

GROVES AT LAKE MARION

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

November 4, 2024

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING AGENDA**

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**AGENDA
LETTER**

Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

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October 28, 2024

ATTENDEES:

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

Board of Supervisors

Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District

Dear Board Members:

An Organizational Meeting of the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District will be held on November 4, 2024, immediately following the adjournment of the Landowners' Meeting, scheduled to commence at 10:30 a.m., at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Lakeland North I-4, 4500 Lakeland Park Drive, Lakeland, Florida 33809. The agenda is as follows:

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comments

PART 1: GENERAL DISTRICT ITEMS

GENERAL DISTRICT ITEMS

3. Administration of Oath of Office to Elected Board of Supervisors *(the following will be provided in a separate package)*
 - A. Updates and Reminders: Ethics Training for Special District Supervisors and Form 1
 - 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. Consideration of Resolution 2025-01, Ratifying the Actions of the District Manager and District Staff in Noticing the Landowners' Meeting; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date
5. Consideration of Resolution 2025-02, 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

6. Consideration of Resolution 2025-03, Electing Certain Officers of the District, and Providing for an Effective Date

PART 2: CONSENT AGENDA (ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS, BANKING ITEMS & BUDGETARY ITEMS)

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

7. Consideration of the Following Consent Agenda Organizational Items:
 - A. Resolution 2025-04, Appointing and Fixing the Compensation of the District Manager and Methodology Consultant; Providing an Effective Date
 - Agreement for District Management Services: *Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC*
 - B. Resolution 2025-05, Appointing District Counsel for the District, and Authorizing Compensation; and Providing for an Effective Date
 - Fee Agreement: *Kutak Rock LLP*
 - C. Resolution 2025-06, Designating a Registered Agent and Registered Office of the District, and Providing for an Effective Date
 - D. Resolution 2025-07, Appointing an Interim District Engineer for the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District, Authorizing Its Compensation and Providing for an Effective Date
 - Interim Engineering Services Agreement: *Tract Engineering, LLC*
 - E. Authorization of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering Services
 - F. Board Member Compensation: 190.006 (8), F.S.
 - G. Resolution 2025-08, Designating the Primary Administrative Office and Principal Headquarters of the District and Providing an Effective Date
 - H. Resolution 2025-09, Setting Forth the Policy of the District Board of Supervisors with Regard to the Support and Legal Defense of the Board of Supervisors and District Officers, and Providing for an Effective Date
 - Authorization to Obtain General Liability and Public Officers' Insurance
 - I. Resolution 2025-10, Providing for the Public's Opportunity to Be Heard; Designating Public Comment Periods; Designating a Procedure to Identify Individuals Seeking to Be Heard; Addressing Public Decorum; Addressing Exceptions; and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date

- J. Resolution 2025-11, Providing for the Appointment of a Records Management Liaison Officer; Providing the Duties of the Records Management Liaison Officer; Adopting a Records Retention Policy; and Providing for Severability and Effective Date
- K. Resolution 2025-12, Granting the Chair and Vice Chair the Authority to Execute Real and Personal Property Conveyance and Dedication Documents, Plats and Other Documents Related to the Development of the District's Improvements; Approving the Scope and Terms of Such Authorization; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date
- L. Resolution 2025-13, Ratifying, Confirming and Approving the Recording of the Notice of Establishment for the District; and Providing for an Effective Date
- M. Authorization of Request for Proposals (RFP) for Annual Audit Services
 - Designation of Board of Supervisors as Audit Committee
- N. Strange Zone, Inc. Quotation #M24-1029 for District Website Design, Maintenance and Domain Web-Site Design Agreement
- O. ADA Site Compliance Proposal for Website Compliance Shield, Accessibility Policy and One (1) Annual Technological Audit
- P. Resolution 2025-14, Approving the Florida Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date
- Q. Goals and Objectives Reporting [HB7013 - Special Districts Performance Measures and Standards Reporting

BANKING ITEMS

- 8. Consideration of the following Consent Agenda Banking Items:
 - A. Resolution 2025-15, Directing the District Manager to Establish a Local Bank Account and Appoint Signors on the Account; and Providing an Effective Date
 - B. Resolution 2025-16, Authorizing the District Manager or Treasurer to Execute the Public Depositor Report; Authorizing the Execution of Any Other Financial Reports as Required by Law; Providing for an Effective Date

BUDGETARY ITEMS

- 9. Consideration of the following Consent Agenda Budgetary Items:
 - A. Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget Funding Agreement

- B. Resolution 2025-17, 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
- C. Resolution 2025-18, 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
- D. Resolution 2025-19, Adopting a Policy for Reimbursement of District Travel Expenses; and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date
- E. Resolution 2025-20, Adopting Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures Pursuant to Chapter 218, Florida Statutes; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date
- F. Resolution 2025-21, Adopting an Internal Controls Policy Consistent with Section 218.33, Florida Statutes; Providing an Effective Date

PART 3: NON-CONSENT AGENDA (ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS, BANKING ITEMS & BUDGETARY ITEMS)

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

- 10. Consideration of the Following Non-Consent Agenda Organizational Items:
 - A. Resolution 2025-22, Designating the Location of the Local District Records Office and Providing an Effective Date
 - B. Resolution 2025-23, to Designate Date, Time and Place of Public Hearing and Authorization to Publish Notice of Such Hearing for the Purpose of Adopting Rules of Procedure; and Providing an Effective Date
 - I. Rules of Procedure
 - II. Notices of Rule Development and Rulemaking
 - C. Resolution 2025-24, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular Meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 and Providing for an Effective Date

BANKING ITEMS

- 11. Consideration of the Following Non-Consent Agenda Banking Item:
 - A. Resolution 2025-25, Designating a Public Depository for Funds of the District and Providing an Effective Date

BUDGETARY ITEMS

12. Consideration of the following Non-Consent Agenda Budgetary Items:

- A. Resolution 2025-26, Approving a Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 and Setting a Public Hearing Thereon Pursuant to Florida Law; Addressing Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date
- B. Resolution 2025-27, Authorizing an Individual Designated by the Board of Supervisors to Act as the District's Purchasing Agent for the Purpose of Procuring, Accepting, and Maintaining Any and All Construction Materials Necessary for the Construction, Installation, Maintenance or Completion of the District's Infrastructure Improvements as Provided in the District's Adopted Improvement Plan; Providing for the Approval of a Work Authorization; Providing for Procedural Requirements for the Purchase of Materials; Approving the Form of a Purchase Requisition Request; Approving the Form of a Purchase Order; Approving the Form of a Certificate of Entitlement; Authorizing the Purchase of Insurance; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date

PART 4: BOND FINANCING & PROJECT RELATED MATTERS

FINANCING RELATED MATTERS

13. Consideration of the following Bond Financing Related Items:

- A. Bond Financing Team Funding Agreement
- B. Engagement of Bond Financing Professionals
 - I. Underwriter/Investment Banker: *FMSbonds, Inc.*
 - II. Bond Counsel: *Greenburg Traurig, P.A.*
 - III. Trustee, Paying Agent and Registrar: *US Bank Trust Company, N.A.*
- C. Resolution 2025-28, Designating a Date, Time, and Location of a Public Hearing Regarding the District's Intent to Use the Uniform Method for the Levy, Collection, and Enforcement of Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments as Authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes; Authorizing the Publication of the Notice of Such Hearing; and Providing an Effective Date
- D. Presentation of Master Engineer's Report
- E. Presentation of Master Special Assessment Methodology Report

- F. Resolution 2025-29, 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
- G. Resolution 2025-30, Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$24,740,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District Special Assessment Bonds, in One or More Series, to Pay All or a Portion of the Design, Acquisition, Construction Costs of Certain Public Infrastructure Improvements, Including, but Not Limited to, Stormwater Management and Control Facilities, Including, but Not Limited to, Related Earthwork and Acquisition of Lands Relating Thereto; Roadway Improvements Including any Applicable Impact Fees; Landscaping, Hardscaping and Irrigation in Public Rights-of-Way; Entrance Features; Differential Cost of Undergrounding Electric Utilities; On-Site Conservation; Recreational Amenities; and All Related Soft and Incidental Costs (Collectively, the "Project"), Pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as Amended; Appointing U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association to Serve as Trustee; Approving the Execution and Delivery of a Master Trust Indenture and a Supplemental Trust Indenture In Substantially the Forms Attached Hereto; Providing that Such Bonds Shall Not Constitute a Debt, Liability or Obligation of Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District (Except as Otherwise Provided Herein), Polk County, Florida, or of the State of Florida or of Any Other Political Subdivision Thereof, But Shall Be Payable Solely From Special Assessments Assessed and Levied on the Property Within the District Benefited by the Project and Subject to Assessment; Providing for the Judicial Validation of Such Bonds; and Providing for Other Related Matters

PROJECT RELATED ITEMS

- 14. Consideration of the following Project Related Items:
 - A. Temporary Construction Easement
 - B. Acquisition Agreement
- 15. Staff Reports
 - A. District Counsel: *Kutak Rock LLP*
 - B. District Engineer (Interim): *Tract Engineering, LLC*

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

16. Board Members' Comments/Requests

17. Public Comments

18. Adjournment

The third order of business is general in nature; you will subscribe to an Oath of Office. As a Supervisor, you are a local public official and, as such, subject to financial disclosure requirements, Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, and the Sunshine Law.

The fourth order of business ratifies the actions of the District Manager in advertising the Landowners' Meeting notice in advance of said meeting.

The fifth order of business canvasses and certifies the results of the previously held landowners' election and meeting.

The sixth order of business deals with the election and designation of officers, which will be evidenced by the adoption of Resolution 2025-03. The following guidelines are recommended for consideration by the Board:

Chair	Elected by the Board members and must be a member of the Board. He/She is responsible for conducting the meetings of the Board and for signing required documents of the District.
Vice Chair	Elected by the Board members and must be a member of the Board. He/She acts in the position of Chair in the absence of the Chair.
Secretary	Elected by the Board members and can be either a member of the Board or a member of the District's Staff. The Secretary of the Board is responsible for keeping all of the District's public records, including minutes, agendas, etc., along with attesting to the Chair's signature on documents. Generally, the District Manager serves as the Secretary.
Treasurer	Elected by the Board members and either a member of the Board or a member of the District's Staff. The Treasurer of the Board is responsible for maintaining the District's accounting records, including coordination with the Trustee, the Auditor, Accounts Payable, and Payroll Staff, etc. Generally, the District Manager serves as the Treasurer.

- Assistant Treasurer Elected by the Board members and either a member of the Board or a member of the District's Staff. The Assistant Treasurer of the Board is responsible for supporting the Treasurer in maintaining the District's accounting records, including coordination with the Trustee, the Auditor, Accounts Payable, and Payroll Staff, etc.
- Assistant Secretary Elected by the Board members and recommended to be all other members of the Board who do not hold either the Chair's or the Vice Chair's position.

The seventh order of business deals with consent agenda organizational items, including the appointment of District staff, (District Manager, General Counsel and Interim Engineer), designation of Registered Agent, Primary Administrative Office, Public Comment Period, Records Management Liaison Officer/Records Retention Policy, authorization of audit services RFP and engineering services RFQ, as well as website related items.

The eighth order of business deals with consent agenda banking items related to the appointment of signors on the local bank account and execution of the Public Depositor Report.

The ninth order of business deals with consent agenda budgetary matters, including consideration of the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Funding Agreement, Alternative Investment Guidelines for the District, as well as policies for the reimbursement of District travel expenses, prompt payment and internal controls.

The tenth order of business deals with additional organizational matters, including designation of local records office in the county of the District, designating of a public hearing date to adopt the rules of the procedure and the selection of dates and a location for the District's regular meeting schedule for Fiscal Year 2025. Generally, the Board meets on a monthly basis throughout the year, and the establishment of a regular meeting date, time and location is recommended.

The eleventh order of business deals with an additional banking Item related to the designation of a Qualified Public Depository,

The twelfth order of business deal with budgetary Items, including consideration of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 and adoption of the resolution approving the proposed budget for the purpose of setting public hearing to adopt the final budget, as well as a resolution related to the designation of a purchasing agent and procurement of construction materials.

The thirteenth order of business deals with bond financing Items.

The fourteenth order of business deals with project-related Items.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (561) 909-7930.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Rom", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Daniel Rom
District Manager

FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF TO ATTEND BY TELEPHONE

CALL-IN NUMBER: 1-888-354-0094

PARTICIPANT PASSCODE: 528 064 2804

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**PART 1:
GENERAL DISTRICT
ITEMS**

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OATH OF OFFICE**

I, _____, A CITIZEN OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND BEING EMPLOYED BY OR AN OFFICER OF GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND A RECIPIENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS AS SUCH EMPLOYEE OR OFFICER, DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT I WILL SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

Board Supervisor

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OATH BEING TAKEN

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing oath was administered before me before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization on this ____ day of _____, 202__, by _____, who personally appeared before me, and is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification, and is the person described in and who took the aforementioned oath as a Member of the Board of Supervisors of Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District and acknowledged to and before me that he/she took said oath for the purposes therein expressed.

(NOTARY SEAL)

Notary Public, State of Florida

Print Name: _____

Commission No.: _____ Expires: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: ☐ Home ☐ Office County of Residence _____

Street Phone Fax

City, State, Zip Email Address

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Supervisors

From: District Counsel

Date: January 1, 2024

Subject: Ethics Training Requirements

Beginning January 1, 2024, all Board Supervisors of Florida Community Development Districts will be required to complete four (4) hours of Ethics training each year. The four (4) hours must be allocated to the following categories: two (2) hours of Ethics Law, one (1) hour of Sunshine Law, and one (1) hour of Public Records law.

This training may be completed online, and the four (4) hours do not have to be completed all at once. The Florida Commission on Ethics (“COE”) has compiled a list of resources for this training. An overview of the resources are described below, and links to the resources are included in this memo.

Each year when Supervisors complete the required financial disclosure form (Form 1 Statement of Financial Interests), Supervisors must mark a box confirming that he or she has completed the Ethics training requirements. At this time, there is no requirement to submit a certificate; however, the COE advises that Supervisors keep a record of all trainings completed (including date and time of completion), in the event Supervisors are ever asked to provide proof of completion. The training is a calendar year requirement and corresponds to the form year. So, Supervisors will not report their 2024 training until they fill out their Form 1 for the 2025 year.

Free Training Options

The Florida Commission on Ethics’ (“COE”) website has several free online resources and links to resources that Supervisors can access to complete the training requirements. Navigate to that page here: [Florida Commission on Ethics Training](https://ethics.state.fl.us/Training/Training.aspx).¹ Please note that the COE only provides free training for the two (2) hour Ethics portion of the annual training. However, the COE does provide links to free outside resources to complete the Sunshine and Public Records portion of the training. These links are included in this memorandum below for your ease of reference.

¹ <https://ethics.state.fl.us/Training/Training.aspx>

Free Ethics Law Training

The COE provides several videos for Ethics training, none of which are exactly two (2) hours in length. Please ensure you complete 120 minutes of Ethics training when choosing a combination of the below.

State Ethics Laws for Constitutional Officers & Elected Municipal Officers (100 minutes)

Click here: [Kinetic Ethics](#)

Business and Employment Conflicts and Post-Public-Service (56 minutes) Restriction

Click here: [Business and Employment Conflicts](#)

Gifts (50 minutes)

Click here: [Ethics Laws Governing Acceptance of Gifts](#)

Voting Conflicts - Local Officers (58 minutes)¹

Click here: [Voting Vertigo](#)

Free Sunshine/Public Records Law Training

The Office of the Attorney General provides a two (2) hour online training course (audio only) that meets the requirements of the Sunshine Law and Public Records Law portion of Supervisors' annual training.

Click here to access: [Public Meeting and Public Records Law](#)

Other Training Options

4- Hour Course

Some courses will provide a certificate upon completion (not required), like the one found from the Florida State University, Florida Institute of Government, linked here: [4-Hour Ethics Course](#). This course meets all the ethics training requirements for the year, including Sunshine Law and Public Records training. This course is currently \$79.00

CLE Course

The COE's website includes a link to the Florida Bar's Continuing Legal Education online tutorial which also meets all the Ethics training requirements. However, this is a CLE course designed more specifically for attorneys. The 5 hours 18 minutes' long course exceeds the 4-hour requirement and its cost is significantly higher than the 4-Hour Ethics course provided by the Florida State University. The course is currently \$325.00. To access this course, click here: [Sunshine Law, Public Records and Ethics for Public Officers and Public Employees](#).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

2023 Form 1 - Statement of Financial Interests

General Information

Name: DISCLOSURE FILER

Address: SAMPLE ADDRESS

County: SAMPLE COUNTY

PID SAMPLE

AGENCY INFORMATION

Organization	Suborganization	Title
SAMPLE	SAMPLE	SAMPLE

Disclosure Period

THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS YOUR FINANCIAL INTERESTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023 .

Primary Sources of Income

PRIMARY SOURCE OF INCOME (Over \$2,500) (Major sources of income to the reporting person)
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Name of Source of Income	Source's Address	Description of the Source's Principal Business Activity

Secondary Sources of Income

SECONDARY SOURCES OF INCOME (Major customers, clients, and other sources of income to businesses owned by the reporting person) (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Name of Business Entity	Name of Major Sources of Business' Income	Address of Source	Principal Business Activity of Source

Real Property

REAL PROPERTY (Land, buildings owned by the reporting person)
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Location/Description

Intangible Personal Property

INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY (Stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc. over \$10,000)
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Type of Intangible	Business Entity to Which the Property Relates

Liabilities

LIABILITIES (Major debts valued over \$10,000):
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Name of Creditor	Address of Creditor

Interests in Specified Businesses

INTERESTS IN SPECIFIED BUSINESSES (Ownership or positions in certain types of businesses)
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Business Entity # 1

Training

Based on the office or position you hold, the certification of training required under Section 112.3142, F.S., is not applicable to you for this form year.

Signature of Filer

Digitally signed:

Filed with COE:

E-FILING SAMPLE

2023 Form 1 Instructions

Statement of Financial Interests

Notice

The annual Statement of Financial Interest is due July 1, 2024. If the annual form is not submitted via the electronic filing system created and maintained by the Commission September 3, 2024, an automatic fine of \$25 for each day late will be imposed, up to a maximum penalty of \$1,500. Failure to file also can result in removal from public office or employment. [s. 112.3145, F.S.]

In addition, failure to make any required disclosure constitutes grounds for and may be punished by one or more of the following: disqualification from being on the ballot, impeachment, removal or suspension from office or employment, demotion, reduction in salary, reprimand, or a civil penalty not exceeding \$10,000. [s. 112.317, F.S.]

When To File:

Initially, each local officer/employee, state officer, and specified state employee must file **within 30 days** of the date of his or her appointment or of the beginning of employment. Appointees who must be confirmed by the Senate must file prior to confirmation, even if that is less than 30 days from the date of their appointment.

Candidates must file at the same time they file their qualifying papers.

Thereafter, file by July 1 following each calendar year in which they hold their positions.

Finally, file a final disclosure form (Form 1F) within 60 days of leaving office or employment. Filing a CE Form 1F (Final Statement of Financial Interests) does not relieve the filer of filing a CE Form 1 if the filer was in his or her position on December 31, 2023.

Who Must File Form 1

1. Elected public officials not serving in a political subdivision of the state and any person appointed to fill a vacancy in such office, unless required to file full disclosure on Form 6.
2. Appointed members of each board, commission, authority, or council having statewide jurisdiction, excluding those required to file full disclosure on Form 6 as well as members of solely advisory bodies, but including judicial nominating commission members; Directors of Enterprise Florida, Scripps Florida Funding Corporation, and Career Source Florida; and members of the Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys; the Executive Director, Governors, and senior managers of Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; Governors and senior managers of Florida Workers' Compensation Joint Underwriting Association; board members of the Northeast Fla. Regional Transportation Commission; board members of Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc; board members of Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.; and members of the Technology Advisory Council within the Agency for State Technology.
3. The Commissioner of Education, members of the State Board of Education, the Board of Governors, the local Boards of Trustees and Presidents of state universities, and the Florida Prepaid College Board.
4. Persons elected to office in any political subdivision (such as municipalities, counties, and special districts) and any person appointed to fill a vacancy in such office, unless required to file Form 6.
5. Appointed members of the following boards, councils, commissions, authorities, or other bodies of county, municipality, school district, independent special district, or other political subdivision: the governing body of the subdivision; community college or junior college district boards of trustees; boards having the power to enforce local code provisions; boards of adjustment; community redevelopment agencies; planning or zoning boards having the power to recommend, create, or modify land planning or zoning within a political subdivision, except for citizen advisory committees, technical coordinating committees, and similar groups who only have the power to make recommendations to planning or zoning boards, and except for representatives of a military installation acting on behalf of all military installations within that jurisdiction; pension or retirement boards empowered to invest pension or retirement funds or determine entitlement to or amount of pensions or other retirement benefits, and the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board.
6. Any appointed member of a local government board who is required to file a statement of financial interests by the appointing authority or the enabling legislation, ordinance, or resolution creating the board.
7. Persons holding any of these positions in local government: county or city manager; chief administrative employee or finance director of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision; county or municipal attorney; chief county or municipal building inspector; county or municipal water resources coordinator; county or municipal pollution control director; county or municipal environmental control director; county or municipal administrator with power to grant or deny a land development permit; chief of police; fire chief; municipal clerk; appointed district school superintendent; community college president; district medical examiner; purchasing agent (regardless of title) having the authority to make any purchase exceeding \$35,000 for the local governmental unit.

8. Officers and employees of entities serving as chief administrative officer of a political subdivision.
9. Members of governing boards of charter schools operated by a city or other public entity.
10. Employees in the office of the Governor or of a Cabinet member who are exempt from the Career Service System, excluding secretarial, clerical, and similar positions.
11. The following positions in each state department, commission, board, or council: Secretary, Assistant or Deputy Secretary, Executive Director, Assistant or Deputy Executive Director, and anyone having the power normally conferred upon such persons, regardless of title.
12. The following positions in each state department or division: Director, Assistant or Deputy Director, Bureau Chief, and any person having the power normally conferred upon such persons, regardless of title.
13. Assistant State Attorneys, Assistant Public Defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, Public Counsel, full-time state employees serving as counsel or assistant counsel to a state agency, administrative law judges, and hearing officers.
14. The Superintendent or Director of a state mental health institute established for training and research in the mental health field, or any major state institution or facility established for corrections, training, treatment, or rehabilitation.
15. State agency Business Managers, Finance and Accounting Directors, Personnel Officers, Grant Coordinators, and purchasing agents (regardless of title) with power to make a purchase exceeding \$35,000.
16. The following positions in legislative branch agencies: each employee (other than those employed in maintenance, clerical, secretarial, or similar positions and legislative assistants exempted by the presiding officer of their house); and each employee of the Commission on Ethics.
17. Each member of the governing body of a "large-hub commercial service airport," as defined in Section 112.3144(1)(c), Florida Statutes, except for members required to comply with the financial disclosure requirements of s. 8, Article II of the State Constitution.

ATTACHMENTS: A filer may include and submit attachments or other supporting documentation when filing disclosure.

PUBLIC RECORD: The disclosure form is a public record and is required by law to be posted to the Commission's website. Your Social Security number, bank account, debit, charge, and credit card numbers, mortgage or brokerage account numbers, personal identification numbers, or taxpayer identification numbers are not required and should not be included. If such information is included in the filing, it may be made available for public inspection and copying unless redaction is required by the filer, without any liability to the Commission. If you are an active or former officer or employee listed in Section 119.071, F.S., whose home address or other information is exempt from disclosure, the Commission will maintain that confidentiality *if you submit a written and notarized request.*

QUESTIONS about this form or the ethics laws may be addressed to the Commission on Ethics, Post Office Drawer 15709, Tallahassee, Florida 32317-5709; physical address: 325 John Knox Road, Building E, Suite 200, Tallahassee, FL 32303; telephone (850) 488-7864.

