to the time it was adopted, the requirements of Section 170.04, *Florida Statutes*, had been met; and
- f. As directed by the Declaring Resolution, said Declaring Resolution was published as required by Section 170.05, *Florida Statutes*, and a copy of the publisher’s affidavit of publication is on file with the Secretary of the District; and
- g. As directed by the Declaring Resolution, the Board caused to be made a preliminary assessment roll as required by Section 170.06, *Florida Statutes*; and
- h. As required by Section 170.07, *Florida Statutes*, and as part of the Declaring Resolution, the Board fixed the time and place of a public hearing at which owners of the property to be assessed and other persons interested therein could appear before the Board and be heard as to (i) the propriety and advisability of making the improvements, (ii) the cost thereof, (iii) the manner of payment therefore, and (iv) the amount thereof to be assessed against each specially benefited property or parcel, and the Board further authorized publication of notice of such public hearing and individual mailed notice of such public hearing in accordance with Chapters 170, 190, and 197, *Florida Statutes*; and
- i. Notice of the scheduled public hearing was given by publication and also by mail as required by Sections 170.07 and 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*, and affidavits as to such publication and mailings are on file in the office of the Secretary of the District; and

- j. On March 31, 2026, the Board conducted such public hearing and heard and considered all complaints and testimony as to the matters described above; the Board further met as an "Equalization Board;" and the Board has made such modifications in the preliminary assessment roll as it deems necessary, just and right in the making of the final assessment roll; and

Equalization Board Additional Findings

- k. Having considered the estimated costs of the Projects, the estimated financing costs and all comments and evidence presented at such public hearing, the Board further finds and determines that:
 - i. It is necessary to the public health, safety and welfare and in the best interests of the District that: (1) the District provide the Project as set forth in the Engineer's Report; (2) the cost of such Project be assessed against the lands specially benefited by such Project, and within the Assessment Area, as set forth in the Assessment Report; and (3) the District issue bonds, notes or other specific financing mechanisms to provide funds for such purposes pending the receipt of such Debt Assessments; and
 - ii. The provision of said Project, the levying of the Debt Assessments, and the sale and issuance of such bonds, notes, or other specific financing mechanisms serve a proper, essential, and valid public purpose and are in the best interests of the District, its landowners and residents; and
 - iii. The estimated costs of the Project is as specified in the Engineer's Report and Assessment Report (defined below), and the amount of such costs is reasonable and proper; and
 - iv. It is reasonable, proper, just and right to assess the cost of such Projects against the properties specially benefited thereby in the Assessment Areas, using the method determined by the Board and set forth in the *Master Special Assessment Methodology Report* ("**Assessment Report**," attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated herein by this reference), which results in the Debt Assessments set forth on the final assessment roll; and
 - v. The Project benefits the Assessment Area as set forth in the Assessment Report; and
 - vi. Accordingly, the Debt Assessments as set forth in the Assessment Report constitute a special benefit to the applicable parcels of real property listed on said final assessment roll, and the benefit, in the case of each such parcel, will be equal to or in excess of the Debt Assessments imposed thereon, as set forth in **Exhibit B**; and
 - vii. All developable property within the Assessment Area is deemed to be benefited by the Project, and the Debt Assessments will be allocated in accordance with the Assessment Report at **Exhibit B**; and

- viii. The Debt Assessments are fairly and reasonably allocated across the benefitted property, as set forth in **Exhibit B**; and
- ix. It is in the best interests of the District that the Debt Assessments be paid and collected as herein provided; and
- x. In order to provide funds with which to pay the costs of the Project which are to be assessed against the benefitted properties, pending the collection of the Debt Assessments, it is necessary for the District to issue revenue bonds, notes or other specific financing mechanisms, including refunding bonds (together, "**Bonds**").

3. **AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PROJECT; ADOPTION OF ENGINEER'S REPORT.** The Engineer's Report identifies and describes the infrastructure improvements to be financed in part with the Bonds, and sets forth the cost of the Project. The District hereby confirms that the Project serves a proper, essential, and valid public purpose. The use of the Engineer's Report in connection with the sale of the Bonds is hereby authorized, approved and ratified, and the proper officers, employees and/or agents of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take such further action as may be necessary or desirable to cause the same to be made.

4. **ESTIMATED COST OF IMPROVEMENTS.** The total estimated cost of the Project and the cost to be paid by the Debt Assessments on all specially benefitted property are set forth in **Exhibits A and B**, respectively, hereto.

5. **ADOPTION OF ASSESSMENT REPORT.** The Assessment Report setting forth the allocation of Debt Assessments to the benefitted lands within the Assessment Area is hereby approved, adopted, and confirmed. The District ratifies its use in connection with the sale of the Bonds.

6. **EQUALIZATION, APPROVAL, CONFIRMATION AND LEVY OF DEBT ASSESSMENTS.** The Debt Assessments imposed on the parcels specially benefitted by the Project within the Assessment Area, all as specified in the final assessment roll set forth in **Exhibit B**, attached hereto, are hereby equalized, approved, confirmed and levied.

Immediately following the adoption of this Resolution, the lien of Debt Assessments as reflected in **Exhibit B**, attached hereto, shall be recorded by the Secretary of the District in the District's "**Improvement Lien Book.**" The Debt Assessments levied against each respective parcel shown on such final assessment roll and interest, costs, and penalties thereon, as hereafter provided, shall be and shall remain a legal, valid and binding first lien on such parcel, coequal with the lien of all state, county, district, municipal or other governmental taxes and superior in dignity to all other liens, titles, and claims.

- a. **Supplemental Assessment Resolutions for Bonds.** The lien for the Debt Assessments established hereunder shall be inchoate until the District issues Bonds. In connection with the issuance of any particular series of the Bonds, the District may adopt, without the need for further public hearing, a supplemental assessment resolution establishing specific Debt Assessments, in one or more separately enforceable Debt Assessment liens, securing such Bonds. Such subsequent resolutions shall be adopted at a noticed meeting of the District, and shall set forth the actual amounts financed, costs of issuance, expected costs of collection, and the total amount of the assessments pledged to that issue, which

amount shall be consistent with the lien imposed by this Resolution. Among other things, the supplemental assessment resolutions may provide for the issuance of multiple series of Bonds each secured by the Assessment Area.

- b. **Adjustments to Debt Assessments.** The District may, by subsequent resolution, adjust the acreage assigned to particular parcel identification numbers listed on the final assessment roll to reflect accurate apportionment of acreage amongst individual parcel identification numbers. The District may make any other such acreage and boundary adjustments to parcels listed on the final assessment roll as may be necessary and in the best interests of the District, as determined by the Board by subsequent resolution. Any such adjustment in the assessment roll shall be consistent with the requirements of law.
 - c. **Contributions.** In connection with the issuance of a series of the Bonds, the project developer may request that any related Debt Assessments be reduced for certain product types. To accomplish any such requested reduction, and pursuant to the terms of an applicable acquisition agreement, and this resolution, the developer will agree to provide a contribution of infrastructure, work product, or land based on the lesser of cost basis or appraised value, comprising a portion of the Project and to meet the minimum requirements set forth in the Assessment Report, if any. Any such contributions shall not be eligible for payment under the Bonds.
 - d. **Impact Fee Credits.** The District may or may not be entitled to impact fee credits as a result of the development of the Project, based on applicable laws and/or agreements governing impact fee credits. Unless otherwise addressed by supplemental assessment resolution, the proceeds from any impact fee credits received may be used in the District's sole discretion as an offset for any acquisition of any portion of the Project (e.g., land based on the lesser of cost basis or appraised value, infrastructure and/or work product), for completion of the Project, or otherwise used against the outstanding indebtedness of any debt issuance that funded the improvement giving rise to the credits.
7. **FINALIZATION OF DEBT ASSESSMENTS.** When the Project has been constructed or otherwise provided to the satisfaction of the Board, the Board shall adopt a resolution accepting the same and determining the actual costs (including financing costs) thereof, as required by Sections 170.08 and 170.09, *Florida Statutes*. Pursuant to Section 170.08, *Florida Statutes*, the District shall credit to each Debt Assessment the difference, if any, between the Debt Assessment as hereby made, approved and confirmed and the actual costs incurred in completing the Project. In making such credits, no credit shall be given for bond, note or other specific financing mechanism costs, capitalized interest, funded reserves or bond or other discounts. Such credits, if any, shall be entered in the Improvement Lien Book.
8. **PAYMENT OF DEBT ASSESSMENTS AND METHOD OF COLLECTION.**
- a. **Payment.** The Debt Assessments, as further set forth in each supplemental assessment resolution, and securing the issuance of each series of the Bonds, may be paid in not more than thirty (30) yearly installments of principal and interest – beginning upon the issuance of the particular series of the Bonds (and after taking into account any capitalized interest periods), provided, however, that the Board shall at any time make such adjustments by resolution, and at a noticed meeting of the Board, to that payment schedule as may be necessary and in the best interests of the District to account for changes in long and short

term debt as actually issued by the District.

- b. **Prepayment.** Subject to the provisions of any supplemental assessment resolution, any owner of property subject to the Debt Assessments may, at its option, pre-pay the entire amount of the Debt Assessment any time, or a portion of the amount of the Debt Assessment up to two times, plus accrued interest to the next succeeding interest payment date (or the second succeeding interest payment date if such prepayment is made within forty-five (45) calendar days before an interest payment date (or such other time as set forth in the supplemental indenture for the applicable series of bonds secured by the Debt Assessments in question)), attributable to the property subject to Debt Assessments owned by such owner. Prepayment of Debt Assessments does not entitle the property owner to any discounts for early payment. If authorized by a supplemental assessment resolution, the District may grant a discount equal to all or a part of the payee's proportionate share of the cost of the applicable Project consisting of bond financing costs, such as capitalized interest, funded reserves, and bond discount included in the estimated cost of the applicable Project, upon payment in full of any Debt Assessment during such period prior to the time such financing costs are incurred as may be specified by the District.
- c. **Uniform Method; Alternatives.** The District may elect to use the method of collecting Debt Assessments authorized by Sections 197.3632 and 197.3635, *Florida Statutes* ("Uniform Method"). The District has heretofore taken all required actions to comply with Sections 197.3632 and 197.3635, *Florida Statutes*. Such Debt Assessments may be subject to all of the collection provisions of Chapter 197, *Florida Statutes*. Notwithstanding the above, in the event the Uniform Method of collecting its Debt Assessments is not available to the District in any year, or if determined by the District to be in its best interests, and subject to the terms of any applicable trust indenture, the Debt Assessments may be collected as is otherwise permitted by law. In particular, the District may, in its sole discretion, collect Debt Assessments by directly billing landowners and enforcing said collection in any manner authorized by law. Any prejudgment interest on delinquent assessments that are directly billed shall accrue at the applicable rate of any bonds or other debt instruments secured by the Debt Assessments. The decision to collect Debt 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 Debt 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.
- d. **Uniform Method Agreements Authorized.** For each year the District uses the Uniform Method, the District shall enter into an agreement with the County Tax Collector who may notify each owner of a lot or parcel within the District of the amount of the special assessment, including interest thereon, in the manner provided in Section 197.3635, *Florida Statutes*.
- e. **Re-amortization.** Any particular lien of the Debt Assessments shall be subject to re-amortization where the applicable series of Bonds is subject to re-amortization pursuant to the applicable trust indenture and where the context allows.

9. ALLOCATION OF DEBT ASSESSMENTS; APPLICATION OF TRUE-UP PAYMENTS.

- a. At such time as parcels of land, or portions thereof, are included in a plat or site plan, it shall be an express condition of the lien established by this Resolution that, prior to County approval, any and all plats or site plans for any portion of the lands within the District, as the District's boundaries may be amended from time to time, shall be presented to the District Manager for review. As parcels of land, or portions thereof, are included in a plat or site plan, the District Manager shall review the plat or site plan and cause the Debt Assessments securing each series of Bonds to be reallocated to the units being included in the plat or site plan and the remaining property in accordance with **Exhibit B**, and cause such reallocation to be recorded in the District's Improvement Lien Book.
- b. Pursuant to the Assessment Report, attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, and which terms are incorporated herein, there may be required from time to time certain true-up payments. When a plat or site plan is presented to the District, the District Manager shall review the plat or site plan to determine whether, taking into account the plat or site plan, there is a net shortfall in the overall principal amount of assessments reasonably able to be assigned to benefitted lands within the Assessment Area. Such determination shall be made based on the language in this Resolution and/or the tests or other methods set forth in **Exhibit B** (if any), or any tests or methods set forth in a supplemental assessment resolution and corresponding assessment report. If the overall principal amount of assessments reasonably cannot be assigned, or is not reasonably expected to be assigned, as set forth in more detail in and subject to the terms of **Exhibit B** (or any supplemental resolution and report, as applicable), to the platted and site planned lands as well as the undeveloped lands, then a debt reduction payment ("**True-Up Payment**") in the amount of such shortfall shall become due and payable that tax year by the landowner(s) of record of the land subject to the proposed plat or site plan and of the remaining undeveloped lands, in addition to any regular assessment installment. The District's review shall be limited solely to this function and the enforcement of the lien established by this Resolution. In the event a True-Up Payment is due and unpaid, the lien established herein for the True-Up Payment amount shall remain in place until such time as the True-Up Payment is made. The District shall record all True-Up Payments in its Improvement Lien Book.
- c. In connection with any true-up determination, affected landowner(s) may request that such true-up determination be deferred because the remaining undeveloped lands are able to support the development of all of the originally planned units within the Assessment Area. To support the request, the affected landowner(s) shall provide the following evidence for the District's consideration: a) proof of the amount of entitlements remaining on the undeveloped lands within the Assessment Area, b) a revised overall development plan showing the number and type of units reasonably planned for the remainder of the development, c) evidence of allowable zoning conditions that would enable those entitlements to be placed in accordance with the revised development plan, and d) documentation prepared by a licensed engineer that shows the feasibility of implementing the proposed development plan. Any deferment shall be in the District's reasonable discretion.
- d. The foregoing is based on the District's understanding that the community would be

developed with the type and number of units set forth in **Exhibit B**, on the developable acres. However, more than the stated number of units may be developed. In no event shall the District collect Debt Assessments pursuant to this Resolution in excess of the total debt service related to the Project, including all costs of financing and interest. The District recognizes that such things as regulatory requirements and market conditions may affect the timing and scope of the development in the District. If the strict application of the true-up methodology to any assessment reallocation pursuant to this paragraph would result in Debt Assessments collected in excess of the District's total debt service obligations for the Project, the Board shall by resolution take appropriate action to equitably reallocate the Debt Assessments.

- e. As set forth in any supplemental assessment resolution and/or supplemental assessment report for a specific series of Bonds, the District may assign a specific debt service assessment lien comprising a portion of the Debt Assessments to the Assessment Area, and, accordingly, any related true-up determinations may be limited to determining whether the planned units for such specified lands in the Assessment Area have been and/or will be developed.

10. GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; TRANSFERS OF PROPERTY TO UNITS OF LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. Real property owned by units of local, state, and federal governments, or similarly exempt entities, shall not be subject to the Debt Assessments without specific consent thereto. If at any time, any real property on which Debt Assessments are imposed by this Resolution is sold or otherwise transferred to a unit of local, state, or federal government (without consent of such governmental unit to the imposition of Debt Assessments thereon), or similarly exempt entity, all future unpaid Debt Assessments for such tax parcel shall become due and payable immediately prior to such transfer without any further action of the District.

11. ASSESSMENT NOTICE. The District's Secretary is hereby directed to record a general Notice of Assessments in the Official Records of the County in which the District is located, which notice shall be updated from time to time in a manner consistent with changes in the boundaries of the District.

12. SEVERABILITY. If any section or part of a section of this Resolution is 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.

13. CONFLICTS. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, superseded and repealed.

14. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

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APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 31st DAY OF MARCH, 2026.

ATTEST:

**WINSTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: *Engineer's Report*

Exhibit B: *Master Special Assessment Methodology Report*

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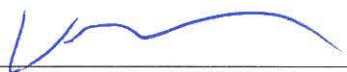
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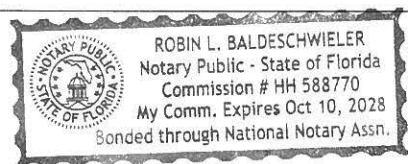


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NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT BY THE THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

In accord with Chapters 120 and 190, Florida Statutes, The Winston Community Development District ("District") hereby gives notice of its intention to develop Rules of Procedure to govern the operations of the District. The proposed rule number is "ROP-1".

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 and competitive purchase including procedure under the Consultants

Competitive Negotiation Act, procedure regarding auditor selection, purchase of insurance, pre-qualification, 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 Florida law. The legal authority for the adoption of the proposed Rules of Procedure includes Sections 190.011(5), 190.011(15) and 190.035, Florida Statutes. 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), 190.011(15), 190.033, 190.035, 218.33, 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.

A copy of the proposed Rules of Procedure may be obtained by contacting the District Manager, at Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, 561-571-0010, cerbonec@whhassociates.com.

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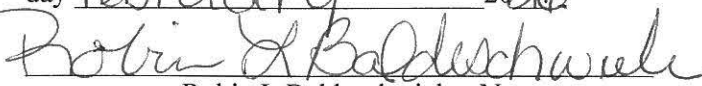
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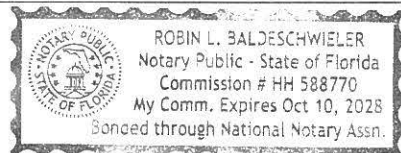
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NOTICE OF RULEMAKING REGARDING THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

A public hearing will be conducted by the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of The Winston Community Development District ("District") on March 31, 2026 at 11:15 a.m. at the Villages Public Library at Pinellas Plaza, 7375 Powell Rd., Conference Room 162, Wildwood, Florida 34785, relative to the adoption of the Proposed Rule. Pursuant to Sections 190.011(5) and 190.012(3), Florida Statutes, the Proposed Rule will not require legislative ratification.

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 "Proposed Rule"). The Proposed Rule number is "ROP-1". Prior notice of rule development was published in the Villages Daily Sun on February 18, 2026.

The purpose and effect of the Proposed Rule is to provide for efficient and effective District operations and to ensure compliance with recent changes to Florida Law. The specific grant of rulemaking

authority for the adoption of the Proposed Rule includes Sections 190.011(5), 190.011(15) and 190.035, Florida Statutes. The specific laws implemented in the Proposed Rule include, but are not limited to, Sections 112.08, 112.3143, 112.31446, 112.3145, 119.07, 119.0701, 120.54, 120.542, 120.5435, 120.56, 120.69, 120.81, 189.053, 189.069, 190.006, 190.007, 190.008, 190.011, 190.033, 190.035, 218.33, 218.391, 255.05, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 286.0105, 286.011, 286.012, 286.0113, 286.0114, 287.017, 287.055, and 287.084, Florida Statutes.

A statement of estimated regulatory costs, as defined in Section 120.541(2), Florida Statutes, has not been prepared relative to the Proposed Rule. 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 (as defined herein).

For more information regarding the public hearing, the Proposed Rule, or for a copy of the Proposed Rule and the related incorporated documents, if any, please contact the District Manager c/o Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 Ph: 561-571-0010, cerbonec@whhassociates.com (the "District Manager's Office").

This public hearing may be continued to a date, time, and place to be 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.

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, pre-qualification, 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.

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 forty-eight (48) hours 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.

Cindy Cerbone, District Manager
The Winston Community Development District

#01294282 February 25, 2026

THE WINSTON

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2026-37

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

WHEREAS, the Winston 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 Sumter 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 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 WINSTON 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 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 31st day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

**THE WINSTON COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Rules of Procedure

Exhibit A
Rules of Procedure

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

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

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

Rule 1.1 Board of Supervisors; Officers and Voting.

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

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

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

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

If the Board member was elected at a landowner's election or appointed to fill a vacancy of a seat last filled at a landowner's election, the Board member may vote or abstain from voting on the matter at issue. If the Board member was elected by electors residing within the District, the Board

member is prohibited from voting on the matter at issue. In the event that the Board member intends to abstain or is prohibited from voting, such Board member shall not participate in the discussion on the item subject to the vote.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (3) Service Contracts. Any contract for services, regardless of cost, shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws. The District Manager shall be responsible for initially enforcing all contract provisions related to a contractor's duty to comply with public records laws.

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 1.3 Public Meetings, Hearings, and Workshops.

- (1) Notice. Except in emergencies, or as otherwise required by statute or these Rules, at least seven (7) days 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) Mistake. In the event that a meeting is held under the incorrect assumption that notice required by law and these Rules has been given, the Board at its next properly noticed meeting shall cure such defect by considering the agenda items from the prior meeting individually and anew.
- (3) Agenda. The District Manager, under the guidance of District Counsel and the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, shall prepare an agenda of the meeting/hearing/workshop. The agenda and any meeting materials available in an electronic format, excluding any confidential and any confidential and exempt information, shall be available to the public at least seven days before the meeting/hearing/workshop, except in an emergency. Meeting materials shall be defined as, and limited to, the agenda, meeting minutes, resolutions, and agreements of the District that District staff deems necessary for Board approval. Inclusion of additional materials for Board consideration other than those defined herein as “meeting materials” shall not convert such materials into “meeting materials.” For good cause, the agenda may be changed after it is first made available for distribution, and additional materials may be added or provided under separate cover at the meeting. The requirement of good cause shall be liberally construed to allow the District to efficiently conduct business and to avoid the expenses associated with special meetings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 1.4 Internal Controls to Prevent Fraud, Waste and Abuse

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

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

Rule 2.0 Rulemaking Proceedings.

- (1) Commencement of Proceedings. Proceedings held for adoption, amendment, or repeal of a District rule shall be conducted according to these Rules. Rulemaking proceedings shall be deemed to have been initiated upon publication of notice by the District. A “rule” is a District statement of general applicability that implements, interprets, or prescribes law or policy, or describes the procedure or practice requirements of the District (“Rule”). Nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the District to consider or adopt rules unless required by Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes. Policies adopted by the District which do not consist of rates, fees, rentals or other monetary charges may be, but are not required to be, implemented through rulemaking proceedings.
- (2) Notice of Rule Development.
 - (a) Except when the intended action is the repeal of a Rule, the District shall provide notice of the development of a proposed rule by publication of a Notice of Rule Development in a newspaper of general circulation in the District before providing notice of a proposed rule as required by section (3) of this Rule. Consequently, the Notice of Rule Development shall be published at least twenty-nine (29) days prior to the public hearing on the proposed Rule. The Notice of Rule Development shall indicate the subject area to be addressed by rule development, provide a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed rule, cite the specific legal authority for the proposed rule, and include a statement of how a person may promptly obtain, without cost, a copy of any preliminary draft, if available.
 - (b) All rules as drafted shall be consistent with Sections 120.54(1)(g) and 120.54(2)(b) of the Florida Statutes.
- (3) Notice of Proceedings and Proposed Rules.
 - (a) Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule other than an emergency rule, the District shall give notice of its intended action, setting forth a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed action, a reference to the specific rulemaking authority pursuant to which the rule is adopted, and a reference to the section or subsection of the Florida Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific. The notice shall include a summary of the District’s statement of the estimated regulatory costs, if one has been prepared, based on the factors set forth in Section 120.541(2) of the Florida Statutes, and a statement that any person who wishes to provide the District with a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), must do so in writing within twenty-one (21) days after publication of the notice. The notice shall additionally include a statement that any affected person may request a public hearing by submitting a written request within twenty-one (21) days after the date

of publication of the notice. Except when intended action is the repeal of a rule, the notice shall include a reference to both the date on which and the place where the Notice of Rule Development required by section (2) of this Rule appeared.

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

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

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

(11) Petitions to Challenge Existing Rules.

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

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

the District shall proceed, at the petitioner's written request, to process the petition.

- (d) The Board shall grant or deny a petition for variance or waiver and shall announce such disposition at a publicly held meeting of the Board, within ninety (90) days after receipt of the original petition, the last item of timely requested additional material, or the petitioner's written request to finish processing the petition. The District's statement granting or denying the petition shall contain a statement of the relevant facts and reasons supporting the District's action.
- (13) Rates, Fees, Rentals and Other Charges. All rates, fees, rentals, or other charges shall be subject to rulemaking proceedings. Policies adopted by the District which do not consist of rates, fees, rentals or other charges may be, but are not required to be, implemented through rulemaking proceedings.

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

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

Rule 3.0 Competitive Purchase.

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

- (e) “Design-Build Firm” means a partnership, corporation or other legal entity that:
 - (i) Is certified under Section 489.119 of the Florida Statutes, to engage in contracting through a certified or registered general contractor or a certified or registered building contractor as the qualifying agent; or
 - (ii) Is certified under Section 471.023 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice engineering; certified under Section 481.219 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice architecture; or certified under Section 481.319 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice landscape architecture.

- (f) “Design Criteria Package” means concise, performance-oriented drawings or specifications for a public construction project. The purpose of the Design Criteria Package is to furnish sufficient information to permit Design-Build Firms to prepare a bid or a response to the District’s Request for Proposals, or to permit the District to enter into a negotiated Design-Build Contract. The Design Criteria Package must specify performance-based criteria for the public construction project, including the legal description of the site, survey information concerning the site, interior space requirements, material quality standards, schematic layouts and conceptual design criteria of the project, cost or budget estimates, design and construction schedules, site development requirements, provisions for utilities, stormwater retention and disposal, and parking requirements applicable to the project. Design Criteria Packages shall require firms to submit information regarding the qualifications, availability, and past work of the firms, including the partners and members thereof.

- (g) “Design Criteria Professional” means a firm who holds a current certificate of registration under Chapter 481 of the Florida Statutes, to practice architecture or landscape architecture, or a firm who holds a current certificate as a registered engineer under Chapter 471 of the Florida Statutes, to practice engineering, and who is employed by or under contract to the District to provide professional architect services, landscape architect services, or engineering services in connection with the preparation of the Design Criteria Package.

- (h) “Emergency Purchase” means a purchase necessitated by a sudden unexpected turn of events (for example, acts of God, riot, fires, floods, hurricanes, accidents, or any circumstances or cause beyond the control of the Board in the normal conduct of its business), where the Board finds that the delay incident to competitive purchase would be detrimental to the interests of the District. This includes, but is not limited to, instances where

the time to competitively award the project will jeopardize the funding for the project, will materially increase the cost of the project, or will create an undue hardship on the public health, safety, or welfare.

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

requiring the manual signature of an authorized representative. It may provide general information, applicable laws and rules, statement of work, functional or general specifications, qualifications, proposal instructions, work detail analysis, and evaluation criteria as necessary.

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

Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation document and these Rules, and the cost components of which, if any, are appropriately balanced. A bid, proposal, reply or response is not responsive if the person or firm submitting it fails to meet any material requirement relating to the qualifications, financial stability, or licensing of the bidder.

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

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

Rule 3.1 Procedure Under the Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act.

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

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

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

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

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

(4) Competitive Selection.

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

by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's ranking decisions under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

(5) Competitive Negotiation.

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

(6) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.

- (7) Continuing Contract. Nothing in this Rule shall prohibit a Continuing Contract between a consultant and the District.
- (8) Emergency Purchase. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these Rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

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

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

Rule 3.2 Procedure Regarding Auditor Selection.

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

- (1) Definitions.
 - (a) "Auditing Services" means those services within the scope of the practice of a certified public accounting firm licensed under Chapter 473 of the Florida Statutes, and qualified to conduct audits in accordance with government auditing standards as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy.
 - (b) "Committee" means the auditor selection committee appointed by the Board as described in section (2) of this Rule.
- (2) Establishment of Auditor Selection Committee. Prior to a public announcement under section (4) of this Rule that Auditing Services are required, the Board shall establish an auditor selection committee ("Committee"), the primary purpose of which is to assist the Board in selecting an auditor to conduct the annual financial audit required by Section 218.39 of the Florida Statutes. The Committee shall include at least three individuals, at least one of which must also be a member of the Board. The establishment and selection of the Committee must be conducted at a publicly noticed and held meeting of the Board. The Chairperson of the Committee must be a member of the Board. An employee, a chief executive officer, or a chief financial officer of the District may not serve as a member of the Committee; provided however such individual may serve the Committee in an advisory capacity.
- (3) Establishment of Minimum Qualifications and Evaluation Criteria. Prior to a public announcement under section (4) of this Rule that Auditing Services are required, the Committee shall meet at a publicly noticed meeting to establish minimum qualifications and factors to use for the evaluation of Auditing Services to be provided by a certified public accounting firm licensed under Chapter 473 of the Florida Statutes, and qualified to conduct audits in accordance with government auditing standards as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy.
 - (a) Minimum Qualifications. In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, a firm must, at all relevant times including the time of receipt of the proposal by the District:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.3 Purchase of Insurance.

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

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

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

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: § 112.08, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.4 Pre-qualification

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

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

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

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

shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's pre-qualification decisions under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11; provided however, protests related to the pre-qualification criteria and procedures for construction services shall be resolved in accordance with section (2)(b) of this Rule and Section 255.20(1)(b) of the Florida Statutes.