Instructions for Completing Form 1

Primary Sources of Income

[Required by s. 112.3145(3)(b)1, F.S.]

This section is intended to require the disclosure of your principal sources of income during the disclosure period. You do not have to disclose any public salary or public position(s). The income of your spouse need not be disclosed; however, if there is joint income to you and your spouse from property you own jointly (such as interest or dividends from a bank account or stocks), you should disclose the source of that income if it exceeded the threshold.

Please list in this part of the form the name, address, and principal business activity of each source of your income which exceeded \$2,500 of gross income received by you in your own name or by any other person for your use or benefit.

"Gross income" means the same as it does for income tax purposes, even if the income is not actually taxable, such as interest on tax-free bonds. Examples include: compensation for services, income from business, gains from property dealings, interest, rents, dividends, pensions, IRA distributions, social security, distributive share of partnership gross income, and alimony if considered gross income under federal law, but not child support.

Examples:

- If you were employed by a company that manufactures computers and received more than \$2,500, list the name of the company, its address, and its principal business activity (computer manufacturing).
- If you were a partner in a law firm and your distributive share of partnership gross income exceeded \$2,500, list the name of the firm, its address, and its principal business activity (practice of law).
- If you were the sole proprietor of a retail gift business and your gross income from the business exceeded \$2,500, list the name of the business, its address, and its principal business activity (retail gift sales).
- If you received income from investments in stocks and bonds, list each individual company from which you derived more than \$2,500. Do not aggregate all of your investment income.

- If more than \$2,500 of your gross income was gain from the sale of property (not just the selling price), list as a source of income the purchaser's name, address and principal business activity. If the purchaser's identity is unknown, such as where securities listed on an exchange are sold through a brokerage firm, the source of income should be listed as "sale of (name of company) stock," for example.
- If more than \$2,500 of your gross income was in the form of interest from one particular financial institution (aggregating interest from all CD's, accounts, etc., at that institution), list the name of the institution, its address, and its principal business activity.

Secondary Sources of Income

[Required by s. 112.3145(3)(b)2, F.S.]

This part is intended to require the disclosure of major customers, clients, and other sources of income to businesses in which you own an interest. It is not for reporting income from second jobs. That kind of income should be reported in "Primary Sources of Income," if it meets the reporting threshold. You will not have anything to report unless, during the disclosure period:

1. You owned (either directly or indirectly in the form of an equitable or beneficial interest) more than 5% of the total assets or capital stock of a business entity (a corporation, partnership, LLC, limited partnership, proprietorship, joint venture, trust, firm, etc., doing business in Florida); **and,**
2. You received more than \$5,000 of your gross income during the disclosure period from that business entity.

If your interests and gross income exceeded these thresholds, then for that business entity you must list every source of income to the business entity which exceeded 10% of the business entity's gross income (computed on the basis of the business entity's most recently completed fiscal year), the source's address, and the source's principal business activity.

Examples:

- You are the sole proprietor of a dry cleaning business, from which you received more than \$5,000. If only one customer, a uniform rental company, provided more than 10% of your dry cleaning business, you must list the name of the uniform rental company, its address, and its principal business activity (uniform rentals).
- You are a 20% partner in a partnership that owns a shopping mall and your partnership income exceeded the above thresholds. List each tenant of the mall that provided more than 10% of the partnership's gross income and the tenant's address and principal business activity.

Real Property

[Required by s. 112.3145(3)(b)3, F.S.]

In this part, list the location or description of all real property in Florida in which you owned directly or indirectly at any time during the disclosure period in excess of 5% of the property's value. You are not required to list your residences. You should list any vacation homes if you derive income from them.

Indirect ownership includes situations where you are a beneficiary of a trust that owns the property, as well as situations where you own more than 5% of a partnership or corporation that owns the property. The value of the property may be determined by the most recently assessed value for tax purposes, in the absence of a more accurate fair market value.

The location or description of the property should be sufficient to enable anyone who looks at the form to identify the property. A street address should be used, if one exists.

Intangible Personal Property

[Required by s. 112.3145(3)(b)3, F.S.]

Describe any intangible personal property that, at any time during the disclosure period, was worth more than \$10,000 and state the business entity to which the property related. Intangible personal property includes things such as cash on hand, stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, vehicle leases, interests in businesses, beneficial interests in trusts, money owed you (including, but not limited to, loans made as a candidate to your own campaign), Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) accounts, the Florida Prepaid College Plan, and bank accounts in which you have an ownership interest. Intangible personal property also includes investment products held in IRAs, brokerage accounts, and the Florida College Investment Plan. Note that the product contained in a brokerage account, IRA, or the Florida College Investment Plan is your asset—not the account or plan itself. Things like automobiles and houses you own, jewelry, and paintings are not intangible property. Intangibles relating to the same business entity may be aggregated; for example, CDs and savings accounts with the same bank. Property owned as tenants by the entirety or as joint tenants with right of survivorship, including bank accounts owned in such a manner, should be valued at 100%. The value of a leased vehicle is the vehicle's present value minus the lease residual (a number found on the lease document).

Liabilities

[Required by s. 112.3145(3)(b)4, F.S.]

List the name and address of each creditor to whom you owed more than \$10,000 at any time during the disclosure period. The amount of the liability of a vehicle lease is the sum of any past-due payments and all unpaid prospective lease payments. You are not required to list the amount of any debt. You do not have to disclose credit card and retail installment accounts, taxes owed (unless reduced to a judgment), indebtedness on a life insurance policy owed to the company of issuance, or contingent liabilities. A "contingent liability" is one that will become an actual liability only when one or more future events occur or fail to occur, such as where you are liable only as a guarantor, surety, or endorser on a promissory note. If you are a "co-maker" and are jointly liable or jointly and severally liable, then it is not a contingent liability.

Interests in Specified Businesses

[Required by s. 112.3145(7), F.S.]

The types of businesses covered in this disclosure include: state and federally chartered banks; state and federal savings and loan associations; cemetery companies; insurance companies; mortgage companies; credit unions; small loan companies; alcoholic beverage licensees; pari-mutuel wagering companies, utility companies, entities controlled by the Public Service Commission; and entities granted a franchise to operate by either a city or a county government.

Disclose in this part the fact that you owned during the disclosure period an interest in, or held any of certain positions with the types of businesses listed above. You must make this disclosure if you own or owned (either directly or indirectly in the form of an equitable or beneficial interest) at any time during the disclosure period more than 5% of the total assets or capital stock of one of the types of business entities listed above. You also must complete this part of the form for each of these types of businesses for which you are, or were at any time during the disclosure period, an officer, director, partner, proprietor, or agent (other than a resident agent solely for service of process).

If you have or held such a position or ownership interest in one of these types of businesses, list the name of the business, its address and principal business activity, and the position held with the business (if any). If you own(ed) more than a 5% interest in the business, indicate that fact and describe the nature of your interest.

Training Certification

[Required by s. 112.3142, F.S.]

If you are a Constitutional or elected municipal officer appointed school superintendent, a commissioner of a community redevelopment agency created under Part III, Chapter 163, or an elected local officers of independent special districts, including any person appointed to fill a vacancy on an elected special district board, whose service began on or before March 31 of the year for which you are filing, you are required to complete four hours of ethics training which addresses Article II, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, and the public records and open meetings laws of the state. You are required to certify on this form that you have taken such training.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEMBERSHIP, OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A Community Development District ("District") is a special-purpose unit of local government which is established pursuant to and governed by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes.

The Board

The Community Development District ("District") is governed by a five (5)-member Board of Supervisors ("Board"). Member of the Board "Supervisor(s)" are elected in accordance with Section 190.006, F.S., either upon a one (1)-vote per one (1)-acre basis ("landowner voting") or through traditional elections ("resident voting"), depending upon the number of registered voters in the District and the length of time which has passed since the establishment of the District.

A CDD Board typically meets once per month, but may meet more often if necessary. Board meetings typically last from one (1) to three (3) hours, depending upon the business to be conducted by the Board. Prior to the meeting, each Supervisor is supplied with an agenda package which will contain the documents pertaining to the business to be considered by the Board at a particular meeting. A Supervisor should be willing to spend time reviewing these packages prior to each meeting, and may consult with District Staff (General Counsel, Management, Engineering, etc.) concerning the business to be addressed.

Qualifications of Supervisors

Each Supervisor must be a resident of the state of Florida and a citizen of the United States. Once a District has transitioned to resident voting, Supervisors must also be residents of the District.

Compensation

By statute, Board Members are entitled to be paid \$200 per meeting for their service, up to an annual cap of \$4,800 per year. To achieve the statutory cap, the District would have to meet twice each month, which is rare.

Sometimes Supervisors who are employees of the primary landowner waive their right to compensation, although this is not always the case.

Responsibilities of Supervisors

The position of Supervisor is that of an elected local public official. It is important to always remember that serving as an elected public official of a District carries with it certain restrictions and obligations. Each Supervisor, upon taking office, must subscribe to an oath of office acknowledging that he/she is a public officer, and as a recipient of public funds, a supporter of the constitutions of the State of Florida and of the United States of America.

Each Supervisor is subject to the same financial disclosure requirements as any other local elected official and must file a Statement of Financial Interests disclosing

sources of income, assets, debts, and other financial data, with the Supervisor of Elections in the County where he/she resides.

A Supervisor must act in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, codified at Part III, Chapter 112, F.S., which addresses acceptance of gifts, conflicts of interest, etc. By law, it is not a conflict of interest for an employee of the developer to serve on a CDD Board of Supervisors.

Since a District is a unit of local government, the Sunshine Law (Chapter 286, F.S.) applies to Districts and to the Supervisors who govern them. In brief, the Sunshine Law states that two(2) or more Supervisors may never meet outside of a publicly noticed meeting of the Board and/to discuss District business.

Florida's Public Records Law (Chapter 119, F.S.) also applies to Districts and Supervisors. All records of the District, and the records of each individual Supervisor relating to the District, are public records. As such, any member of the public may inspect them upon request. Supervisors are therefore urged to keep any District records or documents in a separate file to allow ease of access by the public or press.

Conclusion

The position of Supervisor of a Community Development District is an important one, requiring both the time and the dedication to fulfill the responsibilities of a position of public trust. It should not be undertaken lightly. Each new Supervisor should enter office fully cognizant of the ethical, legal, and time requirements which are incumbent upon those who serve as Supervisors.

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FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS



GUIDE to the SUNSHINE AMENDMENT and CODE of ETHICS for Public Officers and Employees

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I. HISTORY OF FLORIDA'S ETHICS LAWS

Florida has been a leader among the states in establishing ethics standards for public officials and recognizing the right of citizens to protect the public trust against abuse. Our state Constitution was revised in 1968 to require a code of ethics, prescribed by law, for all state employees and non-judicial officers prohibiting conflict between public duty and private interests.

Florida's first successful constitutional initiative resulted in the adoption of the Sunshine Amendment in 1976, providing additional constitutional guarantees concerning ethics in government. In the area of enforcement, the Sunshine Amendment requires that there be an independent commission (the Commission on Ethics) to investigate complaints concerning breaches of public trust by public officers and employees other than judges.

The Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees is found in Chapter 112 (Part III) of the Florida Statutes. Foremost among the goals of the Code is to promote the public interest and maintain the respect of the people for their government. The Code is also intended to ensure that public officials conduct themselves independently and impartially, not using their offices for private gain other than compensation provided by law. While seeking to protect the integrity of government, the Code also seeks to avoid the creation of unnecessary barriers to public service.

Criminal penalties, which initially applied to violations of the Code, were eliminated in 1974 in favor of administrative enforcement. The Legislature created the Commission on Ethics that year "to serve as guardian of the standards of conduct" for public officials, state and local. Five of the Commission's nine members are appointed by the Governor, and two each are appointed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives. No more than five Commission members may be members of the same political party, and none may be lobbyists, or hold any public employment during their two-year terms of office. A chair is selected from among the members to serve a one-year term and may not succeed himself or herself.

II. ROLE OF THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In addition to its constitutional duties regarding the investigation of complaints, the Commission:

- Renders advisory opinions to public officials;
- Prescribes forms for public disclosure;
- Prepares mailing lists of public officials subject to financial disclosure for use by Supervisors of Elections and the Commission in distributing forms and notifying delinquent filers;
- Makes recommendations to disciplinary officials when appropriate for violations of ethics and disclosure laws, since it does not impose penalties;
- Administers the Executive Branch Lobbyist Registration and Reporting Law;
- Maintains financial disclosure filings of constitutional officers and state officers and employees; and,
- Administers automatic fines for public officers and employees who fail to timely file required annual financial disclosure.

III. THE ETHICS LAWS

The ethics laws generally consist of two types of provisions, those prohibiting certain actions or conduct and those requiring that certain disclosures be made to the public. The following descriptions of these laws have been simplified in an effort to provide notice of their requirements. Therefore, we suggest that you also review the wording of the actual law. Citations to the appropriate laws are in brackets.

The laws summarized below apply generally to all public officers and employees, state and local, including members of advisory bodies. The principal exception to this broad coverage is the exclusion of judges, as they fall within the jurisdiction of the Judicial Qualifications Commission.

Public Service Commission (PSC) members and employees, as well as members of the PSC Nominating Council, are subject to additional ethics standards that are enforced by the Commission on Ethics under Chapter 350, Florida Statutes. Further, members of the governing boards of charter schools are subject to some of the provisions of the Code of Ethics [Sec. 1002.33(26), Fla. Stat.], as are the officers, directors, chief executive officers and some employees of business entities that serve as the chief administrative or executive officer or employee of a political subdivision. [Sec. 112.3136, Fla. Stat.].

A. PROHIBITED ACTIONS OR CONDUCT

1. Solicitation and Acceptance of Gifts

Public officers, employees, local government attorneys, and candidates are prohibited from soliciting or accepting anything of value, such as a gift, loan, reward, promise of future employment, favor, or service, that is based on an understanding that their vote, official action, or judgment would be influenced by such gift. [Sec. 112.313(2), Fla. Stat.]

Persons required to file financial disclosure FORM 1 or FORM 6 (see Part III F of this brochure), and state procurement employees, are prohibited from **soliciting** any gift from a political committee, lobbyist who has lobbied the official or his or her agency within the past 12 months, or the partner, firm, employer, or principal of such a lobbyist or from a vendor doing business with the official's agency. [Sec. 112.3148, Fla. Stat.]

Persons required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6, and state procurement employees are prohibited from directly or indirectly **accepting** a gift worth more than \$100 from such a lobbyist, from a partner, firm, employer, or principal of the lobbyist, or from a political committee or vendor doing business with their agency. [Sec. 112.3148, Fla. Stat.]

However, notwithstanding Sec. 112.3148, Fla. Stat., no Executive Branch lobbyist or principal shall make, directly or indirectly, and no Executive Branch agency official who files FORM 1 or FORM 6 shall knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, **any expenditure** made for the purpose of lobbying. [Sec. 112.3215, Fla. Stat.] Typically, this would include gifts valued at less than \$100 that formerly

were permitted under Section 112.3148, Fla. Stat. Similar rules apply to members and employees of the Legislature. However, these laws are not administered by the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 11.045, Fla. Stat.]

Also, persons required to file Form 1 or Form 6, and state procurement employees and members of their immediate families, are prohibited from accepting any gift from a political committee. [Sec. 112.31485, Fla. Stat.]

2. Unauthorized Compensation

Public officers or employees, local government attorneys, and their spouses and minor children are prohibited from accepting any compensation, payment, or thing of value when they know, or with the exercise of reasonable care should know, that it is given to influence a vote or other official action. [Sec. 112.313(4), Fla. Stat.]

3. Misuse of Public Position

Public officers and employees, and local government attorneys are prohibited from corruptly using or attempting to use their official positions or the resources thereof to obtain a special privilege or benefit for themselves or others. [Sec. 112.313(6), Fla. Stat.]

4. Abuse of Public Position

Public officers and employees are prohibited from abusing their public positions in order to obtain a disproportionate benefit for themselves or certain others. [Article II, Section 8(h), Florida Constitution.]

5. Disclosure or Use of Certain Information

Public officers and employees and local government attorneys are prohibited from disclosing or using information not available to the public and obtained by reason of their public position, for the personal benefit of themselves or others. [Sec. 112.313(8), Fla. Stat.]

6. *Solicitation or Acceptance of Honoraria*

Persons required to file financial disclosure FORM 1 or FORM 6 (see Part III F of this brochure), and state procurement employees, are prohibited from **soliciting** honoraria related to their public offices or duties. [Sec. 112.3149, Fla. Stat.]

Persons required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6, and state procurement employees, are prohibited from knowingly **accepting** an honorarium from a political committee, lobbyist who has lobbied the person's agency within the past 12 months, or the partner, firm, employer, or principal of such a lobbyist, or from a vendor doing business with the official's agency. However, they may accept the payment of expenses related to an honorarium event from such individuals or entities, provided that the expenses are disclosed. See Part III F of this brochure. [Sec. 112.3149, Fla. Stat.]

Lobbyists and their partners, firms, employers, and principals, as well as political committees and vendors, are prohibited from **giving** an honorarium to persons required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6 and to state procurement employees. Violations of this law may result in fines of up to \$5,000 and prohibitions against lobbying for up to two years. [Sec. 112.3149, Fla. Stat.]

However, notwithstanding Sec. 112.3149, Fla. Stat., no Executive Branch or legislative lobbyist or principal shall make, directly or indirectly, and no Executive Branch agency official who files FORM 1 or FORM 6 shall knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, **any expenditure** made for the purpose of lobbying. [Sec. 112.3215, Fla. Stat.] This may include honorarium event related expenses that formerly were permitted under Sec. 112.3149, Fla. Stat. Similar rules apply to members and employees of the Legislature. However, these laws are not administered by the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 11.045, Fla. Stat.]

B. **PROHIBITED EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS**

1. *Doing Business With One's Agency*

- a) A public employee acting as a purchasing agent, or public officer acting in an official capacity, is prohibited from purchasing, renting, or leasing any realty, goods, or

services for his or her agency from a business entity in which the officer or employee or his or her spouse or child owns more than a 5% interest. [Sec. 112.313(3), Fla. Stat.]

- b) A public officer or employee, acting in a private capacity, also is prohibited from renting, leasing, or selling any realty, goods, or services to his or her own agency if the officer or employee is a state officer or employee, or, if he or she is an officer or employee of a political subdivision, to that subdivision or any of its agencies. [Sec. 112.313(3), Fla. Stat.]

2. *Conflicting Employment or Contractual Relationship*

- a) A public officer or employee is prohibited from holding any employment or contract with any business entity or agency regulated by or doing business with his or her public agency. [Sec. 112.313(7), Fla. Stat.]
- b) A public officer or employee also is prohibited from holding any employment or having a contractual relationship which will pose a frequently recurring conflict between the official's private interests and public duties or which will impede the full and faithful discharge of the official's public duties. [Sec. 112.313(7), Fla. Stat.]
- c) Limited exceptions to this prohibition have been created in the law for legislative bodies, certain special tax districts, drainage districts, and persons whose professions or occupations qualify them to hold their public positions. [Sec. 112.313(7)(a) and (b), Fla. Stat.]

3. *Exemptions*—Pursuant to Sec. 112.313(12), Fla. Stat., the prohibitions against doing business with one's agency and having conflicting employment may not apply:

- a) When the business is rotated among all qualified suppliers in a city or county.
- b) When the business is awarded by sealed, competitive bidding and neither the official nor his or her spouse or child have attempted to persuade agency personnel to enter

the contract. NOTE: Disclosure of the interest of the official, spouse, or child and the nature of the business must be filed prior to or at the time of submission of the bid on Commission FORM 3A with the Commission on Ethics or Supervisor of Elections, depending on whether the official serves at the state or local level.

- c) When the purchase or sale is for legal advertising, utilities service, or for passage on a common carrier.
- d) When an emergency purchase must be made to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.
- e) When the business entity is the only source of supply within the political subdivision and there is full disclosure of the official's interest to the governing body on Commission FORM 4A.
- f) When the aggregate of any such transactions does not exceed \$500 in a calendar year.
- g) When the business transacted is the deposit of agency funds in a bank of which a county, city, or district official is an officer, director, or stockholder, so long as agency records show that the governing body has determined that the member did not favor his or her bank over other qualified banks.
- h) When the prohibitions are waived in the case of ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS by the appointing person or by a two-thirds vote of the appointing body (after disclosure on Commission FORM 4A).
- i) When the public officer or employee purchases in a private capacity goods or services, at a price and upon terms available to similarly situated members of the general public, from a business entity which is doing business with his or her agency.
- j) When the public officer or employee in a private capacity purchases goods or services from a business entity which is subject to the regulation of his or her agency where the price and terms of the transaction are available to similarly situated members of

the general public and the officer or employee makes full disclosure of the relationship to the agency head or governing body prior to the transaction.

4. *Additional Exemptions*

No elected public officer is in violation of the conflicting employment prohibition when employed by a tax exempt organization contracting with his or her agency so long as the officer is not directly or indirectly compensated as a result of the contract, does not participate in any way in the decision to enter into the contract, abstains from voting on any matter involving the employer, and makes certain disclosures. [Sec. 112.313(15), Fla. Stat.]

5. *Legislators Lobbying State Agencies*

A member of the Legislature is prohibited from representing another person or entity for compensation during his or her term of office before any state agency other than judicial tribunals. [Art. II, Sec. 8(e), Fla. Const., and Sec. 112.313(9), Fla. Stat.]

6. *Additional Lobbying Restrictions for Certain Public Officers and Employees*

A statewide elected officer; a member of the legislature; a county commissioner; a county officer pursuant to Article VIII or county charter; a school board member; a superintendent of schools; an elected municipal officer; an elected special district officer in a special district with ad valorem taxing authority; or a person serving as a secretary, an executive director, or other agency head of a department of the executive branch of state government shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement before the federal government, the legislature, any state government body or agency, or any political subdivision of this state, during his or her term of office. [Art. II Sec 8(f)(2), Fla. Const. and Sec. 112.3121, Fla. Stat.]

7. *Employees Holding Office*

A public employee is prohibited from being a member of the governing body which serves as his or her employer. [Sec. 112.313(10), Fla. Stat.]

8. *Professional and Occupational Licensing Board Members*

An officer, director, or administrator of a state, county, or regional professional or occupational organization or association, while holding such position, may not serve as a member of a state examining or licensing board for the profession or occupation. [Sec. 112.313(11), Fla. Stat.]

9. *Contractual Services: Prohibited Employment*

A state employee of the executive or judicial branch who participates in the decision-making process involving a purchase request, who influences the content of any specification or procurement standard, or who renders advice, investigation, or auditing, regarding his or her agency's contract for services, is prohibited from being employed with a person holding such a contract with his or her agency. [Sec. 112.3185(2), Fla. Stat.]

10. *Local Government Attorneys*

Local government attorneys, such as the city attorney or county attorney, and their law firms are prohibited from representing private individuals and entities before the unit of local government which they serve. A local government attorney cannot recommend or otherwise refer to his or her firm legal work involving the local government unit unless the attorney's contract authorizes or mandates the use of that firm. [Sec. 112.313(16), Fla. Stat.]

11. *Dual Public Employment*

Candidates and elected officers are prohibited from accepting public employment if they know or should know it is being offered for the purpose of influence. Further, public employment may not be accepted unless the position was already in existence or was created without the anticipation of the official's interest, was publicly advertised, and the officer had to meet the same qualifications and go through the same hiring process as other applicants. For elected public officers already holding public employment, no promotion given for the purpose of influence may be accepted, nor may promotions that are inconsistent with those given other similarly situated employees. [Sec. 112.3125, Fla. Stat.]