(3) Suspension, Revocation, or Denial of Qualification

(a) The District, for good cause, may deny, suspend, or revoke a prequalified vendor's pre-qualified status. A suspension, revocation, or denial for good cause shall prohibit the vendor from bidding on any District construction contract for which qualification is required, shall constitute a determination of non-responsibility to bid on any other District construction or maintenance contract, and shall prohibit the vendor from acting as a material supplier or subcontractor on any District contract or project during the period of suspension, revocation, or denial. Good cause shall include the following:

- i. One of the circumstances specified under Section 337.16(2), Fla. Stat., has occurred.
- ii. Affiliated contractors submitted more than one proposal for the same work. In this event the pre-qualified status of all of the affiliated bidders will be revoked, suspended, or denied. All bids of affiliated bidders will be rejected.
- iii. The vendor made or submitted false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements, certifications, or materials in any claim for payment or any information required by any District contract.
- iv. The vendor or its affiliate defaulted on any contract or a contract surety assumed control of financial responsibility for any contract of the vendor.
- v. The vendor's qualification to bid is suspended, revoked, or denied by any other public or semi-public entity, or the vendor has been the subject of a civil enforcement proceeding or settlement involving a public or semi-public entity.
- vi. The vendor failed to comply with contract or warranty requirements or failed to follow District direction in the performance of a contract.
- vii. The vendor failed to timely furnish all contract documents required by the contract specifications, special provisions, or by any state or federal statutes or regulations. If the vendor fails to furnish any of the subject contract documents by the expiration of the period of suspension,

revocation, or denial set forth above, the vendor's pre-qualified status shall remain suspended, revoked, or denied until the documents are furnished.

- viii. The vendor failed to notify the District within 10 days of the vendor, or any of its affiliates, being declared in default or otherwise not completing work on a contract or being suspended from qualification to bid or denied qualification to bid by any other public or semi-public agency.
- ix. The vendor did not pay its subcontractors or suppliers in a timely manner or in compliance with contract documents.
- x. The vendor has demonstrated instances of poor or unsatisfactory performance, deficient management resulting in project delay, poor quality workmanship, a history of payment of liquidated damages, untimely completion of projects, uncooperative attitude, contract litigation, inflated claims or defaults.
- xi. An affiliate of the vendor has previously been determined by the District to be non-responsible, and the specified period of suspension, revocation, denial, or non-responsibility remains in effect.
- xii. The vendor or affiliate(s) has been convicted of a contract crime.
 - 1. The term "contract crime" means any violation of state or federal antitrust laws with respect to a public contract or any violation of any state or federal law involving fraud, bribery, collusion, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation with respect to a public contract.
 - 2. The term "convicted" or "conviction" means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a contract crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record as a result of a jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.

(b) A denial, suspension, or revocation shall prohibit the vendor from being a subcontractor on District work during the period of denial, suspension, or revocation, except when a prime contractor's bid has used prices of a subcontractor who becomes disqualified after the bid, but before the request for authorization to sublet is presented.

(c) The District shall inform the vendor in writing of its intent to deny, suspend, or revoke its pre-qualified status and inform the vendor of its right to a hearing, the procedure which must be followed, and the applicable time limits. If a hearing is requested within 10 days after the receipt of the notice of intent, the

hearing shall be held within 30 days after receipt by the District of the request for the hearing. The decision shall be issued within 15 days after the hearing.

- (d) Such suspension or revocation shall not affect the vendor's obligations under any preexisting contract.
- (e) In the case of contract crimes, the vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be revoked indefinitely. For all violations of Rule 3.4(3)(a) other than for the vendor's conviction for contract crimes, the revocation, denial, or suspension of a vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be for a specific period of time based on the seriousness of the deficiency.

Examples of factors affecting the seriousness of a deficiency are:

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

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

Rule 3.5 Construction Contracts, Not Design-Build.

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

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

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

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

- (f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses, or the portions of which that include the price, shall be publicly opened at a meeting noticed in accordance with Rule 1.3, and at which at least one district representative is present. The name of each bidder and the price submitted in the bid shall be announced at such meeting and shall be made available upon request. Minutes should be taken at the meeting and maintained by the District. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and these Rules. Minor variations in the bids,

proposals, replies, or responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.

- (g) The lowest Responsive Bid submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder in response to an Invitation to Bid shall be accepted. In relation to a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, the Board shall select the Responsive Proposal, Reply, or Response submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Vendor which is most advantageous to the District. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, and responses.
- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No contractor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, response, or reply preparation or submittal from the District.
- (i) The Board may require potential contractors to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
- (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses, shall be provided in writing to all contractors by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's purchase of construction services under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
- (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase construction services or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may

proceed with the procurement of construction services, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the construction services without further competitive selection processes.

- (3) Sole Source; Government. Construction services that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Construction services provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of construction services, which may include goods, supplies, or materials, that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules. A contract for construction services is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process.
- (4) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (5) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board Meeting.
- (6) Exceptions. This Rule is inapplicable when:
 - (a) The project is undertaken as repair or maintenance of an existing public facility;
 - (b) The funding source of the project will be diminished or lost because the time required to competitively award the project after the funds become available exceeds the time within which the funding source must be spent;
 - (c) The District has competitively awarded a project and the contractor has abandoned the project or the District has terminated the contract; or
 - (d) The District, after public notice, conducts a public meeting under Section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes, and finds by a majority vote of the Board that it is in the public's best interest to perform the project using its own services, employees, and equipment.

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

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

Rule 3.6 Construction Contracts, Design-Build.

- (1) Scope. The District may utilize Design-Build Contracts for any public construction project for which the Board determines that use of such contract is in the best

interest of the District. When letting a Design-Build Contract, the District shall use the following procedure:

(2) Procedure.

- (a) The District shall utilize a Design Criteria Professional meeting the requirements of Section 287.055(2)(k) of the Florida Statutes, when developing a Design Criteria Package, evaluating the proposals and qualifications submitted by Design-Build Firms, and determining compliance of the project construction with the Design Criteria Package. The Design Criteria Professional may be an employee of the District, may be the District Engineer selected by the District pursuant to Section 287.055 of the Florida Statutes, or may be retained pursuant to Rule 3.1. The Design Criteria Professional is not eligible to render services under a Design-Build Contract executed pursuant to the Design Criteria Package.
- (b) A Design Criteria Package for the construction project shall be prepared and sealed by the Design Criteria Professional. If the project utilizes existing plans, the Design Criteria Professional shall create a Design Criteria Package by supplementing the plans with project specific requirements, if any.
- (c) The Board may either choose to award the Design-Build Contract pursuant to the competitive proposal selection process set forth in Section 287.055(9) of the Florida Statutes, or pursuant to the qualifications-based selection process pursuant to Rule 3.1.
 - (i) Qualifications-Based Selection. If the process set forth in Rule 3.1 is utilized, subsequent to competitive negotiations, a guaranteed maximum price and guaranteed completion date shall be established.
 - (ii) Competitive Proposal-Based Selection. If the competitive proposal selection process is utilized, the Board, in consultation with the Design Criteria Professional, shall establish the criteria, standards and procedures for the evaluation of Design-Build Proposals based on price, technical, and design aspects of the project, weighted for the project. After a Design Criteria Package and the standards and procedures for evaluation of proposals have been developed, competitive proposals from qualified firms shall be solicited pursuant to the design criteria by the following procedure:
 - 1. A Request for Proposals shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located. The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of sealed proposals, unless the Board,

for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate. Any project projected to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) must be noticed at least thirty (30) days prior to the date for submittal of proposals.

2. The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Requests for Proposals. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
3. In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, a firm must, at the time of receipt of the proposals:
 - a. Hold the required applicable state professional licenses in good standing, as defined by Section 287.055(2)(h) of the Florida Statutes;
 - b. Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - c. Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the proposer is a corporation;
 - d. Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Request for Proposals and Design Criteria Package.

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

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the proposal if required by the District. Failure to

submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the proposal.

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.7 Payment and Performance Bonds.

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

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

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

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

Law Implemented: § 255.05, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.8 Goods, Supplies, and Materials.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, reply, or response preparation or submittal from the District.
 - (i) The Board may require bidders and proposers to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
 - (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's purchase of goods, supplies, and materials under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
 - (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase goods, supplies, or materials, or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of goods, supplies, and materials, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the goods, supplies, and materials without further competitive selection processes.
- (3) Goods, Supplies, and Materials included in a Construction Contract Awarded Pursuant to Rule 3.5 or 3.6. There may be occasions where the District has

undergone the competitive purchase of construction services which contract may include the provision of goods, supplies, or materials. In that instance, the District may approve a change order to the contract and directly purchase the goods, supplies, and materials. Such purchase of goods, supplies, and materials deducted from a competitively purchased construction contract shall be exempt from this Rule.

- (4) Exemption. Goods, supplies, and materials that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Goods, supplies, and materials provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. A contract for goods, supplies, or materials is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of goods, supplies or materials that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules.
- (5) Renewal. Contracts for the purchase of goods, supplies, and/or materials subject to this Rule may be renewed for a maximum period of five (5) years.
- (6) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

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

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

Rule 3.9 Maintenance Services.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.10 Contractual Services.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Filing.

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

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

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

- (e) Make or receive offers of settlement, stipulation, and adjustment.

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

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

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

Law Implemented: § 190.033, Fla. Stat.

Rule 4.0 Effective Date.

These Rules shall be effective March 31, 2026, 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.

THE WINSTON

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State of Florida
County Of Sumter

Affidavit of Publication

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared **ALLAN LOVELL** who on oath says that he or she is Legal Ad Coordinator of the Villages DAILY SUN, a daily newspaper published in Sumter County, Florida with circulation in Lake, Sumter and Marion Counties; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Legal Ad in the matter of **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1297395**

was published in said newspaper in the issues of
March 11, 2026
March 18, 2026

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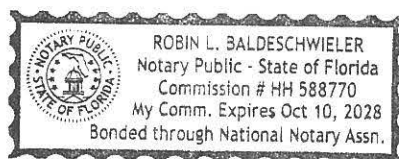
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19
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THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET(S); AND NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

The Board of Supervisors ("Board") of The Winston Community Development District ("District") will hold a public hearing and regular meeting as follows:

DATE: March 31, 2026
TIME: 11:15 A.M.
LOCATION: Villages Public Library at Pinellas Plaza
7375 Powell Rd., Conference Room 162
Wildwood, Florida 34785

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments and objections on the adoption of the District's proposed budget(s) for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026 ("Proposed Budget"). A regular Board meeting of the District will also be held at the above 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, Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W,

Boca Raton, Florida 33431, Phone (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/or meeting may be continued in progress to a date, time certain, and place to be specified on the record at the public hearing and/or meeting. There may be occasions when Board Supervisors or District Staff may participate by speaker telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations at the public hearing or meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the public hearing and 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

#01297395 **March 11, 2026**
March 18, 2026

THE WINSTON

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2026-38

THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION OF THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (“DISTRICT”) RELATING TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET(S) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the District Manager has submitted to the Board of Supervisors (“**Board**”) of the Winston Community Development District (“**District**”) the proposed budget (“**Proposed Budget**”) for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026 (“**Fiscal Year 2025/2026**”) 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 WINSTON 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 Winston Community Development District for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2026."
- 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 2025/2026, 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 2025/2026 or within 60 days following the end of the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 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 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2026.

ATTEST:

**THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget(s)

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**THE WINSTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
PROPOSED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2026**

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**THE WINSTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2026**

| | <u>Proposed Budget FY 2026</u> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| REVENUES | |
| Landowner contribution | \$ 77,891 |
| Total revenues | <u>77,891</u> |
| EXPENDITURES | |
| Professional & administrative | |
| Supervisors | 6,459 |
| Management/accounting/recording** | 26,000 |
| Legal | 25,000 |
| Engineering | 2,000 |
| Audit* | - |
| Arbitrage rebate calculation* | - |
| Dissemination agent | 667 |
| Trustee* | - |
| Telephone | 200 |
| Postage | 500 |
| Printing & binding | 500 |
| Legal advertising | 7,500 |
| Annual special district fee | 175 |
| Insurance | 5,500 |
| Contingencies/bank charges | 1,500 |
| Website hosting & maintenance | 1,680 |
| Website ADA compliance | 210 |
| Total expenditures | <u>77,891</u> |
| Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures | - - |
| Net increase/(decrease) of fund balance | - |
| Fund balance - beginning (unaudited) | - |
| Fund balance - ending (projected) | <u>-</u> |
| Assigned | |
| Working capital | - |
| Unassigned | - |
| Fund balance - ending | <u><u>\$ -</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.

**THE WINSTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
DEFINITIONS OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**

EXPENDITURES

Professional & administrative

| | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Supervisors | \$ 6,459 |
| Statutorily set at \$200 for each meeting of the Board of Supervisors not to exceed \$4,800 for each fiscal year. | |
| Management/accounting/recording** | 26,000 |
| Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC (WHA), specializes in managing community development districts by combining the knowledge, skills and experience of a team of professionals to ensure compliance with all of the District's governmental requirements. WHA develops financing programs, administers the issuance of tax exempt bond financings, operates and maintains the assets of the community. | |
| Legal | 25,000 |
| General counsel and legal representation, which includes issues relating to public finance, public bidding, rulemaking, open meetings, public records, real property dedications, conveyances and contracts. | |
| Engineering | 2,000 |
| The District's Engineer will provide construction and consulting services, to assist the District in crafting sustainable solutions to address the long term interests of the community while recognizing the needs of government, the environment and maintenance of the District's facilities. | |
| Audit | - |
| Statutorily required for the District to undertake an independent examination of its books, records and accounting procedures. | |
| Arbitrage rebate calculation* | - |
| To ensure the District's compliance with all tax regulations, annual computations are necessary to calculate the arbitrage rebate liability. | |
| Dissemination agent | 667 |
| The District must annually disseminate financial information in order to comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Wrathell, Hunt & Associates serves as dissemination agent. | |
| Trustee | - |
| Annual fee for the service provided by trustee, paying agent and registrar. | |
| Telephone | 200 |
| Telephone and fax machine. | |
| Postage | 500 |
| Mailing of agenda packages, overnight deliveries, correspondence, etc. | |
| Printing & binding | 500 |
| Letterhead, envelopes, copies, agenda packages | |
| Legal advertising | 7,500 |
| The District advertises for monthly meetings, special meetings, public hearings, public bids, etc. | |
| Annual special district fee | 175 |
| Annual fee paid to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. | |
| Insurance | 5,500 |
| The District will obtain public officials and general liability insurance. | |
| Contingencies/bank charges | 1,500 |
| Bank charges and other miscellaneous expenses incurred during the year and automated AP routing etc. | |
| Website hosting & maintenance | 1,680 |
| Website ADA compliance | 210 |
| Total expenditures | <u><u>\$ 77,891</u></u> |

THE WINSTON

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RESOLUTION 2026-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPROVING A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW; ADDRESSING TRANSMITTAL, POSTING AND PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS; ADDRESSING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the District Manager has heretofore prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors ("**Board**") of the Winston Community Development District ("**District**"), prior to June 15, 2026, a proposed budget ("**Proposed Budget**") for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027 ("**Fiscal Year 2026/2027**"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the Proposed Budget and desires to set the required public hearing thereon.

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

1. **PROPOSED BUDGET APPROVED.** The Proposed Budget prepared by the District Manager for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved as the basis for conducting a public hearing to adopt said Proposed Budget.

2. **SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING.** A public hearing on said approved Proposed Budget is hereby declared and set as follows:

DATE: _____

HOUR: _____

LOCATION: _____

3. **TRANSMITTAL; POSTING; NOTICE.** The District Manager is hereby directed to submit a copy of the proposed budget to the local general purpose unit(s) of government at least sixty (60) days prior to the hearing set above. In accordance with Section 189.016, *Florida Statutes*, the District's Secretary is further directed to post the approved budget on the District's website at least two (2) days before the budget hearing date as set forth in Section 2. If the District does not have its own website, the District's Secretary is directed to transmit the approved budget to the manager or administrator of the local general purpose unit(s) of government for posting on the applicable website(s). Notice of this public hearing shall be published in the manner prescribed in Florida law.

4. **SEVERABILITY.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or any part thereof.

5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2026.

Attest:

**THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Proposed Budget

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Proposed Budget

**THE WINSTON
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PROPOSED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2027**

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**THE WINSTON
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GENERAL FUND BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2027**

| | Fiscal Year 2026 | | | Total Actual & Projected | Proposed Budget FY 2027 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Adopted Budget FY 2026 | Actual through 2/28/2026 | Projected through 9/30/2026 | | |
| REVENUES | | | | | |
| Landowner contribution | \$ 77,891 | \$ 1,203 | \$ 76,772 | \$ 77,975 | \$ 118,684 |
| Total revenues | <u>77,891</u> | <u>1,203</u> | <u>76,772</u> | <u>77,975</u> | <u>118,684</u> |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | | |
| Professional & administrative | | | | | |
| Supervisors | 6,459 | 431 | 6,028 | 6,459 | 6,459 |
| Management/accounting/recording** | 26,000 | 4,000 | 22,000 | 26,000 | 48,000 |
| Legal | 25,000 | 635 | 24,365 | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| Engineering | 2,000 | - | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Engineer's report | - | - | - | - | 6,000 |
| Audit* | - | - | - | - | 6,000 |
| Arbitrage rebate calculation* | - | - | - | - | 500 |
| Dissemination agent* | 667 | - | 667 | 667 | 2,000 |
| Trustee* | - | - | - | - | 5,000 |
| Telephone | 200 | 32 | 168 | 200 | 200 |
| Postage | 500 | - | 375 | 375 | 500 |
| Printing & binding | 500 | 84 | 375 | 459 | 500 |
| Legal advertising | 7,500 | 1,203 | 6,297 | 7,500 | 7,500 |
| Annual special district fee | 175 | - | 175 | 175 | 175 |
| Insurance | 5,500 | - | 5,500 | 5,500 | 6,500 |
| Contingencies/bank charges | 1,500 | - | 1,750 | 1,750 | 1,500 |
| Website hosting & maintenance | 1,680 | - | 1,680 | 1,680 | 705 |
| Website ADA compliance | 210 | - | 210 | 210 | 145 |
| Total expenditures | <u>77,891</u> | <u>6,385</u> | <u>71,590</u> | <u>77,975</u> | <u>118,684</u> |
| Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures | - | (5,182) | 5,182 | - | - |
| Fund balance - beginning (unaudited) | - | - | (5,182) | - | - |
| Fund balance - ending | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ (5,182)</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <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.

**THE WINSTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
DEFINITIONS OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**

EXPENDITURES

Professional & administrative

| | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Supervisors | \$ 6,459 |
| Statutorily set at \$200 for each meeting of the Board of Supervisors not to exceed \$4,800 for each fiscal year. | |
| Management/accounting/recording** | 48,000 |
| Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC (WHA), specializes in managing community development districts by combining the knowledge, skills and experience of a team of professionals to ensure compliance with all of the District's governmental requirements. WHA develops financing programs, administers the issuance of tax exempt bond financings, operates and maintains the assets of the community. | |
| Legal | 25,000 |
| General counsel and legal representation, which includes issues relating to public finance, public bidding, rulemaking, open meetings, public records, real property dedications, conveyances and contracts. | |
| Engineering | 2,000 |
| The District's Engineer will provide construction and consulting services, to assist the District in crafting sustainable solutions to address the long term interests of the community while recognizing the needs of government, the environment and maintenance of the District's facilities. | |
| Engineer's report | 6,000 |
| Engineers report for stormwater reports, goals and objectives report, and public facilities reporting. | |
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The Villages
DAILY SUN

Published Daily
State of Florida
County Of Sumter

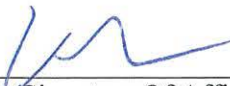
Affidavit of Publication

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared **ALLAN LOVELL** who on oath says that he or she is Legal Ad Coordinator of the Villages DAILY SUN, a daily newspaper published in Sumter County, Florida with circulation in Lake, Sumter and Marion Counties; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Legal Ad in the matter of **NOTICE OF REQUEST**


#1294497

was published in said newspaper in the issues of **March 2, 2026**

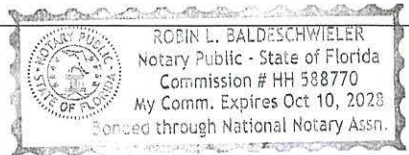
Affiant further says that the Daily Sun is a newspaper that complies with all legal requirements for publication in chapter 50, Florida Statutes.


(Signature Of Affiant)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3
day March 2026


Robin L Baldeschwieler, Notary

Personally Known _____ or
Production Identification _____
Type of Identification Produced _____



Attach Notice Here

**THE WINSTON COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR ANNUAL AUDIT
SERVICES**

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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, The Winston Community Development District."

Proposals must be received by 12:00 p.m. on March 10, 2026, at the office of the District Manager. Please direct all questions regarding this Notice to the District Manager.

District Manager

#01294497 March 2, 2026

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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.

THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

District Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2026
Sumter County, Florida

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

SECTION 1. DUE DATE. Sealed proposals must be received no later than March 10, 2026 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 – The Winston Community Development District" on the face of it. **Pricing must include 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 two (2) annual renewals. Costs must include the 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.

**THE WINSTON 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.

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**THE WINSTON
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:

Maritza Stonebraker, CPA, Director

DATE OF PROPOSAL:

March 10, 2026

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March 10, 2026

The Winston Community Development District
Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, FL 33431

Dear District Manager:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to present our professional credentials to provide audit services for The Winston 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 The Winston Community Development District. We will provide you with top quality, responsive service.

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 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.

The Winston Community Development District
March 10, 2026

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. Maritza Stonebraker is the person authorized to make representations for the firm.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit this proposal to The Winston 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 70 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 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 for St. Lucie County for over 34 years. 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 100 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 32 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:

| | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Partners/Directors (CPA's) | 7 |
| Managers (1 CPA) | 2 |
| Senior/Supervisor Accountants (1 CPA) | 3 |
| Staff Accountants | 8 |
| Paraprofessional | 6 |
| Administrative | <u>6</u> |
| Total – all personnel | 32 |

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.

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 The Winston 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:

Au-C Section 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.

GOVERNMENTAL AUDITING EXPERIENCE

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL has been practicing public accounting in Florida for 70 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 tax-exempt 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.

GOVERNMENTAL AUDITING EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

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.

GOVERNMENTAL AUDIT EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

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 33 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.

GOVERNMENTAL AUDIT EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

References

Florida Green Finance Authority
Jeff Walker, Special District Services
(561) 630-4922

Gateway Services Community
Development District
Stephen Bloom, Inframark LLC
(954) 753-5841

South Village Community Development District
Darrin Mossing, Governmental Management
Services LLC
(407) 841-5524

Clearwater Cay Community
Development District
Cal Teague, Premier District Management
(239) 690-7100 ext 101

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

Community Development Districts

Aberdeen Community Development
District

Beacon Lakes Community
Development District

Alta Lakes Community Development
District

Beaumont Community Development
District

Amelia Concourse Community
Development District

Bella Collina Community Development
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Amelia Walk Community
Development District

Bonnet Creek Community
Development District

Aqua One Community Development
District

Buckeye Park Community
Development District

Arborwood Community Development
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Candler Hills East Community
Development District

Arlington Ridge Community
Development District

Cedar Hammock Community
Development District

Bartram Springs Community
Development District

Central Lake Community
Development District

Baytree Community Development
District

Channing Park Community
Development District

GOVERNMENTAL AUDIT EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

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

GOVERNMENTAL AUDIT EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

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| Heritage Harbor Community Development District | Madeira Community Development District |
| Heritage Isles Community Development District | Marhsall Creek Community Development District |
| Heritage Lake Park Community Development District | Meadow Pointe IV Community Development District |
| Heritage Landing Community Development District | Meadow View at Twin Creek Community Development District |
| Heritage Palms Community Development District | Mediterra North Community Development District |
| Heron Isles Community Development District | Midtown Miami Community Development District |
| Heron Isles Community Development District | Mira Lago West Community Development District |
| Highland Meadows II Community Development District | Montecito Community Development District |
| Julington Creek Community Development District | Narcoossee Community Development District |
| Laguna Lakes Community Development District | Naturewalk Community Development District |
| Lake Bernadette Community Development District | New Port Tampa Bay Community Development District |
| Lakeside Plantation Community Development District | Overoaks Community Development District |
| Landings at Miami Community Development District | Panther Trace II Community Development District |
| Legends Bay Community Development District | Paseo Community Development District |
| Lexington Oaks Community Development District | Pine Ridge Plantation Community Development District |
| Live Oak No. 2 Community Development District | Piney Z Community Development District |

GOVERNMENTAL AUDIT EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

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| 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 District | Southern Hills Plantation I 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 Development District | Stoneybrook South at ChampionsGate Community Development District |
| River Place on the St. Lucie Community Development District | Stoneybrook West Community Development District |
| Rivers Edge Community Development District | Tern Bay Community Development District |
| Riverwood Community Development District | Terracina Community Development District |
| Riverwood Estates Community Development District | Tison's Landing Community Development District |
| Rolling Hills Community Development District | TPOST Community Development District |
| Rolling Oaks Community Development District | |

GOVERNMENTAL AUDIT EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

Triple Creek Community
Development District

Vizcaya in Kendall
Development District

TSR Community Development
District

Waterset North Community
Development District

Turnbull Creek Community
Development District

Westside Community Development
District

Twin Creeks North Community
Development District

WildBlue Community Development
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

GOVERNMENTAL AUDIT EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

Other Governmental Organizations

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| 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 Laboratory, District 19, Florida | Seminole Improvement District |
| Viera Stewardship District | Troup Indiantown Water Control District |

Current or Recent Single Audits

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

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

GOVERNMENTAL AUDIT EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

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
Indian River School District – Internal Accounts

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 \$2,800 for the year ending September 30, 2026 and \$3,500 for the years ending September 30, 2027 and 2028. In addition, if a bond issuance occurs there will be an additional fee of \$1,400 for each additional bond. The fee is contingent upon the financial records and accounting systems of The Winston 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 The Winston Community Development District as of September 30, 2026, 2027 and 2028. 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.

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

David S. McGuire, CPA, CITP

Director – 31 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.

Commitment to Quality Service

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

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Matthew Gonano, CPA

Director – 14 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.

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Melissa Marlin, CPA

Director – 12 years

Education

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

Registrations

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

Professional Affiliations/Community Service

- ◆ Member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- ◆ Member of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- ◆ Affiliate member of the Government Finance Officers Association

Professional Experience

- ◆ Accountant with over 10 years of experience providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.
- ◆ Performed over 300 audits of nonprofit and governmental organizations in accordance with Governmental Accounting Auditing Standards (GAAS)
- ◆ Performed Single Audits of nonprofit organizations in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart F, Uniform Guidance, Audits of State, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.

Continuing Professional Education

- ◆ Mrs. Marlin participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors 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

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Maritza Stonebraker, CPA

Director – 10 years

Education

- ◆ Indian River State College, B.S. – Accounting

Registrations

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

Professional Affiliations/Community Service

- ◆ Member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- ◆ Member of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- ◆ Affiliate of the Government Finance Officers Association

Professional Experience

- ◆ Maritza launched her professional auditing career at Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank, accumulating over 9 years of expertise in the field
- ◆ Performed over 300 audits of nonprofit and governmental organizations in accordance with Governmental Accounting Auditing Standards (GAAS)
- ◆ Performed Single Audits of nonprofit organizations in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart F, Uniform Guidance, Audits of State, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.

Continuing Professional Education

- ◆ Mrs. Stonebraker participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors 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

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Jonathan Herman, CPA

Director – 12 years

Education

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

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
- ◆ Affiliate member Government Finance Officers Association

Professional Experience

- ◆ Over 10 years experience in all phases of public accounting and auditing experience, with a concentration in financial and compliance audits. Mr. Herman has been involved in all phases of the audits listed on the preceding pages.

Continuing Professional Education

- ◆ Has participated in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments. He has attended courses in those areas over the last two years such as:
 - Governmental Accounting Report and Audit Update
 - Annual Update: Government Accounting Reporting and Auditing
 - Annual Update for Accountants and Auditors

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

David F. Haughton, CPA

Accounting and Audit Manager – 34 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 years
- ◆ 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

Commitment to Quality Service

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| Personnel Qualifications and Experience |
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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.

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Paul Daly

Senior Accountant – 14 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.

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Bryan Snyder

Manager – 11 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.

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Tifanee Terrell, CPA

Senior Accountant – 5 years

Education

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

Professional Experience

- ◆ Senior 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.

Commitment to Quality Service

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Dylan Dixon

Senior Accountant – 4 years

Education

- ◆ Indian River State College, B.S. – Accounting
- ◆ Florida Gulf Coast University, M.S. – Accounting

Professional Experience

- ◆ Senior 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.
- ◆ Mr. Dixon is currently studying to pass the CPA exam.

Commitment to Quality Service

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Brennen Moore

Staff Accountant – 3 years

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.

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Katie Gifford

Staff Accountant – 2 years

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.

Commitment to Quality Service

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Rayna Zicari

Staff Accountant – 2 years

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.

Commitment to Quality Service

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Deandre McFadden

Staff Accountant – 1 year

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

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



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Report on the Firm's System of Quality Control

December 4, 2025

To the Partners of 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, in effect for the year ended May 31, 2025. 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 www.aicpa.org/prsummary. The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported on 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 and complying with a system of quality control to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with the requirements of 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 on in conformity with the requirements of applicable 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 and compliance with the firm's system of quality control 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, 2025 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 fail. Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, CPAs, PL has received a peer review rating of pass.

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The Winston Community Development District

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**Jim Hartley, CPA
Principal**

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The Winston
Community Development District
Audit Selection Committee

Dear Committee Members:

We are pleased to have this opportunity to present the qualifications of DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A. (DMHB) to serve as The Winston Community Development District independent auditors. The audit is a significant engagement demanding various professional resources, governmental knowledge and expertise, and, most importantly, experience serving Florida local governments. DMHB understands the services required and is committed to performing these services within the required time frame. We have the staff available to complete this engagement in a timely fashion. We audit several entities across the State making it feasible to schedule and provide services at the required locations.

Proven Track Record— Our clients know our people and the quality of our work. We have always been responsive, met deadlines, and been willing to go the extra mile with the objective of providing significant value to mitigate the cost of the audit. This proven track record of successfully working together to serve governmental clients will enhance the quality of services we provide.

Experience—DMHB has a history of providing quality professional services to an impressive list of public sector clients in Florida. We currently serve a large number of public sector entities in Florida, including cities, villages, special districts, as well as a large number of community development districts. Our firm has performed in excess of 100 community development district audits. In addition, our senior management team members have between 25 and 35 years experience in serving Florida governments. DMHB is a recognized leader in providing services to governmental and non-profit agencies within the State of Florida. Through our experience in performing audits, we have been able to increase our audit efficiency and therefore reduce cost. We have continually passed this cost saving 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 audit 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 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.

Timeliness – In order to meet the Districts needs, we will perform interim internal control testing by January 31st from unaudited preliminary general ledgers provided. The remaining testing will be completed no later than May 1st. We will also review all minutes and subsequent needs related to the review of the minutes by January 31st. Follow up review will be completed as necessary.

Communication and Knowledge Sharing— Another driving force behind our service approach is frequent, candid and open communication with management with no surprises. During the course of the audit, we will communicate with management on a regular basis to provide you with a status report on the audit and to discuss any issues that arise, potential management letter comments, or potential audit differences.

In the accompanying proposal, you will find additional information upon which you can evaluate DMHB's qualifications. Our full team is in place and waiting to serve you. Please contact us at 2222 Colonial Road, Suite 200 Fort Pierce, FL 34950. Our phone number is (772) 461-8833. We look forward to further discussion on how our team can work together with you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A. is a local public accounting firm with offices in the cities of Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie. The firm was formed in 1982.

➤ *Professional Staff Resources*

Our services will be delivered through personnel in both our Port St. Lucie and Ft. Pierce offices, located at 591 S.E. Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34984 and 2222 Colonial Road, Suite 200, Fort Pierce, Florida 34950, respectively. DMHB has a total of 19 professional staff including 9 with extensive experience serving governmental entities.

| Professional Staff Classification | Number of Professionals |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Partner | 4 |
| Managers | 2 |
| Senior | 2 |
| Staff | 11 |
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DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes provides a variety of accounting, auditing, tax litigation support, estate planning, and consulting services. Some of the governmental, non-profit accounting, auditing and advisory services currently provided to clients include:

- Annual financial and compliance audits including Single Audits of State and Federal financial assistance programs under the OMB A-133 audit criteria
- Issuance of Comfort Letters, consent letters, and parity certificates in conjunction with the issuance of tax-exempt debt obligations, including compiling financial data and interim period financial statement reviews
- Assisting in compiling historical financial data for first-time and subsequent submissions for the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (CONTINUED)

➤ *Professional Staff Resources (Continued)*

- Audits of franchise fees received from outside franchisees
- Preparation of annual reports to the State Department of Banking and Finance
- Audits of Internal Controls – Governmental Special Project
- Assistance with Implementation of current GASB pronouncements

➤ *Current and Near Future Workload*

In order to better serve and provide timely and informative financial data, we have comprised an experienced audit team. Our present and future workloads will permit the proposed audit team to perform these audits within the time schedule required and meet all deadlines.

➤ *Identification of Audit Team*

The team is composed of people who are experienced, professional, and creative. They fully understand your business and will provide you with reliable opinions. In addition, they will make a point to maintain ongoing dialogue with each other and management about the status of our services.

The auditing firm you select is only as good as the people who serve you. We are extremely proud of the outstanding team we have assembled for your engagement. Our team brings many years of relevant experience coupled with the technical skill, knowledge, authority, dedication, and most of all, the commitment you need to meet your government reporting obligations and the challenges that will result from the changing accounting standards.

A flow chart of the audit team and brief resumes detailing individual team members' experience in each of the relevant areas follow.

Jim Hartley, CPA – Engagement Partner (resume attached)
Will assist in the field as main contact

Jay McBee, CPA – Technical Reviewer (resume attached)

Christine Kenny, CPA – Senior (resume attached)

Jim Hartley

Partner – DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes

Experience and Training

Jim has over 35 years of public accounting experience and would serve as the engagement partner. His experience and training include:

- 35 years of non-profit and governmental experience.
- Specializing in serving entities ranging from Government to Associations and Special District audits.
- Has performed audits and advisory services for a variety of public sector entities.
- Has extensive experience performing audits of federal grant recipients in accordance with the Single Audit Act and the related Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidelines.
- Experienced in maintaining the GFOA Certificate of Achievement.
- 120 hours of CPE credits over the past 3 years.

Recent Engagements

Has provided audit services on governmental entities including towns, villages, cities, counties, special districts and community development districts. Jim has assisted with financial statement preparation, system implementation, and a variety of services to a wide range of non-profit and governmental entities. Jim currently provides internal audit and consulting services to governmental entities and non-profit agencies to assist in implementing and maintaining “best practice” accounting policies and procedures. Jim provides auditing services to the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority, St. Lucie County Fire District, City of Port St. Lucie, Tradition CDD #1 – 10, Southern Groves CDD #1-6, Multiple CDD audits, Town of St. Lucie Village, Town of Sewall’s Point, Town of Jupiter Island along with several other entities, including Condo and Homeowner Associations.

Education and Registrations

- Bachelor of Science in Accounting – Sterling College.
- Certified Public Accountant

Professional Affiliations

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

Volunteer Service

- Treasurer & Executive Board - St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce
- Budget Advisory Board - St. Lucie County School District
- Past Treasurer - Exchange Club for Prevention of Child Abuse & Exchange Foundation Board
- Board of Directors – State Division of Juvenile Justice

Jay L. McBee

Partner – DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes

Experience and Training

Jay has over 45 years of public accounting experience and would serve as the technical reviewer on the audit. His experience and training include:

- 45 years of government experience.
- Specializing in serving local government entities.
- Has performed audits and advisory services for a variety of public sector entities including counties, cities, special districts, and school districts.
- Has experience performing audits of federal grant recipients in accordance with the Single Audit Act and the related Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidelines, including Circular A-133 and the Rules of the Auditor General.
- Has extensive experience in performing pension audits.
- Experienced in developing and maintaining the GFOA Certificate of Achievement.
- 120 Hours of relevant government CPE credits over the past 3 years.
- Experience in municipal bond and other governmental-financing options and offerings.

Recent Engagements

Has provided auditing services on local governmental entities including towns, villages, cities, counties, special district and community development districts. Jay has assisted with financial preparation, system implementation, and a variety of government services to a wide range of governmental entities. Jay currently provides auditing services to the City of Port St. Lucie, City of Okeechobee Pension Trust Funds, St. Lucie County Fire District Pension funds, along with several other non-profit and governmental entities.

Education and Registrations

- Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Quantitative Business Management – West Virginia University.
- Certified Public Accountant

Professional Affiliations

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

Volunteer Service

- Member of the St. Lucie County Citizens Budget Committee
- Finance committee for the First United Methodist Church
- Treasurer of Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County

Christine M. Kenny, CPA

Senior Staff – DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes

Experience and training

Christine has over 18 years of public accounting experience and would serve as a senior staff for the Constitutional Officers. Her experience and training include:

- 18 years of manager and audit experience.
- Has performed audits and advisory services for a variety of public sector entities including counties, cities, towns and special districts.
- Has experience performing audits of federal grant recipients in accordance with the Single Audit Act and the related Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidelines, including Circular A-133 and the Rules of the Auditor General.
- 100 hours of relevant government CPE credits over the past 3 years.

Recent Engagements

Has provided audit services on governmental entities including towns, villages, cities and special districts. Christine has assisted with financial statement preparation, system implementation, and a variety of services to a wide range of non-profit and governmental entities. Christine currently provides services to multiple agencies to assist in implementing and maintaining “best practice” accounting policies and procedures.

Engagements include St. Lucie County Fire District, City of Fort Pierce, Town of Sewall’s Point, and Town of St. Lucie Village.

Education and Registrations

- Bachelor of Science in Accounting – Florida State University
- Professional Affiliations
- Active Member of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Active Member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Member of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (CONTINUED)

➤ *Governmental Audit Experience*

DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A., through its principals and members, has provided continuous in-depth professional accounting, auditing, and consulting services to local government units, nonprofit organizations, and commercial clients. Our professionals have developed considerable expertise in performing governmental audits and single audits and in preparing governmental financial statements in conformance with continually evolving GASB pronouncements, statements, and interpretations. All of the public sector entities we serve annually are required to be in accordance with GASB pronouncements and government auditing standards. We currently perform several Federal and State single audits in compliance with OMB Circular A-133 and under the Florida Single Audit Act. Our professionals are also experienced in assisting their clients with preparing Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (GFOA).

All work performed by our firm is closely supervised by experienced certified public accountants. Only our most seasoned CPA's perform consulting services. Some of the professional accounting, auditing, and management consulting services currently provided to our local governmental clients include:

- Annual financial and compliance audits including Single Audits of State and Federal financial assistance programs under OMB A-133 audit criteria and the Florida Single Audit Act
- Assisting in compiling historical financial data for first-time and supplemental submissions for GFOA Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting
- Audits of franchise fees received from outside franchisees
- Assistance with Implementation of GASB-34
- Internal audit functions
- Fixed assets review and updating cost/depreciation allocations and methods

ADDITIONAL DATA

➤ *Procedures for Ensuring Quality Control & Confidentiality*

Quality control in any CPA firm can never be taken for granted. It requires a continuing commitment to professional excellence. DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes is formally dedicated to that commitment.

In an effort to continue to maintain the standards of working excellence required by our firm, DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A. joined the Quality Review Program of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. To be a participating member firm, a firm must obtain an independent compliance 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 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 continuance of clients
- Inspection and review system

➤ *Independence*

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, independent auditors must exercise utmost care in the performance of their duties.

Our firm has provided continuous certified public accounting services in the government sector for 31 years, and we are independent of the Community Development Districts as defined by the following rules, regulations, and standards:

ADDITIONAL DATA (CONTINUED)

➤ *Independence (Continued)*

- Au Section 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-21, Florida Administrative Code
- Section 473.315, Florida Statutes
- Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States

➤ *Computer Auditing Capabilities*

DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes' strong computer capabilities as demonstrated by our progressive approach to computer auditing and extensive use of microcomputers. Jay McBee is the MIS partner for DMHB. Jay has extensive experience in auditing and evaluating various computer systems and would provide these services in this engagement.

We view the computer operation as an integral part of its accounting systems. We would evaluate the computer control environment to:

- Understand the computer control environment's effect on internal controls
- Conclude on whether aspects of the environment require special audit attention
- Make preliminary determination of comments for inclusion in our management letter

This evaluation includes:

- System hardware and software
- Organization and administration
- Access

Contracts of Similar Nature within References

| Client | Years | Annual Audit In Accordance With GAAS | Engagement Partner | Incl. Utility Audit/ Consulting | GFOA Cert. | GASB 34 Implementation & Assistance | Total Hours |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| St. Lucie County Fire District Karen Russell, Clerk-Treasurer (772)462-2300 | 1984 - Current | √ | Jim Hartley | | | √ | 250-300 |
| City of Fort Pierce Johnna Morris, Finance Director (772)-460-2200 | 2005-current | √ | Mark Barnes | | √ | √ | 800 |
| Fort Pierce Utilities Authority Nina Hurtubise, Finance Director (772)-466-1600 | 2005-current | √ | Jim Hartley | √ | √ | √ | 600 |
| Town of St. Lucie Village Diane Robertson, Town Clerk (772) 595-0663 | 1999 – current | √ | Jim Hartley | | | √ | 100 |
| City of Okeechobee Pension Trust Funds Marita Rice, Supervisor of Finance (863)763-9460 | 1998 – current | √ | Jay McBee | | | | 60 |
| St. Lucie County Fire District 175 Pension Trust Fund Chris Bushman , Captain (772) 462-2300 | 1990 – current | √ | Jay McBee | | | | 60 |
| Tradition Community Development District 1-10 Alan Mishlove, District Finance Manager (407)382-3256 | 2002 - current | √ | Jim Hartley | | | √ | 350 |
| Legends Bay Community Development District Patricia Comings-Thibault (321)263-0132 | 2013-current | √ | Jim Hartley | | | | 50 |
| Union Park Community Development District Patricia Comings-Thibault (321)263-0132 | 2013-current | √ | Jim Hartley | | | | 50 |
| Deer Island Community Development District Patricia Comings-Thibault (321)263-0132 | 2013-current | √ | Jim Hartley | | | | 50 |
| Park Creek Community Development District Patricia Comings-Thibault (321)263-0132 | 2013-current | √ | Jim Hartley | | | | 50 |
| Waterleaf Community Development District Patricia Comings-Thibault (321)263-0132 | 2013-current | √ | Jim Hartley | | | | 50 |

TECHNICAL APPROACH

a. *An Express Agreement to Meet or Exceed the Performance Specifications.*

1. The audit will be conducted in compliance with the following requirements:
 - a. Rules of the Auditor General for form and content of governmental audits
 - b. Regulations of the State Department of Banking and Finance
 - c. Audits of State and Local Governmental Units-American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
2. The audit report shall contain the opinion of the auditor in reference to all financial statements, and an opinion reflecting compliance with applicable legal provisions.
3. We will also provide the required copies of the audit report, the management letter, any related reports on internal control weaknesses and one copy of the adjusting journal entries and financial work papers.
4. The auditor shall, at no additional charge, make all related work papers available to any Federal or State agency upon request in accordance with Federal and State Laws and Regulations.
5. We will work in cooperation with the District, its underwriters and bond council in regard to any bond issues that may occur during the term of the contract.
6. The financial statements shall be prepared in conformity with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 34, 63 and 65.

We will commit to issuing the audit for each Fiscal year by June 1st of the following year. In order to ensure this we will perform interim internal control testing as required by January 31st from unaudited preliminary general ledgers provided. The remaining testing will be completed no later than May 1st. We will also review all minutes and subsequent needs related to the review of the minutes by January 30th. Follow up review will be completed as necessary.

b. SPECIFIC AUDIT APPROACH

Our partners are not strangers who show up for an entrance conference and an exit conference. We have developed an audit plan that allows the partners to directly supervise our staff in the field. By assigning two partners to the audit, we will have a partner on-site for a significant portion of the fieldwork. This also gives the District an additional contact individual for questions or problems that may arise during the audit.

The scope of our services will include a financial, as well as, a compliance audit of the District's financial statements. Our audit will be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Additionally, our audit will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, which govern the conduct of local government entity audits performed in the State of Florida.

Our audit approach places emphasis on the accounting information system and how the data is recorded, rather than solely on the verification of numbers on a financial statement. This approach enables us to:

- Maximize our understanding of the District's operating environment
- Minimize time required conducting the audit since we start with broad considerations and narrow to specific audit objectives in critical areas

Our audit approach consists of four phases encompassing our audit process:

- Planning Phase
- Detailed Audit Phase
- Closing Phase
- Reporting

Planning Phase

Meetings and Expectations:

Our first step in this phase will be to set up a planning meeting with the financial and operating management of The Winston Community Development District . Our goal here is to eliminate "surprises." By meeting with responsible officials early on we can discuss significant accounting policies, closing procedures and timetables, planned timing of our audit procedures and expectations of our work. This will also be the starting point for our discussions with management related to *SAS No. 99-Consideration of Fraud in a Financial Statement Audit*. Inquiries will be made regarding managements knowledge of fraud and on management's views regarding the risk of fraud.

Review Operations and Develop Engagement Plan

It is critical that we understand the District's operating environment. To do this we will obtain and review such items as, organizational charts, recent financial statements, budget information, major contracts and lease agreements. We will also gather other information necessary to increase our understanding of the District's operations, organization, and internal control.

Study and Evaluate Internal Control

As part of general planning, we will obtain an understanding and assessment of the District's control environment. This assessment involves a review of management's operating style, written internal control procedures, and the District's accounting system. The assessment is necessary to determine if we can rely on control procedures and thus reduce the extent of substantive testing.

We then test compliance with established control procedures by ascertaining that the significant strengths within the system are functioning as described to us. Generally, transactions are selected and reviewed in sufficient detail to permit us to formulate conclusions regarding compliance with control procedures and the extent of operation compliance with pertinent laws and regulations. This involves gaining an understanding of the District's procedures, laws and regulations, and testing systems for compliance by examining contracts, invoices, bid procedures, and other documents. After testing controls, we then evaluate the results of those tests and decide whether we can rely on controls and thus reduce other audit procedures.

Conduct Preliminary Analytical Review

Also during the planning stage, we undertake analytical procedures that aid us in focusing our energies in the right direction. We call these analytical reviews.

A properly designed analytical review can be a very effective audit procedure in audits of governmental units. Analytical reviews consist of more than just a comparison of current-year actual results to prior-year actual results. Very effective analytical review techniques include trend analysis covering a number of years and comparisons of information not maintained totally within the financial accounting system, such as per capita information, prevailing market interest rates, housing statistics, etc.

Some examples of effective analytical reviews performed together and/or individually include:

- Comparison of current-year actual results with current-year budget for the current and past years with investigation of significant differences and/or trends
- Trend analysis of the percentage of current-year revenues to current-year rates for the current and previous years with investigation of significant changes in the collection percentage
- Trend analysis of the percentage of expenditures by function for the current and previous years with investigation of significant changes in percentages by department
- Monthly analysis of receipts compared to prior years to detect trends that may have audit implications

Conclusions reached enable us to determine the nature, timing and extent of other substantive procedures.

Detailed Audit Phase

Conduct Final Risk Assessment and Prepare Audit Programs

Risk assessment requires evaluating the likelihood of errors occurring that could have a material affect on the financial statements being audited. The conclusions we reach are based on many evaluations of internal control, systems, accounts, and transactions that occur throughout the audit. After evaluating the results of our tests of control and our final risk assessment we can develop detailed audit programs.

Perform Substantive Tests of Account Balances

These tests are designed to provide reasonable assurance as to the validity of the information produced by the accounting system. Substantive tests involve such things as examining invoices supporting payments, confirmation of balances with independent parties, analytical review procedures, and physical inspection of assets. All significant accounts will be subjected to substantive procedures. Substantive tests provide direct evidence of the completeness, accuracy, and validity of data.

Perform Single Audit Procedures (if applicable)

During the planning phase of the audit we will request and review schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance. These schedules will be the basis for our determination of the specific programs we will test.

In documenting our understanding of the internal control system for the financial statement audit, we will identify control activities that impact major federal and state programs as well. This will allow us to test certain controls for the financial audit and the single audit concurrently. We will then perform additional tests of controls for each federal and state program selected for testing. We will then evaluate the results of the test of controls to determine the nature, timing and extent of substantive testing necessary to determine compliance with major program requirements.

Perform Statutory Compliance Testing

We have developed audit programs for The Winston Community Development District designed to test Florida Statutes as required by the Auditor General. These programs include test procedures such as general inquiries, confirmation from third parties, and examination of specific documents.

Closing Phase

During the closing phase we perform detail work paper reviews, request legal letters, review subsequent events and proposed audit adjustments. Communication with the client is critical in this phase to ensure that the information necessary to prepare financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States has been obtained.

Reporting Phase

Financial Statement Preparation

As a local firm, we spend a considerable amount of time on financial statement preparation and support. With this in mind, we can assist in certain portions of the preparation of financial statements or simply review a draft of financials prepared by your staff. We let you determine our level of involvement.

Management Letters

We want to help you solve problems before they become major.

Our management letters go beyond citing possible deficiencies in the District's internal control structures. They identify opportunities for increasing revenues, decreasing costs, improving management information, protecting assets and improving operational efficiency.

The diversity of experience of our personnel and their independent and objective viewpoints make the comments, observations, and conclusions presented in our management letters a valuable source of information. We have provided positive solution-oriented objective recommendations to our governmental clients regarding investments, accounting accuracy, data processing, revenue bonds, payroll, utility billing, purchasing, budgeting, risk management, and internal auditing.

This review ensures the integrity of the factual data in the management letter but does not influence or impair our independence.

Exit Conferences and Delivery of Reports

We anticipate meeting with appropriate District personnel in February and issuing the final required reports by the May meeting of each year.

PROPOSED AUDIT FEE

DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes P.A. will perform the annual audit of The Winston Community Development District as follows:

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| September 2026 | | \$3,150 |
| September 2027 | (optional) | \$ 3,300 |
| September 2028 | (optional) | \$ 3,450 |
| September 2029 | (optional) | \$ 3,650 |
| September 2030 | (optional) | \$ 3,850 |

The above fees are based on the assumption that the District maintains its current level of operations. Should conditions change or bonds are issued the fees would be adjusted accordingly upon approval from all parties concerned. If bonds are issued the fee would increase but would not exceed \$1,250. The fee for subsequent annual renewals would be agreed upon separately.

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Proposal to Provide Financial Auditing Services:

THE WINSTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Proposal Due: March 10, 2026
12:00PM

Submitted to:

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

Submitted by:

Antonio J. Grau, Partner
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March 10, 2026

The Winston 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, 2026, with an option for two (2) additional annual renewals.

Grau & Associates (Grau) welcomes the opportunity to respond to The Winston 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.

Government audits are at the core of our practice: **95% of our work is performing audits for local governments and of that 98% are for special districts.** With our significant experience, we are able to increase efficiency, to provide immediate and continued savings, and to minimize disturbances to your 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 Ben Steets, CPA (bsteets@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



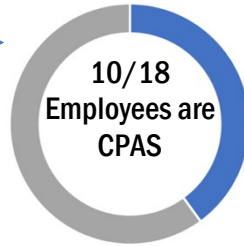
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Grau's Focus and Experience

Our Team



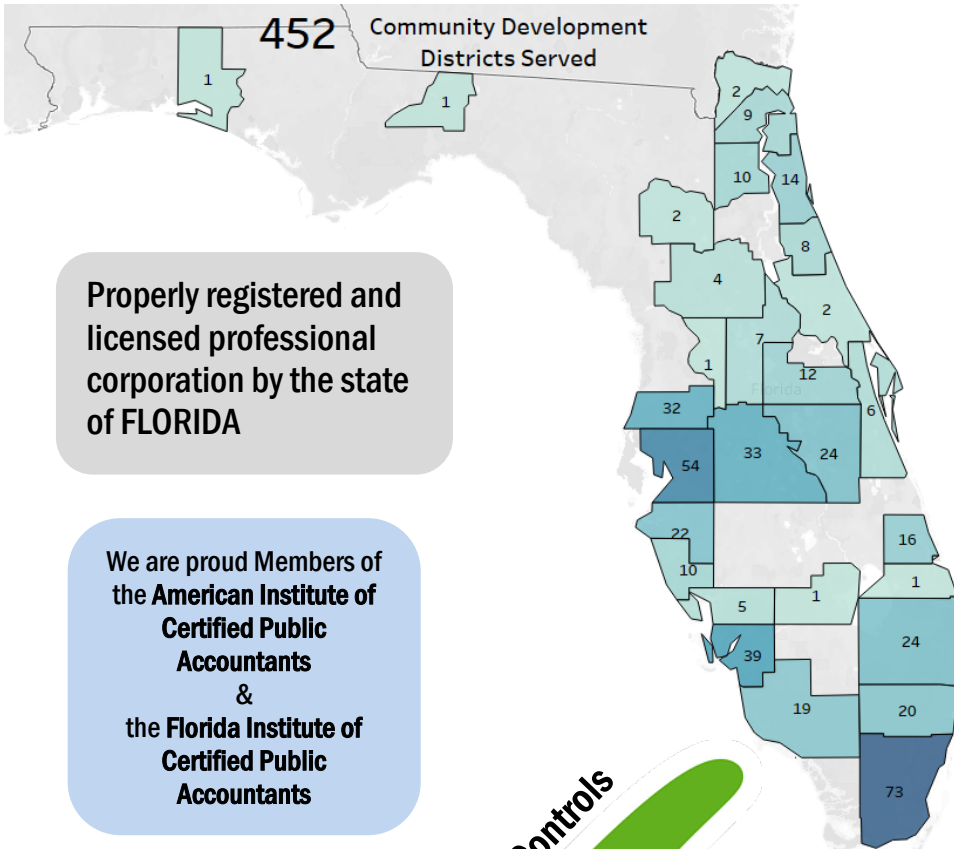
3 Partners
13 Professional Staff
2 Administrative Professionals



2005

Year founded

Services Provided



Properly registered and licensed professional corporation by the state of FLORIDA

We are proud Members of the **American Institute of Certified Public Accountants** & the **Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants**

Quality Controls



- ⇒ External quality review program: consistently receives a pass
- ⇒ Internal: ongoing monitoring to maintain quality



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See next page for report and certificate

November 18, 2025

Antonio Grau
Grau & Associates
1001 W. Yamato Road, Suite 301
Boca Raton, FL 33431-4403

Dear Antonio Grau:

It is my pleasure to notify you that on November 18, 2025, 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, 2028. 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
paul@ficpa.org
850.224.2727, x5957

cc: Daniel Hevia, David Caplivski

Firm Number: 900004390114

Review Number: 616829

October 3, 2025

To the Partners of Grau & Associates
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 Grau & Associates (the firm), in effect for the year ended June 30, 2025. 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 www.aicpa.org/prsummary. The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported on 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 and complying with a system of quality control to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with the requirements of 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 on conformity with the requirements of applicable 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 and compliance with the firm's system of quality control based on our review.

Required Selections and Considerations

Engagements selected for review included engagements performed under *Government Auditing Standards*, including compliance audits 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 Grau & Associates in effect for the year ended June 30, 2025, 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 *fail*. Grau & Associates has received a peer review rating of *pass*.



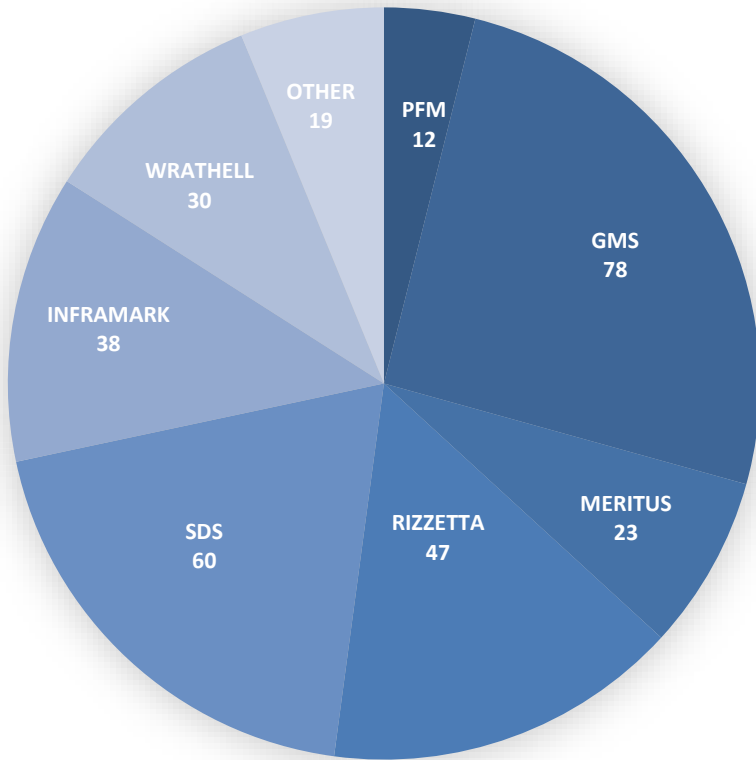
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Firm & Staff Experience



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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*

Ben Steets, CPA (Partner)

*Years Performing Audits: 9+
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.”

-Ben Steets

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. The Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP) Partner will bring a unique blend of IT expertise and understanding of accounting principles to the financial statement audit of the District.



The assigned personnel will work closely with the partner and the District to ensure that the financial statements and all other reports are prepared in accordance with professional standards and firm policy. Responsibilities will include planning the audit; communicating with the client and the partners the progress of the audit; and determining that financial statements and all reports issued by the firm are accurate, complete and are prepared in accordance with professional standards and firm policy.

The Engagement Partner will participate extensively during the various stages of the engagement and has direct responsibility for engagement policy, direction, supervision, quality control, security, confidentiality of information of the engagement and communication with client personnel. The engagement partner will also be involved directing the development of the overall audit approach and plan; performing an overriding review of work papers and ascertain client satisfaction.