C. RESTRICTIONS ON APPOINTING, EMPLOYING, AND CONTRACTING WITH RELATIVES

1. *Anti-Nepotism Law*

A public official is prohibited from seeking for a relative any appointment, employment, promotion, or advancement in the agency in which he or she is serving or over which the official exercises jurisdiction or control. No person may be appointed, employed, promoted, or advanced in or to a position in an agency if such action has been advocated by a related public official who is serving in or exercising jurisdiction or control over the agency; this includes relatives of members of collegial government bodies. NOTE: This prohibition does not apply to school districts (except as provided in Sec. 1012.23, Fla. Stat.), community colleges and state universities, or to appointments of boards, other than those with land-planning or zoning responsibilities, in municipalities of fewer than 35,000 residents. Also, the approval of budgets does not constitute “jurisdiction or control” for the purposes of this prohibition. This provision does not apply to volunteer emergency medical, firefighting, or police service providers. [Sec. 112.3135, Fla. Stat.]

2. *Additional Restrictions*

A state employee of the executive or judicial branch or the PSC is prohibited from directly or indirectly procuring contractual services for his or her agency from a business entity of which a relative is an officer, partner, director, or proprietor, or in which the employee, or his or her spouse, or children own more than a 5% interest. [Sec. 112.3185(6), Fla. Stat.]

D. POST OFFICE HOLDING AND EMPLOYMENT (REVOLVING DOOR) RESTRICTIONS

1. *Lobbying by Former Legislators, Statewide Elected Officers, and Appointed State Officers*

A member of the Legislature or a statewide elected or appointed state official is prohibited for two years following vacation of office from representing another person or entity for compensation before the government body or agency of which the individual was an officer or member. Former members of the Legislature are also prohibited for two years from lobbying the executive branch. [Art. II, Sec. 8(e), Fla. Const. and Sec. 112.313(9), Fla. Stat.]

2. *Lobbying by Former State Employees*

Certain employees of the executive and legislative branches of state government are prohibited from personally representing another person or entity for compensation before the agency with which they were employed for a period of two years after leaving their positions, unless employed by another agency of state government. [Sec. 112.313(9), Fla. Stat.] These employees include the following:

- a) Executive and legislative branch employees serving in the Senior Management Service and Selected Exempt Service, as well as any person employed by the Department of the Lottery having authority over policy or procurement.
- b) serving in the following position classifications: the Auditor General; the director of the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA); the Sergeant at Arms and Secretary of the Senate; the Sergeant at Arms and Clerk of the House of Representatives; the executive director and deputy executive director of the Commission on Ethics; an executive director, staff director, or deputy staff director of each joint committee, standing committee, or select committee of the Legislature; an executive director, staff director, executive assistant, legislative analyst, or attorney serving in the Office of the President of the Senate, the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Senate Majority Party Office, the Senate Minority Party Office, the House Majority Party Office, or the House Minority Party Office; the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellors of the State University System; the general counsel to the Board of Regents; the president, vice presidents, and deans of each state university; any person hired on a contractual basis and having the power normally conferred upon such persons, by whatever title; and any person having the power normally conferred upon the above positions.

This prohibition does not apply to a person who was employed by the Legislature or other agency prior to July 1, 1989; who was a defined employee of the State University System or the Public Service Commission who held such employment on December 31, 1994; or who reached normal retirement age and retired by July 1, 1991. It does apply to OPS employees.

PENALTIES: Persons found in violation of this section are subject to the penalties contained in the Code (see PENALTIES, Part V) as well as a civil penalty in an amount equal to the compensation which the person received for the prohibited conduct. [Sec. 112.313(9)(a)5, Fla. Stat.]

3. *6-Year Lobbying Ban*

For a period of six years after vacation of public position occurring on or after December 31, 2022, a statewide elected officer or member of the legislature shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement before the legislature or any state government body or agency. [Art. II Sec 8(f)(3)a., Fla. Const. and Sec. 112.3121, Fla. Stat.]

For a period of six years after vacation of public position occurring on or after December 31, 2022, a person serving as a secretary, an executive director, or other agency head of a department of the executive branch of state government shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement before the legislature, the governor, the executive office of the governor, members of the cabinet, a department that is headed by a member of the cabinet, or his or her former department. [Art. II Sec 8(f)(3)b., Fla. Const. and Sec. 112.3121, Fla. Stat.]

For a period of six years after vacation of public position occurring on or after December 31, 2022, a county commissioner, a county officer pursuant to Article VIII or county charter, a school board member, a superintendent of schools, an elected municipal officer, or an elected special district officer in a special district with ad valorem taxing authority shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement before his or her former agency or governing body. [Art. II Sec 8(f)(3)c., Fla. Const. and Sec. 112.3121, Fla. Stat.]

4. *Additional Restrictions on Former State Employees*

A former executive or judicial branch employee or PSC employee is prohibited from having employment or a contractual relationship, at any time after retirement or termination of employment, with any business entity (other than a public agency) in connection with a contract in which the employee participated personally and substantially by recommendation or decision while a public employee. [Sec. 112.3185(3), Fla. Stat.]

A former executive or judicial branch employee or PSC employee who has retired or terminated employment is prohibited from having any employment or contractual relationship for two years with any business entity (other than a public agency) in connection with a contract for services which was within his or her responsibility while serving as a state employee. [Sec.112.3185(4), Fla. Stat.]

Unless waived by the agency head, a former executive or judicial branch employee or PSC employee may not be paid more for contractual services provided by him or her to the former agency during the first year after leaving the agency than his or her annual salary before leaving. [Sec. 112.3185(5), Fla. Stat.]

These prohibitions do not apply to PSC employees who were so employed on or before Dec. 31, 1994.

5. *Lobbying by Former Local Government Officers and Employees*

A person elected to county, municipal, school district, or special district office is prohibited from representing another person or entity for compensation before the government body or agency of which he or she was an officer for two years after leaving office. Appointed officers and employees of counties, municipalities, school districts, and special districts may be subject to a similar restriction by local ordinance or resolution. [Sec. 112.313(13) and (14), Fla. Stat.]

E. VOTING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

State public officers are prohibited from voting in an official capacity on any measure which they know would inure to their own special private gain or loss. A state public officer who abstains, or who votes on a measure which the officer knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of any principal by whom he or she is retained, of the parent organization or subsidiary or sibling of a corporate principal by which he or she is retained, of a relative, or of a business associate, must make every reasonable effort to file a memorandum of voting conflict with the recording secretary in advance of the vote. If that is not possible, it must be filed within 15 days after the vote occurs. The memorandum must disclose the nature of the officer's interest in the matter.

No county, municipal, or other local public officer shall vote in an official capacity upon any measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss, or which the officer knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of any principal by whom he or she is retained, of the parent organization or subsidiary or sibling of a corporate principal by which he or she is retained, of a relative, or of a business associate. The officer must publicly announce the nature of his or her interest before the vote and must file a memorandum of voting conflict on Commission Form 8B with the meeting's recording officer within 15 days after the vote occurs disclosing the nature of his or her interest in the matter. However, members of community redevelopment agencies and district officers elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not required to abstain when voting in that capacity.

No appointed state or local officer shall participate in any matter which would inure to the officer's special private gain or loss, the special private gain or loss of any principal by whom he or she is retained, of the parent organization or subsidiary or sibling of a corporate principal by which he or she is retained, of a relative, or of a business associate, without first disclosing the nature of his or her interest in the matter. The memorandum of voting conflict (Commission Form 8A or 8B) must be filed with the meeting's recording officer, be provided to the other members of the agency, and be read publicly at the next meeting.

If the conflict is unknown or not disclosed prior to the meeting, the appointed official must orally disclose the conflict at the meeting when the conflict becomes known. Also, a written memorandum of voting conflict must be filed with the meeting's recording officer within 15 days of the disclosure being made and must be provided to the other members of the agency, with the disclosure being read publicly at the next scheduled meeting. [Sec. 112.3143, Fla. Stat.]

F. DISCLOSURES

Conflicts of interest may occur when public officials are in a position to make decisions that affect their personal financial interests. This is why public officers and employees, as well as candidates who run for public office, are required to publicly disclose their financial interests. The disclosure process serves to remind officials of their obligation to put the public interest above personal considerations. It also helps citizens to monitor the considerations of those who spend their tax dollars and participate in public policy decisions or administration.

All public officials and candidates do not file the same degree of disclosure; nor do they all file at the same time or place. Thus, care must be taken to determine which disclosure forms a particular official or candidate is required to file.

The following forms are described below to set forth the requirements of the various disclosures and the steps for correctly providing the information in a timely manner.

1. *FORM 1 - Limited Financial Disclosure*

Who Must File:

Persons required to file FORM 1 include all state officers, local officers, candidates for local elective office, and specified state employees as defined below (other than those officers who are required by law to file FORM 6).

STATE OFFICERS include:

- 1) Elected public officials not serving in a political subdivision of the state and any person appointed to fill a vacancy in such office, unless required to file full disclosure on Form 6.
- 2) Appointed members of each board, commission, authority, or council having statewide jurisdiction, excluding members of solely advisory bodies; but including judicial nominating commission members; directors of Enterprise Florida, Scripps Florida Funding Corporation, and CareerSource Florida, and members of the Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys; the Executive Director, governors, and senior managers of Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; governors and senior managers of Florida Workers' Compensation Joint Underwriting Association, board members of the Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Commission, and members of the board of Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.; members of the board of Florida is

for Veterans, Inc.; and members of the Technology Advisory Council within the Agency for State Technology.

- 3) The Commissioner of Education, members of the State Board of Education, the Board of Governors, local boards of trustees and presidents of state universities, and members of the Florida Prepaid College Board.

LOCAL OFFICERS include:

- 1) Persons elected to office in any political subdivision (such as municipalities, counties, and special districts) and any person appointed to fill a vacancy in such office, unless required to file full disclosure on Form 6.
- 2) Appointed members of the following boards, councils, commissions, authorities, or other bodies of any county, municipality, school district, independent special district, or other political subdivision: the governing body of the subdivision; a community college or junior college district board of trustees; a board having the power to enforce local code provisions; a planning or zoning board, board of adjustments or appeals, community redevelopment agency board, or other board having the power to recommend, create, or modify land planning or zoning within the political subdivision, except for citizen advisory committees, technical coordinating committees, and similar groups who only have the power to make recommendations to planning or zoning boards, except for representatives of a military installation acting on behalf of all military installations within that jurisdiction; a pension board or retirement board empowered to invest pension or retirement funds or to determine entitlement to or amount of a pension or other retirement benefit.
- 3) Any other appointed member of a local government board who is required to file a statement of financial interests by the appointing authority or the enabling legislation, ordinance, or resolution creating the board.
- 4) Persons holding any of these positions in local government: county or city manager; chief administrative employee or finance director of a county, municipality, or other

political subdivision; county or municipal attorney; chief county or municipal building inspector; county or municipal water resources coordinator; county or municipal pollution control director; county or municipal environmental control director; county or municipal administrator with power to grant or deny a land development permit; chief of police; fire chief; municipal clerk; appointed district school superintendent; community college president; district medical examiner; purchasing agent (regardless of title) having the authority to make any purchase exceeding \$35,000 for the local governmental unit.

- 5) Members of governing boards of charter schools operated by a city or other public entity.
- 6) The officers, directors, and chief executive officer of a corporation, partnership, or other business entity that is serving as the chief administrative or executive officer or employee of a political subdivision, and any business entity employee who is acting as the chief administrative or executive officer or employee of the political subdivision. [Sec. 112.3136, Fla. Stat.]

SPECIFIED STATE EMPLOYEE includes:

- 1) Employees in the Office of the Governor or of a Cabinet member who are exempt from the Career Service System, excluding secretarial, clerical, and similar positions.
- 2) The following positions in each state department, commission, board, or council: secretary or state surgeon general, assistant or deputy secretary, executive director, assistant or deputy executive director, and anyone having the power normally conferred upon such persons, regardless of title.
- 3) The following positions in each state department or division: director, assistant or deputy director, bureau chief, assistant bureau chief, and any person having the power normally conferred upon such persons, regardless of title.

- 4) Assistant state attorneys, assistant public defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, public counsel, full-time state employees serving as counsel or assistant counsel to a state agency, judges of compensation claims, administrative law judges, and hearing officers.
- 5) The superintendent or director of a state mental health institute established for training and research in the mental health field, or any major state institution or facility established for corrections, training, treatment, or rehabilitation.
- 6) State agency business managers, finance and accounting directors, personnel officers, grant coordinators, and purchasing agents (regardless of title) with power to make a purchase exceeding \$35,000.
- 7) The following positions in legislative branch agencies: each employee (other than those employed in maintenance, clerical, secretarial, or similar positions and legislative assistants exempted by the presiding officer of their house); and each employee of the Commission on Ethics.

What Must Be Disclosed:

FORM 1 requirements are set forth fully on the form. In general, this includes the reporting person's sources and types of financial interests, such as the names of employers and addresses of real property holdings. NO DOLLAR VALUES ARE REQUIRED TO BE LISTED. In addition, the form requires the disclosure of certain relationships with, and ownership interests in, specified types of businesses such as banks, savings and loans, insurance companies, and utility companies.

When to File:

CANDIDATES who do not currently hold a position requiring the filing of a Form 1 or Form 6 must register and use the electronic filing system to complete the Form 6, then print and file the disclosure with the officer before whom they qualify at the time of qualifying. [Art. II, Sec. 8(a) and (i), Fla. Const., and Sec. 112.3144, Fla. Stat.]

STATE and LOCAL OFFICERS and SPECIFIED STATE EMPLOYEES are required to file disclosure by July 1 of each year. They also must file within thirty days from the date of appointment or the beginning of employment. Those appointees requiring Senate confirmation must file prior to confirmation.

Where to File:

File with the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 112.3145, Fla. Stat.]

Beginning January 1, 2024, all Form 1 disclosures must be filed electronically through the Commission's electronic filing system. These disclosures will be published and searchable by name or organization on the Commission's website.

2. *FORM 1F - Final Form 1 Limited Financial Disclosure*

FORM 1F is the disclosure form required to be filed within 60 days after a public officer or employee required to file FORM 1 leaves his or her public position. The form covers the disclosure period between January 1 and the last day of office or employment within that year.

3. *FORM 2 - Quarterly Client Disclosure*

The state officers, local officers, and specified state employees listed above, as well as elected constitutional officers, must file a FORM 2 if they or a partner or associate of their professional firm represent a client for compensation before an agency at their level of government.

A FORM 2 disclosure includes the names of clients represented by the reporting person or by any partner or associate of his or her professional firm for a fee or commission before agencies at the reporting person's level of government. Such representations do not include appearances in ministerial matters, appearances before judges of compensation claims, or representations on behalf of one's agency in one's official capacity. Nor does the term include the preparation and filing of forms and applications merely for the purpose of obtaining or transferring a license, so long as the

issuance of the license does not require a variance, special consideration, or a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

When to File:

This disclosure should be filed quarterly, by the end of the calendar quarter following the calendar quarter during which a reportable representation was made. FORM 2 need not be filed merely to indicate that no reportable representations occurred during the preceding quarter; it should be filed ONLY when reportable representations were made during the quarter.

Where To File:

File with the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 112.3145(4), Fla. Stat.]

Beginning January 1, 2024, all Form 2 disclosures must be filed electronically through the Commission's electronic filing system. These disclosures will be published and searchable on the Commission's website.

4. *FORM 6 - Full and Public Disclosure*

Who Must File:

Persons required by law to file FORM 6 include all elected constitutional officers and candidates for such office; the mayor and members of a city council and candidates for these offices; the Duval County Superintendent of Schools; judges of compensation claims (pursuant to Sec. 440.442, Fla. Stat.); members of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation Board and members of expressway authorities, transportation authorities (except the Jacksonville Transportation Authority), bridge authority, or toll authorities created pursuant to Ch. 348 or 343, or 349, or other general law.

What Must be Disclosed:

FORM 6 is a detailed disclosure of assets, liabilities, and sources of income over \$1,000 and their values, as well as net worth. Officials may opt to file their most recent income tax return in lieu of listing sources of income but still must disclose their assets, liabilities, and net worth. In addition, the form requires the disclosure of certain relationships with, and ownership interests in, specified types of businesses such as banks, savings and loans, insurance companies, and utility companies.

When and Where To File:

Officials must file FORM 6 annually by July 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

Beginning January 1, 2023, all Form 6 disclosures must be filed electronically through the Commission's electronic filing system. These disclosures will be published and searchable by name and organization on the Commission's website.

CANDIDATES who do not currently hold a position requiring the filing of a Form 1 or Form 6 must register and use the electronic filing system to complete the Form 6, then print and file the disclosure with the officer before whom they qualify at the time of qualifying. [Art. II, Sec. 8(a) and (i), Fla. Const., and Sec. 112.3144, Fla. Stat.]

5. *FORM 6F - Final Form 6 Full and Public Disclosure*

This is the disclosure form required to be filed within 60 days after a public officer or employee required to file FORM 6 leaves his or her public position. The form covers the disclosure period between January 1 and the last day of office or employment within that year.

6. *FORM 9 - Quarterly Gift Disclosure*

Each person required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6, and each state procurement employee, must file a FORM 9, Quarterly Gift Disclosure, with the Commission on Ethics on the last day of any calendar quarter following the calendar quarter in which he or she received a gift worth more than \$100, other

than gifts from relatives, gifts prohibited from being accepted, gifts primarily associated with his or her business or employment, and gifts otherwise required to be disclosed. FORM 9 NEED NOT BE FILED if no such gift was received during the calendar quarter.

Information to be disclosed includes a description of the gift and its value, the name and address of the donor, the date of the gift, and a copy of any receipt for the gift provided by the donor. [Sec. 112.3148, Fla. Stat.]

7. FORM 10 - Annual Disclosure of Gifts from Government Agencies and Direct-Support Organizations and Honorarium Event Related Expenses

State government entities, airport authorities, counties, municipalities, school boards, water management districts, and the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, may give a gift worth more than \$100 to a person required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6, and to state procurement employees, if a public purpose can be shown for the gift. Also, a direct-support organization for a governmental entity may give such a gift to a person who is an officer or employee of that entity. These gifts are to be reported on FORM 10, to be filed by July 1.

The governmental entity or direct-support organization giving the gift must provide the officer or employee with a statement about the gift no later than March 1 of the following year. The officer or employee then must disclose this information by filing a statement by July 1 with his or her annual financial disclosure that describes the gift and lists the donor, the date of the gift, and the value of the total gifts provided during the calendar year. State procurement employees file their statements with the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 112.3148, Fla. Stat.]

In addition, a person required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6, or a state procurement employee, who receives expenses or payment of expenses related to an honorarium event from someone who is prohibited from giving him or her an honorarium, must disclose annually the name, address, and affiliation of the donor, the amount of the expenses, the date of the event, a description of the expenses paid or provided, and the total value of the expenses on FORM 10. The donor paying the expenses must provide the officer or employee with a statement about the expenses within 60 days of the honorarium event.

The disclosure must be filed by July 1, for expenses received during the previous calendar year, with the officer's or employee's FORM 1 or FORM 6. State procurement employees file their statements with the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 112.3149, Fla. Stat.]

However, notwithstanding Sec. 112.3149, Fla. Stat., no executive branch or legislative lobbyist or principal shall make, directly or indirectly, and no executive branch agency official or employee who files FORM 1 or FORM 6 shall knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, any expenditure made for the purpose of lobbying. This may include gifts or honorarium event related expenses that formerly were permitted under Sections 112.3148 and 112.3149. [Sec. 112.3215, Fla. Stat.] Similar prohibitions apply to legislative officials and employees. However, these laws are not administered by the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 11.045, Fla. Stat.] In addition, gifts, which include anything not primarily related to political activities authorized under ch. 106, are prohibited from political committees. [Sec. 112.31485 Fla. Stat.]

8. FORM 30 - Donor's Quarterly Gift Disclosure

As mentioned above, the following persons and entities generally are prohibited from giving a gift worth more than \$100 to a reporting individual (a person required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6) or to a state procurement employee: a political committee; a lobbyist who lobbies the reporting individual's or procurement employee's agency, and the partner, firm, employer, or principal of such a lobbyist; and vendors. If such person or entity makes a gift worth between \$25 and \$100 to a reporting individual or state procurement employee (that is not accepted in behalf of a governmental entity or charitable organization), the gift should be reported on FORM 30. The donor also must notify the recipient at the time the gift is made that it will be reported.

The FORM 30 should be filed by the last day of the calendar quarter following the calendar quarter in which the gift was made. If the gift was made to an individual in the legislative branch, FORM 30 should be filed with the Lobbyist Registrar. [See page 35 for address.] If the gift was to any other reporting individual or state procurement employee, FORM 30 should be filed with the Commission on Ethics.

However, notwithstanding Section 112.3148, Fla. Stat., no executive branch lobbyist or principal shall make, directly or indirectly, and no executive branch agency official or employee who files FORM 1 or FORM 6 shall knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, any expenditure made for the purpose of lobbying. This may include gifts that formerly were permitted under Section 112.3148. [Sec. 112.3215, Fla. Stat.] Similar prohibitions apply to legislative officials and employees. However, these laws are not administered by the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 11.045, Fla. Stat.] In addition, gifts from political committees are prohibited. [Sec. 112.31485, Fla. Stat.]

9. *FORM 1X AND FORM 6X - Amendments to Form 1 and Form 6*

These forms are provided for officers or employees to amend their previously filed Form 1 or Form 6.

IV. AVAILABILITY OF FORMS

Beginning January 1, 2024, LOCAL OFFICERS and EMPLOYEES, and OTHER STATE OFFICERS, and SPECIFIED STATE EMPLOYEES who must file FORM 1 annually must file electronically via the Commission's Electronic Financial Disclosure Management System (EFDMS). Paper forms will not be promulgated. Communications regarding the annual filing requirement will be sent via email to filers no later than June 1. Filers must maintain an updated email address in their User Profile in EFDMS.

ELECTED CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS and other officials who must file Form 6 annually, including City Commissioners and Mayors, must file electronically via the Commission's Electronic Financial Disclosure Management System (EFDMS). Paper forms will not be promulgated. Communications regarding the annual filing requirement will be sent via email to filers no later than June 1. Filers must maintain an updated email address in their User Profile in EFDMS.

V. PENALTIES

A. Non-criminal Penalties for Violation of the Sunshine Amendment and the Code of Ethics

There are no criminal penalties for violation of the Sunshine Amendment and the Code of Ethics. Penalties for violation of these laws may include: impeachment, removal from office or employment, suspension, public censure, reprimand, demotion, reduction in salary level, forfeiture of no more than one-third salary per month for no more than twelve months, a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000*, and restitution of any pecuniary benefits received, and triple the value of a gift from a political committee.

B. Penalties for Candidates

CANDIDATES for public office who are found in violation of the Sunshine Amendment or the Code of Ethics may be subject to one or more of the following penalties: disqualification from being on the ballot, public censure, reprimand, or a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000*, and triple the value of a gift received from a political committee.

C. Penalties for Former Officers and Employees

FORMER PUBLIC OFFICERS or EMPLOYEES who are found in violation of a provision applicable to former officers or employees or whose violation occurred prior to such officer's or employee's leaving public office or employment may be subject to one or more of the following penalties: public censure and reprimand, a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000*, and restitution of any pecuniary benefits received, and triple the value of a gift received from a political committee.

*Conduct occurring after May 11, 2023, will be subject to a recommended civil penalty of up to \$20,000. [Ch. 2023-49, Laws of Florida.]

D. Penalties for Lobbyists and Others

An executive branch lobbyist who has failed to comply with the Executive Branch Lobbying Registration law (see Part VIII) may be fined up to \$5,000, reprimanded, censured, or prohibited from lobbying executive branch agencies for up to two years. Lobbyists, their employers, principals, partners, and firms, and political committees and committees of continuous existence who give a prohibited gift or honorarium or fail to comply with the gift reporting requirements for gifts worth between \$25 and \$100, may be penalized by a fine of not more than \$5,000 and a prohibition on lobbying, or employing a lobbyist to lobby, before the agency of the public officer or employee to whom the gift was given for up to two years. Any agent or person acting on behalf of a political committee giving a prohibited gift is personally liable for a civil penalty of up to triple the value of the gift.