Antonio 'Tony' J. Grau, CPA Partner

Contact: tgrau@graucpa.com | (561) 939-6672

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 | St. Lucie West Services District |
| Dunes Community Development District | Ave Maria Stewardship Community District |
| Fishhawk Community Development District (I, II, IV) | Rivers Edge II Community Development District |
| Grand Bay at Doral Community Development District | Bartram Park Community Development District |
| Heritage Harbor North 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 | 53 |
| Total Hours | 93 (includes of 4 hours of Ethics CPE) |



Ben Steets, CPA, Partner

Contact : bsteets@graucpa.com / (561) 939-6669

Experience

| | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Grau & Associates | Partner | 2023-Present |
| Grau & Associates | Manager | 2021-2023 |
| Grau & Associates | Senior Auditor | 2018-2021 |
| Grau & Associates | Staff Auditor | 2016-2018 |
| PCAOB Registered Firm | Staff Auditor | 2015-2016 |

Education

Florida Atlantic University (2015)

Clients Served (partial list)

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|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| (>300) Various Special Districts | San Carlos Park Fire and Rescue Service District |
| Careersource Polk | Sanibel Fire and Rescue District |
| Central Broward Water Control District | South Broward Drainage District |
| Dunes Community Development District | South Trail Fire and Rescue District |
| Greater Naples Fire Rescue District | Town of Highland Beach |
| Key Marco Community Development District | Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea |
| Lake Worth Drainage District | Verano Walk Community Development District |
| Mae Volen Senior Center | West Villages Improvement District |
| Port of the Islands Community Improvement District | Winding Cypress Community Development District |

Professional Education (over the last two years)

| <u>Course</u> | <u>Hours</u> |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Government Accounting and Auditing | 28 |
| Accounting, Auditing and Other | 88 |
| Total Hours | <u>116</u> (includes 4 hours of Ethics CPE) |

Professional Associations/Memberships

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

References



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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

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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



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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 or 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.

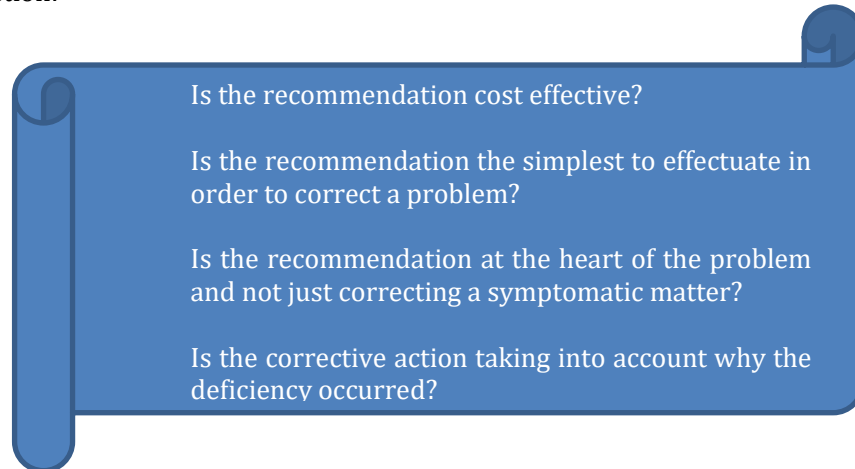
Application of this approach in developing our management letter is particularly important given the increasing financial pressures and public scrutiny facing today's public officials. We will prepare the management letter at the completion of our final procedures.

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



Grau & Associates
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Our proposed all-inclusive fees for the financial audit for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2026-2028 are as follows:

| Year Ended September 30, | Fee |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2026 | \$2,500 |
| 2027 | \$2,600 |
| 2028 | <u>\$2,700</u> |
| TOTAL (2026-2028) | <u>\$7,800</u> |

The above fees are based on the assumption that the District maintains its current level of operations. Should conditions change or 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



Grau & Associates
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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 Farms Water Control District | ✓ | | | ✓ | 9/30 |
| Indian River Mosquito Control District | ✓ | | | | 9/30 |
| Indian Trail Improvement District | ✓ | | | ✓ | 9/30 |
| Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 9/30 |
| Lake Asbury Municipal Service Benefit District | ✓ | | | ✓ | 9/30 |
| Lake Padgett Estates Independent District | ✓ | | | ✓ | 9/30 |
| Lake Worth Drainage District | ✓ | | | ✓ | 9/30 |
| Lealman Special Fire Control District | ✓ | | | ✓ | 9/30 |
| Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District | ✓ | | | | 9/30 |
| Old Plantation Water 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 |
| Port of The Islands Community Improvement District | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | 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 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 |
| Sunrise Lakes Phase IV Recreation District | ✓ | | | ✓ | 9/30 |
| Sunshine Water Control District | ✓ | | | ✓ | 9/30 |
| Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District | ✓ | | | ✓ | 9/30 |
| West Villages Improvement District | ✓ | | | ✓ | 9/30 |
| Various Community Development Districts (452) | ✓ | | | ✓ | 9/30 |
| TOTAL | 491 | 5 | 4 | 484 | |

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.

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Current
Arbitrage
Calculations

We look forward to providing **The Winston 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!**

**For even more information on Grau & Associates
please visit us on www.graucpa.com.**

THE WINSTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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Independent Audit Service Proposal



**2385 NW Executive Center Dr.
Boca Raton, FL 33431**

rmcintoshcpa.com

Prepared for The Winston Community Development District

Prepared By:
McIntosh CPA

March 10, 2026

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Transmittal Letter



March 10, 2026

Board of Supervisors
The Winston Community Development District
Sumter County

McIntosh CPA is pleased to submit this proposal to provide annual auditing services for The Winston Community Development District (the "District"). Our firm specializes in auditing services for governmental entities, including special districts, ensuring compliance with Florida Statutes, Government Auditing Standards (Yellow Book), and the requirements set forth by the Florida Auditor General. We are a Woman & Minority Business certified by the State of Florida.

While the firm is new, the managing partner has been providing auditing services to special districts for over 18 years and has an impeccable reputation among former clients. With this experience and knowledge, we are uniquely qualified and ready to assist the District with the audit services needed. We are confident that we will not only provide the services required but exceed expectations.

We understand the importance of accountability and fiscal responsibility in government operations. Our audit methodology is designed to provide an efficient, thorough, and collaborative review process while minimizing disruption to your daily operations. Additionally, we are committed to maintaining open communication and delivering clear, actionable recommendations to support the District's financial integrity and operational efficiency.

We have an established reputation for delivering high-quality, timely, and efficient audits. With our extensive experience, we are confident in our ability to provide the District with the highest level of professional service. We acknowledge that this proposal is valid for ninety (90) days following submission.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide a proposal and look forward to working with the District's team. Please do not hesitate to contact Racquel McIntosh at 2385 NW Executive Center Dr., Suite 100, Boca Raton FL 33431, 561-981-6282, or mcintoshcpa@outlook.com with any questions.

Sincerely,

McIntoshCPA

Racquel McIntosh, CPA
Founder & Managing Partner

Statement of Understanding and Scope of Work

The Winston Community Development District requires independent audit services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, with an option for additional annual renewals. Our firm understands that the audit must comply with:

- Chapter 218.39, Florida Statutes
- Florida Auditor General's Rules
- Government Auditing Standards (Yellow Book)
- Licensure under Chapter 473

The audit will include an examination of the District's financial records, internal controls, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

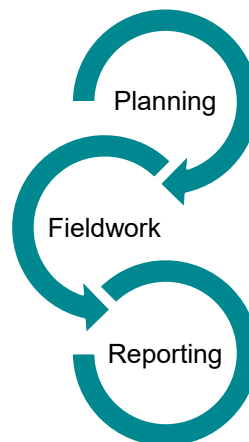
AUDIT TIMELINE

We recognize the importance of adhering to the District's annual audit deadline and are fully committed to ensuring a timely and efficient audit process. Racquel McIntosh will be responsible for the firm meeting the required deadline. Our team will strategically plan and execute the audit to ensure that the draft and auditor's reports are completed well in advance of the deadline, allowing ample time for review and discussion. Additionally, we will maintain open communication throughout the engagement to address any concerns promptly and ensure a smooth and seamless audit experience.

SCOPE OF WORK

- Conduct an independent audit in accordance with Government Auditing Standards
- Evaluate internal controls and compliance with Florida statutes
- Issue audited financial statements with findings and recommendations
- Report to the Board of Supervisors on the audit findings
- Provide ongoing support for financial and compliance questions

The audit will be performed in the three phases below;



AUDIT PLANNING

This is the most critical part of an audit, as a well planned audit determines the flow and efficiency for the entire audit. Planning consists of the following segments:

Obtain an understanding of the District – we will gain an understanding of the District in order to perform risk assessment for the various segments of the audit. It involves reviewing the policies and procedures, documenting the internal controls of the District, including compliance requirements, and making an initial assessment of inherent risk in order to determine the preliminary risk of material misstatement to the financial statements. It also includes gaining an understanding of the District's IT environment and how that affects financial reporting.

IT Assessment – we will discuss with management and document the District's IT infrastructure, including; general controls over the network and the accounting software, and specific controls within the accounting software. We will also discuss access, backups, disaster recovery, and virus protection. These discussions will assist in determining if the IT infrastructure is adequate to reduce any material financial statement misstatements.

Preliminary analytics – current vs prior year review of accounts to determine and document causes for fluctuations.

Risk Assessment - Used in conjunction with other planning items above to dictate further audit procedures.

FIELDWORK

Based on the risk assessment results from planning, a combination of analytical procedures, detail test of transactions, and use of audit confirmations will be applied by the auditor.

Analytical procedures – these will consist of revenue and expenditure variances from the prior year, variances with the budget, calculating revenue expectations, and reviewing trend analysis for anomalies.

Test of details – these will consist of tracing and vouching transactions to and from the accounting records. Will also include testing bond compliance.

Audit confirmations – these will be sent to attorneys, tax collector, bond trustees, and other entities as deemed necessary.

REPORTING

Once the fieldwork has been completed, a draft of the financial statements along with all related audit reports will be prepared for management's review. McIntosh CPA utilizes a memo to management regarding findings and recommendations not deemed significant and therefore not included in any of the audit reports. The memo will detail the observation and provide a recommendation for corrective action. No management response is required since it will not be presented in any audit report. Before a finding is reported in the audit report, a determination is made as to why the issue occurred and whether it was a one-time occurrence. We ensure that reporting items in the audit report are necessary and that recommendations are cost beneficial.

For all three phases above, if deficiencies or discrepancies are identified, management will be informed immediately to give them a chance to research and provide additional information or put corrective measures in place.

Qualifications and Experience

INDEPENDENCE

We affirm that McIntosh CPA is independent with respect to the District. We meet the independence standards of Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and the U.S. Government Accountability Office’s *Government Auditing Standards*.

FIRM QUALIFICATIONS

- Licensed under Chapter 473, Florida Statutes
- Over 18 years of experience auditing governments
- Demonstrated expertise in auditing special districts and financials
- Strong track record of timely report delivery and responsiveness

The services as outlined in the statement of understanding will be overseen by Racquel McIntosh CPA, who brings 18 years of exemplary service in the government auditing and accounting industry. In her previous role, she was an audit partner providing auditing services to municipalities and special districts throughout the State of Florida and was in charge of audit quality for the firm. In addition, she assisted clients with internal policy review, internal control best practices and implementation, and assisted with implementation of accounting software and accounting standards.

Further, she has met the educational requirements for CPAs set forth under Florida Statutes and the Government Auditing Standards (Yellow Book) issued by the Government Accountability Office (GAO). See next page for resume.

Value-Added Service

In addition to providing audit services for the District, Racquel provides an annual training session for the District accounting staff which will include; reviewing items found in the previous year’s audit, accounting treatment for certain transactions, how to respond to auditor inquiry, how to analyze financial statements, and new accounting standards and regulations applicable to the upcoming audit year.

REFERENCES

Below are three districts that the engagement partner has worked on with the named management companies. In total, the engagement partner oversaw and worked on over 200 CDDs.

| | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CATALINA AT WRINKLER PRESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT | Rizzetta & Company 3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200 Tampa, FL 33614 |
| BERRY BAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT | Meritus 2005 Pan Am Circle, Suite 300 Tampa, FL 33607 |
| BRIGHTON LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT | Inframark 210 N University Drive Coral Springs, FL 33071 |



RACQUEL MCINTOSH

CPA

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Racquel McIntosh, CPA

2385 NW Executive Center
Dr. Suite 100, Boca Raton FL

EDUCATION

Masters of Accounting
Florida Atlantic University
2004

Bachelor of Arts B.B.A
Major: Accounting & Finance
Florida Atlantic University
2003

INDUSTRIES

Governments

Non-profits

MEMBERSHIPS

AICPA

CSDA

FASD

FICPA

FGFOA

FASD Board Member/Presenter

FICPA SLG Committee Member

Profile

Racquel has been providing auditing and consulting services to governments and non-profits for over 18 years. Her in-depth knowledge of government/non-profit compliance requirements, regulations, accounting principles and audit methodologies provides clients with the highest service quality delivered with the utmost integrity.

Experience

- Oct 2023- Present
McIntosh CPA
Founder & Managing Partner
- 2014 - 2023
Grau & Associates
Audit Partner
- 2011 - 2013
Grau & Associates
Audit Manager
- 2009 - 2011
Grau & Associates
Audit Senior
- 2005 - 2009
Grau & Associates
Audit Staff

Collaborations

In addition to external audits, Racquel has assisted clients with implementing new accounting standards and State legislation, switching ERP systems, improving internal controls via new policies and procedures, providing education via webinars/seminars, and providing guidance to management.

Schedule of Fees

Below are the all-inclusive fees for the District’s annual financial statement audit

| Fiscal Year | Proposed Fee |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| 2026 | \$5,000 |
| 2027 and beyond | Add \$200 annually |

Should the District issue Bonds the fee would be increased by \$1,200.

Appendix

Ron DeSantis, Governor Melanie S. Griffin, Secretary



STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

THE ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION HEREIN IS LICENSED UNDER THE
PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 473, FLORIDA STATUTES

RACQUEL MCINTOSH CPA, P.A.
MCINTOSH CPA
2385 NW EXECUTIVE CENTER DRIVE
SUITE 100
BOCA RATON FL 33431

LICENSE NUMBER: AD71848

EXPIRATION DATE: DECEMBER 31, 2027

Always verify licenses online at MyFloridaLicense.com

ISSUED: 12/30/2025

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State of Florida

**Woman & Minority Business
Certification**

McIntosh CPA

Is certified under the provisions of
287 and 295.187, Florida Statutes, for a period from:
05/01/2024 to 05/01/2026


Pedro Allende
Florida Department of Management Services



Office of Supplier Diversity
4050 Esplanade Way, Suite 350
Tallahassee, FL 32399
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THE WINSTON

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A. | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Grau & Associates | | | | | | |
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| McIntosh CPA | | | | | | |
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NOTES:

Completed by: _____

Board Member's Signature

Date: _____

Printed Name of Board Member

THE WINSTON

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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THE WINSTON

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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The Villages
DAILY SUN

Published Daily
State of Florida
County Of Sumter


Affidavit of Publication

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared **ALLAN LOVELL** who on oath says that he or she is Legal Ad Coordinator of the Villages DAILY SUN, a daily newspaper published in Sumter County, Florida with circulation in Lake, Sumter and Marion Counties; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Legal Ad in the matter of **NOTICE OF REQUEST**

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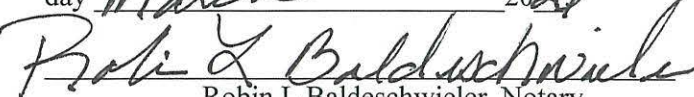
was published in said newspaper in the issues of **March 2, 2026**

Affiant further says that the Daily Sun is a newspaper that complies with all legal requirements for publication in chapter 50, Florida Statutes.

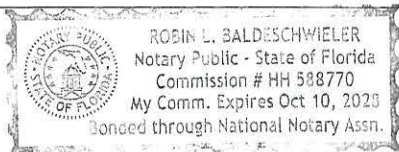


(Signature Of Affiant)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3
day March 2026


Robin L. Baldeschwieler, Notary

Personally Known _____ or
Production Identification _____
Type of Identification Produced _____



**REQUEST FOR
QUALIFICATIONS FOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES
FOR THE WINSTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT RFQ for
Engineering Services**

The Winston Community Development District ("District"), located in Sumter County, Florida, announces that professional engineering services will be required on a continuing basis for the District's stormwater systems, and other public improvements authorized by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. The engineering firm selected will act in the general capacity of District Engineer and will provide District engineering services, as required.

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

The District will review all Applicants and will comply with Florida law, including the Consultant's Competitive Negotiations Act, Chapter 287, Florida Statutes ("CCNA"). All Applicants interested must submit one (1) electronic and one (1) unbound copy of Standard Form No. 330 and the Qualification Statement by 12:00 p.m., on March 17, 2026 by email to gillyardd@whhassociates.com ("District Manager's Office").

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

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

Any protest regarding the terms of this Notice, or the evaluation criteria on file with the District Manager, must be filed in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours (excluding weekends) after the publication of this Notice. The formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days after the initial notice of protest was filed. Failure to timely file a notice of protest or failure to timely file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of any right to object or protest with respect to aforesaid provisions. Any person who files a notice of protest shall provide to the District, simultaneous with the filing of the notice, a protest bond with a responsible surety to be approved by the District and in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00).

#01294500 March 2, 2026

THE WINSTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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FOR THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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

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THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

DISTRICT ENGINEER PROPOSALS

COMPETITIVE SELECTION CRITERIA

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

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

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

Past performance for other Community Development Districts in other contracts; amount of experience on similar projects; character, integrity, reputation, of respondent; etc.

3) Geographic Location (Weight: 20 Points)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE WINSTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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ALANN ENGINEERING GROUP
CONSULTING ENGINEERS SINCE 1989

March 17, 2026

District Manager
c/o Wrathell, Hunt, and Associates, LLC
2300 Glades Road
STE 410W
Boca Raton, FL 33431

RE: The Winston CDD
Request for Qualifications for Engineering Services

Dear District Manager:

Enclosed, please find one (1) copy of the Standard Form No. 330 and a copy of our license in support of our response to your request for qualification for the referenced project.

As Vice President of The Alann Engineering Group, LLC., I appreciate the opportunity to present our qualifications to you for The Winston's CDD.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please advise.

Sincerely,
The Alann Engineering Group, LLC.

Cole T. Buck, P.E.
Vice President

cc: File

ARCHITECT-ENGINEER QUALIFICATIONS

PART I - CONTRACT-SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS

A. CONTRACT INFORMATION

| | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. TITLE AND LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i> Request For Qualifications For Engineering Services For The Winston Community Development District, Boca Raton, FL | |
| 2. PUBLIC NOTICE DATE 03/03/2026 | 3. SOLICITATION OR PROJECT NUMBER AEG2416 - The Winston |

B. ARCHITECT-ENGINEER POINT OF CONTACT

| | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 4. NAME AND TITLE Cole T. Buck, P.E., Vice President | | |
| 5. NAME OF FIRM Alann Engineering Group, LLC | | |
| 6. TELEPHONE NUMBER 386-673-7640 | 7. FAX NUMBER N/A | 8. E-MAIL ADDRESS cole.buck@ae-group.com |

C. PROPOSED TEAM

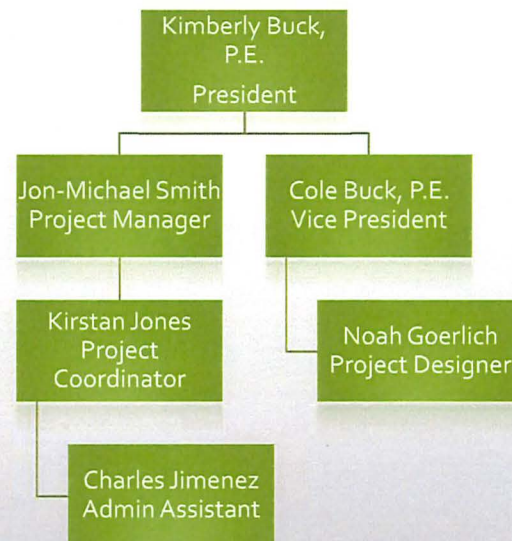
(Complete this section for the prime contractor and all key subcontractors.)

| | (Check) | | | | 9. FIRM NAME | 10. ADDRESS | 11. ROLE IN THIS CONTRACT |
|----|-------------------------------------|-----|---------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | PRIME | J-V | PARTNER | SUBCONTRACTOR | | | |
| a. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | | Alann Engineering Group, LLC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF BRANCH OFFICE | 880 Airport Rd., STE 113 Ormond Beach, FL 32174 | Civil Engineer |
| b. | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF BRANCH OFFICE | | |
| c. | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF BRANCH OFFICE | | |
| d. | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF BRANCH OFFICE | | |
| e. | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF BRANCH OFFICE | | |
| f. | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF BRANCH OFFICE | | |

D. ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF PROPOSED TEAM

(Attached)

Alann Engineering Group, LLC Organizational Chart



E. RESUMES OF KEY PERSONNEL PROPOSED FOR THIS CONTRACT

(Complete one Section E for each key person.)

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 12. NAME Cole Buck, P.E. | 13. ROLE IN THIS CONTRACT Civil Engineer | 14. YEARS EXPERIENCE | |
| | | a. TOTAL 12 | b. WITH CURRENT FIRM 8 |
| 15. FIRM NAME AND LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i> Alann Engineering Group, LLC, Ormond Beach, FL | | | |
| 16. EDUCATION <i>(Degree and Specialization)</i> B.S. in Civil Engineering, 2014 University of Central Florida | | 17. CURRENT PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION <i>(State and Discipline)</i> P.E. #88690 Florida/General Civil | |
| 18. OTHER PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS <i>(Publications, Organizations, Training, Awards, etc.)</i> | | | |

19. RELEVANT PROJECTS

| (1) TITLE AND LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i> | (2) YEAR COMPLETED | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | CONSTRUCTION <i>(If applicable)</i> |
| McCormick Drive, Palm Coast, FL | 2023 | 2026 |
| a. (3) BRIEF DESCRIPTION <i>(Brief scope, size, cost, etc.)</i> AND SPECIFIC ROLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if project performed with current firm Design and permitting for 3,277 square foot restaurant building and 2,500 square foot bank building. Design work included grading, drainage design, impaired water body calculations and utility design. Project is located in Palm Coast, Florida. | | |
| Prince of Peace, Ormond Beach, FL | 2024 | 2026 |
| b. (3) BRIEF DESCRIPTION <i>(Brief scope, size, cost, etc.)</i> AND SPECIFIC ROLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if project performed with current firm Design and permitting of a prayer garden in Ormond Beach, FL. Design work included grading, drainage design, impaired water body calculations and utility design. Project is located in Ormond Beach, Florida. | | |
| Creekside at Grande Haven, Palm Coast, Florida | 2016 | |
| c. (3) BRIEF DESCRIPTION <i>(Brief scope, size, cost, etc.)</i> AND SPECIFIC ROLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if project performed with current firm Design and permitting for 18,500 Office/Retail complex. Design work included grading, drainage design, impaired water body calculations and utility design. Project is located in Palm Coast, Florida. Estimated cost of construction \$1,750,000. | | |
| Celedine Subdivision @ Hunter's Ridge, Flagler County, Florida | 2017 | |
| d. (3) BRIEF DESCRIPTION <i>(Brief scope, size, cost, etc.)</i> AND SPECIFIC ROLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if project performed with current firm Design and permitting for 99 lot single family subdivision located in Hunter's Ridge in Flagler County, Florida. Design work included drainage, grading and utility design. Estimated Cost of Construction is \$3,000,000. | | |
| Preferred Storage, Sanford, Florida | 2016 | 2017 |
| e. (3) BRIEF DESCRIPTION <i>(Brief scope, size, cost, etc.)</i> AND SPECIFIC ROLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if project performed with current firm Design assistance with grading, drainage and utilities for 90,000 SF self storage facility located in Sanford, Florida. Estimated cost of construction is \$2,300,000. Project is currently under construction. | | |

E. RESUMES OF KEY PERSONNEL PROPOSED FOR THIS CONTRACT

(Complete one Section E for each key person.)

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 12. NAME Kimberly A. Buck | 13. ROLE IN THIS CONTRACT Civil Engineer | 14. YEARS EXPERIENCE | |
| | | a. TOTAL 43 | b. WITH CURRENT FIRM 37 |

15. FIRM NAME AND LOCATION *(City and State)*
Alann Engineering Group, LLC, Ormond Beach, FL

| | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 16. EDUCATION <i>(Degree and Specialization)</i> B.S. in Civil Engineering The Ohio State University | 17. CURRENT PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION <i>(State and Discipline)</i> P.E. #38565 Florida/General Civil |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

18. OTHER PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS *(Publications, Organizations, Training, Awards, etc.)*
Emeritus Council of Volusia County Association of Responsible Development (VCARD), Past Vice Chair, Flagler County Chapter of VCARD, Past Board Member of Enterprise Florida, Flagler County, Past Board Member of Florida Engineering

19. RELEVANT PROJECTS

| (1) TITLE AND LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i> | (2) YEAR COMPLETED | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | CONSTRUCTION <i>(If applicable)</i> |
| Plum Tree Townhomes, DeLand, FL | 2020 | 2026 |
| a. (3) BRIEF DESCRIPTION <i>(Brief scope, size, cost, etc.)</i> AND SPECIFIC ROLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if project performed with current firm Design and permitting for a 16 lot townhome subdivision. Design work included grading, drainage design, impaired water body calculations and utility design. Project is located in DeLand, Florida. | | |
| Woodside at Ormond Station, Ormond Beach, FL | 2021 | 2026 |
| b. (3) BRIEF DESCRIPTION <i>(Brief scope, size, cost, etc.)</i> AND SPECIFIC ROLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if project performed with current firm Design and permitting for a 63 lot single family home subdivision. Design work included grading, drainage design, impaired water body calculations and utility design. Project is located in Ormond Beach, Florida. | | |
| Wisteria Townhomes, DeLand, FL | 2023 | 2026 |
| c. (3) BRIEF DESCRIPTION <i>(Brief scope, size, cost, etc.)</i> AND SPECIFIC ROLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if project performed with current firm Design and permitting for a 50 lot townhome subdivision. Design work included grading, drainage design, impaired water body calculations and utility design. Project is located in DeLand, Florida. | | |
| Ormond Station CDD, Ormond Beach, FL | 2025 | |
| d. (3) BRIEF DESCRIPTION <i>(Brief scope, size, cost, etc.)</i> AND SPECIFIC ROLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if project performed with current firm Design and permitting for pond on Airport Rd. to alleviate flooding. | | |
| Port Orange Plantation, Port Orange, Florida | 2016 | 2016 |
| e. (3) BRIEF DESCRIPTION <i>(Brief scope, size, cost, etc.)</i> AND SPECIFIC ROLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if project performed with current firm Engineer's review of stormwater design and calculations for three phase single family development. | | |

F. EXAMPLE PROJECTS WHICH BEST ILLUSTRATE PROPOSED TEAM'S QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS CONTRACT
(Present as many projects as requested by the agency, or 10 projects, if not specified. Complete one Section F for each project.)

20. EXAMPLE PROJECT KEY NUMBER
AEG 2130-1

| | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 21. TITLE AND LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i> Ocean Village Palm Coast Palm Coast, Florida | 22. YEAR COMPLETED | |
| | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 2025 | CONSTRUCTION <i>(If applicable)</i> Ongoing |

23. PROJECT OWNER'S INFORMATION

| | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| a. PROJECT OWNER GL ENTERPRISES ACQUISITIONS, LLC | b. POINT OF CONTACT NAME Craig Morris | c. POINT OF CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER 404-509-4762 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|

24. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AND RELEVANCE TO THIS CONTRACT *(Include scope, size, and cost)*

Size: 45.797 AC±

Scope: CONSTRUCT APPROPRIATE UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE ALONG THE ADJACENT OFFSITE ROADWAYS TO THE PROPOSED OCEAN VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING ROW IMPROVEMENTS IN STATE ROAD 100.

Cost: \$1 Mil.

Relevance: Demonstrates our ability to handle utility main extensions, lane widening and traffic control. Demonstrates our ability to coordinate design plans with other professional firms to quickly permit a project.

25. FIRMS FROM SECTION C INVOLVED WITH THIS PROJECT

| | (1) FIRM NAME | (2) FIRM LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i> | (3) ROLE |
|----|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| a. | Alann Engineering Group | 880 Airport Rd., Suite 113 Ormond Beach, FL 32174 | Project Off-site Engineer |
| b. | | | |
| c. | | | |
| d. | | | |
| e. | | | |
| f. | | | |

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20. EXAMPLE PROJECT KEY NUMBER
AEG 2122-2

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21. TITLE AND LOCATION *(City and State)*

PC 145 Off-Site
 Palm Coast, Florida

22. YEAR COMPLETED

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
2025

CONSTRUCTION *(If applicable)*
Ongoing

23. PROJECT OWNER'S INFORMATION

a. PROJECT OWNER
 Palm Coast 145 CDD

b. POINT OF CONTACT NAME
Brad Kline

c. POINT OF CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER
954-605-2170

24. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AND RELEVANCE TO THIS CONTRACT *(Include scope, size, and cost)*

Size: 145.0 AC±

Scope: CONSTRUCT APPROPRIATE UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE ALONG THE ADJACENT OFFSITE ROADWAYS TO THE PROPOSED PALM COAST 145 DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING ROW IMPROVEMENTS IN US-1.

Cost: \$1 Mil.

Relevance: Demonstrates our ability to handle utility main extensions, lane widening and traffic control. Demonstrates our ability to coordinate design plans with other professional firms to quickly permit a project.

25. FIRMS FROM SECTION C INVOLVED WITH THIS PROJECT

| | (1) FIRM NAME | (2) FIRM LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i> | (3) ROLE |
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| a. | Alann Engineering Group | 880 Airport Rd., Suite 113 Ormond Beach, FL 32174 | Project Off-site Engineer |
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F. EXAMPLE PROJECTS WHICH BEST ILLUSTRATE PROPOSED TEAM'S QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS CONTRACT
(Present as many projects as requested by the agency, or 10 projects, if not specified. Complete one Section F for each project.)

20. EXAMPLE PROJECT KEY NUMBER
AEG 2213-1

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| 21. TITLE AND LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i> Flagler Landings Palm Coast, Florida | 22. YEAR COMPLETED | |
| | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 2025 | CONSTRUCTION <i>(If applicable)</i> Ongoing |

23. PROJECT OWNER'S INFORMATION

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| a. PROJECT OWNER Flagler Pines Properties, LLC | b. POINT OF CONTACT NAME Ken Atlee | c. POINT OF CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER 904-838-9342 |
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24. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AND RELEVANCE TO THIS CONTRACT *(Include scope, size, and cost)*

Size: 38.81 AC±

Scope: Design and permitting for a big box user, minor anchor tenant, and 11 out parcels with associated infrastructure and storm water.

Cost: \$14.0 Mil.

Relevance: Demonstrates our ability to design and permit large commercial developments with a nationwide retail chain.

25. FIRMS FROM SECTION C INVOLVED WITH THIS PROJECT

| | (1) FIRM NAME | (2) FIRM LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i> | (3) ROLE |
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| a. | Alann Engineering Group | 880 Airport Rd., Suite 113 Ormond Beach, FL 32174 | Project Engineer |
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| F. EXAMPLE PROJECTS WHICH BEST ILLUSTRATE PROPOSED TEAM'S QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS CONTRACT <i>(Present as many projects as requested by the agency, or 10 projects, if not specified. Complete one Section F for each project.)</i> | | 20. EXAMPLE PROJECT KEY NUMBER AEG 2317-1 |
| 21. TITLE AND LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i> Republic Apartments Daytona Beach, Florida | | 22. YEAR COMPLETED 2025 |
| | | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 2025 |
| | | CONSTRUCTION <i>(If applicable)</i> |

23. PROJECT OWNER'S INFORMATION

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| a. PROJECT OWNER LPG Venture Holdings, LLC | b. POINT OF CONTACT NAME Brad Coburn | c. POINT OF CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER 202-552-5327 |
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24. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AND RELEVANCE TO THIS CONTRACT *(Include scope, size, and cost)*

Size: 30.685 AC±

Scope: TO CONSTRUCT A MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT COMPLEX CONSISTING OF NINE (9) THREE STORY 11,600 SF +/- RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND ONE 4,780 SF CLUBHOUSE/RENTAL OFFICE, POOL, MAIL KIOSK, AND MAINTENANCE BUILDING INCLUDING PARKING, STORMWATER, AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO SERVE THE SITE

Cost: \$4.0 Mil.

Relevance: Demonstrates our ability to work with multiple firms to simultaneously design and permit separate project for one master project system.

25. FIRMS FROM SECTION C INVOLVED WITH THIS PROJECT

| | (1) FIRM NAME | (2) FIRM LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i> | (3) ROLE |
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| a. | Alann Engineering Group | 880 Airport Rd., Suite 113 Ormond Beach, FL 32174 | Project Engineer |
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| F. EXAMPLE PROJECTS WHICH BEST ILLUSTRATE PROPOSED TEAM'S QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS CONTRACT <i>(Present as many projects as requested by the agency, or 10 projects, if not specified. Complete one Section F for each project.)</i> | | 20. EXAMPLE PROJECT KEY NUMBER 5 AEG 2417-1 |
| 21. TITLE AND LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i> Seminole Woods Pkwy Palm Coast, Florida | | 22. YEAR COMPLETED 2026 |
| 23. PROJECT OWNER'S INFORMATION | | |
| a. PROJECT OWNER PC Lane, LLC | b. POINT OF CONTACT NAME Summit Shah | c. POINT OF CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER 321-536-5200 |
| 24. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AND RELEVANCE TO THIS CONTRACT <i>(Include scope, size, and cost)</i> | | |

Size: 13.05 AC±

Scope: CONSTRUCT GAS STATION, CONVEIENCE STORE, AND MULTI-TENANT OFFICE RETAIL SPACE AND THE USES ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTUREAND UTILITIES.

Cost: \$2.8 Mil.

Relevance: Demonstrates our ability to work design and permit commerical sites with various agencies.

25. FIRMS FROM SECTION C INVOLVED WITH THIS PROJECT

| | (1) FIRM NAME | (2) FIRM LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i> | (3) ROLE |
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| a. | Alann Engineering Group | 880 Airport Rd., Suite 113 Ormond Beach, FL 32174 | Project Engineer |
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| 21. TITLE AND LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i> Open Door ReEntry Bunnell, Florida | 22. YEAR COMPLETED | |
| | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 2026 | CONSTRUCTION <i>(If applicable)</i> |

23. PROJECT OWNER'S INFORMATION

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| a. PROJECT OWNER Open Door ReEntry | b. POINT OF CONTACT NAME Charles Silano | c. POINT OF CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER 386-446-1803 |
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24. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AND RELEVANCE TO THIS CONTRACT *(Include scope, size, and cost)*

Size: 3.627 AC±

Scope: Design and permitting of a tiny home community for monitored tiny homes for people who have successfully passed a treatment program. Including a social hall for group meetings and counseling.

Cost: \$1.0 Mil.

Relevance: Demonstrates our ability work with local municipalities to permit and design a land use they haven't permitted before. Including analysis of Live Local legislation and local regulations to meet project goals.

25. FIRMS FROM SECTION C INVOLVED WITH THIS PROJECT

| | (1) FIRM NAME | (2) FIRM LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i> | (3) ROLE |
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| a. | Alann Engineering Group | 880 Airport Rd., Suite 113 Ormond Beach, FL 32174 | Project Engineer |
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| 21. TITLE AND LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i> Airport Commons II Palm Coast, Florida | 22. YEAR COMPLETED | |
| | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 2026 | CONSTRUCTION <i>(If applicable)</i> Ongoing |
| 23. PROJECT OWNER'S INFORMATION | | |
| a. PROJECT OWNER City Construction and Development | b. POINT OF CONTACT NAME Martin Heise | c. POINT OF CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER 561-997-0045 x6 |
| 24. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AND RELEVANCE TO THIS CONTRACT <i>(Include scope, size, and cost)</i> | | |

Size: 4.0 AC±

Scope: TO DEVELOP THE PARCEL TO INCLUDE QUICK LUBE SERVICES AND SPECIALTY RETAIL SHOPPING CENTER WITH ASSOCIATED STORMWATER AND UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE.

Cost: \$4.0 Mil.

Relevance: Demonstrates our ability to design and permit commercial developments near airports with additional coordination required with the FAA and FDOT.

| 25. FIRMS FROM SECTION C INVOLVED WITH THIS PROJECT | | |
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| (1) FIRM NAME | (2) FIRM LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i> | (3) ROLE |
| a. Alann Engineering Group | 880 Airport Rd., Suite 113 Ormond Beach, FL 32174 | Project Engineer |
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| 21. TITLE AND LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i> Easterseals New Smyrna Beach, Florida | 22. YEAR COMPLETED <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 2026</td> <td style="width: 50%;">CONSTRUCTION <i>(If applicable)</i></td> </tr> </table> | | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 2026 | CONSTRUCTION <i>(If applicable)</i> |
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| 23. PROJECT OWNER'S INFORMATION | | | | |
| a. PROJECT OWNER Easterseals NE Central FL | b. POINT OF CONTACT NAME Beverly Johnson | c. POINT OF CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER 386-944-7818 | | |
| 24. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AND RELEVANCE TO THIS CONTRACT <i>(Include scope, size, and cost)</i> | | | | |

Size: 1.90 AC±

Scope: CONVERSION OF EXISTING SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE TO A COUNSELING CENTER WITH OFFICES AND RESTROOM AND INSTALLATION OF ASSOCIATED ROADS, STORMWATER AND UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE.

Cost: \$1.0 Mil.

Relevance: Demonstrates our ability to work with non-profits to maximize the development opportunities for the donation funds they received. Includes working with the contractor and architect early in the process to identify the cost-saving opportunities.

| 25. FIRMS FROM SECTION C INVOLVED WITH THIS PROJECT | | |
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| (1) FIRM NAME | (2) FIRM LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i> | (3) ROLE |
| a. Alann Engineering Group | 880 Airport Rd., Suite 113 Ormond Beach, FL 32174 | Project Engineer |
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| F. EXAMPLE PROJECTS WHICH BEST ILLUSTRATE PROPOSED TEAM'S QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS CONTRACT <i>(Present as many projects as requested by the agency, or 10 projects, if not specified. Complete one Section F for each project.)</i> | | 20. EXAMPLE PROJECT KEY NUMBER AEG 2322-1 |
| 21. TITLE AND LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i> Village Crossings Center Jacksonville, Florida | 22. YEAR COMPLETED | |
| | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 2026 | CONSTRUCTION <i>(If applicable)</i> 2026 |

23. PROJECT OWNER'S INFORMATION

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| a. PROJECT OWNER Viallge Crossing Center, LLC | b. POINT OF CONTACT NAME Paul Hassan | c. POINT OF CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER 904-201-3782 |
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24. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AND RELEVANCE TO THIS CONTRACT *(Include scope, size, and cost)*

Size: 3.36 AC±

Scope: DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI BUILDING COMMERCIAL COMPLEX WITH ASSOCIATED PARKING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Cost: \$6.0 Mil.

Relevance: Demonstrates our ability to work with in larger municipalities to navigate intricate permitting milestones and coordinate with multiple metro agencies to permit a site on a master development with shared storm water infrastructure.

25. FIRMS FROM SECTION C INVOLVED WITH THIS PROJECT

| | (1) FIRM NAME | (2) FIRM LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i> | (3) ROLE |
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| a. | Alann Engineering Group | 880 Airport Rd., Suite 113 Ormond Beach, FL 32174 | Project Engineer |
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| F. EXAMPLE PROJECTS WHICH BEST ILLUSTRATE PROPOSED TEAM'S QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS CONTRACT <i>(Present as many projects as requested by the agency, or 10 projects, if not specified. Complete one Section F for each project.)</i> | | 20. EXAMPLE PROJECT KEY NUMBER AEG 2329-1 |
| 21. TITLE AND LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i> 910 Hughey St. Apopka, Florida | 22. YEAR COMPLETED | |
| | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 2026 | CONSTRUCTION <i>(If applicable)</i> Ongoing |
| 23. PROJECT OWNER'S INFORMATION | | |
| a. PROJECT OWNER Agustin Seirra | b. POINT OF CONTACT NAME Agustin Seirra | c. POINT OF CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER 786-520-7023 |
| 24. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AND RELEVANCE TO THIS CONTRACT <i>(Include scope, size, and cost)</i> | | |

Size: 4.0052 AC±

Scope: Redesign and permitting for a 32 unit multi-family development development. The original EOR passed away and we picked up this project for our existing client. We had to review and accept all of his plans, make revisions, and repermit the plans with Orange County and the City of Apopka.

Cost: \$3.0 Mil.

Relevance: Demonstrates our ability to problem solve when stepping into projects without access to the original EOR.

| 25. FIRMS FROM SECTION C INVOLVED WITH THIS PROJECT | | |
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| (1) FIRM NAME | (2) FIRM LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i> | (3) ROLE |
| a. Alann Engineering Group | 880 Airport Rd., Suite 113 Ormond Beach, FL 32174 | Project Engineer |
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H. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

30. PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE AGENCY. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NEEDED.


- a) The Alann Engineering Group, LLC is a civil engineering firm registered in the State of Florida with experienced personnel. Kimberly A. Buck, the principal and president of the firm has 45 years of experience as a civil engineer. Cole T. Buck, the vice president of the firm has _ years of experience as a civil engineer.
- b) Although the LLC has women on the board, Alann Engineering Group, LLC is not a certified minority business enterprise.
- c) We pride ourselves on meeting our client's needs on time and within budget.
- d) Cole Buck's past experience includes work as a civil engineer for the City of Ormond Beach as well as continuing services contracts through AEG for multiple projects in the Volusia and Flagler area. Alann Engineering Group is currently under contract with the Ormond Station CDD to alleviate flooding in their community.
- e) As a firm located in the northern portion of Ormond Beach in close proximity to I-95, we are afforded quick and easy access to I-4.
- f) Currently, our workload is moderate and allows the opportunity to provide services to the CDD.
- g) Alann Engineering Group has not been retained and/or awarded any work to date.

If awarded a continuing services contract with The Winston Community Development District, Cole T. Buck, Vice President, will be the main point of contract and will be providing construction administration and engineering services. Jon-michael Smith, project manager, and Kirstan Jones, project coordinator, will be handling district meetings and other administrative tasks.

I. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

The foregoing is a statement of facts.

31. SIGNATURE



32. DATE

3/26/2026

33. NAME AND TITLE

Cole T. Buck, P.E., Vice President



Ron DeSantis, Governor

Melanie S. Griffin, Secretary



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PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER HEREIN IS LICENSED UNDER THE
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BUCK, KIMBERLY ANN

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THE WINSTON

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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**The Winston Community Development District
Request for Qualifications – District Engineering Services**

Competitive Selection Criteria

| | Ability and Adequacy of Professional Personnel | Consultant's Past Performance | Geographic Location | Willingness to Meet Time and Budget Requirements | Certified Minority Business Enterprise | Recent, Current and Projected Workloads | Volume of Work Previously Awarded to Consultant by District | TOTAL SCORE |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| <i>weight factor</i> | 25 | 25 | 20 | 15 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 100 |
| NAME OF RESPONDENT | | | | | | | | |
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Board Member's Signature

Date

THE WINSTON

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

15

RESOLUTION 2026-09

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

WHEREAS, The Winston Community Development District (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated within Sumter 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 WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District’s local records office shall be located at:

LOCATION: _____

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 31st day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

**THE WINSTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

THE WINSTON

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

16

RESOLUTION 2026-10

A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE POLICY OF THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 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.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (“**Board**”) and the officers and staff of The Winston Community Development District (“**District**”) are constantly presented with the necessity for making decisions regarding various phases of District policy and management; and

WHEREAS, it is absolutely essential to the effective operation of the District that such decisions be made in an environment where the threat of personal liability for the Board and its officers and staff is maintained at a minimum; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to formalize a policy with regard to the support and legal protection of the Board and its officers and staff so as to reduce the threat of personal liability to such individuals and allow for an effective decision-making environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT THAT:

1. **INDEMNITEES.** As set forth in this Resolution, the District, in accordance with Florida law, agrees that the following Board members, officers and staff (together, “**Indemnitees**”) of the District shall be provided the benefit of the indemnification, support and legal defense provisions provided in this Resolution:

- a. All members of the Board of Supervisors; and
- b. Secretary and Assistant Secretaries, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurers, and other District officers, as well as District Staff (e.g., the District Manager, the District Engineer, and the District Counsel).

2. **SCOPE OF ACTIONS.** As set forth in this Resolution and in accordance with Sections 111.07 and 768.28, Florida Statutes, the District hereby agrees to provide legal representation to defend any and all civil actions of any kind arising from a complaint for damages or injuries suffered as a result of any action or omission of action of all Indemnitees, present or former, arising out of and in the scope of his or her employment or function, unless, in the case of a tort action, the Indemnatee acted in bad faith, with malicious purpose, or in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property. Defense of such civil actions includes, but is not limited to, any civil rights lawsuit seeking relief personally against any Indemnatee for an act or omission under color of state law, custom or usage,

wherein it is alleged that such Indemnitee has deprived another person of rights secured under the Federal Constitution or laws, including, by way of example, actions under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 or other federal statute. The District hereby further agrees to provide legal representation to defend against any other litigation arising against an Indemnitee from the performance of their official duties while serving a public purpose, including civil, administrative or criminal actions as permitted by law. By these provisions, the District does not waive any immunity from liability or limited waiver of such immunity as granted under Florida law. Rather, the District is stating that to the extent the State does not through its laws protect the Board and its officers from liability, the District is committed to doing so to the extent described in this Resolution and as permitted by law.

3. **INSURANCE.** The District may insure itself in order to cover all reasonable costs and fees directly arising out of or in connection with any legal claim or suit that directly results from a decision or act made by an Indemnitee while performing the duties and functions of his or her position.

4. **GOOD FAITH.** This Resolution is intended to evidence the District's support of Indemnites who perform acts and render decisions in the good faith performance of their duties and functions. The District will neither support nor defend those actions or omissions committed by an individual outside the scope of his or her office or committed in bad faith or with malicious purpose or in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property. By adoption of this Resolution, the Indemnitee(s) in question are each presumed to have acted within the scope of his or her office and are presumed to be acting in good faith, without a malicious purpose and not in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety or property. The District's Board of Supervisors may overcome this presumption only by unanimous vote of those participating and voting, in accordance with Section 7 herein.

5. **ADVERSE FINDING.** In the event that the District has expended funds to provide an attorney to defend an Indemnitee who is found to be personally liable by virtue of actions outside the scope of his or her employment or function, or is found to have acted in bad faith, with malicious purpose, or in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property, the individual shall be required to reimburse the District for funds so expended. The District may recover such funds in a civil action against such individual.

6. **PAYMENT.** The District agrees to pay any final judgment, including damages, fines, penalties or other damages, costs, and attorneys' fees and costs, arising from any complaint for damages or injuries suffered as a result of any action or omission of action of any Indemnitee as described in Section 111.07, Florida Statutes. If the action arises under Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, as a tort claim, the limitations and provisions of that section governing payment shall apply. If the action is a civil rights action arising under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, or similar federal statutes, payment for the full amount of judgment may be made unless the individual has been determined in the final judgment to have caused the harm intentionally. The District agrees to pay any compromise or settlement of any claim or litigation described in this

paragraph, provided, however, that the District determines such compromise or settlement to be in the District's best interest.

7. **REBUTTAL OF GOOD FAITH PRESUMPTION.** To rebut the presumption of the automatic payment of judgments or provision of legal representation pursuant to this Resolution, at least one of the following determinations shall be made by a unanimous decision of the District's Board of Supervisors participating and voting:

- a. The actions of the Indemnitee were outside the scope of his or her duties and authority; or
- b. The acts or omissions of the Indemnitee constituted bad faith, malicious purpose, intentional infliction of harm or were done in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety or property; or
- c. The Indemnitee received financial profit or advantage to which he or she was not legally entitled.

8. **PROCEDURE.** To ensure the provision of legal representation pursuant to this Resolution, the following must be met:

- a. A copy of the summons, complaint, notice, demand letter or other document or pleading in the action, or a letter setting forth the substance of any claim or complaint, must be delivered to the District Chairman, Vice Chairman, District Manager or District Counsel within thirty (30) calendar days after actual receipt of any such document together with a specific request in writing that the District defend or provide representation for the Indemnitee; and
- b. The Indemnitee must cooperate continuously and fully with the District in the defense of the action.

9. **LIMITATIONS.** Any indemnification, legal defense or other protection provided pursuant to this representation shall not extend to:

- a. Consulting or other outside professional or business activities for which the Indemnitee received financial or other material compensation, which are outside the scope of his or her District duties and authority; and
- b. Any independent contractor for whom defense or indemnification is not authorized pursuant to Section 1(b) of this Resolution, unless the Board votes to authorize such indemnification, legal defense, or other protection; and

- c. Any fine, penalty or other punishment imposed as a result of conviction for a criminal offense, and any legal fees and costs incurred to defend criminal prosecution in which a conviction is obtained; and
- d. Claims brought against the Indemnitee by the District's Board of Supervisors; and
- e. Any indemnification or defense prohibited by law.

10. **RETENTION OF COUNSEL.** In the event legal representation or defense is provided pursuant to this Resolution, the Indemnitee may either:

- a. Retain legal counsel appointed by the District, in which case legal counsel shall be paid directly by the District; or
- b. Retain legal counsel chosen by the Indemnitee, in which case the District shall have the right to:
 - i. Approve, in advance, any agreement for legal fees or disbursements; and
 - ii. Pay all or part of the legal fees, costs and other disbursements and to set a maximum for legal fees, costs and other disbursements; and
 - iii. Direct the defense and settle or compromise the action or claim; and
 - iv. Reduce or offset any monies that may be payable by the District by any court costs or attorneys' fees awarded to the Indemnitee.

11. **NO ENLARGEMENT OF RIGHTS.** The benefits of the policy adopted in this Resolution shall not enlarge the rights that would have been available to any third-party plaintiff or claimant in the absence of this policy.

12. **HEIRS AND REPRESENTATIVES.** To the extent permitted by law, this policy shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, personal representatives and estate of the Board member and/or officer.

13. **MODIFICATIONS.** The District reserves the right to change, modify or withdraw this Resolution in its sole discretion, except as to actions, demand or other claims based on acts or omissions that occurred before the effective change, modification or withdrawal of this Resolution.

14. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall be effective as of its adoption on the date listed below and shall apply to any acts or omissions occurring after that date.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 31st day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

**THE WINSTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

THE WINSTON

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

17

RESOLUTION 2026-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 meeting schedule attached as **Exhibit A**.

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

1. ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE. The Fiscal Year 2025/2026 annual meeting schedule attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved and shall be published in accordance with the requirements of Florida law and also provided to applicable governing authorities.

2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 31st day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

**THE WINSTON COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

EXHIBIT "A"

| THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT | | |
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| | | |
| BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 MEETING SCHEDULE | | |
| | | |
| LOCATION | | |
| <i>TBD</i> | | |
| | | |
| DATE | POTENTIAL DISCUSSION/FOCUS | TIME |
| | | |
| April __, 2026 | Regular Meeting | __:__ AM/PM |
| | | |
| May __, 2026 | Regular Meeting | __:__ AM/PM |
| | | |
| June __, 2026 | Regular Meeting | __:__ AM/PM |
| | | |
| July __, 2026 | Regular Meeting | __:__ AM/PM |
| | | |
| August __, 2026 | Regular Meeting | __:__ AM/PM |
| | | |
| September __, 2026 | Regular Meeting | __:__ AM/PM |
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THE WINSTON

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2026-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 meeting schedule attached as **Exhibit A**.

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

1. ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE. The Fiscal Year 2026/2027 annual meeting schedule attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved and shall be published in accordance with the requirements of Florida law and also provided to applicable governing authorities.

2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 31st day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

**THE WINSTON COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

EXHIBIT "A"

| THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT | | |
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| BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 MEETING SCHEDULE | | |
| LOCATION <i>TBD</i> | | |
| DATE | POTENTIAL DISCUSSION/FOCUS | TIME |
| October __, 2026 | Regular Meeting | __:__ AM/PM |
| November __, 2026 | Regular Meeting | __:__ AM/PM |
| December __, 2026 | Regular Meeting | __:__ AM/PM |
| January __, 2027 | Regular Meeting | __:__ AM/PM |
| February __, 2027 | Regular Meeting | __:__ AM/PM |
| March __, 2027 | Regular Meeting | __:__ AM/PM |
| April __, 2027 | Regular Meeting | __:__ AM/PM |
| May __, 2027 | Regular Meeting | __:__ AM/PM |
| June __, 2027 | Regular Meeting | __:__ AM/PM |
| July __, 2027 | Regular Meeting | __:__ AM/PM |
| August __, 2027 | Regular Meeting | __:__ AM/PM |
| September __, 2027 | Regular Meeting | __:__ AM/PM |

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RESOLUTION 2026-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING THE ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT GUIDELINES FOR INVESTING PUBLIC FUNDS IN EXCESS OF AMOUNTS NEEDED TO MEET CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 218.415(17), FLORIDA STATUTES

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (“Board”) of The Winston Community Development District (“**District**”), is required to adopt an investment policy in accordance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt the alternative investment guidelines for the investment of public funds in excess of amounts needed to meet current operating expenses, in accordance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes.

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

1. ADOPTION OF ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT GUIDELINES. The District hereby adopts the alternative investment guidelines for the investment of public funds in excess of the amounts needed to meet current operating expenses, in accordance with Section 218.415(17), Florida Statutes. The District may invest in the following instruments and may divest itself of investments, at prevailing prices or rates:

- a. The Local Government Surplus Trust Fund, or any intergovernmental investment pool authorized pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act, as provided in Section 163.01, Florida Statutes.
- b. Securities and Exchange Commission registered money market funds with the highest quality rating from nationally recognized rating agency.
- c. Interest-bearing time deposits or savings accounts in qualified public depositories, as defined in Section 280.02, Florida Statutes.
- d. Direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury.

2. LIQUIDITY. Securities listed in paragraphs c. and d. shall be invested to provide sufficient liquidity to pay obligations as they come due.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 31st day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

**THE WINSTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

THE WINSTON

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RESOLUTION 2026-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 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.

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

WHEREAS, section 190.011(5), *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to adopt resolutions that may be necessary for the conduct of District business; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Supervisors ("**Board**") meets as necessary to conduct the business of the District, including authorizing the payment of District operating and maintenance expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Board may establish monthly, quarterly or other meeting dates not on a monthly basis, or may cancel scheduled meetings from time to time; and

WHEREAS, to conduct the business of the District in an efficient manner, recurring, non-recurring and other disbursements for goods and services must be processed and paid in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the Board determines this Resolution is in the best interest of the District and is necessary for the efficient conduct of District business; the health, safety, and welfare of the residents within the District; and the preservation of District assets or facilities.

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

1. CONTINUING EXPENSES. The Board hereby authorizes the payment of invoices of continuing expenses, which meet the following requirements:

- a) The invoices must be due on or before the next scheduled meeting of the Board.
- b) The invoice must be pursuant to a contract or agreement authorized by the Board.
- c) The total amount paid under such contract or agreement, including the current invoice, must be equal to or less than the amount specified in the contract or agreement.

- d) The invoice amount will not cause payments to exceed the adopted budget of the District.

2. NON-CONTINUING EXPENSES. The Board hereby authorizes the disbursement of funds for payment of invoices of non-continuing expenses which are (i) required to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents within the District; or (ii) required to repair, control, or maintain a District facility or asset beyond the normal, usual, or customary maintenance required for such facility or assets, or (iii) are necessary to avoid an unnecessary expense that may be imposed on the District in connection with a District project; or (iv) are for routine services performed on an annual basis and the amount of such services is reflected in the District's annual budget, or (v) are otherwise for an emergency circumstance, pursuant to the following schedule:

- a) Non-Continuing Expenses Not Exceeding \$5,000 - with approval of the District Manager; and
- b) Non-Continuing Expenses Exceeding \$5,000 - with approval of the District Manager and Chairperson of the Board (or Vice Chairperson in the Chairperson's absence).

3. BOARD RATIFICATION. Any payment made pursuant to the Resolution shall be submitted to the Board at the next scheduled meeting for approval and ratification.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 31st day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

**THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

THE WINSTON

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2026-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING A POLICY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL EXPENSES; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Winston Community Development District (the “**District**”) is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to adopt resolutions as may be necessary for the conduct of district business; and

WHEREAS, Section 112.061(14), *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to establish travel reimbursement rates, procedures and limitations applicable to all District board members, employees, and authorized persons whose travel is authorized and paid for by the District; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to adopt a Policy for Reimbursement of District Travel Expenses attached as **Exhibit A** (the “**Travel Reimbursement Policy**”) pursuant to the provisions of Section 112.061(14), *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District finds that it is in the best interests of the District to adopt by resolution the Travel Reimbursement Policy for immediate use and application.

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

SECTION 1. The District hereby adopts the Travel Reimbursement Policy, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this Resolution or the Travel Reimbursement Policy is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 31st day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

**THE WINSTON COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Travel Reimbursement Policy

EXHIBIT A

THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT POLICY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL EXPENSES

1.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- 1.1** The usual, ordinary, and incidental travel expenditures necessarily incurred by the District board members, employees, consultants, or advisors in the performance of their official duties shall be reimbursed by the Winston Community Development District (the “**District**”).
- 1.2** Except as otherwise provided, prior authorization for travel is not required, but reimbursable expenses will be limited to those expenses incurred in the performance of official duties undertaken in connection with such public purposes as the District has been authorized by law to perform.
- 1.3** All claims submitted for reimbursement must be accompanied by a written statement that they are true and correct as to every material matter.