Executive Branch lobbying firms that fail to timely file their quarterly compensation reports may be fined \$50 per day per report for each day the report is late, up to a maximum fine of \$5,000 per report.

E. Felony Convictions: Forfeiture of Retirement Benefits

Public officers and employees are subject to forfeiture of all rights and benefits under the retirement system to which they belong if convicted of certain offenses. The offenses include embezzlement or theft of public funds; bribery; felonies specified in Chapter 838, Florida Statutes; impeachable offenses; and felonies committed with intent to defraud the public or their public agency. [Sec. 112.3173, Fla. Stat.]

F. Automatic Penalties for Failure to File Annual Disclosure

Public officers and employees required to file either Form 1 or Form 6 annual financial disclosure are subject to automatic fines of \$25 for each day late the form is filed after September 1, up to a maximum penalty of \$1,500. [Sec. 112.3144 and 112.3145, Fla. Stat.]

VI. ADVISORY OPINIONS

Conflicts of interest may be avoided by greater awareness of the ethics laws on the part of public officials and employees through advisory assistance from the Commission on Ethics.

A. Who Can Request an Opinion

Any public officer, candidate for public office, or public employee in Florida who is in doubt about the applicability of the standards of conduct or disclosure laws to himself or herself, or anyone who has the power to hire or terminate another public employee, may seek an advisory opinion from the Commission about himself or herself or that employee.

B. How to Request an Opinion

Opinions may be requested by letter presenting a question based on a real situation and including a detailed description of the situation. Opinions are issued by the Commission and are binding on the conduct of the person who is the subject of the opinion, unless material facts were omitted or misstated in the request for the opinion. Published opinions will not bear the name of the persons involved unless they consent to the use of their names; however, the request and all information pertaining to it is a public record, made available to the Commission and to members of the public in advance of the Commission's consideration of the question.

C. How to Obtain Published Opinions

All of the Commission's opinions are available for viewing or download at its website:
www.ethics.state.fl.us.

VII. COMPLAINTS

A. Citizen Involvement

The Commission on Ethics cannot conduct investigations of alleged violations of the Sunshine Amendment or the Code of Ethics unless a person files a sworn complaint with the Commission alleging such violation has occurred, or a referral is received, as discussed below.

If you have knowledge that a person in government has violated the standards of conduct or disclosure laws described above, you may report these violations to the Commission by filing a sworn complaint on the form prescribed by the Commission and available for download at www.ethics.state.fl.us. The Commission is unable to take action based on learning of such misdeeds through newspaper reports, telephone calls, or letters.

You can download a complaint form (FORM 50) from the Commission's website: www.ethics.state.fl.us, or contact the Commission office at the address or phone number shown on the inside front cover of this booklet.

B. Referrals

The Commission may accept referrals from: the Governor, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, a State Attorney, or a U.S. Attorney. A vote of six of the Commission's nine members is required to proceed on such a referral.

C. Confidentiality

The complaint or referral, as well as all proceedings and records relating thereto, is confidential until the accused requests that such records be made public or until the matter reaches a stage in the Commission's proceedings where it becomes public. This means that unless the Commission receives a written waiver of confidentiality from the accused, the Commission is not free to release any documents or to comment on a complaint or referral to members of the public or press, so long as the complaint or referral remains in a confidential stage.

A COMPLAINT OR REFERRAL MAY NOT BE FILED WITH RESPECT TO A CANDIDATE ON THE DAY OF THE ELECTION, OR WITHIN THE 30 CALENDAR DAYS PRECEDING THE ELECTION DATE, UNLESS IT IS BASED ON PERSONAL INFORMATION OR INFORMATION OTHER THAN HEARSAY.

D. How the Complaint Process Works

Complaints which allege a matter within the Commission's jurisdiction are assigned a tracking number and Commission staff forwards a copy of the original sworn complaint to the accused within five working days of its receipt. Any subsequent sworn amendments to the complaint also are transmitted within five working days of their receipt.

Once a complaint is filed, it goes through three procedural stages under the Commission's rules. The first stage is a determination of whether the allegations of the complaint are legally sufficient: that is, whether they indicate a possible violation of any law over which the Commission has jurisdiction. If the complaint is found not to be legally sufficient, the Commission will order that the complaint be dismissed without investigation, and all records relating to the complaint will become public at that time.

In cases of very minor financial disclosure violations, the official will be allowed an opportunity to correct or amend his or her disclosure form. Otherwise, if the complaint is found to be legally sufficient, a preliminary investigation will be undertaken by the investigative staff of the Commission. The second stage of the Commission's proceedings involves this preliminary investigation and a decision by the Commission as to whether there is probable cause to believe that there has been a violation of any of the ethics laws. If the Commission finds no probable cause to believe there has been a violation of the ethics laws, the complaint will be dismissed and will become a matter of public record. If the Commission finds probable cause to believe there has been a violation of the ethics laws, the complaint becomes public and usually enters the third stage of proceedings. This stage requires the Commission to decide whether the law was actually violated and, if so, whether a penalty should be recommended. At this stage, the accused has the right to request a public hearing (trial) at which evidence is presented, or the Commission may order that such a hearing be held. Public hearings usually are held in or near the area where the alleged violation occurred.

When the Commission concludes that a violation has been committed, it issues a public report of its findings and may recommend one or more penalties to the appropriate disciplinary body or official.

When the Commission determines that a person has filed a complaint with knowledge that the complaint contains one or more false allegations or with reckless disregard for whether the complaint contains false allegations, the complainant will be liable for costs plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the person complained against. The Department of Legal Affairs may bring a civil action to recover such fees and costs, if they are not paid voluntarily within 30 days.

E. Dismissal of Complaints At Any Stage of Disposition

The Commission may, at its discretion, dismiss any complaint at any stage of disposition should it determine that the public interest would not be served by proceeding further, in which case the Commission will issue a public report stating with particularity its reasons for the dismissal. [Sec. 112.324(12), Fla. Stat.]

F. Statute of Limitations

All sworn complaints alleging a violation of the Sunshine Amendment or the Code of Ethics must be filed with the Commission within five years of the alleged violation or other breach of the public trust. Time starts to run on the day AFTER the violation or breach of public trust is committed. The statute of limitations is tolled on the day a sworn complaint is filed with the Commission. If a complaint is filed and the statute of limitations has run, the complaint will be dismissed. [Sec. 112.3231, Fla. Stat.]

VIII. EXECUTIVE BRANCH LOBBYING

Any person who, for compensation and on behalf of another, lobbies an agency of the executive branch of state government with respect to a decision in the area of policy or procurement may be required to register as an executive branch lobbyist. Registration is required before lobbying an agency and is renewable annually. In addition, each lobbying firm must file a compensation report

with the Commission for each calendar quarter during any portion of which one or more of the firm's lobbyists were registered to represent a principal. As noted above, no executive branch lobbyist or principal can make, directly or indirectly, and no executive branch agency official or employee who files FORM 1 or FORM 6 can knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, **any expenditure** made for the purpose of lobbying. [Sec. 112.3215, Fla. Stat.]

Paying an executive branch lobbyist a contingency fee based upon the outcome of any specific executive branch action, and receiving such a fee, is prohibited. A violation of this prohibition is a first degree misdemeanor, and the amount received is subject to forfeiture. This does not prohibit sales people from receiving a commission. [Sec. 112.3217, Fla. Stat.]

Executive branch departments, state universities, community colleges, and water management districts are prohibited from using public funds to retain an executive branch (or legislative branch) lobbyist, although these agencies may use full-time employees as lobbyists. [Sec. 11.062, Fla. Stat.]

Online registration and filing is available at www.floridalobbyist.gov. Additional information about the executive branch lobbyist registration system may be obtained by contacting the Lobbyist Registrar at the following address:

Executive Branch Lobbyist Registration
Room G-68, Claude Pepper Building
111 W. Madison Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1425
Phone: 850/922-4990

IX. WHISTLE-BLOWER'S ACT

In 1986, the Legislature enacted a "Whistle-blower's Act" to protect employees of agencies and government contractors from adverse personnel actions in retaliation for disclosing information in a sworn complaint alleging certain types of improper activities. Since then, the Legislature has revised this law to afford greater protection to these employees.

While this language is contained within the Code of Ethics, the Commission has no jurisdiction or authority to proceed against persons who violate this Act. Therefore, a person who has disclosed information alleging improper conduct governed by this law and who may suffer adverse consequences as a result should contact one or more of the following: the Office of the Chief Inspector General in the Executive Office of the Governor; the Department of Legal Affairs; the Florida Commission on Human Relations; or a private attorney. [Sec. 112.3187 - 112.31895, Fla. Stat.]

X. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

As mentioned above, we suggest that you review the language used in each law for a more detailed understanding of Florida's ethics laws. The "Sunshine Amendment" is Article II, Section 8, of the Florida Constitution. The Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees is contained in Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes.

Additional information about the Commission's functions and interpretations of these laws may be found in Chapter 34 of the Florida Administrative Code, where the Commission's rules are published, and in The Florida Administrative Law Reports, which until 2005 published many of the Commission's final orders. The Commission's rules, orders, and opinions also are available at www.ethics.state.fl.us.

If you are a public officer or employee concerned about your obligations under these laws, the staff of the Commission will be happy to respond to oral and written inquiries by providing information about the law, the Commission's interpretations of the law, and the Commission's procedures.

XI. TRAINING

Constitutional officers, elected municipal officers, commissioners of community redevelopment agencies (CRAs), and commissioners of community development districts are required to receive a total of four hours training, per calendar year, in the area of ethics, public

records, and open meetings. The Commission on Ethics does not track compliance or certify providers. Officials indicate their compliance with the training requirement when they file their annual Form 1 or Form 6.

Visit the training page on the Commission's website for up-to-date rules, opinions, audio/video training, and opportunities for live training conducted by Commission staff.

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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FORM 8B MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME	NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE Board of Supervisors
MAILING ADDRESS	THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF: ☐ CITY ☐ COUNTY ☒ OTHER LOCAL AGENCY
CITY COUNTY	NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION: Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED ongoing basis and from November 4, 2024	MY POSITION IS: ☒ ELECTIVE ☐ APPOINTIVE

WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

This form is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, or committee. It applies to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing and filing the form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office **MUST ABSTAIN** from voting on a measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss. Each elected or appointed local officer also **MUST ABSTAIN** from knowingly voting on a measure which would inure to the special gain or loss of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he or she is retained (including the parent, subsidiary, or sibling organization of a principal by which he or she is retained); to the special private gain or loss of a relative; or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. Commissioners of community redevelopment agencies (CRAs) under Sec. 163.356 or 163.357, F.S., and officers of independent special tax districts elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not prohibited from voting in that capacity.

For purposes of this law, a “relative” includes only the officer’s father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A “business associate” means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

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ELECTED OFFICERS:

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; *and*

WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

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APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Although you must abstain from voting in the situations described above, you are not prohibited by Section 112.3143 from otherwise participating in these matters. However, you must disclose the nature of the conflict before making any attempt to influence the decision, whether orally or in writing and whether made by you or at your direction.

IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:

- You must complete and file this form (before making any attempt to influence the decision) with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who will incorporate the form in the minutes. (Continued on page 2)

APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, _____, hereby disclose that on _____ ongoing basis and from November 4 _____, 20 24 _____ :

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more)

- ☐ inured to my special private gain or loss;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, _____ ;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, _____ ;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of _____ , by whom I am retained; or
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of _____ , which is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

I am a member of the Board of Supervisors of the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District created under Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and I am a principal, employee and/or business associate, or relative, of a landowner in the District. Decisions potentially affecting the landowner may come before the Board from time to time. Pursuant to Sections 112.3143(3)(b) and 190.007(1), Florida Statutes, I understand that I do not have a conflict of interest when voting on such matters, and that I am not prohibited from voting on such matters. That said, I am filing this disclosure of voting conflict in an abundance of caution, and to follow the procedures required by s. 112.3143, Florida Statutes, and for the duration of my term and any subsequent terms.

If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a public officer, who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of this section by disclosing the nature of the interest in such a way as to provide the public with notice of the conflict.

Date Filed

Signature

NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2025-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES
AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
RATIFYING THE ACTIONS OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER AND
DISTRICT STAFF IN NOTICING THE LANDOWNERS' MEETING;
PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated in the Polk County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District held its organizational meeting on November 4, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the District Manager and District staff are holding the Landowners' Meeting in conjunction with the Organizational meeting and caused notice thereof to be provided pursuant to Florida law; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to ratify all the actions taken by the District Manager and District staff in noticing the initial landowner's meeting in accordance with Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*, for November 4, 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

SECTION 1. The actions of the District Manager and District staff in noticing the landowners' meeting in accordance with Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*, to elect five (5) supervisors of the District, held on the 4th day of November, 2024 at 10:30 a.m., at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Lakeland North I-4, 4500 Lakeland Park Drive, Lakeland, Florida 33809, are hereby ratified and approved.

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.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

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

Composite Exhibit A:

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

**NOTICE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING AND ELECTION AND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given to the public and all landowners within Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District ("District"), the location of which is generally described as comprising a parcel or parcels of land containing approximately 132.681 acres, generally located south of Marion Road and southwest of W. Lake Marion Road. entirely within the Polk County, Florida, advising that a meeting of landowners will be held for the purpose of electing five (5) persons/people to the District's Board of Supervisors ("Board", and individually, "Supervisor"). Immediately following the landowners' meeting, there will be convened an organizational meeting of the Board for the purpose of considering certain matters of the Board to include election of certain District officers, appointment of staff including, but not limited to, manager, attorney and other such business deemed appropriate which may properly come before the Board.

DATE: November 4, 2024
TIME: 10:30 AM
PLACE: Holiday Inn Express & Suites Lakeland North I-4
4500 Lakeland Park Drive
Lakeland, Florida 33809

Each landowner may vote in person or by written proxy. Proxy forms may be obtained upon request at the office of the District Manager, c/o Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida, 33431 ("District Office"). At said meeting each landowner or his or her proxy shall be entitled to nominate persons for the position of Supervisor and cast one vote per acre of land, or fractional portion thereof, owned by him or her and located within the District for each person to be elected to the position of Supervisor. A fraction of an acre shall be treated as one acre, entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Platted lots shall be counted individually and rounded up to the nearest whole acre. The acreage of platted lots shall not be aggregated for determining the number of voting units held by a landowner or a landowner's proxy. At the landowners' meeting the landowners shall select a person to serve as the meeting chair and who shall conduct the meeting.

The landowners' meeting and the Board of Supervisors meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. One or both of the meetings may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at such meeting. A copy of the agenda for these meetings may be obtained from the District Office. There may be an occasion where one or more supervisors will participate by speaker telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodation to participate in these meetings is asked to contact the District Office at (561) 571-0010, at least three business days before the hearing. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 7-1-1 or (800) 955-8770 for aid in contacting the District Office.

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

District Manager

Run Date(s): _____ & _____

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

LANDOWNER PROXY
GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – NOVEMBER 4, 2024

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned, the fee simple owner of the lands described herein, hereby constitutes and appoints _____ ("Proxy Holder") for and on behalf of the undersigned, to vote as proxy at the meeting of the landowners of Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District to be held at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Lakeland North I-4, 4500 Lakeland Park Drive, Lakeland, Florida 33809 on November 4, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. and at any adjournments thereof, according to the number of acres of unplatted land and/or platted lots owned by the undersigned landowner that the undersigned would be entitled to vote if then personally present, upon any question, proposition, or resolution or any other matter or thing that may be considered at said meeting including, but not limited to, the election of members of the Board of Supervisors. Said Proxy Holder may vote in accordance with his or her discretion on all matters not known or determined at the time of solicitation of this proxy, which may legally be considered at said meeting.

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

Printed Name of Legal Owner

Signature of Legal Owner

Date

By: _____

Its: _____

Parcel Description

Acreage

Authorized Votes

[Insert above the street address of each parcel, the legal description of each parcel, or the tax identification number of each parcel. If more space is needed, identification of parcels owned may be incorporated by reference to an attachment hereto.]

Total Number of Authorized Votes: _____

NOTES: Pursuant to Section 190.006(2)(b), *Florida Statutes* (2023), a fraction of an acre is treated as one (1) acre entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Moreover, two (2) or more persons who own real property in common that is one acre or less are together entitled to only one vote for that real property.

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

OFFICIAL BALLOT
GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – NOVEMBER 4, 2024

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

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

Description

Acreage

or

Attach Proxy.

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

SEAT	NAME OF CANDIDATE	NUMBER OF VOTES
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2025-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 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.

WHEREAS, the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District ("**District**") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the Polk County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*, a landowners meeting is required to be held within 90 days of the District's creation and every two (2) years following the creation of the District for the purpose of electing supervisors of the District; and

WHEREAS, such landowners meeting was held at which the below recited persons were duly elected by virtue of the votes cast in their favor; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District, by means of this Resolution, desire to canvas the votes and declare and certify the results of said election.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. **ELECTION RESULTS.** The following persons are found, certified, and declared to have been duly elected as Supervisors of and for the District, having been elected by the votes cast in their favor as shown:

SEAT NUMBER	NAME OF SUPERVISOR	NUMBER OF VOTES
Seat 1		__ Votes
Seat 2		__ Votes
Seat 3		__ Votes
Seat 4		__ Votes
Seat 5		__ Votes

2. **TERMS.** In accordance with Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*, and by virtue of the number of votes cast for the Supervisors, the above-named persons are declared to have been elected for the following term of office:

SEAT NUMBER	NAME OF SUPERVISOR	TERM OF OFFICE
Seat 1		__ - Year Term
Seat 2		__ - Year Term
Seat 3		__ - Year Term
Seat 4		__ - Year Term
Seat 5		__ - Year Term

3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2024.

Attest:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2025-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ELECTING CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Groves at Lake Marion 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 GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. _____ is Chair.

SECTION 2. _____ is Vice Chair.

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

_____ is Assistant Secretary.

_____ is Assistant Secretary.

_____ is Assistant Secretary.

Daniel Rom is Assistant Secretary.

Kristen Thomas 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 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**PART 2:
CONSENT AGENDA
(ORGANIZATIONAL
ITEMS, BANKING
ITEMS & BUDGETARY
ITEMS)**

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2025-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPOINTING AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER AND METHODOLOGY CONSULTANT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Groves at Lake Marion 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 Polk County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District ("**Board**") must employ and fix compensation of a District Manager; and

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

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the appointment of a Methodology Consultant is necessary, appropriate and in the District's best interests; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT MANAGER. The District Manager and Methodology Consultant is hereby appointed, and shall be compensated for their services, pursuant to the agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, which is hereby approved. This authorization shall be continuing in nature until revoked by the District.

2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A

Agreement for District Management Services



Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC

AGREEMENT FOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES
between
GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
and
WRATHELL, HUNT & ASSOCIATES, LLC

THIS AGREEMENT FOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES (this "Agreement"), is made and entered into on this 4th day of November, 2024, by and between the **Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District**, hereinafter referred to as "DISTRICT", and the firm of *Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC*, a Florida limited liability company, hereinafter referred to as "MANAGER".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT desires to retain the MANAGER to provide non-exclusive management, recording, assessment methodology and accounting advisory services for the DISTRICT, as required to meet the needs of the DISTRICT during the contract period; and

WHEREAS, the MANAGER desires to provide such services to the DISTRICT as more particularly described in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements expressed herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby conclusively acknowledged, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

1. The DISTRICT hereby engages the MANAGER to provide the services more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference (collectively, the "Services").
2. The DISTRICT agrees to compensate the MANAGER by payment of the fees (collectively, the "Fees") set forth in the fee schedule attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference (the "Fee Schedule"). The Fees, except as otherwise provided on the Fee Schedule, shall be payable in equal monthly installments on the first day of each month. The DISTRICT will consider price adjustments at the end of the fiscal year of the DISTRICT in effect upon the commencement of this Agreement and each succeeding twelve (12)-month period thereafter to compensate for market conditions and the anticipated type and scope of the Services to be performed during the next twelve (12)-month period. Accordingly, the Fees and the Fee Schedule shall be deemed increased at the end of the fiscal year of the DISTRICT in effect upon the commencement of this Agreement and thereafter annually at the end of each succeeding fiscal year to the extent approved in the annual budget adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the DISTRICT (the "Board"). In no event shall the Fees be increased



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to an amount which exceeds the amount of funds approved for the Services in the applicable budget adopted by the Board.

3. This Agreement shall become effective on the date set forth above and the term of this Agreement shall commence on such date and continue until this Agreement is terminated pursuant to the terms of this Section 3. This Agreement may be terminated as follows:
 - a) by the DISTRICT for "good cause", which shall include misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance by the MANAGER, or failure of the MANAGER to perform the Services as required under this Agreement, if such misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance or failure to perform the Services as required under this Agreement has not been cured within ten (10) business days after the DISTRICT has provided notice of same to the MANAGER (the "Cure Period"), upon providing ten (10) business days prior written notice to the MANAGER (which period shall not begin to run until the expiration of the Cure Period);
 - b) upon the dissolution or court-declared invalidity of the DISTRICT; or
 - c) by either party, for any reason, by providing sixty (60) days prior written notice to the other party.

Upon the termination of this Agreement, the MANAGER agrees to take all reasonable and necessary actions to transfer to the DISTRICT, or to such other party as directed by the DISTRICT, all the books and records of the DISTRICT in the MANAGER'S possession in an orderly fashion. The portion of the Fees and any other amounts due and owing to the MANAGER under this Agreement up to the effective date of the termination of this Agreement shall be due and payable immediately upon the termination of this Agreement. The DISTRICT'S obligation to make payment to the MANAGER of the portion of the Fees and any other amounts due and owing to MANAGER under this Agreement up to the effective date of the termination shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

4. The MANAGER shall devote such time as is reasonably necessary to perform the Services.
5. The MANAGER represents that it presently has no interest and shall acquire no interest, either direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of the Services, as provided for in the standard set forth in Section 112.311, Florida Statutes. The MANAGER further represents that no person having any such interest shall be employed by the MANAGER to perform the Services or any portion thereof.
6. The MANAGER shall promptly notify the DISTRICT in writing of all potential conflicts of interest for any prospective business association, interest or other circumstance which may influence or appear to influence the MANAGER'S judgment or quality of the Services being provided hereunder. Such written notification shall identify the prospective business association, interest or circumstance, identify the nature of work that the MANAGER may undertake, if applicable, and request an opinion of the DISTRICT as to whether the



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association, interest or circumstance would, in the opinion of the DISTRICT, constitute a conflict of interest if entered into by the MANAGER. The DISTRICT agrees to notify the MANAGER of its opinion within thirty (30) days of receipt of any notification by the MANAGER pursuant to this Section 6. If, in the opinion of the DISTRICT, the prospective business association, interest or circumstance would not constitute a conflict of interest by the MANAGER, the DISTRICT shall so state in its opinion, and in such event (i) the association, interest, or circumstance shall not be deemed to be a conflict of interest with respect to the Services provided to the DISTRICT by the MANAGER under the terms of this Agreement, and (ii) the Manager shall be free to pursue such prospective business association, interest or circumstance. The MANAGER shall be free to perform services similar to the type of services offered to the DISTRICT as part of the Services hereunder, and any other services, for any other special purpose taxing district, developer, landowner or otherwise. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to prevent the MANAGER from performing such services, or any other services, for any other special taxing district, developer, landowner or otherwise and the providing of such services shall not constitute a conflict of interest under this Agreement.