2.0 TRANSPORTATION.

- 2.1** All travel must be by a reasonably direct or usually traveled route. In the event a person travels by an indirect route for his/her own convenience, any additional cost shall be borne by the traveler and reimbursement for expenses shall be based on the usually traveled route.
- 2.2** Commercial travel shall be by the most economical method, tourist or coach class. First class rates will be paid only in the event that a statement is attached to the claim certifying that tourist or coach seating was unavailable.
- 2.3** When available without penalty for cancellation, travelers should take advantage of discount fares.
- 2.4** Transportation by common carrier when traveling on official business and paid for by the traveler shall be substantiated by a receipt.
- 2.5** Rental car expenses shall be substantiated by a copy of the rental agreement.
- 2.6** Whenever travel is by a privately-owned vehicle, the traveler shall be entitled to a mileage allowance based on the standard mileage rate for business travel established by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Should the IRS increase the mileage allowance, the District shall, without further action, be permitted to

reimburse travelers at the increased rate. As of January 1, 2026, the mileage rate is 72.5 cents per mile.

- 2.7** All mileage shall be from point of origin to point of destination. When travel commences from a location other than the traveler's official headquarters, mileage shall be calculated on the basis of the distance from the headquarters city to the point of destination, unless the actual distance is shorter. Vicinity mileage necessary for conduct of official business is allowable, but must be identified as a separate item on the claim for reimbursement of expenses.
- 2.8** No traveler shall be allowed either mileage or transportation expense when he/she is gratuitously transported by another person, or when he/she is transported by another traveler who is entitled to mileage or transportation expense. However, a traveler on a private aircraft shall be reimbursed the actual amount charged and paid for his/her fare for such transportation up to the cost of a commercial airline ticket for the same flight if one is available, even though the owner or pilot of the aircraft is also entitled to transportation expense for the same flight.

3.0 INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

- 3.1** Reasonable travel-related expenses for meals, lodging, gratuities, taxi fares, tolls, parking fees, and business-related telephone, telegraph, and facsimile charges shall also be reimbursed if substantiated by receipts.
- 3.2** Registration fees and other actual and necessary expenses for conventions, conferences and seminars which will serve a direct public purpose related to District activities will be considered reimbursable if persons attending such meetings receive prior approval. In the event room or meal expenses are included in the registration fee, reimbursement for these expenses will be reduced accordingly.

THE WINSTON

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2026-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING PROMPT PAYMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 218, *FLORIDA STATUTES*; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

WHEREAS, Chapter 218, *Florida Statutes*, requires timely payment to vendors and contractors providing certain goods and/or services to the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (“Board”) accordingly finds that it is in the best interest of the District to establish by resolution *Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures*, attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (“Policies”), as may be amended or updated from time to time for immediate use and application.

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

SECTION 1. The Policies, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, are hereby adopted pursuant to this Resolution as necessary for the conduct of District business. The Policies shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the Board may amend or replace them; provided, however, that as the provisions of Chapter 218, *Florida Statutes*, are amended from time to time, the attached Policies shall automatically be amended to incorporate the new requirements of law without any further action by the Board.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 31st day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

**THE WINSTON COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

EXHIBIT A

THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

**In Accordance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act
Chapter 218, Part VII, *Florida Statutes***

March 31, 2026

The Winston Community Development District
Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

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I. Purpose

In accordance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act (Chapter 218, Part VII, *Florida Statutes*) (“PPA”), the purpose of the The Winston Community Development District (“District”) Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures (“Policies & Procedures”) is to provide a specific policy to ensure timely payment to Vendors and Contractors (both hereinafter defined) providing goods and/or services to the District and ensure the timely receipt by the District of goods and/or services contemplated at the time of contracting. Please note that the PPA, like any statute or law, may be amended from time to time by legislative action. These Policies & Procedures are based on the statutory requirements as of the date identified on the cover page of this document. By this reference, as applicable statutory provisions subsequently change, these Policies & Procedures shall automatically be amended to incorporate the new requirements of law. These Policies & Procedures are adopted by the District to provide guidance in contracting matters. Failure by the District to comply with these Policies & Procedures shall not expand the rights or remedies of any Provider (hereinafter defined) against the District under the PPA. Nothing contained herein shall be interpreted as more restrictive on the District than what is provided for in the PPA.

II. Scope

These Policies & Procedures apply to all operations of the District, including Construction Services and Non-Construction Goods and Services, as applicable.

III. Definitions

A. Agent

The District-contracted architect, District-contracted engineer, District Manager, or other person, acting on behalf of the District, which is required by law or contract to review invoices or payment requests from Providers (hereinafter defined). Such individuals/entities must be identified in accordance with §218.735 (1), Fla. Stat., and further identified in the relevant agreement between the District and the Provider.

B. Construction Services

All labor, services, and materials provided in connection with the construction, alteration, repair, demolition, reconstruction, or other improvement to real property that require a license under parts I and II of Chapter 489, Fla. Stat.

C. Contractor or Provider of Construction Services

The entity or individual that provides Construction Services through direct contract with the District.

D. Date Stamped

Each original and revised invoice or payment request received by the District shall be marked electronically or manually, by use of a date stamp or other method,

which date marking clearly indicates the date such invoice or payment request is first delivered to the District through its Agent. In the event that the Agent receives an invoice or payment request, but fails to timely or physically mark on the document the date received, "Date Stamped" shall mean the date of actual receipt by the Agent.

E. Improper Invoice

An invoice that does not conform to the requirements of a Proper Invoice.

F. Improper Payment Request

A request for payment for Construction Services that does not conform to the requirements of a Proper Payment Request.

G. Non-Construction Goods and Services

All labor, services, goods and materials provided in connection with anything other than construction, alteration, repair, demolition, reconstruction, or other improvements to real property.

H. Proper Invoice

An invoice that conforms to all statutory requirements, all requirements of these Policies and Procedures not expressly waived by the District and any additional requirements included in the agreement for goods and/or services for which the invoice is submitted not expressly waived by the District.

I. Proper Payment Request

A request for payment for Construction Services which conforms to all statutory requirements, all requirements of these Policies & Procedures not expressly waived by the District and any additional requirements included in the Construction Services agreement for which the Payment Request is submitted not expressly waived by the District.

J. Provider

Includes any Vendor, Contractor or Provider of Construction Services, as defined herein.

K. Purchase

The purchase of goods, materials, services, or Construction Services; the purchase or lease of personal property; or the lease of real property by the District.

L. Vendor

Any person or entity that sells goods or services, sells or leases personal property, or leases real property directly to the District, not including Construction Services.

IV. Proper Invoice/Payment Request Requirements

A. General

Prior to Provider receiving payment from the District, Non-Construction Goods and Services and Construction Services, as applicable, shall be received and performed in accordance with contractual or other specifications or requirements to the satisfaction of the District. Provision or delivery of Non-Construction Goods and Services to the District does not constitute acceptance for the purpose of payment. Final acceptance and authorization of payment shall be made only after delivery and inspection by the Agent and the Agent's confirmation that the Non-Construction Goods and Services or Construction Services meet contract specifications and conditions. Should the Non-Construction Goods and Services or Construction Services differ in any respect from the specifications, payment may be withheld until such time as the Provider takes necessary corrective action. Certain limited exceptions which require payment in advance are permitted when authorized by the District Board of Supervisors ("Board") or when provided for in the applicable agreement.

B. Sales Tax

Providers should not include sales tax on any invoice or payment request. The District's current tax-exempt number is 85-8019994493C-7. A copy of the tax-exempt form will be supplied to Providers upon request.

C. Federal Identification and Social Security Numbers

Providers are paid using either a Federal Identification Number or Social Security Number. To receive payment, Providers should supply the District with the correct number as well as a proper Internal Revenue Service W-9 Form. The District Manager shall treat information provided in accordance with Florida law.

Providers should notify the District Manager when changes in data occur (telephone 561-571-0010), email: cerbonec@whhassociates.com.

D. Proper Invoice for Non-Construction Goods and Services

All Non-Construction Goods and Services invoiced must be supplied or performed in accordance with the applicable purchase order (including any bid/proposal provided, if applicable) or agreement and such Non-Construction Goods and Services quantity and quality must be equal to or better than what is required by such terms. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable agreement, invoices should contain all of the following minimum information in order to be considered a Proper Invoice:

1. Name of Vendor
2. Remittance address
3. Invoice Date

4. Invoice number
5. The “Bill To” party must be the District or the Board, or other entity approved in writing by the Board of the District Manager
6. Project name (if applicable)
7. In addition to the information required in Section IV.D.1-6 above, invoices involving the *purchase of goods* should also contain:
 - a. A complete item description
 - b. Quantity purchased
 - c. Unit price(s)
 - d. Total price (for each item)
 - e. Total amount of invoice (all items)
 - f. The location and date(s) of delivery of the goods to the District
8. In addition to the information required in Section IV.D.1-6 above, invoices involving the *purchase of services* should also contain:
 - a. Itemized description of services performed
 - b. The location and date of delivery of the services to the District
 - c. Billing method for services performed (i.e., approved hourly rates, percentage of completion, cost plus fixed fee, direct/actual costs, etc.)
 - d. Itemization of other direct, reimbursable costs (including description and amount)
 - e. Copies of invoices for other direct, reimbursable costs (other than incidental costs such as copying) and one (1) of the following:
 - i. Copy of both sides of a cancelled check evidencing payment for costs submitted for reimbursement
 - ii. Paid receipt
 - iii. Waiver/lien release from subcontractor (if applicable)
9. Any applicable discounts
10. Any other information or documentation, which may be required or specified under the terms of the purchase order or agreement

E. Proper Payment Request Requirements for Construction Services

Payment Requests must conform to all requirements of Section IV, A-D above, unless otherwise specified in the terms of the applicable agreement or purchase order between the District and the Provider.

V. Submission of Invoices and Payment Requests

The Provider shall submit all Invoices and Payment Requests for both Construction Services and Non-Construction Goods and Services to the District’s Agent as provided in the purchase order or agreement, as applicable, and to the District Manager as follows:

Submit the invoice and/or payment request, with required additional material and in conformance with these Policies and Procedures, by mail, by hand delivery, or via email (Note: email is the preferred method for receipt of Non-Construction Goods and Services invoices).

- 1. Mailing and Drop Off Address**
The Winston Community Development District
c/o Wrathell, Hunt & Associates LLC
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, Florida 33431
Attn: District Manager
- 2. Email Address**
TheWinstonCDD@DistrictAP.com

VI. Calculation of Payment Due Date

A. Non-Construction Goods and Services Invoices

- 1. Receipt of Proper Invoice**
Payment is due from the District forty-five (45) days from the date on which a Proper Invoice is Date Stamped.
- 2. Receipt of Improper Invoice**
If an Improper Invoice is received, a required invoice is not received, or invoicing of a request for payment is not required, the time when payment is due from the District is forty-five (45) days from the latest date of the following:
 - a. On which delivery of personal property is fully accepted by the District;
 - b. On which services are completed and accepted by the District;
 - c. On which the contracted rental period begins (if applicable); or
 - d. On which the District and the Vendor agree in a written agreement that provides payment due dates.
- 3. Rejection of an Improper Invoice**
The District may reject an Improper Invoice. Within ten (10) days of receipt of the Improper Invoice by the District, the Vendor must be notified that the invoice is improper and be given an opportunity to correct the deficient or missing information, remedy the faulty work, replace the defective goods, or take other necessary, remedial action.

The District's rejection of an Improper Invoice must:

- a. Be provided in writing;
- b. Specify any and all known deficiencies; and
- c. State actions necessary to correct the Improper Invoice.

If the Vendor submits a corrected invoice, which corrects the deficiencies specified in the District's written rejection, the District must pay the

corrected invoice within the later of: (a) ten (10) business days after date the corrected invoice is Date Stamped; or (b) forty-five (45) days after the date the Improper Invoice was Date Stamped.

If the Vendor submits an invoice in response to the District's written rejection which fails to correct the deficiencies specified or continues to be an Improper Invoice, the District must reject that invoice as stated herein.

4. Payment of Undisputed Portion of Invoice

If the District disputes a portion of an invoice, the undisputed portion shall be paid in a timely manner and in accordance with the due dates for payment as specified in these Policies & Procedures.

B. Payment Requests for Construction Services

1. Receipt of Proper Payment Request

The time at which payment is due for Construction Services from the District is as follows:

- a. If an Agent must approve the payment request before it is submitted to the District Manager, payment (whether full or partial) is due twenty-five (25) business days after the payment request is Date Stamped. The Provider may send the District an overdue notice. If the payment request is not rejected within four (4) business days after Date Stamp of the overdue notice, the payment request shall be deemed accepted, except for any portion of the payment request that is fraudulent, misleading or is the subject of dispute.

The agreement between the District and the Provider shall identify the Agent to which the Provider shall submit its payment request, or shall be provided by the District through a separate written notice no later than ten (10) days after contract award or notice to proceed, whichever is later. Provider's submission of a payment request to the Agent shall be Date Stamped, which shall commence the time periods for payment or rejection of a payment request or invoice as provided in this section.

- b. If, pursuant to contract, an Agent is not required to approve the payment request submitted to the District, payment is due twenty (20) business days after the payment request is Date Stamped unless such payment request includes fraudulent or misleading information or is the subject of dispute.

2. Receipt and Rejection of Improper Payment Request

- a. If an Improper Payment Request is received, the District must reject the Improper Payment Request within twenty (20) business days after the date on which the payment request is Date Stamped.
- b. The District's rejection of the Improper Payment Request must:
 - i. Be provided in writing;
 - ii. Specify any and all known deficiencies; and
 - iii. State actions necessary to correct the Improper Invoice.
- c. If a Provider submits a payment request which corrects the deficiency specified in the District's written rejection, the District must pay or reject the corrected submission no later than ten (10) business days after the date the corrected payment request is Date Stamped.

3. Payment of Undisputed Portion of Payment Request

If the District disputes a portion of a payment request, the undisputed portion shall be paid in a timely manner and in accordance with the due dates for payment as specified in this section.

VII. Resolution of Disputes

If a dispute arises between a Provider and the District concerning payment of an invoice or payment request, the dispute shall be resolved as set forth in §218.735, Fla. Stat., for Construction Services, and §218.76, Fla. Stat. for Non-Construction Goods and Services.

A. Dispute between the District and a Provider

If a dispute between the District and a Provider cannot be resolved following resubmission of a payment request by the Provider, the dispute must be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution procedure prescribed in the construction contract, if any. In the absence of a prescribed procedure in the contract, the dispute must be resolved by the procedures specified below.

B. Dispute Resolution Procedures

- 1. If an Improper Payment Request or Improper Invoice is submitted, and the Provider refuses or fails to submit a revised payment request or invoice as contemplated by the PPA and these Policies and Procedures, the Provider shall, not later than thirty (30) days after the date on which the last payment request or invoice was Date Stamped, submit a written statement via certified mail to the Agent, copying the District Manager, specifying the basis upon which the Provider contends the last submitted payment request or invoice was proper.

2. Within forty-five (45) days of receipt by the Agent and District Manager of the disputed, last-submitted payment request or invoice, the Agent and/or District Manager shall commence investigation of the dispute and render a final decision on the matter no later than sixty (60) days after the date on which the last-submitted payment request or invoice is Date Stamped.
3. With regard to contracts executed on or after July 1, 2021, if the District does not commence the dispute resolution procedure within the time provided herein, a Provider may give written notice via certified mail to the Agent, copying the District Manager, of the District's failure to timely commence its dispute resolution procedure. If the District fails to commence the dispute resolution procedure within 4 business days after receipt of such notice, any amounts resolved in the Provider's favor shall bear mandatory interest, as set forth in section 218.735(9), Florida Statutes, from the date on which the payment request or invoice containing the disputed amounts was Date Stamped. If the dispute resolution procedure is not commenced within 4 business days after receipt of the notice, the objection to the payment request or invoice shall be deemed waived. The waiver of an objection pursuant to this paragraph does not relieve a Provider of its contractual obligations.
4. Absent a written agreement to the contrary, if the Provider refuses or fails to provide the written statement required above, the Agent and/or District Manager is not required to contact the Provider in the investigation. In addition, and absent a written agreement to the contrary, if such written statement is not provided, the District may immediately contract with third parties to provide the goods and services subject to the dispute and deduct the costs of such third party purchases from amounts owed to the Provider.
5. The Board shall approve any decision of the District Manager to contract with a third party which would result in: 1) an expenditure above what is budgeted for the Construction Services or Non-Construction Services; or 2) an expenditure which exceeds the original contract amount for the Construction Services or Non-Construction Services by more than ten percent (10%) or Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000).
6. A written explanation of the final decision shall be sent to the Provider, via certified mail, within five (5) business days from the date on which such final decision is made. A copy of the written explanation of the final decision shall be provided to the Chairperson of the Board simultaneously with the certified mailing to the Provider.

7. If a Provider does not accept in writing the final decision within five (5) days after receipt by the Provider, the District may immediately contract with third parties to provide the goods and services subject to the dispute and deduct the costs of such third party purchases from amounts owed to the Provider. If the costs of the third party purchases exceed the amount the District owes to the Provider, the District may seek to recover such excess from the Provider in a court of law or as otherwise provided in an agreement between the District and the Provider. Nothing contained herein shall limit or affect the District's ability to enforce all of its legal and contractual rights and remedies against the Provider.

VIII. Purchases Involving Federal Funds or Bond Funds

When the District intends to pay for a purchase with federal funds or bond funds, the District shall make such purchases only upon reasonable assurances that federal funds or bond funds sufficient to cover the cost will be received. When payment is contingent upon the receipt of bond funds, federal funds or federal approval, the public procurement documents and any agreement with a Provider shall clearly state such contingency. (§218.77, Fla. Stat.).

IX. Requirements for Construction Services Contracts – Project Completion; Retainage

The District intends to follow the PPA requirements for construction project completion and retainage, including, but not limited to, §218.735 (7) and (8), Fla. Stat.

X. Late Payment Interest Charges

Failure on the part of the District to make timely payments may result in District responsibility for late payment interest charges. No agreement between the District and a Provider may prohibit the collection of late payment interest charges allowable under the PPA as mandatory interest. (§218.75, Fla. Stat.).

A. Related to Non-Construction Goods and Services

All payments due from the District, and not made within the time specified within this policy, will bear interest, from thirty (30) days after the due date, at the rate of one percent (1%) per month on the unpaid balance. The Vendor must submit a Proper Invoice to the District for any interest accrued in order to receive the interest payment. (§218.735(9), Fla. Stat.).

An overdue period of less than one (1) month is considered as one (1) month in computing interest. Unpaid interest is compounded monthly. The term one (1) month means a period beginning on any day of a month and ending on the same day of the following month.

B. Related to Construction Services

All payments for Construction Services that are not made within the time periods specified within the applicable statute, shall bear interest from thirty (30) days after the due date, at the rate of one percent (1%) per month for contracts executed on or before June 30, 2021, and at the rate of two percent (2%) per month for contracts executed on or after July 1, 2021, or the rate specified by agreement, whichever is greater. §218.735(9), Fla. Stat. The Provider must submit a Proper Payment Request to the District for any interest accrued in order to receive the interest payment. An overdue period of less than one (1) month is considered as one (1) month in computing interest. (§218.74 (4), Fla. Stat.).

Unpaid interest is compounded monthly. The term one (1) month means a period beginning on any day of a month and ending on the same day of the following month.

C. Report of Interest

If the total amount of interest paid during the preceding fiscal year exceeds \$250, the District Manager is required to submit a report to the Board during December of each year, stating the number of interest payments made and the total amount of such payments. (§218.78, Fla. Stat.).

THE WINSTON

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2026-28

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING AN INTERNAL CONTROLS POLICY CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 218.33, *FLORIDA STATUTES*; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Winston Community Development District (“**District**”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida*; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Section 218.33, *Florida Statutes*, the District is statutorily required to establish and maintain internal controls designed to prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse as defined in Section 11.45(1), *Florida Statutes*; promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices; support economical and efficient operations; ensure reliability of financial records and reports; and safeguard assets; and

WHEREAS, to demonstrate compliance with Section 218.33, *Florida Statutes*, the District desires to adopt by resolution the Internal Controls Policy attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

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

- 1. POLICY.** The attached Internal Controls Policy attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby adopted pursuant to this Resolution.
- 2. SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
- 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 31st day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

**THE WINSTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

EXHIBIT "A"

THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT INTERNAL CONTROLS POLICY

1. Purpose.

- 1.1. The purpose of this internal controls policy is to establish and maintain internal controls for the Winston Community Development District.
- 1.2. Consistent with Section 218.33(3), *Florida Statutes*, the internal controls adopted herein are designed to:
 - 1.2.1. Prevent and detect Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (as hereinafter defined).
 - 1.2.2. Promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices.
 - 1.2.3. Support economical and efficient operations.
 - 1.2.4. Ensure reliability of financial records and reports.
 - 1.2.5. Safeguard Assets (as hereinafter defined).

2. Definitions.

- 2.1. "Abuse" means behavior that is deficient or improper when compared with behavior that a prudent person would consider a reasonable and necessary operational practice given the facts and circumstances. The term includes the misuse of authority or position for personal gain.
- 2.2. "Assets" means District assets such as cash or other financial resources, supplies, inventories, equipment and other fixed assets, real property, intellectual property, or data.
- 2.3. "Auditor" means the independent auditor (and its employees) retained by the District to perform the annual audit required by state law.
- 2.4. "Board" means the Board of Supervisors for the District.
- 2.5. "District Management" means (i) the independent contractor (and its employees) retained by the District to provide professional district management services to the District and (ii) any other independent contractor (and its employees) separately

retained by the District to provide amenity management services, provided said services include a responsibility to safeguard and protect Assets.

- 2.6. "Fraud" means obtaining something of value through willful misrepresentation, including, but not limited to, intentional misstatements or intentional omissions of amounts or disclosures in financial statements to deceive users of financial statements, theft of an entity's assets, bribery, or the use of one's position for personal enrichment through the deliberate misuse or misapplication of an organization's resources.
- 2.7. "Internal Controls" means systems and procedures designed to prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse; promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices; support economical and efficient operations; ensure reliability of financial records and reports; and safeguard assets.
- 2.8. "Risk" means anything that could negatively impact the District's ability to meet its goals and objectives. The term includes strategic, financial, regulatory, reputational, and operational risks.
- 2.9. "Waste" means the act of using or expending resources unreasonably, carelessly, extravagantly, or for no useful purpose.

3. Control Environment.

3.1. Ethical and Honest Behavior.

- 3.1.1. District Management is responsible for maintaining a work environment that promotes ethical and honest behavior on the part of all employees, contractors, vendors and others.
- 3.1.2. Managers at all levels must behave ethically and communicate to employees and others that they are expected to behave ethically.
- 3.1.3. Managers must demonstrate through words and actions that unethical behavior will not be tolerated.

4. Risk Assessment.

- 4.1. Risk Assessment. District Management is responsible for assessing Risk to the District. District Management's Risk assessments shall include, but not be limited to:
 - 4.1.1. Identifying potential hazards.

4.1.2. Evaluating the likelihood and extent of harm.

4.1.3. Identifying cost-justified precautions and implementing those precautions.

5. Control Activities.

5.1. Minimum Internal Controls. The District hereby establishes the following minimum Internal Controls to prevent and detect Fraud, Waste, and Abuse:

5.1.1. Preventive controls designed to forestall errors or irregularities and thereby avoid the cost of corrections. Preventive control activities shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

5.1.1.1. Identifying and segregating incompatible duties and/or implementing mitigating controls.

5.1.1.2. Performing accounting functions in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) standards.

5.1.1.3. Requiring proper authorizations to access and/or modify accounting software.

5.1.1.4. Implementing computerized accounting techniques (e.g. to help identify coding errors, avoid duplicate invoices, etc.).

5.1.1.5. Maintaining a schedule of the District's material fixed Assets.

5.1.1.6. Maintaining physical control over the District's material and vulnerable Assets (e.g. lock and key, computer passwords, network firewalls, etc.).

5.1.1.7. Retaining and restricting access to sensitive documents.

5.1.1.8. Performing regular electronic data backups.

5.1.2. Detective controls designed to measure the effectiveness of preventive controls and to detect errors or irregularities when they occur. Detective control activities shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 5.1.2.1. Preparing financial reports in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) standards.
- 5.1.2.2. Reviewing financial statements and investigating any material variances between budgeted expenses and actual expenses.
- 5.1.2.3. Establishing and implementing periodic reconciliations of bank, trust, and petty cash accounts.
- 5.1.2.4. Establishing an internal protocol for reporting and investigating known or suspected acts of Fraud, Waste, or Abuse.
- 5.1.2.5. Engaging in periodic physical inventory counts and comparisons with inventory records.
- 5.1.2.6. Monitoring all ACH (electronic) transactions and the sequencing of checks.

5.2. Implementation. District Management shall implement the minimum Internal Controls described herein. District Management may also implement additional Internal Controls that it deems advisable or appropriate for the District. The specific ways District Management implements these minimum Internal Controls shall be consistent with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and otherwise conform to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) standards and norms.

6. Information and Communication.

- 6.1. Information and Communication. District Management shall communicate to its employees (needing to know) information relevant to the Internal Controls, including but not limited to any changes to the Internal Controls and/or changes to laws, rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices.
- 6.2. Training. District Management shall regularly train its employees (needing the training) in connection with the Internal Controls described herein and promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices.

7. Monitoring Activities.

- 7.1. Internal Reviews. District Management shall internally review the District's Internal Controls at least once per year. In connection with this internal review, District Management shall:
- 7.1.1.1. Review its operational processes.
 - 7.1.1.2. Consider the potential risk of Fraud, Waste, or Abuse inherent in each process.
 - 7.1.1.3. Identify the controls included in the process, or controls that could be included, that would result in a reduction in the inherent risk.
 - 7.1.1.4. Assess whether there are Internal Controls that need to be improved or added to the process under consideration.
 - 7.1.1.5. Implement new controls or improve existing controls that are determined to be the most efficient and effective for decreasing the risk of Fraud, Waste or Abuse.
 - 7.1.1.6. Train its employees on implemented new controls or improvements to existing controls.
- 7.2. External Audits and Other Reviews. Audits and other reviews may be performed on various components of the District's Internal Controls by the Auditor consistent with Government Auditing Standards (GAS). Audits may identify material deficiencies in the Internal Controls and make recommendations to improve them. District Management shall communicate and cooperate with the Board and the Auditor regarding the potential implementation of Auditor recommendations.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 218.33(3), *Florida Statutes*
Effective date: March 31, 2026

THE WINSTON

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ACQUISITION AGREEMENT

THIS ACQUISITION AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into, by and between:

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT LLC, a Florida limited liability company, with an address of 1120 NE 178th Terrace, N Miami Beach, Florida 33162 (“**Developer**”), and

THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, whose address is c/o Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 (“**District**”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District was established by ordinance enacted by the City Commission of the City of Wildwood, Florida, pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, as amended (“**Act**”), and is validly existing under the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes the District to issue bonds for the purpose, among others, of planning, financing, constructing, and acquiring certain infrastructure, roadways, stormwater management, utilities (water & sewer), offsite improvements, landscaping/lighting, and other infrastructure within or without the boundaries of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Developer is the owner of lands within the boundaries of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District presently intends to finance the planning, design, acquisition, construction, and installation of certain infrastructure improvements, facilities, and services known as the “**Project**” and as detailed in the *Engineer’s Report*, dated April 28, 2025 (“**Engineer’s Report**”), attached to this Agreement as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the District intends to finance all or a portion of the Project through the use of proceeds from future special assessment bonds (“**Bonds**”); and

WHEREAS, the District has not had sufficient monies on hand to allow the District to contract directly for: (i) the preparation of the surveys, testing, reports, drawings, plans, permits, specifications, and related documents necessary to complete the Project (“**Work Product**”); or (ii) construction and/or installation of the improvements comprising the Project (“**Improvements**”); and

WHEREAS, the District acknowledges the Developer’s need to commence development of the lands within the District in an expeditious and timely manner; and

WHEREAS, in order to avoid a delay in the commencement of the development of the Work Product and/or the Improvements, the Developer has advanced, funded, commenced, and completed and/or will complete certain of the Work Product and/or Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Developer and the District are entering into this Agreement to set forth the process by which the District may acquire the Work Product, the Improvements, and any related real

property interests (“**Real Property**”) and in order to ensure the timely provision of the infrastructure and development.

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon good and valuable consideration and the mutual covenants of the parties, the receipt of which and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the District and the Developer agree as follows:

1. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS. The recitals stated above are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated as a material part of this Agreement.

2. WORK PRODUCT AND IMPROVEMENTS. The parties agree to cooperate and use good faith and best efforts to undertake and complete the acquisition process contemplated by this Agreement on such date or dates as the parties may jointly agree upon (each, an “**Acquisition Date**”). Subject to any applicable legal requirements (e.g., but not limited to, those laws governing the use of proceeds from tax exempt bonds), and the requirements of this Agreement, the District agrees to acquire completed Work Product and Improvements that are part of the Project.

- a. **Request for Conveyance and Supporting Documentation** – When Work Product or Improvements are ready for conveyance by the Developer to the District, the Developer shall notify the District in writing, describing the nature of the Work Product and/or Improvement and estimated cost. Additionally, Developer agrees to provide, at or prior to the applicable Acquisition Date, the following: (i) documentation of actual costs paid, (ii) instruments of conveyance such as bills of sale or such other instruments as may be requested by the District, and (iii) any other releases, warranties, indemnifications or documentation as may be reasonably requested by the District.
- b. **Costs** – Subject to any applicable legal requirements (e.g., but not limited to, those laws governing the use of proceeds from tax exempt bonds), the availability of proceeds from the Bonds, and the requirements of this Agreement, the District shall pay the lesser of (i) the actual cost of creation/construction of the Work Product or Improvements, and (ii) the fair market value of the Work Product or Improvements. The Developer shall provide copies of any and all invoices, bills, receipts, or other evidence of costs incurred by the Developer for any Work Product and/or Improvements. The District Engineer shall review all evidence of cost and shall certify to the District’s Board of Supervisors (“**Board**”) whether the cost being paid is the lesser of (i) the actual cost of creation/construction of the Work Product or Improvements, and (ii) the fair market value of the Work Product or Improvements. The District Engineer’s opinion as to cost shall be set forth in an Engineer’s Certificate which shall accompany the requisition for the funds from the District’s Trustee for the Bonds (“**Trustee**”).
- c. **Conveyances on “As Is” Basis.** Unless otherwise agreed, all conveyances of Work Product and/or Improvements shall be on an “as is” basis. That said, the Developer agrees to assign, transfer and convey to the District any and all rights the Developer may have against any and all firms or entities which may have caused any latent or patent defects, including, but not limited to, any and all warranties and other forms of indemnification.

- d. ***Right to Rely on Work Product and Releases*** – The Developer agrees to release to the District all right, title, and interest which the Developer may have in and to any Work Product conveyed hereunder, as well as all common law, statutory, and other reserved rights, including all warranties and copyrights in the Work Product and extensions and renewals thereof under United States law and throughout the world, and all publication rights and all subsidiary rights and other rights in and to the Work Product in all forms, mediums, and media, now known or hereinafter devised. To the extent determined necessary by the District, the Developer shall reasonably obtain all releases from any professional providing services in connection with the Work Product to enable the District to use and rely upon the Work Product. The District agrees to allow the Developer access to and use of the Work Product without the payment of any fee by the Developer. However, to the extent the Developer's access to and use of the Work Product causes the District to incur any cost or expense, such as copying costs, the Developer agrees to pay such cost or expense.

- e. ***Transfers to Third Party Governments; Payment for Transferred Property*** – If any item acquired is to be conveyed to a third-party governmental body, then the Developer agrees to cooperate and provide such certifications, documents, bonds, warranties, and/or forms of security as may be required by that governmental body, if any. Further, the Developer shall make reasonable efforts to first transfer such Work Product and/or Improvements to the District pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, and prior to the transfer of such Work Product and/or Improvements to the third-party governmental entity. Regardless, and subject to the terms of this Agreement, any transfer, dedication, conveyance or assignment of such Work Product and/or Improvements directly to a third-party governmental entity prior to the District's acquisition of the Work Product and/or Improvements shall be deemed a transfer to the District of such Work Product and/or Improvements and then a re-transfer to the third party governmental entity.

- f. ***Permits*** – The Developer agrees to cooperate fully in the transfer of any permits to the District or a governmental entity with maintenance obligations for any Improvements conveyed pursuant to this Agreement.

- g. ***Engineer's Certification*** – The District shall accept any completed Work Product and/or Improvements where the District Engineer (or other consulting engineer reasonably acceptable to the District), in his/her professional opinion, is able to certify that, in addition to any other requirements of law: (i) the Work Product and/or Improvements are part of the Project; (ii) the price for such Work Product and/or Improvements did not exceed the lesser of the cost of creating the Work Product and/or Improvements or the fair market value of the Work Product and/or Improvements; (iii) as to Work Product, the Work Product is capable of being used for the purposes intended by the District, and, as to any Improvements, the Improvements were installed in accordance with their specifications, and are capable of performing the functions for which they were intended; and (iv) as to any Improvements, all known plans, permits and specifications necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Improvements are complete and on file with the

District, and have been transferred, or are capable of being transferred, to the District for operations and maintenance responsibilities.

3. CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY. The Developer agrees that it will convey to the District at or prior to the applicable Acquisition Date as determined solely by the District, by a special warranty deed or other instrument acceptable to the Board together with a metes and bounds or other description, the Real Property upon which any Improvements are constructed or which are necessary for the operation and maintenance of, and access to, the Improvements.

- a. **Cost.** The parties agree that all Real Property shall be provided to the District at no cost, unless (i) the costs for the Real Property are expressly included as part of the Project, as described in the Engineer's Report, and (ii) the purchase price for the Real Property is the lesser of the appraised value of the Real Property, based on an appraisal obtained by the District for this purpose, or the cost basis of the Real Property to the Developer.
- b. **Fee Title and Other Interests** – The District may determine in its reasonable discretion that fee title for Real Property is not necessary and in such cases shall accept such other interest in the lands upon which the Improvements are constructed as the District deems acceptable.
- c. **Developer Reservation** – Any conveyance of Real Property hereunder by special warranty deed or other instrument shall be subject to a reservation by Developer of its right and privilege to use the area conveyed to construct any Improvements and any future improvements to such area for any related purposes (including, but not limited to, construction traffic relating to the construction of the Development) not inconsistent with the District's use, occupation or enjoyment thereof.
- d. **Fees, Taxes, Title Insurance** – The Developer shall pay the cost for recording fees and documentary stamps required, if any, for the conveyance of the lands upon which the Improvements are constructed. The Developer shall be responsible for all taxes and assessments levied on the lands upon which the Improvements are constructed until such time as the Developer conveys all said lands to the District. At the time of conveyance, the Developer shall provide, at its expense, an owner's title insurance policy or other evidence of title in a form satisfactory to the District.
- e. **Boundary Adjustments** – Developer and the District agree that reasonable future boundary adjustments may be made as deemed necessary by both parties in order to accurately describe lands conveyed to the District and lands which remain in Developer's ownership. The parties agree that any land transfers made to accommodate such adjustments shall be accomplished by donation. However, the party requesting such adjustment shall pay any transaction costs resulting from the adjustment, including but not limited to taxes, title insurance, recording fees or other costs. Developer agrees that if a court or other governmental entity determines that a re-platting of the lands within the District is necessary, Developer shall pay all costs and expenses associated with such actions.

4. TAXES, ASSESSMENTS, AND COSTS.

- a. **Taxes and Assessments on Property Being Acquired.** The District is an exempt governmental unit acquiring property pursuant to this Agreement for use exclusively for public purposes. Accordingly, in accordance with Florida law, the Developer agrees to place in escrow with the County tax collector an amount equal to the current ad valorem taxes and non-ad valorem assessments (with the exception of those ad valorem taxes and non-ad valorem assessments levied by the District) prorated to the date of transfer of title, based upon the expected assessment and millage rates giving effect to the greatest discount available for early payment.
- i. If and only to the extent the property acquired by the District is subject to ad valorem taxes or non-ad valorem assessments, the Developer agrees to reimburse the District for payment, or pay on its behalf, any and all ad valorem taxes and non-ad valorem assessments imposed during the calendar year in which each parcel of property is conveyed.
 - ii. Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent the District from asserting any rights to challenge any taxes or assessments imposed, if any, on any property of the District.
- b. **Notice.** The parties agree to provide notice to the other within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of any notice of potential or actual taxes, assessments, or costs, as a result of any transaction pursuant to this Agreement, or notice of any other taxes, assessments, or costs imposed on the property acquired by the District as described in subsection a. above. The Developer covenants to make any payments due hereunder in a timely manner in accord with Florida law. In the event that the Developer fails to make timely payment of any such taxes, assessments, or costs, the Developer acknowledges the District's right to make such payment. If the District makes such payment, the Developer agrees to reimburse the District within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving notice of such payment, and to include in such reimbursement any fees, costs, penalties, or other expenses which accrued to the District as a result of making such a payment, including interest at the maximum rate allowed by law from the date of the payment made by the District.
- c. **Tax liability not created.** Nothing herein is intended to create or shall create any new or additional tax liability on behalf of the Developer or the District. Furthermore, the parties reserve all respective rights to challenge, pay under protest, contest or litigate the imposition of any tax, assessment, or cost in good faith they believe is unlawfully or inequitably imposed and agree to cooperate in good faith in the challenge of any such imposition.

5. **ACQUISITIONS AND BOND PROCEEDS.** The District may in the future, and in its sole discretion, elect to issue Bonds that may be used to finance portions of work acquired hereunder. In the event that the District issues the Bonds and has bond proceeds available to pay for any portion of the Project acquired by the District, and subject to the terms of the applicable documents relating to the Bonds, then the District shall promptly make payment for any such acquired Work Product, Improvements or Real Property, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement; provided, however, that no such obligation shall exist where the Developer is in default on the payment of any debt service assessments due on any

property owned by the Developer, or is in default under any agreements between the Developer and the District, or, further, in the event the District's bond counsel determines that any such acquisitions or payments for Advanced Funds are not properly compensable for any reason, including, but not limited to federal tax restrictions imposed on tax-exempt financing. Interest shall not accrue on any amounts owed for any prior acquisitions. Unless otherwise provided in an applicable trust indenture, and in the event the District does not or cannot issue sufficient bonds within five (5) years from the date of this Agreement to pay for all acquisitions hereunder, and, thus does not make payment to the Developer for any unfunded acquisitions, then the parties agree that the District shall have no payment or reimbursement obligation whatsoever for those unfunded acquisitions. The Developer acknowledges that the District may convey some or all of the Work Product and/or Improvements described in the Engineer's Report to a general purpose unit of local government (e.g., the County) and consents to the District's conveyance of such Work Product and/or Improvements prior to any payment being made by the District.

6. CONTRIBUTIONS. In connection with the issuance of the Bonds, the District will levy debt service special assessments to secure the repayment of Bonds. As described in more detail in the District's applicable assessment reports ("**Assessment Report**"), and prior to the issuance of the Bonds, the Developer may request that such debt service special assessments be reduced for certain product types. To accomplish any such requested reduction, and pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, the Developer agrees to provide a contribution of Improvements, Work Product and/or Real Property based on appraised value, comprising a portion of the Project and to meet the minimum requirements set forth in the Assessment Report, if any. Any such contributions shall not be eligible for payment by the District hereunder.

7. IMPACT FEE CREDITS. In connection with the District's capital improvement plan, the District may finance certain infrastructure that may generate impact fee credits. As set forth in the District's assessment proceedings, and in recognition of the uncertain market for such credits, and limited value, and as consideration for the District and the Developer undertaking the transactions involved with the District's Project and financing arrangements, the District and the Developer agree that the Developer may retain any such impact fee credits, provided that the Developer contributes a corresponding amount of Improvements, Work Product and/or Real Property based on appraised value as part of the District's capital improvement plan, and/or reduces the cost of such Improvements, Work Product or Real Property to be acquired by the District by a corresponding amount of such impact fee credits, and/or prepays debt assessments on all applicable lands (as determined by the District in coordination with the District's Assessment Consultant) by a corresponding amount of such impact fee credits. Alternatively, the Developer may provide the proceeds of the impact fee credits to the District for deposit into the applicable acquisition and construction account for the Bonds, and for use in acquiring and/or constructing the Project.

8. UTILITY CONNECTION FEES. As part of the Project, the District may elect to fund certain "**Utility Connection Fees**" for the planned residential units related to the Project. The District will pay such Utility Connection Fees as part of the Project. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Developer in turn will: (i) serve, at no cost to the District, as the District's administrator with respect to the distribution of any "**Utility Connection Fee Credits**," which will be available from the County due to the District's funding of the Utility Connection Fees for the Project; (ii) collect cash payments ("**Builder Credit Payments**") from the builders of the planned residential units, in exchange for providing to such builders a corresponding amount of Utility Connection Fee Credits; and (iii) either remit all Builder Credit Payments to the District for deposit into the District's applicable Acquisition and Construction Account related to the Project and established in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, or may retain any

such Builder Credit Payments, provided that the Developer contributes a corresponding amount of Work Product, Improvements or Real Property (based on appraised value) as part of the District's Project or reduces the cost of such Improvements, Work Product or Real Property to be acquired by the District by a mutually agreed amount. In order to accomplish the foregoing, the Developer shall be entitled to file applications or other appropriate documentation from time to time with the applicable local general purpose unit of government to obtain Utility Connection Fee Credits associated with the District-funded Utility Connection Fees, without any further action of the District. In the event of any shortfall between the amount of Utility Connection Fees paid by the District, and the amount of Builder Credit Payments collected from builders, the Developer shall make a cash payment to the District in the amount of such shortfall.

9. DEFAULT. A default by either party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which may include, but not be limited to, the right of damages and/or specific performance. Any default under an applicable trust indenture for the Bonds caused by the Developer and/or its affiliates shall be a default hereunder, and the District shall have no obligation to fund the Project in the event of such a default. Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither the District nor the Developer shall be liable for any consequential, special, indirect or punitive damages due to a default hereunder. Prior to commencing any action for a default hereunder, the party seeking to commence such action shall first provide written notice to the defaulting party of the default and an opportunity to cure such default within 30 days.

10. ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS. In the event that either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the parties agree that the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other all fees and costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

11. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both the District and the Developer.

12. AUTHORIZATION. The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of the District and the Developer; both the District and the Developer have complied with all the requirements of law; and both the District and the Developer have full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

13. NOTICES. All notices, requests, consents and other communications under this Agreement ("**Notices**") shall be in writing and shall be delivered, mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, or overnight delivery service, to the parties, at the addresses first set forth above. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, any Notice shall be deemed received only upon actual delivery at the address set forth above. Notices delivered after 5:00 p.m. (at the place of delivery) or on a non-business day, shall be deemed received on the next business day. If any time for giving Notice contained in this Agreement would otherwise expire on a non-business day, the Notice period shall be extended to the next succeeding business day. Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays recognized by the United States government shall not be regarded as business days. Counsel for the District and counsel for the Developer may deliver Notice on behalf of the District and the Developer, respectively. Any party or other person to whom Notices are to be sent or copied may notify the other parties and addressees of any change in name or address to which Notices shall be sent by providing the same on five (5) days written notice to the parties and addressees set forth herein.

14. ARM'S LENGTH TRANSACTION. This Agreement has been negotiated fully between the District and the Developer as an arm's length transaction. Both parties participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement and received the advice of counsel. In the case of a dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, both parties are deemed to have drafted, chosen, and selected the language, and the doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against either the District or the Developer.

15. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the District and the Developer and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason, to or for the benefit of any third party not a formal party to this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the District and the Developer any right, remedy, or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any of the provisions or conditions of this Agreement; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants, and conditions contained in this Agreement shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the District and the Developer and their respective representatives, successors, and assigns.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee, acting at the direction of the Majority Owners of the Bonds, shall have the right to directly enforce the provisions of this Agreement. The Trustee shall not be deemed to have assumed any obligations under this Agreement. This Agreement may not be assigned or materially amended, and the Project may not be materially amended, without the written consent of the Trustee, acting at the direction of the Majority Owners of the Bonds, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

16. ASSIGNMENT. Neither the District nor the Developer may assign this Agreement or any monies to become due hereunder without the prior written approval of the other.

17. APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE. This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. Each party consents that the venue for any litigation arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be in Polk County, Florida.

18. PUBLIC RECORDS. The Developer understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records and treated as such in accordance with Florida law.

19. SEVERABILITY. The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Agreement, or any part of this Agreement not held to be invalid or unenforceable.

20. LIMITATIONS ON GOVERNMENTAL LIABILITY. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed as a waiver of immunity or limits of liability of the District beyond any statutory limited waiver of immunity or limits of liability which may have been adopted by the Florida Legislature in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or other law, and nothing in this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of any third party for the purpose of allowing any claim which would otherwise be barred by sovereign immunity or by other operation of law.

21. HEADINGS FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY. The descriptive headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not control nor affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

22. COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall be an original; however, all such counterparts together shall constitute, but one and the same instrument. Signature and acknowledgment pages, if any, may be detached from the counterparts and attached to a single copy of this document to physically form one document.

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WHEREFORE, the parties below execute the *Acquisition Agreement* to be effective as of the ____ day of _____, 2026.

**THE WINSTON COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

By: _____
Its: Chairperson

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT LLC

By: _____
Its: _____

Exhibit A: *Engineer's Report*, dated April 28, 2025

THE WINSTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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Upon recording, this instrument should be returned to:

(This space reserved for Clerk)

Jere L. Earlywine
Kutak Rock LLP
107 West College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT

THIS TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT (“Easement Agreement”) is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2026, by and between _____, a _____ with a mailing address of _____ (“**Developer**”) in favor of **THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, whose mailing address is Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 (“**District**”, together with Developer “**Parties**”).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the District was established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, as amended (“**Act**”), and is validly existing under the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Developer is the owner in fee simple of certain real property located in Sumter County, Florida, lying within the boundaries of the District including those certain parcels of land lying more particularly described in **Exhibit “A”** attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference (“**Easement Area**”); and

WHEREAS, the District has requested that the Developer grant to the District a construction and maintenance easement over the Easement Area for the construction and installation of certain infrastructure improvements (“**Improvements**”) set forth in the District’s improvement plan, and the Developer is agreeable to granting such an easement on the terms and conditions set for herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration and the mutual covenants of the Parties, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. **RECITALS.** The foregoing recitals are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated as a material part of this Easement Agreement.

2. **EASEMENT; AUTOMATIC TERMINATION.** The Developer hereby grants to District a non-exclusive easement over, upon, under, through, and across the Easement Area for ingress and egress for the construction, installation, maintenance, repair and replacement of the Improvements (“**Easement**”). District shall use all due care to protect the Easement Area and adjoining property from damage resulting from District’s use of the Easement Area. The Easement shall terminate automatically with respect to any lands comprising a portion of the Easement Area: (1) which are platted as residential lots, or (2) conveyed to the District or another governmental entity.

3. **DAMAGE.** In the event that District, its respective employees, agents, assignees, contractors (or their subcontractors, employees or materialmen), or representatives cause damage to the Easement Area or to adjacent property or improvements in the exercise of the easement rights granted herein, District, at District’s sole cost and expense, agrees to promptly commence and diligently pursue the restoration of the same and the improvements so damaged to, as nearly as practical, the original condition and grade, including, without limitation, repair and replacement of any landscaping, hardscaping, plantings, ground cover, roadways, driveways, sidewalks, parking areas, fences, walks, utility lines, stormwater facilities, pumping facilities, pumps and other structures or improvements of any kind.

4. **INSURANCE.** District and/or any contractors performing work for District on the Easement Area shall at all times maintain general public liability insurance to afford protection against any and all claims for personal injury, death or property damage arising directly or indirectly out of the exercise of the rights and privileges granted. Said insurance shall be issued by solvent, reputable insurance companies authorized to do business in the State of Florida, naming Developer, and its employees and representatives, as insureds, as their interests may appear in a combined-single limit of not less than \$1,000,000.00 with respect to bodily injury or death and property damage.

5. **INDEMNITY.** To the extent permitted by law, but without waiving any sovereign immunity protection or other limits on liability afforded by law, District shall indemnify and hold harmless Developer, and its successors, assigns, agents, employees, staff, contractors, officers, supervisors, and representatives (together, “**Indemnitees**”), from any and all liability, loss or damage, whether monetary or otherwise, including reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs and all fees and costs of mediation of alternative dispute resolution, as a result of any claims, liabilities, suits, liens, demands, costs, interest, expenses, damages, penalties, fine, or judgments, against Indemnitees which arise out of any of the activities referred to under the terms of this Easement Agreement or use of the Easement Area by District, its successors, assigns, agents, employees, contractors (including but not limited by subcontractors, materialmen, etc.), officer invitees, or representatives, including by not limited to loss of life, injury to persons or damage to, or destruction of theft of property.

6. **SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY.** District agrees that nothing contained in this Easement Agreement shall constitute or be construed as a waiver of Developer’s limitations on liability set forth in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, and other applicable law.

7. **LIENS.** District shall not permit (and shall promptly satisfy) any construction, mechanic's lien or encumbrance against the Easement Area or other Developer property in connection with the exercise of its rights hereunder.

8. **EXERCISE OF RIGHTS.** The rights and Easement created by this Easement Agreement are subject to the following provisions:

(a) District shall install the Improvements in a sound, professional manner and shall have sole responsibility for obtaining any necessary permits or regulatory approvals for the Improvements installation. Any rights granted hereunder shall be exercised by District only in accordance and compliance with any and all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, permits and approvals, and any future modifications or amendments thereto. District shall not discharge into or within the Easement Area any hazardous or toxic materials or substances, any pollutants, or any other substances or materials prohibited or regulated under any federal, state or local law, ordinance, rule, regulation or permit, except in accordance with such laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and permits.

(b) Developer makes no representation that the Easement Area is suitable for installation of the Improvements. District acknowledges that there are or may be existing facilities located within the Easement Area. District shall not interfere with or cause interruption in the day to day operation of all existing facilities in the Easement Area.

(c) Nothing herein shall be construed to limit in any way Developer's rights to (i) construct and maintain in the Easement Area any structures or other improvements that do not materially interfere with the use or enjoyment of the Easement granted herein for the purposes for which they are created as contemplated herein, or (ii) to use the Easement Area, or allow the use of the Easement Area by others, in common with District, its successors and assigns.

9. **DEFAULT.** A default by the Developer or District under this Easement Agreement shall entitle the other party to all remedies available at law or in equity, which may include but not be limited to the right of actual damages, injunctive relief and/or specific performance.

10. **ENFORCEMENT.** In the event that either the Grantor or Grantee seeks to enforce this Easement Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all fees and costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

11. **NOTICES.** All notices, requests, consents, and other communications hereunder ("**Notices**") shall be in writing and shall be delivered, mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, or telecopied or hand delivered to the parties, at the addresses first set forth above. Except as otherwise provided herein, any Notice shall be deemed received only upon actual delivery at the address or telecopy number set forth herein. If mailed as provided above, Notices shall be deemed delivered on the third business day unless actually received earlier. Notices hand delivered after 5:00 p.m. (at the place of delivery) or on a non-business day, shall be deemed received on the next business day. If any time for giving Notice contained in this

Agreement would otherwise expire on a non-business day, the Notice period shall be extended to the next succeeding business day. Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays recognized by the United States government shall not be regarded as business days. Counsel for the parties may deliver Notice on behalf of the parties. Any party or other person to whom Notices are to be sent or copied may notify the other parties and addressees of any change in name, address or telecopy number to which Notices shall be sent by providing the same on five (5) days written notice to the parties and addressees set forth herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent Florida law requires notice to enforce the collection of assessments placed on property by the District, then the provision of such notice shall be in lieu of any additional notice required by this Agreement.

12. **THIRD PARTIES.** This Easement Agreement is solely for the benefit of the Developer and District, and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason, to or for the benefit of any third party not a formal party to this Easement Agreement. Nothing in this Easement Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person, corporation, or entity other than the Developer and District any right, remedy, or claim under or by reason of this Easement Agreement or any of the provisions or conditions of this Easement Agreement. The Developer shall be solely responsible for enforcing its rights under this Easement Agreement against any interfering third party. Nothing contained in this Easement Agreement shall limit or impair the Developer's right to protect its rights from interference by a third party.

13. **ASSIGNMENT.** Neither of the Parties hereto may assign, transfer, or license all or any portion of its rights under this Easement Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. Any purported assignment, transfer, or license by one of the Parties absent the written consent of the other party shall be void and unenforceable.

14. **CONTROLLING LAW.** This Easement Agreement shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida.

15. **PUBLIC RECORDS.** All documents of any kind provided in connection with this Easement Agreement are public records and are to be treated as such in accordance with Florida law.

16. **SEVERABILITY.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions or part of a provision of this Easement Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Easement Agreement or any part of this Easement Agreement not held to be invalid or unenforceable.

17. **BINDING EFFECT.** This Easement Agreement and all of the provisions, representations, covenants, and conditions contained herein shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns, transferees, and/or licensees.

18. **AUTHORIZATION.** By execution below, the undersigned represent that they have been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of their respective entity to execute this

Easement Agreement, and that respective Parties have complied with all the requirements of law, and they have full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

19. **AMENDMENTS.** Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Easement Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both the Developer and District.

20. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of the agreement between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Easement Agreement.

21. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The effective date of this Easement Agreement shall be the date first written above.

22. **COUNTERPARTS.** This Easement Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original, but all taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

[signature pages follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Developer and District caused this Easement Agreement to be executed as of the day and year first written above.

WITNESSES:

**THE WINSTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Print Name: _____
Address: _____

By: _____
Its: _____

Print Name: _____
Address: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of physical presence or online notarization this ___ day of _____, 2026, by _____ as _____ of The Winston Community Development District, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, who appeared before me this day in person, and who is either personally known to me, or produced _____ as identification.

(Official Notary Signature)

Name: _____

Personally Known _____

OR Produced Identification _____

Type of Identification _____

[notary seal]

[Signature page 1 of 2]

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of:

WITNESSES:

Print Name: _____
Address: _____

By: _____
Its: _____

Print Name: _____
Address: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of physical presence or online notarization this ___ day of _____, 2026, by _____ as _____ of _____ who appeared before me this day in person, and who is either personally known to me, or produced _____ as identification.

(Official Notary Signature)

Name: _____
Personally Known _____
OR Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification _____

[notary seal]

[Signature page 2 of 2]

**EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE EASEMENT AREA**

PARCEL 1:

THE WEST 905.88 FEET OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF THE N.W. 1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA; EXCEPT THE NORTH 685 FEET OF THE WEST 660 FEET THEREOF. AND EXCEPT 25 FEET FOR ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY FOR COUNTY ROAD NO. 214.

TOGETHER WITH:

THE EAST 282.91 FEET OF THE NORTH 685 FEET OF THE WEST 660 FEET OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF THE N.W. 1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXCEPT THE NORTH 25 FEET THEREOF FOR ROAD RIGHT OF WAY FOR COUNTY ROAD NO. 214.

PARCEL 2:

THE N.W. 1/4 OF THE N.E. 1/4, AND THE N.E. 1/4 OF THE N.W. 1/4, AND THE EAST 60.00 FEET OF THE S.W. 1/4 OF THE N.E. 1/4, OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA,

EXCEPT THE WEST 905 FEET OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF THE N.W. 1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA. AND EXCEPT ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY FOR COUNTY ROAD NO. 214 AND ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY FOR COUNTY ROAD NO. 216.

PARCEL 3:

A PORTION OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT THE S.E. CORNER OF THE S.W. 1/4 OF THE N.E. 1/4; THENCE RUN NORTH 440 YARDS; THENCE WEST 320 YARDS; THENCE SOUTH 440 YARDS; THENCE EAST TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPT THE EAST 60 FEET THEREOF.

AND

EXCEPT A PORTION OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE N.W. CORNER OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 19;
THENCE S89°50'05"E ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID N.E. 1/4, A DISTANCE OF 363.00

FEET; THENCE S00°05'34"E, PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID N.E. 1/4, A DISTANCE OF 1329.82 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 1320 FEET (440 YARDS) OF THE N.E. 1/4 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE S00°05'34"E, A DISTANCE OF 1320.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID N.E. 1/4; THENCE S89°53'17"E, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 630.00 FEET; THENCE N00°05'34"W, PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID N.E. 1/4, A DISTANCE OF 1320.00 FEET; THENCE N89°53'17"W, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE OF SOUTH 1320 FEET OF SAID N.E. 1/4, A DISTANCE OF 630.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY FOR COUNTY ROAD NO. 216.

APPROXIMATELY 83.16 ACRES IN TOTAL.

THE WINSTON

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**THE WINSTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
UNAUDITED
FEBRUARY 28, 2026**

**THE WINSTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FEBRUARY 28, 2026**

| | General Fund | Total Governmental Funds |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Due from Landowner | \$ 18,682 | 18,682 |
| Total assets | \$ 18,682 | \$ 18,682 |
| LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 5,954 | \$ 5,954 |
| Accrued wages payable | 400 | 400 |
| Accrued taxes payable | 31 | 31 |
| Landowner advance | 12,297 | 12,297 |
| Total liabilities | 18,682 | 18,682 |
| DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES | | |
| Deferred receipts | 5,182 | 5,182 |
| Total deferred inflows of resources | 5,182 | 5,182 |
| Fund balances: | | |
| Unassigned | (5,182) | (5,182) |
| Total fund balances | (5,182) | (5,182) |
| Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances | \$ 18,682 | \$ 18,682 |

**THE WINSTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2026**

| | <u>Current Month</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>% of Budget</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Landowner contribution | \$ - | \$ 1,203 | \$ 77,891 | 2% |
| Total revenues | <u>-</u> | <u>1,203</u> | <u>77,891</u> | 2% |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Professional & administrative | | | | |
| Supervisor | - | 431 | 6,459 | 7% |
| Management/accounting/recording** | 2,000 | 4,000 | 26,000 | 15% |
| Legal | 450 | 635 | 25,000 | 3% |
| Engineering | - | - | 2,000 | 0% |
| Dissemination agent* | - | - | 667 | 0% |
| Telephone | 17 | 32 | 200 | 16% |
| Postage | - | - | 500 | 0% |
| Printing & binding | 42 | 84 | 500 | 17% |
| Legal advertising | - | 1,203 | 7,500 | 16% |
| Annual special district fee | - | - | 175 | 0% |
| Insurance | - | - | 5,500 | 0% |
| Contingencies/bank charges | - | - | 1,500 | 0% |
| Website hosting & maintenance | - | - | 1,680 | 0% |
| Website ADA compliance | - | - | 210 | 0% |
| Total expenditures | <u>2,509</u> | <u>6,385</u> | <u>77,891</u> | 8% |
| Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures | (2,509) | (5,182) | - | |
| Fund balances - beginning | (2,673) | - | - | |
| Fund balances - ending | <u>\$ (5,182)</u> | <u>\$ (5,182)</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | |

*These items will be realized once bonds are issued.