7. The MANAGER agrees that all Services shall be performed by skilled and competent personnel.
8. The DISTRICT acknowledges that the MANAGER is not an attorney and may not render legal advice or opinions. Although the MANAGER may participate in the accumulation of information necessary for use in documents required by the DISTRICT in order to finalize any particular matters, such information shall be verified by the DISTRICT as to its correctness; provided, however, that the DISTRICT shall not be required to verify the correctness of any information originated by the MANAGER in connection with the Services.
9. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any and all legal action necessary to enforce this Agreement will be held in the county where the DISTRICT is located. No remedy herein conferred upon any party is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by any party of any right, power, or remedy hereunder shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof. The failure of either party to insist at any time upon the strict observance or performance of any of the provisions of this Agreement, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of the right to insist on the strict observance or performance of any or all of the other provisions of this Agreement. The failure of either party to exercise any right of remedy as provided in this Agreement, shall not impair any such right or remedy or be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of such right of remedy with respect to subsequent defaults. The provisions of this Section 9 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
10. In any action brought by either party for the enforcement of the obligations of the other party, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the non-prevailing party



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reasonable attorney's fees and all costs and expenses expended or incurred by the prevailing party in connection therewith, including without limitation at all trial levels and appellate levels and in post-judgment proceedings. The provisions of this Section 10 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

11. All notices required in this Agreement shall be sent by either certified mail, return receipt requested with postage prepaid, hand-delivered, or sent by overnight express carrier with next business day delivery guaranteed, addressed to the following addresses, or such other address as either party shall specify hereinafter in written notice to the other party:

If to the Manager: Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

If to the DISTRICT: Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

with a copy to: Counsel to the DISTRICT:
Kutak Rock LLP
107 W College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Any such notice sent as referenced above shall be deemed received on the third (3rd) business day following the day sent, if sent by certified mail with postage prepaid, when delivered if hand-delivered, or on the next business day following the day sent, if sent by overnight express courier with next business day delivery guaranteed.

12. This Agreement contains the entire understanding and agreement between the parties concerning the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations and undertakings, whether written or oral, between the parties, with respect thereto. This Agreement, or any provision contained herein, may not be amended unless such amendment is set forth in a writing signed by the parties hereto.
13. Neither party to this Agreement will be liable to the other for any failure or delay in performing any of its obligations under or pursuant to this Agreement, other than the payment of money, if such failure or delay is due to any (i) strike(s), lockout(s), or labor dispute(s), (ii) inability to obtain labor or materials, or reasonable substitutes therefor, or (iii) acts of God, governmental restrictions, regulations or controls, enemy or hostile governmental action, civil commotion, wars, national emergencies, natural disasters, fire, or other casualty, utility failures or other cause (including, with respect to the MANAGER, the failure of the DISTRICT to have adequate funds required for performance of the Services) beyond the reasonable control of such applicable party, and such applicable party will be entitled to a reasonable extension of the time for performing such obligations as a result of such cause. The terms of this Section 13 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.



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14. If any term or provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall, to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such term or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and each term and provision of this Agreement shall be valid and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.
15. The MANAGER shall not be liable for any acts or omissions of any previous manager(s) of the DISTRICT. Additionally, neither the MANAGER nor any its members, managers, managing members, officers, employees, agents or representatives (collectively, the "Manager Affiliates") shall be liable, responsible, or accountable in damages or otherwise to the DISTRICT for any acts performed by the MANAGER or the Manager Affiliates in good faith and within the scope of this Agreement. The MANAGER or any of the Manager Affiliates cannot provide financial or real estate feasibility forecasting related to the DISTRICT'S ability to repay its indebtedness such as bonds, bond anticipation notes, notes or any other forms of indebtedness. The success of the real estate venture(s) located within the DISTRICT is in no way guaranteed by MANAGER nor any of the Manager Affiliates. Neither the MANAGER nor any of the Manager Affiliates shall be liable to the DISTRICT or otherwise for any loss or damage resulting from the loss or impairment of funds that have been deposited into a bank account owned by the DISTRICT or otherwise titled in the name of the DISTRICT (collectively, the "District Bank Accounts") due to the failure, insolvency or suspension of a financial institution, or any loss or impairment of funds due to the invalidity of any draft, check, document or other negotiable instrument payable to the DISTRICT which is delivered to the MANAGER and deposited into any of the District Bank Accounts. The terms of this Section 15 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
16. The District agrees to list the Manager as an additional insured party on its General Liability and Automobile Liability insurance policies to the extent the Consultant or its employees are serving as the District's employees, officers or agents pursuant to the terms, conditions and requirements of this Agreement, and to the extent the District's insurance provider will issue an endorsement. The limits of coverage for additional insured parties pursuant to such endorsement shall not exceed the monetary limitations of liability provided in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.
17. Nothing contained in this Agreement, nor any acts of the parties, shall be deemed or construed to create a partnership or joint venture between the MANAGER and the DISTRICT or to cause the MANAGER to be responsible in any way for the debts or obligations of the DISTRICT. The terms of this Section 16 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
18. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, both of which, together, shall constitute one and the same agreement.



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19. **THE MANAGER AND THE DISTRICT EACH HEREBY KNOWINGLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO DEMAND A JURY TRIAL IN ANY ACTION FOR THE INTERPRETATION OR ENFORCEMENT OF THIS AGREEMENT. THE TERMS OF THIS SECTION 18 SHALL SURVIVE THE TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.**
20. Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, does not represent the District as a Municipal Advisor or Securities Broker; nor is Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC registered to provide such services as described in Section 15B of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Similarly, Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, does not provide the District with financial advisory services or offer investment advice in any form.

[SIGNATURES APPEAR ON FOLLOWING PAGES]



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the **Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District** has made and executed this Contract on behalf of the DISTRICT and the MANAGER have each, respectively, by an authorized person or agent, hereunder set their hands and seals effective as of the date and year first above written.

Signed in the presence of

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:
**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Witnesses:

Print Name: _____

By: _____
Print Name _____
Chair/Vice Chair

Print Name: _____

MANAGER:
WRATHELL, HUNT & ASSOCIATES, LLC

Print Name: _____

By: _____
Craig A. Wrathell, Managing Member

Print Name: _____



EXHIBIT A - SERVICES

Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC will perform all required Management functions of the **Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District** (the “District”), which will include but not be limited to the following:

- Attend all meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District (the “Board”) and provide the Board with meaningful dialogue of the issues before the Board for action
- Identify significant policies, including analysis of policy implementation with administrative and impact statement and effect on the District
- Develop and train members of the Board in the requirements of Florida Laws with including with respect to, but not limited to, public officers and employees, and the conduct of District business
- Prepare District's Budget as more fully outlined below
- Implement Budget directives
- Prepare specifications for and coordinate for the following services:
 - Insurance, including General Liability along with Directors and Officers Liability
 - Independent Auditor Services
 - Such other services as may be identified from time to time
- Provide all required annual disclosure information to the local government in the county in which the District is located:
 - Public Facilities Report
 - Designation of Registered Office and Registered Agent
 - Public Meeting Schedule
 - Audited Financial Statements (assist with the preparation of same)
- Ensure compliance with the following Florida Statutes:
 - Annual Financial Audit



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- Annual Financial Report
- Public Depositor Report
- Proposed Budget
- District Map and Amendments
- Public Facilities Report
- Registered Agent and Registered Office
- Public Meeting Schedule Notice Requirements

(The reporting requirements of Community Development Districts periodically change and *Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC* will ensure that we update reporting requirements of the District as the legislature updates the reporting requirements.)

- Record all meetings of the District
- Provide Oath of Office and notary public for all newly elected members of the Board
- Coordinate and provide contract administration for any services provided to the District by outside vendors:
 - Develop service contracts for the delivery of services to the District, with the assistance of the District's Attorney
 - Ensure that contract specifications are met
 - Interface with residents and contractors to ensure that anticipated service levels are being provided
 - Prepare contract amendments and change orders as necessary
 - Ensure proper contractor billing is received
- If required, provide day-to-day management of in-house operations by performing the following:
 - Hire and train a highly qualified staff
 - Coordinate all personnel applications, benefits, and payroll and submit in an accurate and timely manner
 - Prepare and implement operating schedules
 - Prepare and implement operating policies



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- Interface with residents to ensure anticipated levels of service are being met
 - Implement internal purchasing policies
 - Prepare and bid services and commodities as necessary
- Coordinate with the residents to determine the services and levels of service to be provided as part of the District's budget preparations:
 - Identify new services
 - Identify expanded areas of existing services
 - Identify new levels of service
 - Provide budget recommendations based on findings
- Establish Budget Public Hearing(s) and dates
- Establish Board workshop dates (if required)
- Preparation of Estoppel Letters for Property Transfers and Monitoring Development of the District and Performance of Assessment True Up Analysis

Recording Services

Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC will perform all required Recording Secretary functions of the District, which will include but not be limited to the following:

- Prepare all Board Agendas and coordinate receipt of sufficient material for Board to make informed policy decisions
- Prepare and advertise all notices of meetings in an authorized newspaper of circulation in the county in which the District is located
- Record and transcribe all meetings of the Board including regular meetings, special meetings, workshops and public hearing(s). The recording and transcription (edited for grammar) of meetings of the Board provide an essential link to maintaining a highly accurate public record. These minutes are maintained by ***Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC*** in perpetuity for the District and sent to the appropriate governmental agencies in accordance with Florida law.



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- Maintain all other District public records, including Agreements, Contracts and Resolutions in perpetuity for the District
- Maintain District Seal
- Satisfy public records requests in a timely, professional and efficient manner
- Prepare and coordinate applications for:
 - Federal I.D. Number
 - Tax Exemption Certificate
- Prepare Budget and Assessment Resolutions as required by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes
- Prepare Budget Resolution approving the District Manager's Budget and authorization to set public hearing
- Prepare Budget Resolution adopting the District Manager's Budget, as modified by the Board
- Prepare Agendas for Budget Hearings and attend all Board of Supervisor meetings
- Prepare bid specifications for the purchase of services and commodities pursuant to Florida Statutes

Accounting Services

Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC will perform all required accounting functions of the District, which will include but not be limited to the following:

- Prepare a Budget that achieves maximum cost-to-benefit equity for approval
- Submit a Preliminary Budget to Board in accordance with Chapter 190, Florida Statutes
- Modify Preliminary Budget for consideration by the Board at the District's advertised public hearing
- Coordinate Budget preparation with District Board, Engineer, Attorney and Collection Agent



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- Attend workshop(s) and public hearing(s) and be available to answer questions by the Board and the Public
- Establish Government Fund Accounting System in accordance with the Uniform Accounting System prescribed by Department of Banking and Finance for Government Accounting, Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB)
- Adhere to investment policies and procedures pursuant to Chapter 218, Florida Statutes
- Prepare Annual Financial Report for units of local government and distribute to the State Comptroller
- Prepare Public Depositor's Report and distribute to the State Treasurer
- Coordinate and distribute Annual Public Facilities Report and distribute to appropriate agencies
- Administer purchase order system, periodic payment of invoices
- Coordination of tax collection and miscellaneous receivables
- Prepare all required schedules for year-end audit:
 - Prepare schedule of bank reconciliations
 - Prepare cash and Investment confirmations for distribution to authorized Public Depositories and Trustee of District bond issues
 - Prepare analysis of accounts receivable
 - Prepare schedule of interfund accounts
 - Prepare schedule of payables from the governments
 - Prepare schedule of all prepaid expenses
 - Prepare debt confirmation schedules
 - Prepare schedule of accounts payable
 - Prepare schedule of changes in fund balances
 - Prepare schedule of assessment revenue compared to budget
 - Prepare schedule of interest income and provide reasonableness test



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- Prepare schedule of investments and accrued interest
- Prepare analysis of all other revenue
- Prepare analysis of interest expenses and calculate accrued interest expense at year end
- Prepare schedule of operating transfers
- Prepare schedule of cash receipts and cash disbursements
- Prepare analysis of cost of development and construction in progress
- Prepare analysis of reserves for encumbrances
- Prepare analysis of retainages payable
- Prepare amortization and depreciation schedules
- Prepare general fixed asset and general long-term debt account groups
- Perform general fixed asset accounting
- Account for assets constructed by or donated to the District for maintenance
- Prepare inventories of District property in accordance with the rules of the Auditor General
- Comply with District adopted Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures Pursuant to Chapter 218, *Florida Statutes*

Special Assessment Methodology Preparation Services

Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC will perform all required special assessment methodology functions of the District, which will include but not be limited to the following:

- Review the District's capital improvement program
- Determine the types of special and general benefits of proposed investments
- Determine which properties within the boundaries of the Districts receive special benefits and which properties receive general benefits
- Determine a fair and reasonable apportionment of the special and peculiar benefits of the District-financed improvements among the properties deriving such benefits



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- Based on the determination and apportionment of special and peculiar benefit, calculate a fair and reasonable apportionment of the responsibility to pay the non-ad valorem special assessments resulting from funding of the District's capital improvement plan
- Prepare a Special Assessment Methodology Report for consideration by the Board of the District
- Prepare an assessment roll of all assessable properties within the District
- Present the Special Assessment Methodology Report to the Board at a public meeting and answer any questions pertaining to the Report
- Prepare the Preliminary and Final Assessment Rolls
- Prepare notices advising the property owners of the completion of construction and the amount of the final assessment
- Act as primary contact to answer property owners' questions regarding the capital assessment

Dissemination Agent Services

Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC, will provide Dissemination Agent Services as specified in the District's Continuing Disclosure Agreement for bonds issued. Such services shall include but are not limited to:

- Determine each year prior to the Annual Filing Date the name, address and filing requirements of the Repository; and
- File a notice with the Issuer stating that the Annual Report or Audited Financial Statement has been provided pursuant to Disclosure Agreement(s), stating the date(s) it was provided, and listing all Repositories with which it was filed.
- All documents, reports, notices, statements, information and other materials provided to the MSRB under the District's Disclosure Agreement(s) shall be provided in an EMMA Compliant Format.



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Exhibit B - Fee Schedule

1. District Management, Recording, Financial Accounting and Assessment Roll Services

FEE PROPOSED **\$48,000 annually ***
***[\$2,000 per month prior to issuance of first series of bonds]**

2. Assessment Methodology Consultant Services [Assessment Methodology Report]

FEE PROPOSED **\$25,000 per bond issue**

3. Issuance of Bonds, and Placement of Loans and Other District Indebtedness

FEE PROPOSED **Not to exceed \$35,000 per issue**

The following formula shall explain this fee. The fee for the first \$5,000,000 bond issue(s) SHALL BE \$3.00/\$1,000 with a minimum fee of \$10,000. The additional fee for bond issues between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000 shall be \$1.00/\$1,000. The fee for bond issues over \$10,000,000 shall be \$.50/\$1,000 of the additional amount. These fees are payable at closing of the bond issue. It is expressly understood that compensation shall be contingent upon completion of financing and if for any reason a financing is not completed, there shall be no compensation owed to **Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC**. For the issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes, the fee is \$10,000 per issuance.

4. Dissemination Agent Services

FEE PROPOSED **\$2,000 annually per bond issue**

5. Out of Pocket Expenses: **Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC**, shall be reimbursed for **out-of-pocket expenses** incurred in the performance of the services defined herein (i.e. photocopies, postage, mailings, long distance telephone calls, and printing and binding, etc.). **Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC**, will submit monthly invoices to District for work performed and payment shall become due and payable within fifteen (15) days of receipt.

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

7B

RESOLUTION 2025-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPOINTING DISTRICT COUNSEL FOR THE DISTRICT, AND AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Groves at Lake Marion 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’s Board of Supervisors (“**Board**”) may contract for the services of consultants to perform planning, engineering, legal or other appropriate services of a professional nature; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL. District Counsel is hereby appointed, and shall be compensated for their services, pursuant to the agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, which is hereby approved. This authorization shall be continuing in nature until revoked by the District.

2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A

Attorney Retainer Agreement

RETENTION AND FEE AGREEMENT

I. PARTIES

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

- A. Grove at Lake Marion Community Development District (“**Client**”)
c/o Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, Florida 3343

and

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

II. SCOPE OF SERVICES

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

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

III. CLIENT FILES

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

IV. FEES

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

Jere Earlywine	\$360
Associates	\$275
Contract Attorney	\$245
Paralegals	\$200

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

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

V. BILLING AND PAYMENT

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

VI. DEFAULT; VENUE

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

VII. CONFLICTS

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

VIII. ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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

IX. TERMINATION

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

X. EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

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

XI. ENTIRE CONTRACT

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

Accepted and Agreed to:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

By:_____

Its:_____

Date:_____

KUTAK ROCK LLP

By: _____

Jere L. Earlywine

Date: November 1, 2024

ATTACHMENT A

KUTAK ROCK LLP CDD EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

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

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

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

Postage. Postage is billed at actual cost.

Overnight Delivery. Overnight delivery is billed at actual cost.

Local Messenger Service. Local messenger service is billed pursuant to the State of Florida approved reimbursement rate (i.e., pursuant to Chapter 112, Florida Statutes). Should the State of Florida increase the mileage allowance, Kutak Rock shall, without further action, be entitled to reimbursement at the increased rate.

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

Travel. Travel (including air fare, rental cars, taxicabs, hotel, meals, tips, etc.) is billed at actual cost. Where air travel is required, coach class is used wherever feasible. Out-of-town mileage is billed pursuant to the State of Florida approved reimbursement rate (i.e., pursuant to Chapter 112, Florida Statutes). Should the State of Florida increase the mileage allowance, Kutak Rock shall, without further action, be entitled to reimbursement at the increased rate. Reasonable travel-related expenses for meals, lodging, gratuities, taxi fares, tolls, and parking fees shall also be reimbursed.

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

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

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

7C

RESOLUTION 2025-06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A REGISTERED AGENT AND
REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GROVES
AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

1. DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT. Craig Wrathell is hereby designated as Registered Agent for the District.

2. REGISTERED OFFICE. The District’s Registered Office shall be located at Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida, 33431, Phone: (561) 571-0010.

3. FILING. In accordance with Section 189.014, Florida Statutes, the District’s Secretary is hereby directed to file certified copies of this resolution with the County and the Florida Department of Commerce.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

7D

RESOLUTION 2025-07

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN INTERIM DISTRICT ENGINEER FOR THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING ITS COMPENSATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Groves at Lake Marion 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's Board of Supervisors ("**Board**") may contract for the services of consultants to perform planning, engineering, architectural or other appropriate services of a professional nature; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to appoint an "Interim District Engineer" and to provide compensation for their services, until a formal request for qualifications for engineering services can be conducted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM DISTRICT ENGINEER; COMPENSATION. The Interim Engineer is hereby appointed, and shall be compensated for its services, pursuant to the agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, which is hereby approved. This authorization shall be continuing in nature until revoked by the District.

2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A

Interim Engineer Agreement

INTERIM ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into this 4th day of November, 2024, by and between:

GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and located in Polk County, Florida, with a mailing address of 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 ("**District**"), and

TRACT ENGINEERING, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, with a mailing address of 5137 S Lakeland Drive, Suite 3, Lakeland, Florida 33813 ("**Engineer**").

RECITALS

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the District was established for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing acquiring, and/or maintaining certain infrastructure improvements and services within the District; and

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

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

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

SECTION 1. RECITALS. The Recitals stated above are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated herein and form a material part of this Agreement.

SECTION 2. SCOPE OF SERVICES. Engineer will provide general engineering planning and/or study services, as authorized by one or more Work Authorization(s), hereinafter defined, including:

A. Preparation of any necessary reports and attendance at meetings of the District's Board of Supervisors ("Board");

- B.** Assistance in meeting with necessary parties involving bond issues, special reports, feasibility studies, or other tasks;
- C.** Any other items requested by the Board.

SECTION 3. REPRESENTATIONS. Engineer hereby represents to the District that:

- A.** It has the experience and skill to perform the services required to be performed by this Agreement;
- B.** It shall design to and comply with limitation, professional registration and licensing requirements (both corporate and individual for all required basic disciplines) in effect during the term of this Agreement, and shall, if requested by the District, provide certification of compliance with all registration and licensing requirements;
- C.** It shall perform said services in accordance with generally accepted professional standards in the most expeditious and economical manner, and to the extent consistent with the best interests of the District; and
- D.** It is adequately financed to meet any financial obligations it may be required to incur under this Agreement.

SECTION 4. METHOD OF AUTHORIZATION. Each service or project shall be authorized in writing by the District ("Work Authorization"). Each Work Authorization shall include the scope of work, compensation, project schedule, and special provisions or conditions specific to the service or project being authorized. Authorization of services or projects under this Agreement shall be at the sole discretion of the District. Work Authorization Number 1 attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and incorporated herein by this reference, is hereby *approved*.

SECTION 5. COMPENSATION. It is understood and agreed that the payment of compensation for services under this Agreement shall be stipulated in each Work Authorization. Services rendered by Engineer under this Agreement shall not exceed the amounts specifically authorized by each written Work Authorization. One of the following methods will be utilized:

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

SECTION 6. REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES. Reimbursable expenses consist of actual expenditures made by Engineer, its employees, or its consultants in the interest of the project for the incidental expenses which are listed as follows:

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

B. Expense of reproduction, postage, and handling of drawings and specifications.

SECTION 7. TERM OF AGREEMENT. It is understood and agreed that this Agreement is for interim engineering services. It is further understood and agreed that the term of this Agreement will be from the time of execution of this Agreement by the parties until such time as the District notifies Engineer that it has entered into a subsequent agreement for engineering services.

SECTION 8. SPECIAL CONSULTANTS. When authorized in writing by the District, additional special consulting services may be utilized by Engineer and paid for on a cost basis.

SECTION 9. BOOKS AND RECORDS. Engineer shall maintain comprehensive books and records relating to any services performed under this Agreement, which shall be retained by Engineer for a period of at least four (4) years from and after completion of any services hereunder. The District, or its authorized representative, shall have the right to audit such books and records at all reasonable times upon prior notice to Engineer.

SECTION 10. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS.

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

B. Engineer shall deliver all Work Product to the District upon completion thereof unless it is necessary for Engineer in the District's sole discretion, to retain possession for a longer period of time. Upon early termination of Engineer's services hereunder, Engineer shall deliver all such Work Product whether complete or not. The District shall have all rights to use any and all Work Product. Engineer shall retain copies of the Work Product for its permanent records, provided the Work Product is not used without the District's prior express written consent. Engineer agrees not to recreate any Work Product contemplated by this Agreement, or portions thereof, which if constructed or otherwise materialized, would be reasonably identifiable with the project.

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

SECTION 11. ACCOUNTING RECORDS. Records of Engineer pertaining to the services provided hereunder shall be kept on a basis of generally accepted accounting principles and shall be available to the District or its authorized representative for observation or audit at mutually agreeable times.

SECTION 12. REUSE OF DOCUMENTS. All documents including drawings and specifications furnished by Engineer pursuant to this Agreement are instruments of service. They are not intended or represented to be suitable for reuse by the District or others on extensions of the work for which they were provided or on any other project. Any reuse without specific written consent by Engineer will be at the District's sole risk and without liability or legal exposure to Engineer. All documents including drawings, plans and specifications furnished by Engineer to the District are subject to reuse in accordance with Section 287.055(10), *Florida Statutes*.

SECTION 13. ESTIMATE OF COST. Since Engineer has no control over the cost of labor, materials, or equipment or over a contractor's(s') methods of determining prices, or over competitive bidding or market conditions, its opinions of probable cost provided as a service hereunder are to be made on the basis of its experience and qualifications and represent its best judgment as a design professional familiar with the construction industry, but Engineer cannot and does not guarantee that proposals, bids, or the construction costs will not vary from opinions of probable cost prepared by it. If the District wishes greater assurance as to the construction costs, it shall employ an independent cost estimator at its own expense. Services to modify approved documents to bring the construction cost within any limitation established by the District will be considered additional services and justify additional fees.

SECTION 14. INSURANCE. Subject to the provisions of this Section, Engineer shall maintain insurance during the performance of its services under this Agreement, with limits of liability not less than the following:

Workers' Compensation	Statutory
General Liability	
Bodily Injury	\$1,000,000/\$2,000,000

(including Contractual) Property Damage (including Contractual)	\$1,000,000/\$2,000,000
Automobile Liability Bodily Injury / Property Damage	Combined Single Limit \$1,000,000
Professional Liability for Errors and Omissions	\$1,000,000

If any such policy of insurance is a “claims made” policy, and not an “occurrence” policy, Engineer shall, without interruption, and at the District’s option, maintain the insurance for at least five (5) years after the one-year anniversary of this Agreement.

The District, its officers, supervisors, agents, staff, and representatives shall be named as additional insured parties, except with respect to the Worker’s Compensation Insurance and the Professional Liability for Errors and Omissions Insurance both for which only proof of insurance shall be provided. Engineer shall furnish the District with the Certificate of Insurance evidencing compliance with the requirements of this Section. No certificate shall be acceptable to the District unless it provides that any change or termination within the policy periods of the insurance coverage, as certified, shall not be effective within thirty (30) days of prior written notice to the District. Insurance coverage shall be from a reputable insurance carrier, licensed to conduct business in the state of Florida.

If Engineer fails to have secured and maintained the required insurance, the District has the right (without any obligation to do so, however), to secure such required insurance in which event, Engineer shall pay the cost for that required insurance and shall furnish, upon demand, all information that may be required in connection with the District’s obtaining the required insurance.

SECTION 15. CONTINGENT FEE. Engineer warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Engineer, to solicit or secure this Agreement and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Engineer, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement.

SECTION 16. COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONS. In performing its obligations under this Agreement, Engineer and each of its agents, contractors, subcontractors, employees or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Engineer, shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and orders of any public or governmental authority having appropriate jurisdiction. If Engineer fails to notify the District in writing within five (5) days of the receipt of any notice, order, required to comply notice, or a report of a violation of an alleged violation, made by any local, State or Federal governmental body or agency or subdivision thereof

with respect to the services being rendered under this Agreement or any action of Engineer or any of its agents, servants, or employees, or fails to comply with any requirement of such agency within five (5) days after receipt of any such notice, order request to comply notice, or report of a violation or an alleged violation, the District may terminate this Agreement, such termination to be effective upon the giving of notice of termination.

SECTION 17. COMPLIANCE WITH PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS. In performing its obligations under this Agreement, Engineer and each of its agents, contractors, subcontractors, employees, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Engineer, shall maintain the highest standard of care, skill, diligence, and professional competency for such work and/or services. Any designs, drawings, reports, or specifications prepared or furnished by Engineer that contain errors, conflicts, or omissions will be promptly corrected by Engineer at no cost to the District.

SECTION 18. AUDIT. Engineer agrees that the District or any of its duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of four (4) years after expenditure of funds under this Agreement, have access to and the right to examine any books, documents, papers, and records of Engineer involving transactions related to this Agreement. Engineer agrees that payment made under this Agreement shall be subject to reduction for amounts charged thereto that are found on the basis of audit examination not to constitute allowable costs. All required records shall be maintained until an audit is completed and all questions arising therefrom are resolved, or three (3) years after completion of all work under this Agreement.

SECTION 19. INDEMNIFICATION. Engineer agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the District and the District's officers and employees harmless from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, which may come against the District and the District's officers and employees, to the extent caused wholly or in part by negligent, reckless, or intentionally wrongful acts, omissions, or defaults by Engineer or persons employed or utilized by Engineer the course of any work done under this Agreement. To the extent a limitation on liability is required by Section 725.06 of the Florida Statutes or other applicable law, liability under this section shall in no event exceed the greater of the insurance limits set forth herein or Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000). Engineer agrees such limitation bears a reasonable commercial relationship to the contract and was part of the project specifications or bid documents.

PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 558.0035 (2022), AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE OR AGENT MAY NOT BE HELD INDIVIDUALLY LIABLE FOR NEGLIGENCE.

SECTION 20. PUBLIC RECORDS. Engineer understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and, accordingly, Engineer agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including, but not limited, to Section 119.0701, *Florida Statutes*. Among other requirements and to the extent applicable by law, Engineer shall 1) keep and maintain public

records required by the District to perform the service; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, hereinafter defined, provide the District with the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time period at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*; 3) ensure that public records which are exempt or confidential, and exempt from public records disclosure requirements, are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of this Agreement term and following this Agreement term if Engineer does not transfer the records to the Public Records Custodian of the District; and 4) upon completion of this Agreement, transfer to the District, at no cost, all public records in Engineer's possession or, alternatively, keep, maintain and meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records pursuant to Florida laws. When such public records are transferred by Engineer, Engineer shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District in a format that is compatible with Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats. Engineer acknowledges that the designated Public Records Custodian for the District is **Craig Wrathell**.

IF THE ENGINEER HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, *FLORIDA STATUTES*, TO ENGINEER'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT WRATHELL, HUNT & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 2300 GLADES ROAD, SUITE 410W, BOCA RATON, FLORIDA 33431, 561-571-0010, WRATHELLC@WHHASSOCIATES.COM.

SECTION 21. NOTICES. All notices, requests, consents, and other communications hereunder ("Notices") shall be in writing and shall be delivered, mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, or overnight delivery service, to the parties, as follows:

A. If to the District: Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, Florida 33431
Attn: District Manager

With a copy to: Kutak Rock LLP
107 West College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Attn: District Counsel

B. If to Engineer: Tract Engineering, LLC
5137 S Lakeland Drive, Suite 3
Lakeland, Florida 33813
Attn: _____

Except as otherwise provided herein, any Notice shall be deemed received only upon actual delivery at the address set forth herein. Notices delivered after 5:00 p.m. (at the place of delivery) or on a non-business day, shall be deemed received on the next business day. If any time for giving Notice contained in this Agreement would otherwise expire on a non-business day, the Notice period shall be extended to the next succeeding business day. Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays recognized by the United States government shall not be regarded as business days. Counsel for the parties may deliver Notice on behalf of the parties. Any party or other person to whom Notices are to be sent or copied may notify the other parties and addressees of any change in name or address to which Notices shall be sent by providing the same on five (5) days written notice to the parties and addressees set forth herein.

SECTION 22. EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION. Engineer agrees that it shall bear the responsibility for verifying the employment status, under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, of all persons it employs in the performance of this Agreement.

SECTION 23. CONTROLLING LAW. The parties agree that this Agreement shall be controlled and governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Venue shall exclusively be in the court of appropriate jurisdiction, in and for Polk County, Florida.

SECTION 24. ASSIGNMENT. Neither the District nor Engineer shall assign, sublet, or transfer any rights under or interest in this Agreement without the express written consent of the other. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent Engineer from employing such independent professional associates and consultants as Engineer deems appropriate, pursuant to Section 8 herein.

SECTION 25. TERMINATION. The District may terminate this Agreement for cause immediately upon notice to Engineer. The District or Engineer may terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days' written notice. At such time as Engineer receives notification of the intent of the District to terminate this Agreement, Engineer shall not perform any further services unless directed to do so in writing by the District. In the event of any termination or breach of any kind, Engineer shall not be entitled to consequential damages of any kind (including but not limited to lost profits), but instead Engineer's sole remedy will be to recover payment for services rendered to the date of the notice of termination, subject to any offsets the District may have against the Engineer.

SECTION 26. RECOVERY OF COSTS AND FEES. In the event either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the substantially prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other party all costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees, paralegal fees and expert witness fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

SECTION 27. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both of the parties hereto and formally approved by the Board.

SECTION 28. AGREEMENT. This Agreement reflects the negotiated agreement of the parties, each represented by competent legal counsel. Accordingly, this Agreement shall be construed as if both parties jointly prepared it, and no presumption against one party or the other shall govern the interpretation of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION 29. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR. The District and Engineer agree and acknowledge that Engineer shall serve as an independent contractor of the District. Neither Engineer nor employees of Engineer, if any, are employees of the District under the meaning or application of any federal or state unemployment, insurance laws, or any other potentially applicable laws. Engineer agrees to assume all liabilities or obligations by any one or more of such laws with respect to employees of Engineer, if any, in the performance of this Agreement. Engineer shall not have any authority to assume or create any obligation, express or implied, on behalf of the District and Engineer shall have no authority to represent as agent, employee, or in any other capacity the District unless set forth differently herein or authorized by vote of the Board.

SECTION 30. 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.

SECTION 31. E-VERIFY. The Contractor shall comply with and perform all applicable provisions of Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*. Accordingly, to the extent required by Florida Statute, Contractor shall register with and use the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. The District may terminate this Agreement immediately for cause if there is a good faith belief that the Contractor has knowingly violated Section 448.09(1), *Florida Statutes*. By entering into this Agreement, the Contractor represents that no public employer has terminated a contract with the Contractor under Section 448.095(2)(c), *Florida Statutes*, within the year immediately preceding the date of this Agreement.

SECTION 32. COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 20.055, FLORIDA STATUTES. The Contractor agrees to comply with Section 20.055(5), *Florida Statutes*, to cooperate with the inspector general in any investigation, audit, inspection, review, or hearing pursuant such section and to incorporate in all subcontracts the obligation to comply with Section 20.055(5), *Florida Statutes*.

SECTION 33. SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES STATEMENT. Contractor certifies it: (i) is not in violation of Section 287.135, *Florida Statutes*; (ii) is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List; (iii) is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List; (iv) does not have business operations in Cuba or Syria; (v) is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List; and (vi) is not participating in a boycott of Israel. If the Contractor is found to have submitted a false statement with regards to the prior sentence, has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or the Scrutinized

Companies that Boycott Israel List, has engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, and/or has engaged in a boycott of Israel, the District may immediately terminate the Contract.

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

ATTEST:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

WITNESS:

TRACT ENGINEERING, LLC

Witness

Print Name: _____
Title: _____

Exhibit A: Work Authorization Number 1
Exhibit B: Schedule of Rates

Exhibit A
November 4, 2024

Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District
Polk County, Florida

Subject: **Work Authorization Number 1**
Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District

Dear Chairperson, Board of Supervisors:

Tract Engineering, LLC (the "Engineer") is pleased to submit this work authorization to provide interim engineering services for Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District (the "District"). We will provide these services pursuant to our current agreement dated November 4, 2024 ("Interim Agreement") as follows:

I. Scope of Work

The District will engage the services of Engineer as the Interim Engineer to prepare an Engineer's Report to support the District's proposed bond issuances and to attend meetings and bond validation proceedings regarding the District's proposed issuance of bonds.

II. Fees

The District will compensate Engineer pursuant to the hourly rate schedule contained within the Interim Agreement. The District will reimburse all direct costs which include items such as printing, drawings, travel, deliveries, etc., pursuant to the Interim Agreement.

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

Thank you for your consideration.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED

Sincerely,

By: _____
Authorized Representative of Groves at Lake
Marion Community Development District

By: _____
Tract Engineering, LLC

Exhibit B

Schedule of Rates

Principal Engineer	\$220.00 /hr.
Planner	\$160.00 /hr.
Designer	\$85.00 /hr.
Drafter	\$70.00 /hr.
Permitting	\$70.00 /hr.

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES
FOR THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

RFQ for Engineering Services

The Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District ("**District**"), located in Polk 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 Polk 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 _____, 2025 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 Notice or evaluation criteria provisions. Any person who files a notice of protest shall provide to the District, simultaneous with the filing of the notice, a protest bond with a responsible surety to be approved by the District and in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00).

GROVES AT LAKE MARION 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.

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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The 2023 Florida Statutes

Title XIII

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Chapter 190

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

190.006 Board of supervisors; members and meetings.

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

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2025-08

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING THE PRIMARY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AND PRINCIPAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Groves at Lake Marion 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 desires to designate its primary administrative office as the location where the District’s public records are routinely created, sent, received, maintained, and requested, for the purposes of prominently posting the contact information of the District’s Record’s Custodian in order to provide citizens with the ability to access the District’s records and ensure that the public is informed of the activities of the District in accordance with Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District additionally desires to specify the location of the District’s principal headquarters for the purpose of establishing proper venue under the common law home venue privilege applicable to the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

- 1. PRIMARY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE.** The District’s primary administrative office for purposes of Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*, shall be located at 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431.
- 2. PRINCIPAL HEADQUARTERS.** The District’s principal headquarters for purposes of establishing proper venue shall be located within Polk County, Florida.
- 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2025-09

A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE POLICY OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION 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 Groves at Lake Marion 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 GROVES AT LAKE MARION 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 Indemnitee acted in bad faith, with malicious purpose, or in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property. Defense of such civil actions includes, but is not limited to, any civil rights lawsuit seeking relief personally against any Indemnitee for an act or omission under color of state law, custom or usage,

wherein it is alleged that such Indemnatee 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 Indemnatee 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 Indemnatee 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 Indemnitees who perform acts and render decisions in the good faith performance of their duties and functions. The District will neither support nor defend those actions or omissions committed by an individual outside the scope of his or her office or committed in bad faith or with malicious purpose or in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property. By adoption of this Resolution, the Indemnatee(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 Indemnatee 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 Indemnatee 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 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2025-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLIC'S OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD; DESIGNATING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS; DESIGNATING A PROCEDURE TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS SEEKING TO BE HEARD; ADDRESSING PUBLIC DECORUM; ADDRESSING EXCEPTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District ("**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 286.0114, *Florida Statutes*, requires that members of the public be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a proposition before a board or commission; and

WHEREAS, Section 286.0114, *Florida Statutes*, sets forth guidelines for rules and policies that govern the public's opportunity to be heard at a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Supervisors ("**Board**") finds that it is in the best interests of the District to adopt by resolution a policy ("**Public Comment Policy**") for immediate use and application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. DESIGNATING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS. The District's Chairperson, his or her designee, or such other person conducting a District meeting ("**Presiding Officer**"), shall ensure that there is at least one period of time ("**Public Comment Period**") in the District's meeting agenda whereby the public has an opportunity to be heard on propositions before the Board, as follows:

- a) An initial Public Comment Period shall be provided at the start of each Board meeting before consideration of any propositions by the Board. In the event there are propositions that come before the Board that are not listed on the agenda, the Presiding Officer shall announce a Public Comment Period on such proposition prior to the Board voting on the matter.

- b) Speakers shall be permitted to address any agenda item or non-agenda matter(s) of personal or general concern, during the initial Public Comment Period.
- c) Individuals wishing to make a public comment are limited to three (3) minutes per person. Potential speakers may not assign his/her three (3) minutes to extend another speaker's time.
- d) The Presiding Officer may extend or reduce the time periods set forth herein in order to facilitate orderly and efficient District business, provided however that a reasonable opportunity for public comment shall be provided consistent with the requirements of Section 286.0114, Florida Statutes. The Presiding Officer may also elect to set and announce additional Public Comment Periods if he or she deems it appropriate.

2. DESIGNATING A PROCEDURE TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS SEEKING TO BE HEARD.

Unless otherwise directed and declared by the Presiding Officer, individuals seeking to be heard on propositions before the Board shall identify themselves by a show of hands at the beginning of each Public Comment Period, as announced by the Presiding Officer. Alternatively, in the event that public attendance is high, and/or if otherwise in the best interests of the District in order to facilitate efficient and orderly District business, the Presiding Officer may require individuals to complete speaker cards that include the individual's name, address, the proposition on which they wish to be heard, the individual's position on the proposition (i.e., "for," "against," or "undecided"), and if appropriate, to indicate the designation of a representative to speak for the individual or the individual's group. In the event large groups of individuals desire to speak, the Presiding Officer may require each group to designate a representative to speak on behalf of such group. Any attorney hired to represent an individual or company's interests before the Board shall notify the Board of such representation prior to proving any public comment.

Sections 1 and 2 herein shall be deemed to apply only to District Board meetings, but the Presiding Officer of a District workshop in his or her discretion may elect to apply such Sections to District workshops.

3. PUBLIC DECORUM. The following policies govern public decorum at public meetings and workshops:

- a) Each person addressing the Board shall proceed to the place assigned for speaking, and should state his or her name and address in an audible tone of voice for the public record.
- b) All remarks shall be addressed to the Board as a body and not to any member thereof or to any staff member. No person other than a Board Supervisor or District staff member shall be permitted to enter into any

discussion with an individual speaker while he or she has the floor, without the permission of the Presiding Officer.

- c) Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the Presiding Officer from maintaining orderly conduct and proper decorum in a public meeting. Speakers shall refrain from disruptive behavior, and from making vulgar or threatening remarks. Speakers shall refrain from launching personal attacks against any Board Supervisor, District staff member, or member of the public. The Presiding Officer shall have the discretion to remove any speaker who disregards these policies from the meeting.
- d) In the case that any person is declared out of order by the Presiding Officer and ordered expelled, and does not immediately leave the meeting facilities, the following steps may be taken:
 - i. The Presiding Officer may declare a recess.
 - ii. The Presiding Officer may contact the local law enforcement authority.
 - iii. In case the person does not remove himself or herself from the meeting, the Presiding Officer may request that he or she be placed under arrest by local law enforcement authorities for violation of Section 871.01, Florida Statutes, or other applicable law.

4. EXCEPTIONS. The Board recognizes and may apply all applicable exceptions to Section 286.0114, including those set forth in Section 286.0114(3) and other applicable law. Additionally, the Presiding Officer may alter the procedures set forth in this Public Comment Policy for public hearings and other special proceedings that may require a different procedure under Florida law.

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

6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed. Furthermore, upon its passage this Resolution supersedes any Public Comment Policy previously adopted by the District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2025-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A RECORDS MANAGEMENT LIAISON OFFICER; PROVIDING THE DUTIES OF THE RECORDS MANAGEMENT LIAISON OFFICER; ADOPTING A RECORDS RETENTION POLICY; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District ("**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 rules to govern the administration of the District and to adopt resolutions as may be necessary for the conduct of district business; and

WHEREAS, Section 1.2(2) of the District's Proposed Rules of Procedure appoints the Secretary of the District as the District's records custodian; and

WHEREAS, Section 257.36(5), Florida Statutes, requires the District to establish and maintain an active and continuing program for the economical and efficient management of records and to provide for the appointment of a records management liaison officer ("**Records Management Liaison Officer**"); and

WHEREAS, the District desires for the Records Management Liaison Officer to be an employee of the District or an employee of the District Manager; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to authorize the District's records custodian to appoint a Records Management Liaison Officer, which may or may not be the District's records custodian; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to prescribe duties of the Records Management Liaison Officer and provide for the assignment of additional duties; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Supervisors ("**Board**") finds that it is in the best interests of the District to adopt by resolution a Records Retention Policy ("**Policy**") for immediate use and application; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to provide for future amendment of the Records Retention Policy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

1. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER. The District hereby authorizes the District's records custodian to appoint a Records Management Liaison Officer and report such appointment to the appropriate State of Florida agencies. A Records Management Liaison Officer shall be an employee of the District or the District Manager. The Board, and the District's records custodian, shall each have the individual power to remove the Records Management Liaison Officer at any time for any reason. Immediately following the removal or resignation of a Records Management Liaison Officer, the District's records custodian shall appoint a replacement Records Management Liaison Officer.

2. DUTIES. The duties of the Records Management Liaison Officer shall include the following:

- A. serve as the District's contact with the Florida Department of State, State Library and Archives of Florida; and
- B. coordinate the District's records inventory; and
- C. maintain records retention and disposition forms; and
- D. coordinate District records management training; and
- E. develop records management procedures consistent with the attached Records Retention Policy, as amended; and
- F. participate in the development of the District's development of electronic record keeping systems; and
- G. submit annual compliance statements; and
- H. work with the Florida Department of State, State Library and Archives of Florida to establish individual retention schedules for the District, from time to time and as may be necessary; and
- I. such other duties as may be assigned by the Board or the District's records custodian in the future.

3. ADOPTION OF POLICY. The District hereby adopts as its Records Retention Policy the applicable provisions of Section 257.36(5), Florida Statutes, the rules adopted by the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State ("**Division**") pursuant to Section 257.36, Florida Statutes, and the General Records Schedules established by the Division. However, the District hereby extends the minimum retention guidelines contained in the General Records Schedules so that the District will retain all public records relating to District business until the Board of Supervisors amends the Records Retention Policy to address the disposition of the same. To the extent the above statute, rules, or schedules are amended or supplemented in the future, the District's Records Retention Policy shall automatically incorporate such amendment or supplement provided that such automatic amendment does not permit the disposition of District records without further action of the Board. The Records

Retention Policy shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the Board amends the Policy.

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

5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed. Furthermore, upon its passage this resolution supersedes any Records Retention Policy previously adopted by the District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2025-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT GRANTING THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY CONVEYANCE AND DEDICATION DOCUMENTS, PLATS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT'S IMPROVEMENTS; APPROVING THE SCOPE AND TERMS OF SUCH AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Groves at Lake Marion 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 construct, install, operate, and/or maintain systems and facilities for certain public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the District intends to adopt a report of its District Engineer "**Engineer's Report**," which sets forth the scope of the District's capital improvement plan and the improvements which are to be constructed therewith (the "**Improvements**"); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the development of the Improvements in accordance with the Engineer's Report, which includes, but is not limited to, obtaining all necessary permits and approvals from local governments and agencies for the construction and/or operation of infrastructure improvements, the District is required, from time to time, to accept, convey and dedicate certain interests in real and personal property, including, but not limited to easements, plat dedications, deeds and bills of sale for infrastructure improvements (the "**Permits and Conveyances**"); and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the efficient development of the Improvements, the District desires to authorize the Chair and Vice Chair to approve and execute the Permits and Conveyances necessary to finalize the development of the District's capital improvement plan (the "**Conveyance Authority**"); and

WHEREAS, the Conveyance Authority shall be subject to the District Engineer and District Counsel agreeing that each such proposed Permit or Conveyance is legal, consistent with the District's improvement plan and necessary for the development of the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that granting to the Chair and Vice Chair the Conveyance Authority is in the best interests of the District so that the development of the Improvements may proceed expeditiously, subject to the terms and limitations imposed by this Resolution.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

1. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS. The recitals so stated are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated into and form a material part of this Resolution.

2. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY. The Chair and Vice Chair of the District's Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized to sign, accept or execute Permits and Conveyances as defined above. The Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary of the District's Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized to countersign any such Permits and Conveyances signed by the Chair or Vice Chair. Such authority shall be subject to the District Engineer and District Counsel's review and approval.

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

4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2025-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT RATIFYING, CONFIRMING AND APPROVING THE RECORDING OF THE NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the Groves at Lake Marion 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 was established by the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County, Florida, Ordinance No. 2024-048 ("**Ordinance**"); and

WHEREAS, Section 190.0485, *Florida Statutes*, requires a "Notice of Establishment" to be recorded within thirty (30) days after the effective date of the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the organizational meeting of the District's Board of Supervisors was scheduled for November 4, 2024 (hereinafter, "**Organizational Meeting**"); and

WHEREAS, the District authorized District Staff to arrange for the recording of a "Notice of Establishment of the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District" in the County Official Records to ensure compliance with Florida law; and

WHEREAS, prior to the date of the Organizational Meeting, District Staff arranged for the recording of the "Notice of Establishment of the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District" in the County Official Records.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. **RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS.** The actions of District Staff in the filing of the Notice of Establishment of the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

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**NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on August 6, 2024, and pursuant to a petition filed by Smokey Groves Development, LLC, the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County, Florida, enacted Ordinance No. 2024-048, which became effective August 6, 2024 establishing the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District ("**District**"). The legal description of the lands encompassed within the District is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. The District is a special-purpose form of local government established pursuant to and governed by Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*. More information on the powers, responsibilities, and duties of the District may be obtained by examining Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, or by contacting the District's registered agent as designated to the Department of Economic Opportunity under Section 189.014, *Florida Statutes*.