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

THE WINSTON
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**MINUTES OF MEETING
THE WINSTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

A Landowners' Meeting of The Winston Community Development District was held on January 29, 2026 at 11:15 a.m., at the Villages Public Library at Pinellas Plaza, 7375 Powell Rd., Conference Room 162, Wildwood, Florida 34785.

Present:

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Cindy Cerbone | District Manager |
| Jamie Sanchez | Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC (WHA)/Proxy Holder |
| Jere Earlywine (via telephone) | District Counsel |
| Sete Zare (via telephone) | MBS Capital Markets, LLC |
| Jacob Beren | |
| Jon Smith | |
| Kirstan Jones | |
| Rachel Beren (via telephone) | |

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order/Roll Call

Ms. Sanchez called the meeting to order at 11:21 a.m.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Affidavit/Proof of Publication

The affidavit of publication was included for informational purposes.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Election of Chair to Conduct Landowners'
Meeting**

Ms. Sanchez served as Chair to conduct the Landowners' meeting.

Ms. Sanchez is the designated proxy holder for Green Gardens LLC, which owns several parcels totaling approximately 86.28 acres, equating to 87 voting units. Ms. Sanchez is eligible to cast up to 87 votes per Seat.

38 **FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Election of Supervisors [All Seats]

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40 **A. Nominations**

41 Ms. Sanchez nominated the following:

42 Seat 1 Jacob Beren

43 Seat 2 Kirstan Jones

44 Seat 3 Rachel Beren

45 Seat 4 Motty Segal

46 Seat 5 Jon Smith

47 No other nominations were made.

48 **B. Casting of Ballots**

49 • **Determine Number of Voting Units Represented**

50 A total of 87 voting units were represented.

51 • **Determine Number of Voting Units Assigned by Proxy**

52 All 87 voting units were assigned by proxy.

53 Ms. Sanchez cast the following votes:

54 Seat 1 Jacob Beren 85 votes

55 Seat 2 Kirstan Jones 85 votes

56 Seat 3 Rachel Beren 80 votes

57 Seat 4 Motty Segal 80 votes

58 Seat 5 Jon Smith 80 votes

59 **C. Ballot Tabulation and Results**

60 The ballot tabulation, results and term lengths were as follows:

61 Seat 1 Jacob Beren 85 votes Four-year Term

62 Seat 2 Kirstan Jones 85 votes Four-year Term

63 Seat 3 Rachel Beren 80 votes Two-year Term

64 Seat 4 Motty Segal 80 votes Two-year Term

65 Seat 5 Jon Smith 80 votes Two-year Term

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67 **FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Landowners' Questions/Comments

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69 There were no Landowners' questions or comments.

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71 **SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Adjournment

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73 There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

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THE WINSTON

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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THE WINSTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

An Organizational Meeting of The Winston Community Development District was held on January 29, 2026, immediately following the adjournment of the Landowners' Meeting, scheduled to commence at 11:15 a.m., at the Villages Public Library at Pinellas Plaza, 7375 Powell Rd., Conference Room 162, Wildwood, Florida 34785.

Present:

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| Jacob Beren | Chair |
| Kirstan Jones | Vice Chair |
| Jon-Michael Smith | Assistant Secretary |

Also present:

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| Cindy Cerbone | District Manager |
| Jamie Sanchez | Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC (WHA) |
| Jere Earlywine (via telephone) | District Counsel |
| Sete Zare (via telephone) | MBS Capital Markets, LLC |
| Rachel Beren (via telephone) | Supervisor-Elect |

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order/Roll Call

Ms. Cerbone called the meeting to order at 11:23 a.m. Supervisors-Elect Jacob Beren, Kirstan Jones and Jon Smith were present. Supervisor-Elect Rachel Beren attended via telephone; as she will not be sworn in today, she will participate solely as a member of the public. Supervisor-Elect Motty Segal was not present.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments

No members of the public spoke.

GENERAL DISTRICT ITEMS

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Administration of Oath of Office to Elected Board of Supervisors (the following will also be provided in a separate package)

Ms. Sanchez, a Notary of the State of Florida and duly authorized, administered the Oath of Office to Jacob Beren, Kirstan Jones and Jon-Michael Smith. Staff provided and explained the following:

A. Required Ethics Training and Disclosure Filing

- 41 • **Sample Form 1 2023/Instructions**
- 42 **B. Membership, Obligations and Responsibilities**
- 43 **C. Guide to Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees**
- 44 **D. Form 8B: Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal and other Local**
- 45 **Public Officers**

46 Ms. Cerbone discussed potential conflicts of interest related to voting. Each Board
 47 Member completed Form 8B, which will be kept on file for use when necessary. Ms. Sanchez
 48 paraphrased Form 8B, which states:

49 "I am a member of the Board of Supervisors of The Winston Community Development
 50 District created under Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and I am a principal, employee and/or
 51 business associate, or relative, of a landowner in the District. Decisions potentially affecting the
 52 landowner may come before the Board from time to time. Pursuant to Section 112.3143(3)(b),
 53 and 190.007(1), Florida Statutes, I understand that I do not have a conflict of interest when
 54 voting on such matters, and that I am not prohibited from voting on such matters. That said, I
 55 am filing this disclosure of voting conflict in an abundance of caution, and to follow the
 56 procedures required by section 112.3143, Florida Statutes, and for the duration of my term and
 57 any subsequent terms."

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| 59 | FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS | Consideration of Resolution 2026-01, Electing Certain Officers of the District, and Providing for an Effective Date |
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| 65 | FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS | Consideration of Resolution 2026-02, Ratifying the Actions of the District Manager and District Staff in Noticing the Landowners' Meeting; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date |
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| 74 | SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS | Consideration of Resolution 2026-03, Canvassing and Certifying the Results of the Landowners' Election of Supervisors Held Pursuant to Section 190.006(2), |
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Florida Statutes, and Providing for an Effective Date

Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2026-03. Ms. Sanchez recapped the results of the Landowners’ Election, which will be inserted into Sections 1 and 2, as follows:

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| Seat 1 | Jacob Beren | 85 votes | Four-year Term |
| Seat 2 | Kirstan Jones | 85 votes | Four-year Term |
| Seat 3 | Rachel Beren | 80 votes | Two-year Term |
| Seat 4 | Motty Segal | 80 votes | Two-year Term |
| Seat 5 | Jon Smith | 80 votes | Two-year Term |

On MOTION by Mr. Beren and seconded by Ms. Jones, with all in favor, Resolution 2026-03, Canvassing and Certifying the Results of the Landowners’ Election of Supervisors Held Pursuant to Section 190.006(2), Florida Statutes, and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.

Mr. Earlywine discussed ethics laws, including the requirement to disclose gifts in excess of \$100 from a non-relative or lobbyist; gifts valued over \$100 from a lobbyist are prohibited. Prohibitions include use of a public office for one’s own personal gain; voting on measures that benefit oneself, one’s relative or employer; accepting or soliciting a gift in exchange for a vote or benefit; disclosing confidential information obtained through one’s role as a public official; employing, appointing or promoting relatives in a CDD position; and doing business with or lobbying the CDD within two years of leaving office. He discussed public records laws and email procedures. All public records requests should be forwarded to Staff promptly.

Ms. Cerbone discussed the requirement to complete four hours of ethics training each year by December 31; completion of the requirement will be noted when filing Form 1 the following year. Board Members will receive emails from Ms. Sanchez; one with information regarding completion of Form 1 and another with links to ethics training courses.

- **Consideration of Resolution 2026-02, Ratifying the Actions of the District Manager and District Staff in Noticing the Landowners’ Meeting; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date**

This item, previously the Fifth Order of Business, was presented out of order.

On MOTION by Mr. Beren and seconded by Ms. Jones, with all in favor, Resolution 2026-02, Ratifying the Actions of the District Manager and District Staff in Noticing the Landowners’ Meeting; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

150 B. Resolution 2026-05, Appointing District Counsel for the District, and Authorizing
151 Compensation; and Providing for an Effective Date

- 152 • Fee Agreement: Kutak Rock LLP

153 On MOTION Mr. Beren and seconded by Ms. Jones, with all in favor, Resolution
154 2026-05, Appointing District Counsel for the District, and Authorizing
155 Compensation; and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.

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157 C. Resolution 2026-06, Designating a Registered Agent and Registered Office of the
158 District and Providing for an Effective Date

159 On MOTION by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Jones, with all in favor,
160 Resolution 2026-06, Designating Craig Wrathell as Registered Agent and
161 Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca
162 Raton, Florida, 33431 as the Registered Office of the District, and Providing for
163 an Effective Date, was adopted.

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165 D. Resolution 2026-07, Appointing an Interim District Engineer for The Winston
166 Community Development District, Authorizing Its Compensation and Providing for an
167 Effective Date

- 168 • Interim District Engineering Agreement: AE Group

169 Ms. Cerbone stated Mr. Smith and Ms. Jones are co-owners of AE Group. Mr. Earlywine
170 stated, as employees of an Independent Contractor for the CDD, Mr. Smith and Ms. Jones must
171 sign the appropriate form for a continuing conflict of interest. He discussed the procedures to
172 be followed, including abstaining from voting on AE Group’s contracts or payments.

173 Discussion ensued regarding the need for and the duties of the District Engineer, billing
174 of Engineering time, reimbursements to AE Group and legal considerations.

175 On MOTION by Mr. Beren, with Mr. Beren in favor and Mr. Smith and Ms.
176 Jones abstaining, Resolution 2026-07, Appointing an Interim District Engineer
177 for The Winston Community Development District, Authorizing Its
178 Compensation and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.

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180 E. Authorization of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering Services

181 Ms. Cerbone presented the RFQ for Engineering Services.

182 On MOTION by Mr. Beren, with Mr. Beren in favor and Mr. Smith and Ms.
183 Jones abstaining, the RFQ for Engineering Services, the Competitive Selection
184 Criteria, and authorizing Staff to advertise, were approved.

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186 F. Board Member Compensation: 190.006 (8), F.S.

187 Each Board Member wishing to receive compensation will submit a W-4.

188 G. Resolution 2026-08, Designating the Primary Administrative Office and Principal
189 Headquarters of the District and Providing an Effective Date

190 On MOTION by Ms. Jones and seconded by Mr. Beren, with all in favor,
191 Resolution 2026-08, Designating 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton,
192 Florida 33431 as the Primary Administrative Office and a location within
193 Sumter County, Florida as the Principal Headquarters of the District and
194 Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

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196 H. Resolution 2026-09, Designating the Location of the Local District Records Office and
197 Providing an Effective Date

198 This item was deferred.

199 I. Resolution 2026-10, Setting Forth the Policy of the District Board of Supervisors with
200 Regard to the Support and Legal Defense of the Board of Supervisors and District
201 Officers, and Providing for an Effective Date

- 202 • Authorization to Obtain General Liability and Public Officers' Insurance

203 On MOTION by Mr. Beren and seconded by Ms. Jones, with all in favor,
204 Resolution 2026-10, Setting Forth the Policy of the District Board of Supervisors
205 with Regard to the Support and Legal Defense of the Board of Supervisors and
206 District Officers, and Providing for an Effective Date, was approved.

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208 J. Resolution 2026-11, Providing for the Public's Opportunity to Be Heard; Designating
209 Public Comment Periods; Designating a Procedure to Identify Individuals Seeking to Be
210 Heard; Addressing Public Decorum; Addressing Exceptions; and Providing for
211 Severability and an Effective Date

212 K. Resolution 2026-12, Providing for the Appointment of a Records Management Liaison
213 Officer; Providing the Duties of the Records Management Liaison Officer; Adopting a
214 Records Retention Policy; and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date

215 L. Resolution 2026-13, Granting the Chair and Vice Chair the Authority to Execute Real
216 and Personal Property Conveyance and Dedication Documents, Plats and Other
217 Documents Related to the Development of the District's Improvements; Approving
218 the Scope and Terms of Such Authorization; Providing a Severability Clause; and
219 Providing an Effective Date

220 M. Resolution 2026-14, Authorizing the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to Take the
221 Necessary Actions to Award Certain Contracts, Agreements and Other Documents; and
222 Providing an Effective Date

223 N. Resolution 2026-15, Ratifying, Confirming and Approving the Recording of the Notice
224 of Establishment for The Winston Community Development District

225 On MOTION by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Beren, with all in favor,
226 Resolution 2026-11, Resolution 2026-12, Resolution 2026-13, Resolution 2026-
227 14, and Resolution 2026-15, were adopted.

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

- 230 • Designation of Board of Supervisors as Audit Committee

231 P. Strange Zone, Inc., Quotation #M25-035 for District Website Design, Maintenance and
232 Domain Web-Site Design Agreement

233 Q. Resolution 2026-16, Designate the Date, Time and Place of a Public Hearing and
234 Authorization to Publish Notice of Such Hearing for the Purpose of Adopting Rules of
235 Procedure; and Providing an Effective Date

236 I. Rules of Procedure

237 II. Notices [Rule Development and Rulemaking]

238 The Public Hearing will be held on March 31, 2026 at 11:15 a.m., at the Villages Public
239 Library at Pinellas Plaza, 7375 Powell Rd., Conference Room 162, Wildwood, Florida 34785.

240 R. Resolution 2026-17, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular Meetings of
241 the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2026/2026 and Providing for an
242 Effective Date

243 This item was deferred.

244 S. Resolution 2026-18, Approving the Florida Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement;
245 Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date

246 T. Resolution 2026-19, Authorizing an Individual Designated by the Board of Supervisors,
247 to Act as the District’s Purchasing Agent for the Purpose of Procuring, Accepting, and
248 Maintaining Any and All Construction Materials Necessary for the Construction,
249 Installation, Maintenance or Completion of the District’s Infrastructure Improvements
250 As Provided in the District’s Adopted Improvement Plan; Providing for the Approval
251 of a Work Authorization; Providing for Procedural Requirements for The Purchase Of
252 Materials; Approving the Form of a Purchase Requisition Request; Approving the Form
253 of a Purchase Order; Approving the Form of a Certificate of Entitlement; Authorizing
254 the Purchase of Insurance; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective
255 Date

256 U. Goals and Objectives Reporting [HB7013 - Special Districts Performance Measures and
257 Standards Reporting]

258 V. Consideration of E-Verify Memorandum

259 On MOTION by Ms. Jones and seconded by Mr. Beren, with all in favor, Agenda
260 Items 7O, 7P, 7Q, 7S, 7T, 7U, and 7V, as presented, were approved and/or
261 adopted.

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264 **BANKING ITEMS**

265 **EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Consideration of the Following Banking
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268 A. Resolution 2026-20, Designating a Public Depository for Funds of the District and
269 Providing an Effective Date

270 On MOTION by Mr. Beren and seconded by Ms. Jones, with all in favor,
271 Resolution 2026-20, Designating BankUnited as a Public Depository for Funds
272 of the District and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

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274 B. Resolution 2026-21, Directing the District Manager to Establish a Local Bank Account
275 and Appoint Signors on the Account; And Providing an Effective Date

276 On MOTION by Mr. Beren and seconded by Mr. Smith, with all in favor,
277 Resolution 2026-21, Directing the District Manager to Establish a Local Bank
278 Account and Appoint Signors on the Account; And Providing an Effective Date,
279 was adopted.

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281 C. Resolution 2026-22, Authorizing the District Manager or Treasurer to Execute the
282 Public Depositors Report; Authorizing the Execution of Any Other Financial Reports as
283 Required by Law; Providing for an Effective Date

284 On MOTION by Mr. Beren and seconded by Ms. Jones, with all in favor,
285 Resolution 2026-22, Authorizing the District Manager or Treasurer to Execute
286 the Public Depositors Report; Authorizing the Execution of Any Other Financial
287 Reports as Required by Law; Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.

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290 **BUDGETARY ITEMS**

291 **NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Consideration of the Following Budgetary
292 Items:

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- 294 **A. Resolution 2026-23, Approving the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and**
- 295 **Setting a Public Hearing Thereon Pursuant to Florida Law; Addressing Severability; and**
- 296 **Providing for an Effective Date**

297 Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2026-23 and the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

298 This is a Landowner-contribution budget, with expenses funded as they are incurred.

299 **On MOTION by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Beren, with all in favor,**

300 **Resolution 2026-23, Approving the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026**

301 **and Setting a Public Hearing Thereon Pursuant to Florida Law for March 31,**

302 **2026 at 11:15 a.m., at the Villages Public Library at Pinellas Plaza, 7375 Powell**

303 **Rd., Conference Room 162, Wildwood, Florida 34785; Addressing Severability;**

304 **and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.**

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- 306 **B. Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget Funding Agreement**

307 It was noted that the current entity will be changed to Enclave Housing, LLC.

308 **On MOTION by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Jones, with all in favor, the**

309 **2025/2026 Budget Funding Agreement, in substantial form, was approved.**

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- 311 **C. Resolution 2026-24, Adopting the Alternative Investment Guidelines for Investing**
- 312 **Public Funds in Excess of Amounts Needed to Meet Current Operating Expenses, in**
- 313 **Accordance with Section 218.415(17), Florida Statutes**

314 Items 9C through 9G were deferred.

- 315 **D. Resolution 2026-25, Authorizing the Disbursement of Funds for Payment of Certain**
- 316 **Continuing Expenses Without Prior Approval of the Board of Supervisors; Authorizing**
- 317 **the Disbursement of Funds for Payment of Certain Non-Continuing Expenses Without**
- 318 **Prior Approval of the Board of Supervisors; Providing for a Monetary Threshold; and**
- 319 **Providing for an Effective Date**

- 320 **E. Resolution 2026-26, Adopting a Policy for Reimbursement of District Travel Expenses;**
- 321 **and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date**

- 322 **F. Resolution 2026-27, Adopting Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures Pursuant to**
- 323 **Chapter 218, Florida Statutes; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an**
- 324 **Effective Date**

- 325 **G. Resolution 2026-28, Adopting an Internal Controls Policy Consistent with Section**
- 326 **218.33, Florida Statutes; Providing an Effective Date**

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328 **BOND FINANCING ITEMS**

329 TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of the Following Bond Financing Related Items:

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A. Bond Financing Team Funding Agreement

Mr. Earlywine presented the Bond Financing Team Funding Agreement.

On MOTION by Mr. Beren and seconded by Ms. Jones, with all in favor, the Bond Financing Team Funding Agreement, in substantial form, was approved.

B. Engagement of Bond Financing Professionals

I. Resolution 2026-29, Appointing an Investment Banker in Contemplation of the Issuance of The Winston Community Development District Special Assessment Revenue Bonds [MBS Capital Markets, LLC]

II. Resolution 2026-30, Appointing Bond Counsel in Contemplation of the Issuance of The Winston Community Development District Bonds [Bryant Miller Olive, P.A.]

III. Resolution 2026-31, Appointing Trustee, Paying Agent and Registrar in Contemplation of the Issuance of The Winston Community Development District Bonds [U.S. Bank, N.A.]

On MOTION by Mr. Beren and seconded by Mr. Smith, with all in favor, Resolution 2026-29, Resolution 2026-30, and Resolution 2026-31, were adopted.

C. Resolution 2026-32, 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 as Authorized by Section 190.021, Florida Statutes; and Providing an Effective Date

On MOTION by Ms. Jones and seconded by Mr. Smith, with all in favor, Resolution 2026-32, Designating a Date, Time, and Location of March 31, 2026 at 11:15 a.m., at the Villages Public Library at Pinellas Plaza, 7375 Powell Rd., Conference Room 162, Wildwood, Florida 34785, 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 as Authorized by Section 190.021, Florida Statutes; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

D. Presentation of Master Engineer’s Report

367 Mr. Earlywine presented the Master Engineer’s Report and noted the following:

368 ➤ The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) will include all improvements to be financed,
369 including the roadway improvements; stormwater management system; and water and
370 wastewater utilities.

371 ➤ The Report contains the necessary findings, in that the lands within the CDD benefit
372 from the project and that the numbers are fairly and accurately estimated in the Report.

373 Ms. Cerbone believes the 295 units will consist of 127 40’ units and 168 50’ units.

374 Ms. Cerbone stated an updated Engineer’s Report was distributed. She confirmed that
375 the Total Expenses remain unchanged at \$15,180,000, including Contingency. She stated the
376 Engineer’s Report in the agenda is dated April 28, 2025, and the updated Report is dated
377 January 29, 2026. She asked if there are any additional differences in addition to the unit count
378 clarifications. The following updates were noted:

379 ➤ Page 4, Roadways: Updated to reflect that the roadways will be owned and maintained
380 by the CDD.

381 ➤ Exhibit 8, Estimated Permitting Completion: Changed to “February 30, 2026”

382 ➤ Exhibit 8, Estimated Start of Construction: Changed to “April 30, 2026”

383 ➤ Exhibit 8, Estimated Completion of Construction: Changed to “October 1, 2027”

384 The Financing Team will also submit comments.

385 **On MOTION by Mr. Beren and seconded by Ms. Jones, with all in favor, the**
386 **Master Engineer’s Report dated January 29, 2026, in substantial form, was**
387 **approved.**

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389 **E. Presentation of Master Special Assessment Methodology Report**

390 Ms. Cerbone presented the Master Special Assessment Methodology Report dated
391 January 29, 2026, which will be updated to reflect the 40’ and 50’ single-family unit counts and
392 Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) weightings, as reflected in the updated Engineer’s Report. She
393 reviewed the pertinent information and discussed the Development Program, CIP, Financing
394 Program, Assessment Methodology, lienability tests, special and peculiar benefits, True-up
395 Mechanism and the Appendix Tables.

396 **On MOTION by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Jones, with all in favor, the**
397 **Master Special Assessment Methodology Report dated January 29, 2026, in**
398 **substantial form, was approved.**

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400 F. Resolution 2026-33, Declaring Special Assessments; Designating the Nature and
 401 Location of the Proposed Improvements; Declaring the Total Estimated Cost of the
 402 Improvements, the Portion to be Paid By Assessments, and the Manner and Timing in
 403 Which the Assessments are to be Paid; Designating the Lands Upon Which the
 404 Assessments Shall be Levied; Providing for an Assessment Plat and A Preliminary
 405 Assessment Roll; Addressing the Setting of Public Hearings; Providing for Publication
 406 of This Resolution; And Addressing Conflicts, Severability and an Effective Date

407 Mr. Earlywine presented Resolution 2026-33 and noted that, for purposes of
 408 assessments, the 50' lots will be 1 ERU and the 40' lots will be .8 ERU.

409 **On MOTION by Mr. Beren and seconded by Mr. Smith, with all in favor,**
 410 **Resolution 2026-33, Declaring Special Assessments; Designating the Nature and**
 411 **Location of the Proposed Improvements; Declaring the Total Estimated Cost of**
 412 **the Improvements, the Portion to be Paid By Assessments, and the Manner**
 413 **and Timing in Which the Assessments are to be Paid; Designating the Lands**
 414 **Upon Which the Assessments Shall be Levied; Providing for an Assessment Plat**
 415 **and A Preliminary Assessment Roll; Addressing the Setting of Public Hearings**
 416 **on March 31, 2026 at 11:15 a.m., at the Villages Public Library at Pinellas Plaza,**
 417 **7375 Powell Rd., Conference Room 162, Wildwood, Florida 34785; Providing**
 418 **for Publication of This Resolution; And Addressing Conflicts, Severability and**
 419 **an Effective Date, was adopted.**

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 421 G. Resolution 2026-34, Authorizing the Issuance of Not Exceeding \$21,105,000 Aggregate
 422 Principal Amount of the Winston Community Development District Bonds in One or
 423 More Series, for the Purpose of Financing the Construction and/or Acquisition by the
 424 District of the Public Improvements And Community Facilities Permitted by the
 425 Provisions of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as Amended, and the Ordinance Creating
 426 the District; Approving a Form of a Master Trust Indenture; Approving and Appointing
 427 a Trustee; Authorizing The Commencement of Validation Proceedings Relating to the
 428 Foregoing Bonds; Authorizing and Approving Other Matters Relating to the Foregoing
 429 Bonds; and Providing an Effective Date

430 Ms. Taylor presented Resolution 2026-34, which accomplishes the following:

- 431 ➤ Authorizes validation of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$21,105,000.
- 432 ➤ Appoints U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as the Trustee.
- 433 ➤ Approves the form of the Master Trust Indenture.

434 **On MOTION by Mr. Smith Beren and seconded by Ms. Jones, with all in favor,**
 435 **Resolution 2026-34, Authorizing the Issuance of Not Exceeding \$21,105,000**

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Aggregate Principal Amount of the Winston Community Development District Bonds in One or More Series, for the Purpose of Financing the Construction and/or Acquisition by the District of the Public Improvements And Community Facilities Permitted by the Provisions of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as Amended, and the Ordinance Creating the District; Approving a Form of a Master Trust Indenture; Approving and Appointing a Trustee; Authorizing The Commencement of Validation Proceedings Relating to the Foregoing Bonds; Authorizing and Approving Other Matters Relating to the Foregoing Bonds; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

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PROJECT ITEMS

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ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of the Following Project Related Items:

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A. Acquisition Agreement

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B. Temporary Construction Easement

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These items were deferred.

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TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Staff Reports

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A. District Counsel: Kutak Rock LLP

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B. District Engineer (Interim): AE Group

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There were no District Counsel or District Engineer reports.

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

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The next meeting will be held on March 31, 2026 at 11:15 a.m.

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THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Board Members' Comments/Requests

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There were no Board Members' comments or requests.

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FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments

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No members of the public spoke.

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FIFTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adjournment

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On MOTION by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Jones, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair

THE WINSTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

STAFF
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THE WINSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Performance Measures/Standards & Annual Reporting Form
October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026

1. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Goal 1.1 Public Meetings Compliance

Objective: Hold at least two (2) regular Board of Supervisor meetings per year to conduct CDD related business and discuss community needs.

Measurement: Number of public board meetings held annually as evidenced by meeting minutes and legal advertisements.

Standard: A minimum of two (2) regular board meetings was held during the fiscal year.

Achieved: Yes No

Goal 1.2 Notice of Meetings Compliance

Objective: Provide public notice of each meeting at least seven days in advance, as specified in Section 190.007(1), using at least two communication methods.

Measurement: Timeliness and method of meeting notices as evidenced by posting to CDD website, publishing in local newspaper and via electronic communication.

Standard: 100% of meetings were advertised with 7 days' notice per statute on at least two mediums (i.e., newspaper, CDD website, electronic communications).

Achieved: Yes No

Goal 1.3 Access to Records Compliance

Objective: Ensure that meeting minutes and other public records are readily available and easily accessible to the public by completing monthly CDD website checks.

Measurement: Monthly website reviews will be completed to ensure meeting minutes and other public records are up to date as evidenced by District Management's records.

Standard: 100% of monthly website checks were completed by District Management.

Achieved: Yes No

2. **INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES MAINTENANCE**

Goal 2.1 District Infrastructure and Facilities Inspections

Objective: District Engineer will conduct an annual inspection of the District's infrastructure and related systems.

Measurement: A minimum of one (1) inspection completed per year as evidenced by district engineer's report related to district's infrastructure and related systems.

Standard: Minimum of one (1) inspection was completed in the Fiscal Year by the district's engineer.

Achieved: Yes No

3. **FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

Goal 3.1 Annual Budget Preparation

Objective: Prepare and approve the annual proposed budget by June 15 and final budget was adopted by September 30 each year.

Measurement: Proposed budget was approved by the Board before June 15 and final budget was adopted by September 30 as evidenced by meeting minutes and budget documents listed on CDD website and/or within district records.

Standard: 100% of budget approval and adoption were completed by the statutory deadlines and posted to the CDD website.

Achieved: Yes No

Goal 3.2 Financial Reports

Objective: Publish to the CDD website the most recent versions of the following documents: current fiscal year budget with any amendments, most recent financials within the latest agenda package; and annual audit via link to Florida Auditor General website.

Measurement: Previous years' budgets, financials and annual audit, are accessible to the public as evidenced by corresponding documents and link on the CDD's website.

Standard: CDD website contains 100% of the following information: most recent link to annual audit, most recently adopted/amended fiscal year budget, and most recent agenda package with updated financials.

Achieved: Yes No

Goal 3.3 Annual Financial Audit

Objective: Conduct an annual independent financial audit per statutory requirements, transmit to the State of Florida and publish corresponding link to Florida Auditor General Website on the CDD website for public inspection.

Measurement: Timeliness of audit completion and publication as evidenced by meeting minutes showing board approval and annual audit is transmitted to the State of Florida and available on the Florida Auditor General Website, for which a corresponding link is published on the CDD website.

Standard: Audit was completed by an independent auditing firm per statutory requirements and results were transmitted to the State of Florida and corresponding link to Florida Auditor General Website is published on CDD website.

Achieved: Yes No

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