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

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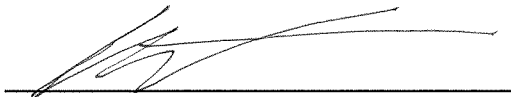
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Notice has been executed on this 16 day of August, 2024, and recorded in the Official Records of Polk County, Florida.



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Jere Earlywine, District Counsel
Kutak Rock, LLP



Name: K. Bennett Davenport
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STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEON

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this 16 day of August, 2024, by Jere Earlywine, as **District Counsel** of Grass at Lake Marion Community Development District, who appeared before me this day in person, and who is either ☒ personally known to me, or ☐ produced _____ as identification.



ASHLEY A. LIGAS
Commission # HH 070475
Expires December 9, 2024
Bonded Thru Budget Notary Services

(NOTARY SEAL)


NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA

Name: Ashley Ligas
(Name of Notary Public, Printed, Stamped or
Typed as Commissioned)

Exhibit A
Property Description

DESCRIPTION: (prepared per this survey)

A parcel of land lying within Sections 8, 17 and 18, Township 28 South, Range 28 East, Polk County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

For a POINT OF BEGINNING commence at the Southeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 18; thence S.89°05'25"W., along the South boundary of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 18, a distance of 1,651.43 feet; thence N.01°07'07"W., a distance of 122.45 feet; thence N.88°52'53"E., a distance of 85.91 feet; thence N.79°57'29"E., a distance of 64.07 feet; thence N.32°24'06"E., a distance of 65.58 feet; thence N.24°20'54"E., a distance of 171.19 feet; thence N.31°46'39"E., a distance of 221.76 feet; thence N.73°00'14"E., a distance of 117.74 feet; thence N.84°01'39"E., a distance of 82.50 feet; thence N.32°47'52"E., a distance of 173.40 feet; thence N.09°38'48"E., a distance of 129.75 feet; thence N.04°44'49"E., a distance of 64.45 feet; thence N.34°50'09"E., a distance of 65.09 feet; thence N.72°31'38"E., a distance of 80.06 feet; thence N.43°37'33"E., a distance of 80.44 feet; thence N.26°50'09"E., a distance of 66.31 feet; thence N.15°16'43"E., a distance of 72.44 feet; thence N.22°09'27"E., a distance of 113.48 feet; thence N.05°27'02"W., a distance of 108.86 feet; thence N.54°52'31"W., a distance of 86.60 feet; thence N.84°05'05"W., a distance of 62.68 feet; thence N.16°24'46"W., a distance of 79.25 feet; thence N.20°28'53"E., a distance of 49.36 feet; thence N.31°06'26"E., a distance of 118.68 feet; thence N.35°09'55"E., a distance of 58.49 feet; thence N.13°44'45"W., a distance of 50.63 feet; thence N.37°47'32"E., a distance of 515.50 feet; thence N.29°02'21"E., a distance of 52.60 feet; thence N.86°25'27"E., a distance of 85.76 feet; thence S.19°38'23"E., a distance of 111.79 feet; thence S.43°40'35"E., a distance of 84.31 feet; thence N.78°19'38"E., a distance of 151.13 feet; thence N.07°53'36"E., a distance of 94.26 feet; thence N.19°24'34"W., a distance of 168.37 feet; thence N.51°31'20"E., a distance of 99.53 feet; thence N.66°15'23"E., a distance of 160.79 feet; thence S.56°34'03"E., a distance of 272.34 feet; thence N.82°41'52"E., a distance of 111.07 feet; thence N.05°10'49"W., a distance of 74.71 feet; thence N.62°39'48"W., a distance of 319.20 feet; thence N.35°22'43"W., a distance of 190.17 feet; thence N.09°33'26"E., a distance of 54.07 feet; thence N.37°39'11"E., a distance of 142.54 feet; thence N.11°01'19"E., a distance of 82.68 feet; thence N.13°18'48"W., a distance of 122.01 feet to the South boundary of that parcel of land described in Official Records Book 5049, Page 259 of the Public Records of Polk County, Florida; thence N.89°57'41"E., along said South boundary of that certain parcel, a distance of 684.48 feet to a non-tangent point of curvature and the Westerly right-of-way line of Lake Marion Road as described in Official Records Book 1406, Page 1010 of the Public Records of Polk County, Florida; thence Southeasterly 622.44 feet along the arc of a curve to the left, said curve having a radius of 612.03 feet, a central angle of 58°16'13", and a chord bearing and distance of S.36°28'07"E., 595.96 feet to the West boundary of U.S. Government Lot 2; thence along said West boundary and a line non-tangent to said curve, S.00°03'02"W., a distance of 14.12 feet to the South boundary of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 8; thence S.89°55'19"E., along the South boundary of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 8, a distance of 33.91 feet to the aforesaid Westerly right-of-way line of Lake Marion Road and a non-tangent point of curvature; thence along said Westerly right-of-way line, Easterly 63.98 feet along the arc of a curve to the left, said curve having a radius of 612.03 feet, a central angle of 05°59'17", and a chord bearing and distance of S.72°02'15"E., 63.94 feet to the East boundary of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 17; thence along said East boundary and a line non-tangent to said curve, S.01°53'45"E., a distance of 2,575.87 feet to the Southeast corner of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 17; thence N.89°13'01"W., along the South boundary of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 17, a distance of 1,329.36 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Containing 132.681 acres, more or less.

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES**

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

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

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

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

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.

GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

District Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2024

Polk County, Florida

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

SECTION 1. DUE DATE. Sealed proposals must be received no later than _____, 2024 at 12:00 p.m., at the offices of District Manager, located at Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431. Proposals will be publicly opened at that time.

SECTION 2. FAMILIARITY WITH THE LAW. By submitting a proposal, the Proposer is assumed to be familiar with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that in any manner affect the work. Ignorance on the part of the Proposer will in no way relieve it from responsibility to perform the work covered by the proposal in compliance with all such laws, ordinances and regulations.

SECTION 3. QUALIFICATIONS OF PROPOSER. The contract, if awarded, will only be awarded to a responsible Proposer who is qualified by experience and licensing to do the work specified herein. The Proposer shall submit with its proposal satisfactory evidence of experience in similar work and show that it is fully prepared to complete the work to the satisfaction of the District.

SECTION 4. SUBMISSION OF ONLY ONE PROPOSAL. Proposers shall be disqualified and their proposals rejected if the District has reason to believe that collusion may exist among the Proposers, the Proposer has defaulted on any previous contract or is in arrears on any previous or existing contract, or for failure to demonstrate proper licensure and business organization.

SECTION 5. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL. Submit one (1) electronic and one (1) unbound copy of the Proposal Documents, and other requested attachments at the time and place indicated herein, which shall be enclosed in an opaque sealed envelope, marked with the title "Auditing Services – Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District" on the face of it. **Please include pricing for each additional bond issuance.**

SECTION 6. MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL. Proposals may be modified or withdrawn by an appropriate document duly executed and delivered to the place where proposals are to be submitted at any time prior to the time and date the proposals are due. No proposal may be withdrawn after opening for a period of ninety (90) days.

SECTION 7. PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS. The proposal documents shall consist of the notice announcing the request for proposals, these instructions, the Evaluation Criteria Sheet and a proposal with all required documentation pursuant to Section 12 of these instructions (“**Proposal Documents**”).

SECTION 8. PROPOSAL. In making its proposal, each Proposer represents that it has read and understands the Proposal Documents and that the proposal is made in accordance therewith.

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

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

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

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

- A. List the position or title of all personnel to perform work on the District audit. Include resumes for each person listed; list years of experience in present position for each party listed and years of related experience.
- B. Describe proposed staffing levels, including resumes with applicable certifications.
- C. Three references from projects of similar size and scope. The Proposer should include information relating to the work it conducted for each reference as well as a name, address and phone number of a contact person.
- D. The lump sum cost of the provision of the services under the proposal, plus the lump sum cost of four (4) annual renewals.

SECTION 13. PROTESTS. In accordance with the District’s Rules of Procedure, any protest regarding the Proposal Documents, must be filed in writing, at the offices of the District Manager, within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays) after the receipt of the Proposal Documents. The formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be

filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. Failure to timely file a notice of protest or failure to timely file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of any right to object or protest with respect to the aforesaid Proposal Documents.

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

1. Ability of Personnel. (20 Points)

2. Proposer's Experience. (20 Points)

3. *Understanding of Scope of Work.* (20 Points)

4. Ability to Furnish the Required Services. (20 Points)

5. Price. (20 Points)***

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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Strange Zone, Inc.

Quotation

260 NW 67th Street #108
Boca Raton, FL 33487
Phone: (305) 607-2989

DATE September 4, 2024
Quotation # M24-1029
Customer ID GALMCDD

Prepared by: Stephan

Prepared For:

Groves At Lake Marion CDD
C.O. Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC
PO Box 810036
Boca Raton, Florida 33481
Phone: (561) 571-0010

Description	AMOUNT
Website creation & development <i>Website will be created using company provided colors, images & logo if available. The website will include the following pages & content: Home page, About page, What is a CDD page, Required reporting information page, FAQs page, News section if desired, Contact page, and Meetings & documents page which include PDF documents of audits, budget, meeting agenda, meeting schedule & minutes from meetings. Website HTML Code will be WCAG 2.2 AA Compliant. Client will be responsible for providing Remediated PDF.</i>	\$975.00
Website maintenance For 1 year Please allow up to 48 hours for updates to be posted. <i>Maintenance includes posting of minutes, meeting agendas, audits, scheduled meetings, budgets, general documents, and any other content update needed. Creation of new pages will be a separate fee of \$50/ Page.</i>	\$600.00
Website hosting & Email For 1 year <i>Hosting service also includes 5 emails address accounts with 2GB of space for each account. Additional email storage \$10/User/Month</i>	Included
Domain Registration (grovesatlakemarioncdd.net)	\$35.00
SSL Certificates 1 year	\$69.99
TOTAL	\$ 1,679.99

If you have any questions concerning this quotation, Stephan, (305) 607-2989, strangezone@gmail.com

Payment must be received before the start of this agreement.

Date

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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Date: September 4, 2024
Re: Website Mitigation Items for Accessibility

This proposal is for the website, which our development and audit team will perform the scope of services outlined below. ADA Site Compliance is a consultancy which provides specific services for the client. Any services outside of the scope below, or separate sites or templates, will require additional evaluations and proposals.

Technological Auditing

WCAG Standards
Technological auditing of the agreed upon pages.
Detailed Reports

Accessibility Policy and Compliance Shield

Indication to all website visitors that compliance, accessibility, and usability are a priority.
Provides contact information (phone and/or email) for users who find inaccessible areas of the website.



Scope of Services Performed by ADA Site Compliance:

- A. Technological Auditing and Reporting – WCAG Standards
- B. Accessibility Policy and Compliance Shield
- C. Technical Support – Email and Phone

Compliance Shield, Accessibility Policy and 1 Annual Technological Audit

\$210 per website (normally \$549) – Annual Pricing

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By: _____

Name: _____

Its: _____

Date: _____

ADA Site Compliance

By: *Joshua LaBadie*

Name: Joshua LaBadie

Its: Senior Compliance Advisor



GROVES AT LAKE MARION
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RESOLUTION 2025-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, APPROVING THE FLORIDA STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the State Emergency Management Act, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, authorizes the state and its political subdivisions to develop and enter into mutual aid agreements for reciprocal emergency aid and assistance in case of emergencies too extensive to be dealt with unassisted; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District desires to move forward and approve an agreement with the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management, concerning the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity requires an independent special district to participate in the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement to be eligible for funds under Administrative Rule 9G-1.9, Base Funding for County Emergency Management Agencies and Municipal Competitive Grant and Loan Programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT THAT:

1. RECITALS. The foregoing “**WHEREAS**” clauses are true and correct and are hereby ratified and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors.

2. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT. The execution of the attached Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement is hereby authorized, and the Agreement is hereby approved.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A

Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement



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STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT - 2023

This Agreement is an acknowledgment of receipt by the Florida Division of Emergency Management ("the Division") and the local government ("Participating Party") signing this Agreement. Execution of this agreement replaces all previous iterations and is active until a new agreement is drafted and requested by The Division.

This Agreement is based on the existence of the following conditions:

- A. The State of Florida is vulnerable to a wide range of emergencies and disasters that are likely to cause the disruption of essential services and the destruction of the infrastructure needed to deliver those services.
- B. Such emergencies and disasters often exceed the emergency response and recovery capabilities of any one county or local government.
- C. Such incidents may also give rise to unusual and unanticipated physical and technical needs which a local government cannot meet with existing resources, but that other local governments within the State of Florida may be able to provide.
- D. The Emergency Management Act, chapter 252, *Florida Statutes*, provides each local government of the state the authority to develop and enter into mutual aid agreements within the state for reciprocal emergency aid in case of emergencies too extensive to be dealt with unassisted, and through such agreements ensure the timely reimbursement of costs incurred by the local governments which render such assistance.
- E. Pursuant to chapter 252.32, *Florida Statutes*, the Division renders mutual aid among the political subdivisions of the state to carry out emergency management functions and responsibilities.
- F. Pursuant to chapter 252, *Florida Statutes*, the Division has the authority to coordinate and direct emergency management assistance between local governments and concentrate available resources where needed.

Based on the existence of the foregoing conditions, the Parties agree to the following articles:

ARTICLE I: DEFINITIONS

As used in this Agreement, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

- A. The "Agreement" is this Agreement, which shall be referred to as the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement ("SMAA").



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- B. The “Division” is the Florida Division of Emergency Management.
- C. A “Requesting Party” to this Agreement is a Participating Party who requests assistance under this agreement.
- D. An “Assisting Party” to this Agreement is a Participating Party who provides assistance to a Requesting Party under this agreement.
- E. The “Period of Assistance” is the time during which an Assisting Party renders assistance to a Requesting Party under this agreement and includes the time necessary for the resources and personnel of the Assisting Party to travel to the place specified by the Requesting Party and the time necessary to return to their place of origin.
- F. A “Mission” is a documented emergency response activity performed during a Period of Assistance, usually in reference to one operational function or activity.
- G. A “local government” is any educational district, special district, or any entity that is a “local governmental entity” within the meaning of section 11.45(1)(g), *Florida Statutes*.
- H. An “educational district” is any school district within the meaning of section 1001.30, *Florida Statutes*, and any Florida College System Institution or State University within the meaning of section 1000.21, *Florida Statutes*.
- I. A “special district” is any local or regional governmental entity which is an independent special district within the meaning of section 189.012(3), *Florida Statutes*, established by local, special, or general act, or by rule, ordinance, resolution, or interlocal agreement.
- J. A “tribal council” is the respective governing bodies of the Seminole Tribe of Florida and Miccosukee Tribe of Indians recognized as special improvement district by section 285.18(1), *Florida Statutes*.
- K. An “interlocal agreement” is any agreement between local governments within the meaning of section 163.01(3)(a), *Florida Statutes*.
- L. A “Resource Support Agreement” as used in this Agreement refers to a supplemental agreement of support between a Requesting Party and an Assisting Party.
- M. “Proof of work” as used in this Agreement refers to original and authentic documentation of a single individual or group of individuals’ emergency response activity at a tactical level.



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- N. "Proof of payment" as used in this Agreement refers to original and authentic documentation of an emergency response expenditure made by an Assisting Party.
- O. A "Reimbursement Package" as used in this Agreement refers to a full account of mission response documentation supported by proof of work and proof of payment.
- P. Any expressions not assigned definitions elsewhere in this Agreement shall have the definitions assigned them by the Emergency Management Act, Chapter 252, *Florida Statutes*.

ARTICLE II: APPLICABILITY OF THE AGREEMENT

Any Participating Party, including the Division, may request assistance under this Agreement for a "major disaster" or "catastrophic disaster" as defined in section 252.34, *Florida Statutes*, minor disasters, and other such emergencies as lawfully determined by a Participating Party.

ARTICLE III: INVOCATION OF THE AGREEMENT

In the event of an emergency or anticipated emergency, a Participating Party may request assistance under this Agreement from any other Participating Party or the Division if, in the judgement of the Requesting Party, its own resources are inadequate to meet the needs of the emergency or disaster.

- A. Any request for assistance under this Agreement may be oral, but within five (5) calendar days must be confirmed in writing by the Requesting Party. All requests for assistance under this Agreement shall be transmitted by the Requesting Party to another Participating Party or the Division. If the Requesting Party transmits its request for Assistance directly to a Participating Party other than the Division, the Requesting Party and Assisting Party shall keep the Division advised of their activities.
- B. The Division shall relay any requests for assistance under this Agreement to such other Participating Parties as it may deem appropriate and coordinate the activities of the Assisting Parties to ensure timely assistance to the Requesting Party. All such activities shall be carried out in accordance with the State's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

ARTICLE IV: RESPONSIBILITIES OF REQUESTING PARTIES

To the extent practicable, all Requesting Parties shall provide the following information to their respective county emergency management agency, the Division, and the intended Assisting Party or Parties. In providing such information, Requesting Parties should utilize Section I of the



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Resource Support Agreement (RSA) Form, available via the [Division approved documents SharePoint site](#)¹.

- A. A description of the Mission to be performed by the Assisting Party;
- B. A description of the resources and capabilities needed to complete the Mission successfully;
- C. The location, date, and time personnel and resources from the Assisting Party should arrive at the incident site, staging area, facility, or other location designated by the Requesting Party;
- D. A description of the health, safety, and working conditions expected for deploying personnel;
- E. Lodging and meal availability;
- F. Any logistical requirements;
- G. A description of any location or facility outside the territorial jurisdiction of the Requesting Party needed to stage incoming resources and personnel;
- H. The location date, and time for personnel of the Requesting Party to meet and receive the personnel and equipment of the Assisting Party; and
- I. A technical description of any communications equipment needed to ensure effective information sharing between the Requesting Party, any Assisting Parties, and all relevant responding entities.

ARTICLE V: RESPONSIBILITIES OF ASSISTING PARTIES

Each Party shall render assistance under this Agreement to any Requesting Party to the extent practicable that its personnel, equipment, resources, and capabilities can render assistance. If upon receiving a request for assistance under this Agreement a Party determines that it has the capacity to render some or all of such assistance, it shall provide the following information without delay to the Requesting Party, the Division, and the Assisting Party's County emergency management agency. In providing such information, the Assisting Party should utilize the Section II of the Resource Support Agreement (RSA) Form, available via the [Division approved documents SharePoint site](#).

¹ FDEM approved documents such as activity logs and mutual aid forms can be found at:
https://portal.floridadisaster.org/projects/FROC/FROC_Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?View=%7B6F3CF7BD%2DC0A4%2D4BE2%2DB809%2DC8009D7D0686%7D



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- A. A description of the personnel, equipment, supplies, services and capabilities it has available, together with a description of the qualifications of any skilled personnel;
- B. An estimate of the time such personnel, equipment, supplies, and services will continue to be available;
- C. An estimate of the time it will take to deliver such personnel, equipment, supplies, and services to the location(s) specified by the Requesting Party;
- D. A technical description of any communications and telecommunications equipment available for timely communications with the Requesting Party and other Assisting Parties;
- E. The names and contact information of all personnel whom the Assisting Party has designated as team leaders or supervisors; and
- F. An estimated cost for the provision of assistance.

ARTICLE VI: RENDITION OF ASSISTANCE

The Requesting Party shall afford the emergency response personnel of all Assisting Parties, while operating within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Requesting Party, the same powers, duties, rights, and privileges, except that of arrest unless specifically authorized by the Requesting Party, as are afforded the equivalent emergency response personnel of the Requesting Party. Emergency response personnel of the Assisting Party will remain under the command and control of the Assisting Party, but during the Period of Assistance, the resources and responding personnel of the Assisting Party will perform response activities under the operational and tactical control of the Requesting Party.

- A. Unless otherwise agreed upon between the Requesting and Assisting Party, the Requesting Party shall be responsible for providing food, water, and shelter to the personnel of the Assisting Party. For Missions performed in areas where there are insufficient resources to support responding personnel and equipment throughout the Period of Assistance, the Assisting Party shall, to the fullest extent practicable, provide their emergency response personnel with the equipment, fuel, supplies, and technical resources necessary to make them self-sufficient throughout the Period of Assistance. When requesting assistance, the Requesting Party may specify that Assisting Parties send only self-sufficient personnel and resources but must specify the length of time self-sufficiency should be maintained.



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- B. Unless the Requesting Party has specified the contrary, it shall, to the fullest extent practicable, coordinate all communications between its personnel and the responding personnel of the Assisting Parties, and shall determine and share the frequencies and other technical specifications of all communications equipment to be used, as appropriate, with the deployed personnel of the Assisting Parties.
- C. Personnel of the Assisting Party who render assistance under this Agreement shall receive the usual wages, salaries, and other compensation as are normally afforded to personnel for emergency response activities within their home jurisdiction, and shall have all the immunities, rights, interests, and privileges applicable to their normal employment. If personnel of the Assisting Party hold local licenses or certifications limited to the jurisdiction of issue, then the Requesting Party shall recognize and honor those licenses or certifications for the duration of the Period of Assistance.

ARTICLE VII: REIMBURSEMENT

After the Period of Assistance has ended, the Assisting Party shall have 45 days to develop a full reimbursement package for services rendered and resources supplied during the Period of Assistance. All expenses claimed to the Requesting Party must have been incurred in direct response to the emergency as requested by the Requesting Party and must be supported by proof of work and proof of payment.

To guide the proper documentation and accountability of expenses, the Assisting Party should utilize the Claim Summary Form, available via the [Division approved documents SharePoint site](#) as a guide and summary of expense to collect information to then be formally submitted for review by the Requesting Party.

To receive reimbursement for assistance provided under this agreement, the Assisting Party shall provide, at a minimum, the following supporting documentation to the Requesting Party unless otherwise agreed upon between the Requesting and Assisting Parties:

- A. A complete and authentic description of expenses incurred by the Assisting Party during the Period of Assistance;
- B. Copy of a current and valid Internal Revenue Service W-9 Form;
- C. Copies of all relevant payment and travel policies in effect during the Period of Assistance;
- D. Daily personnel activity logs demonstrating emergency response activities performed for all time claimed (for FDEM reimbursement Division approved activity logs will be required for personnel activity claims);



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- E. Official payroll and travel reimbursement records for all claimed personnel expenses;
- F. Neat and comprehensive fringe benefit calculations for each position class or category of claimed personnel;
- G. Written justification for all additional expenses/purchases incurred during the Period of Assistance;
- H. Proof of payment for additional/miscellaneous expenses incurred during the Period of Assistance
- I. Equipment activity logs demonstrating equipment use and operation in support of emergency response activities for all time claimed (for FDEM reimbursement Division approved forms will be required for equipment activity claims);
- J. Proof of reimbursement to all employees who incurred emergency response expenses with personal money;
- K. Justification for equipment repair expenses; and
- L. Copies of any applicable supporting agreements or contracts with justification.

If a dispute or disagreement regarding the eligibility of any expense arises, the Requesting Party, Assisting Party, or the Division may elect binding arbitration. If binding arbitration is elected, the Parties must select as an arbitrator any elected official of another Participating Party, or any other official of another Participating Party whose normal duties include emergency management, and the other Participating Party shall also select such an official as an arbitrator, and the arbitrators thus chosen shall select another such official as a third arbitrator.

The three (3) arbitrators shall convene by teleconference or videoconference within thirty (30) calendar days to consider any documents and any statements or arguments by the Division, the Requesting Party, or the Assisting Party concerning the protest, and shall render a decision in writing not later than ten (10) business days after the close of the hearing. The decision of a majority of the arbitrators shall bind the parties and shall be final.

If the Participating Parties do not elect binding arbitration, this agreement and any disputes arising thereunder shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida and venue shall be in Leon County, Florida. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create an employer-employee relationship or a partnership or joint venture between the participating parties. Furthermore, nothing contained herein shall constitute a waiver by either Party of its sovereign immunity or the provisions of section 768.28, Florida Statutes. Nothing herein shall be construed as consent by either Party to be sued by third parties.



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ARTICLE VIII: COST ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT

The costs incurred by the Assisting Party under this Agreement shall be reimbursed as needed to make the Assisting Party whole to the fullest extent practicable.

- A. Employees of the Assisting Party who render assistance under this Agreement shall be entitled to receive from the Assisting Party all their usual wages, salaries, and any and all other compensation for mobilization, hours worked, and demobilization. Such compensation shall include any and all contributions for insurance and retirement, and such employees shall continue to accumulate seniority at the usual rate. As between the employees and the Assisting Party, the employees shall have all the duties, responsibilities, immunities, rights, interests, and privileges incident to their usual employment. The Requesting Party shall reimburse the Assisting Party for these costs of employment.
- B. The costs of equipment supplied by the Assisting Party shall be reimbursed at the rental rate established in FEMA' s Schedule of Equipment, or at any other rental rate agreed to by the Requesting Party. In order to be eligible for reimbursement, equipment must be in actual operation performing eligible work. The labor costs of the operator are not included in the rates and should be approved separately from equipment costs. The Assisting Party shall pay for fuels, other consumable supplies, and repairs to its equipment as needed to keep the equipment in a state of operational readiness. Rent for the equipment shall be deemed to include the cost of fuel and other consumable supplies, maintenance, service, repairs, and ordinary wear and tear. With the consent of the Assisting Party, the Requesting Party may provide fuels, consumable supplies, maintenance, and repair services for such equipment at the site. In that event, the Requesting Party may deduct the actual costs of such fuels, consumable supplies, maintenance, and services from the total costs otherwise payable to the Assisting Party. If the equipment is damaged while in use under this Agreement and the Assisting Party receives payment for such damage under any contract of insurance, the Requesting Party may deduct such payment from any item or items billed by the Assisting Party for any of the costs for such damage that may otherwise be payable.
- C. The Requesting Party shall pay the total costs for the use and consumption of any and all consumable supplies delivered by the Assisting Party for the Requesting Party under this Agreement. In the case of perishable supplies, consumption shall be deemed to include normal deterioration, spoilage, and damage notwithstanding the exercise of reasonable care in its storage and use. Supplies remaining unused shall be returned to the Assisting Party in usable condition upon the close of the Period of Assistance, and the Requesting Party may deduct the cost of such returned supplies from the total costs billed by the Assisting Party for such supplies. If the Assisting Party agrees, the Requesting Party may also replace any and all used consumable supplies with like



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supplies in usable condition and of like grade, quality and quantity within the time allowed for reimbursement under this Agreement.

- D. The Assisting Party shall keep records to document all assistance rendered under this Agreement. Such records shall present information sufficient to meet the audit requirements specified in the regulations of FEMA and any applicable circulars issued by the State of Florida. Upon reasonable notice, the Assisting Party shall make its records available the Requesting Party for inspection or duplication between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on all weekdays, except for official holidays.

ARTICLE IX: INSURANCE

Each Participating Party shall determine for itself what insurance to procure, if any. With the exceptions in this Article, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to require any Participating Party to procure insurance.

- A. Each Participating Party shall procure employers' insurance meeting the requirements of the Workers' Compensation Act, as amended, affording coverage for any of its employees who may be injured while performing any activities under the authority of this Agreement, and shall be provided to each Participating Party.
- B. Participating Parties may elects additional insurance affording liability coverage for any activities that may be performed under the authority of this Agreement .
- C. Subject to the limits of such liability insurance as any Participating Party may elect to procure, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to waive, in whole or in part, any immunity any Participating Party may have in any judicial or quasi-judicial proceeding.
- D. Each Participating Party which renders assistance under this Agreement shall be deemed to stand in the relation of an independent contractor to all other Participating Parties and shall not be deemed to be the agent of any other Participating Party.
- E. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to relieve any Participating Party of liability for its own conduct and that of its employees.
- F. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to obligate any Participating Party to indemnify any other Participating Party from liability to third parties.



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ARTICLE X: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary elsewhere in this Agreement, all Participating Parties shall be subject to the following requirements in the performance of this Agreement:

- A. All Participating Parties shall allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other materials subject to the requirements of the Public Records Act, as amended, and made or received by any Participating Party in conjunction with this Agreement.
- B. No Participating Party may hire employees in violation of the employment restrictions in the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended.
- C. No costs reimbursed under this Agreement may be used directly or indirectly to influence legislation or any other official action by the Legislature of the State of Florida or any of its agencies.
- D. Any communication to the Division under this Agreement shall be sent via either email, the Division of Emergency Managements Enterprise System (DEMES), or mail to the Response Bureau, Florida Division of Emergency Management, 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100.
- E. Any communication to a Participating Party shall be sent to the official or officials specified by that Participating Party. For the purpose of this section, any such communication may be sent by the U.S. Mail, e-mail, or other electronic platforms.

ARTICLE XI: EFFECTS OF AGREEMENT

Upon its execution by a Participating Party, this Agreement shall have the following effect with respect to that Participating Party:

- A. The execution of this Agreement by any Participating Party which is a signatory to the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement of 1994 shall terminate the rights, interests, duties, responsibilities, and obligations of that Participating Party under the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement of 1994, but such termination shall not affect the liability of the Participating Party for the reimbursement of any costs due under the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement of 1994, regardless of whether such costs are billed or unbilled.
- B. The execution of this Agreement by any Participating Party which is a signatory to the Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement shall terminate the rights, interests, duties, responsibilities and obligations of that Participating Party under the Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement, but such termination shall not affect the liability of the Participating Party for the reimbursement of any costs due under the Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement,



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regardless of whether such costs are billed or unbilled.

- C. Upon the activation of this Agreement by the Requesting Party, this Agreement shall supersede any other existing agreement between it and any Assisting Party to the extent that the former may be inconsistent with the latter.
- D. Upon its execution by any Participating Party, this Agreement will continue in effect for one (1) year from its date of execution by that Participating Party, and it shall automatically renew each year after its execution, unless within sixty (60) calendar days before the renewal date the Participating Party notifies the Division, in writing, of its intent to withdraw from the Agreement.
- E. The Division shall transmit any amendment to this Agreement by sending the amendment to all Participating Parties not later than five (5) business days after its execution by the Division. Such amendment shall take effect not later than sixty (60) calendar days after the date of its execution by the Division and shall then be binding on all Participating Parties. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, any Participating Party who objects to the amendment may withdraw from the Agreement by notifying the Division in writing of its intent to do so within that time in accordance with section E of this Article.
- F. A Participating Party may rescind this Agreement at will after providing the other Participating Party a written SMAA withdrawal notice. Such notice shall be provided at least 30 days prior to the date of withdrawal. This 30-day withdrawal notice must be: written, signed by an appropriate authority, duly authorized on the official letterhead of the Participating Party, and must be sent via email, the Division of Emergency Managements Enterprise System (DEMES), or certified mail.

ARTICLE XII: INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION OF AGREEMENT

The interpretation and application of this Agreement shall be governed by the following conditions:

- A. The obligations and conditions resting upon the Participating Parties under this Agreement are not independent, but dependent.
- B. Time shall be of the essence of this Agreement, and of the performance of all conditions, obligations, duties, responsibilities, and promises under it.
- C. This Agreement states all the conditions, obligations, duties, responsibilities, and promises of the Participating Parties with respect to the subject of this Agreement, and there are no conditions, obligations, duties, responsibilities, or promises other than those expressed in this Agreement.



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- D. If any sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of this Agreement is ruled unenforceable or invalid, every other sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect, it being the intent of the Division and the other Participating Parties that every portion of the Agreement shall be severable from every other portion to the fullest extent practicable. The Division reserves the right, at its sole and absolute discretion, to change, modify, add, or remove portions of any sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of this Agreement that conflicts with state law, regulation, or policy. If the change is minor, the Division will notify the Participating Party of the change and such changes will become effective immediately; therefore, please check these terms periodically for changes. If the change is substantive, the Participating Parties may be required to execute the Agreement with the adopted changes. Any continued or subsequent use of this Agreement following the posting of minor changes to this Agreement shall signify implied acceptance of such changes.
- E. The waiver of any obligation or condition in this Agreement by a Participating Party shall not be construed as a waiver of any other obligation or condition in this Agreement.

NOTE: This iteration of the State of Florida Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement will replace all previous versions.

The Division shall provide reimbursement to Assisting Parties in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Article for missions performed at the direct request of the Division. Division reimbursement eligible expenses must be in direct response to the emergency as requested by the State of Florida. All required cost estimations and claims must be executed through the DEMES Mutual Aid Portal and assisting agencies must use all required [FDEM forms](#) for documentation and cost verification. If a Requesting Party has not forwarded a request through the Division, or if an Assisting Party has rendered assistance without being requested to do so by the Division, the Division shall not be liable for the costs of any such assistance.

FDEM reserves the right to deny individual reimbursement requests if deemed to not be in direct response to the incident for which asset was requested.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have duly executed this Agreement on the date specified below:



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Ron DeSantis, Governor

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director

FOR ADOPTION BY A COUNTY

STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By: _____ Date: _____

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or
Ian Guidicelli, Authorized Designee

ATTEST:
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF _____ COUNTY,
STATE OF FLORIDA

By: _____

Clerk or Deputy Clerk

By: _____

Chairman

Date: _____

Approved as to Form:

By: _____

County Attorney



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Ron DeSantis, Governor

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director

FOR ADOPTION BY A CITY

STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By: _____ Date: _____

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or
Ian Guidicelli, Authorized Designee

ATTEST:
CITY CLERK

CITY OF _____
STATE OF FLORIDA

By: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Approved as to Form:

By: _____

City Attorney



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Ron DeSantis, Governor

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director

FOR ADOPTION BY A COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By: _____ Date: _____

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or
Ian Guidicelli, Authorized Designee

COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, STATE OF FLORIDA

By: _____ By: _____

Title: _____ Title: _____

Date: _____

Approved as to Form:

By: _____

Attorney for Entity



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Ron DeSantis, Governor

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director

FOR ADOPTION BY A COUNTY OR CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT/DISTRICT OFFICE

STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By: _____ Date: _____

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or
Ian Guidicelli, Authorized Designee

COUNTY OR CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT/DISTRICT, STATE OF FLORIDA

By: _____ By: _____

Title: _____ Title: _____

Date: _____

Approved as to Form:

By: _____

Attorney for Entity



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Ron DeSantis, Governor

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director

FOR ADOPTION BY AN EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT

STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By: _____ Date: _____

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or
Ian Guidicelli, Authorized Designee

_____ SCHOOL DISTRICT, STATE OF FLORIDA

By: _____ By: _____

Title: _____ Title: _____

Date: _____

Approved as to Form:

By: _____

Attorney for District



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Ron DeSantis, Governor

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director

FOR ADOPTION BY COMMUNITY COLLEGE OR STATE UNIVERSITY

STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By: _____ Date: _____

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or
Ian Guidicelli, Authorized Designee

ATTEST:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF _____
COMMUNITY COLLEGE,
STATE OF FLORIDA

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF _____
UNIVERSITY,
STATE OF FLORIDA

By: _____

Clerk

By: _____

Chairman

Date: _____

Approved as to Form:

By: _____

Attorney for Board



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Ron DeSantis, Governor

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director

FOR ADOPTION BY A SPECIAL DISTRICT

STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By: _____ Date: _____

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or
Ian Guidicelli, Authorized Designee

_____ SPECIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF FLORIDA

By: _____ By: _____

Title: _____ Title: _____

Date: _____

Approved as to Form:

By: _____

Attorney for District



STATE OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Ron DeSantis, Governor

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director

FOR ADOPTION BY AN AUTHORITY

STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By: _____ Date: _____

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or
Ian Guidicelli, Authorized Designee

ATTEST:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF _____
AUTHORITY,
STATE OF FLORIDA

By: _____

Clerk

By: _____

Chairman

Date: _____

Approved as to Form:

By: _____

Attorney for Board



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Ron DeSantis, Governor

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director

FOR ADOPTION BY A NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBE

STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By: _____ Date: _____

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or
Ian Guidicelli, Authorized Designee

ATTEST:

TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE
_____ TRIBE OF FLORIDA

By: _____

Council Clerk

By: _____

Chairman

Date: _____

Approved as to Form:

By: _____

Attorney for Council



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Ron DeSantis, Governor

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director

FOR ADOPTION BY A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By: _____ Date: _____

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or
Ian Guidicelli, Authorized Designee

GROVES AT LAKE MARION

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, STATE OF
FLORIDA

By: _____ By: _____

Title: _____ Title: _____

Date: 11/04/2024

Approved as to Form:

By: _____

Attorney for District



STATE OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Ron DeSantis, Governor

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director

SAMPLE AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Emergency Management Act, Chapter 252, authorizes the State and its political subdivisions to provide emergency aid and assistance in the event of a disaster or emergency; and

WHEREAS the statutes also authorize the State to coordinate the provision of any equipment, services, or facilities owned or organized by the State or its political subdivisions for use in the affected area upon the request of the duly constituted authority of the area; and

WHEREAS this Resolution authorizes the request, provision, and receipt of interjurisdictional mutual assistance in accordance with the Emergency Management Act, Chapter 252, among political subdivisions within the State; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by _____

_____ that in order to maximize the prompt, full and effective use of resources of all participating governments in the event of an emergency or disaster we hereby adopt the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

ADOPTED BY: _____

DATE: _____

I certify that the foregoing is an accurate copy of the Resolution adopted by

_____ on _____.

BY: _____

TITLE: _____

DATE: _____

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

7Q

Memorandum

To: Board of Supervisors

From: District Management

Date: November 4, 2024

RE: HB7013 - Special Districts Performance Measures and Standards Reporting

To enhance accountability and transparency, new regulations were established for all special districts, by the Florida Legislature, during their 2024 legislative session. Starting on October 1, 2024, or by the end of the first full fiscal year after its creation (whichever comes later), each special district must establish goals and objectives for each program and activity, as well as develop performance measures and standards to assess the achievement of these goals and objectives. Additionally, by December 1 each year (initial report due on December 1, 2025), each special district is required to publish an annual report on its website, detailing the goals and objectives achieved, the performance measures and standards used, and any goals or objectives that were not achieved.

District Management has identified the following key categories to focus on for Fiscal Year 2025 and develop statutorily compliant goals for each:

- Community Communication and Engagement
- Infrastructure and Facilities Maintenance
- Financial Transparency and Accountability

Additionally, special districts must provide an annual reporting form to share with the public that reflects whether the goals & objectives were met for the year. District Management has streamlined these requirements into a single document that meets both the statutory requirements for goal/objective setting and annual reporting.

The proposed goals/objectives and the annual reporting form are attached as exhibit A to this memo. District Management recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt these goals and objectives to maintain compliance with HB7013 and further enhance their commitment to the accountability and transparency of the District.

Exhibit A: Goals, Objectives and Annual Reporting Form

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**
Performance Measures/Standards & Annual Reporting Form
October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025

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: annual audit, current fiscal year budget with any amendments, and most recent financials within the latest agenda package.

Measurement: Annual audit, previous years' budgets, and financials are accessible to the public as evidenced by corresponding documents on the CDD website.

Standard: CDD website contains 100% of the following information: most recent 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 and publish the results to the CDD website for public inspection and transmit said results to the State of Florida.

Measurement: Timeliness of audit completion and publication as evidenced by meeting minutes showing board approval and annual audit is available on the CDD website and transmitted to the State of Florida.

Standard: Audit was completed by an independent auditing firm per statutory requirements and results were posted to the CDD website and transmitted to the State of Florida.

Achieved: Yes ☐ No ☐

District Manager

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Print Name

Print Name

Date

Date

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

8A

RESOLUTION 2025-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DIRECTING THE DISTRICT MANAGER TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL BANK ACCOUNT AND APPOINT SIGNORS ON THE ACCOUNT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Groves at Lake Marion 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's Board of Supervisors desires to appoint District Chair, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer as signors on the account.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT THAT:

1. DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES. The District Chair, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer shall be appointed as signors on the local bank account.

2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2025-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT MANAGER OR TREASURER TO EXECUTE THE PUBLIC DEPOSITORS REPORT; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ANY OTHER FINANCIAL REPORTS AS REQUIRED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) of Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District (the “District”) has established the positions of District Manager and Treasurer for the purposes of maintaining the financial records of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to authorize District staff to execute Public Depositor Report and all other financial reports required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District Manager or Treasurer are hereby authorized, on behalf of the District, to execute the Public Depositor Report and to transmit same to the Treasurer of the State of Florida as required by Chapter 280, *Florida Statutes*, as amended, and any and all other financial reports required by any other rule, statute, law, ordinance or regulation.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 BUDGET FUNDING AGREEMENT**

This Agreement ("**Agreement**") is made and entered into this 4th day of November, 2024, by and between:

GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and with an address of c/o Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 ("**District**"), and

LENNAR HOMES, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, and the developer of the lands in the District ("**Developer**") with a mailing address of 5505 Waterford District Drive, Miami, Florida 33126.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District was established for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the District, pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, is authorized to levy such taxes, special assessments, fees and other charges as may be necessary in furtherance of the District's activities and services; and

WHEREAS, Developer presently is developing the majority of all real property ("**Property**") within the District, which Property will benefit from the timely construction and acquisition of the District's facilities, activities and services and from the continued operations of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District is adopting its general fund budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025, which year concludes on September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this general fund budget, which the parties recognize may be amended from time to time in the sole discretion of the District, is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the District has the option of levying non-ad valorem assessments on all land, including the Property owned by the Developer, that will benefit from the activities, operations and services set forth in the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 budget, or utilizing such other revenue sources as may be available to it; and

WHEREAS, in lieu of levying assessments on the Property, the Developer is willing to provide such funds as are necessary to allow the District to proceed with its operations as described in **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the Developer agrees that the activities, operations and services provide a special and peculiar benefit equal to or in excess of the costs reflected on **Exhibit A** to the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Developer has agreed to enter into this Agreement in lieu of having the District levy and collect any non-ad valorem assessments as authorized by law against the Property located within the District for the activities, operations and services set forth in **Exhibit A**;

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon good and valuable consideration and the mutual covenants of the parties, the receipt of which and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. **FUNDING.** The Developer agrees to make available to the District the monies ("**Funding Obligation**") necessary for the operation of the District as called for in the budget attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (and as **Exhibit A** may be amended from time to time pursuant to Florida law, but subject to the Developer's consent to such amendments to incorporate them herein), within thirty (30) days of written request by the District. As a point of clarification, the District shall only request as part of the Funding Obligation that the Developer fund the actual expenses of the District, and the Developer is not required to fund the total general fund budget in the event that actual expenses are less than the projected total general fund budget set forth in **Exhibit A**. The funds shall be placed in the District's general checking account. These payments are made by the Developer in lieu of taxes, fees, or assessments which might otherwise be levied or imposed by the District. Nothing contained herein shall constitute or be construed as a waiver of the District's right to levy assessments in the event of a funding deficit.

2. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of the agreement among the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both of the parties hereto.

3. **AUTHORIZATION.** The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of all parties hereto, each party has complied with all of the requirements of law, and each party has full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

4. **ASSIGNMENT.** This Agreement may be assigned, in whole or in part, by either party only upon the written consent of the other. Any purported assignment without such consent shall be void.

5. **DEFAULT.** A default by either party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which shall include, but not be limited to, the right of damages, injunctive relief and specific performance.

6. **ENFORCEMENT.** In the event that any party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the parties agree that the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other all costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

7. **THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES.** This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the formal parties herein and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason hereof, to or for the benefit of any third party not a formal party hereto. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the parties hereto any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any provisions or conditions hereof; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants and conditions herein contained shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective representatives, successors and assigns.

8. **CHOICE OF LAW.** This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida.

9. **ARM'S LENGTH.** This Agreement has been negotiated fully among the parties as an arm's length transaction. The parties participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement with the assistance of their respective counsel. In the case of a dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, the parties are each deemed to have drafted, chosen and selected the language, and the doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against any party.

10. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The Agreement shall be effective after execution by the parties hereto.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties execute this Agreement the day and year first written above.

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

LENNAR HOMES, LLC

By: _____

Its: _____

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2024/2025 General Fund Budget

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

9B

RESOLUTION 2025-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION 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 Groves at Lake Marion 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 GROVES AT LAKE MARION 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 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

9C

RESOLUTION 2025-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION 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, Groves at Lake Marion 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 GROVES AT LAKE MARION 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 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

9D

RESOLUTION 2025-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING A POLICY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL EXPENSES; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District ("**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, *Florida Statutes*, establishes standard travel reimbursement rates, procedures and limitations applicable to all public officers, employees and authorized persons whose travel is authorized and paid for by a public agency; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to adopt a Policy for Reimbursement of District Travel Expenses ("**Travel Reimbursement Policy**") pursuant to the provisions of Section 112.061, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the Board 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 GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. **POLICY.** The District hereby adopts the Travel Reimbursement Policy, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
2. **SEVERABILITY.** 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.
3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

EXHIBIT A

GROVES AT LAKE MARION 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 District board members, employees, consultants, or advisors in the performance of their official duties shall be reimbursed by the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District ("**District**").
- 1.2** Except as otherwise provided, prior authorization for travel is not required, but reimbursable expenses will be limited to those expenses incurred in the performance of official duties undertaken in connection with such public purposes as the District has been authorized by law to perform.
- 1.3** All claims submitted for reimbursement must be accompanied by a written statement that they are true and correct as to every material matter.

2.0 TRANSPORTATION.

- 2.1** All travel must be by a reasonably direct or usually traveled route. In the event a person travels by an indirect route for his/her own convenience, any additional cost shall be borne by the traveler and reimbursement for expenses shall be based on the usually traveled route.
- 2.2** Commercial travel shall be by the most economical method, tourist or coach class. First class rates will be paid only in the event that a statement is attached to the claim certifying that tourist or coach seating was unavailable.
- 2.3** When available without penalty for cancellation, travelers should take advantage of discount fares.
- 2.4** Transportation by common carrier when traveling on official business and paid for by the traveler shall be substantiated by a receipt.
- 2.5** Rental car expenses shall be substantiated by a copy of the rental agreement.
- 2.6** Whenever travel is by a privately-owned vehicle, the traveler shall be entitled to a mileage allowance at the fixed rate per mile as established by the IRS.
- 2.7** All mileage shall be from point of origin to point of destination. When travel commences from a location other than the traveler's official headquarters,

mileage shall be calculated on the basis of the distance from the headquarters city to the point of destination, unless the actual distance is shorter. Vicinity mileage necessary for conduct of official business is allowable, but must be identified as a separate item on the claim for reimbursement of expenses.

- 2.8** No traveler shall be allowed either mileage or transportation expense when he/she is gratuitously transported by another person, or when he/she is transported by another traveler who is entitled to mileage or transportation expense. However, a traveler on a private aircraft shall be reimbursed the actual amount charged and paid for his/her fare for such transportation up to the cost of a commercial airline ticket for the same flight if one is available, even though the owner or pilot of the aircraft is also entitled to transportation expense for the same flight.

3.0 INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

- 3.1** Reasonable travel-related expenses for meals, lodging, gratuities, taxi fares, tolls, parking fees, and business-related telephone, telegraph, and facsimile charges shall also be reimbursed if substantiated by receipts.
- 3.2** Reimbursement for meals shall not exceed \$6 for breakfast, \$11 for lunch, and \$19 for dinner. Should the State of Florida increase the meal allowances specified in Section 112.061, *Florida Statutes*, the District shall, without further action, be permitted to reimburse travelers based on the increased limits.
- 3.3** Registration fees and other actual and necessary expenses for conventions, conferences and seminars which will serve a direct public purpose related to District activities will be considered reimbursable if persons attending such meetings receive prior approval. In the event room or meal expenses are included in the registration fee, reimbursement for these expenses will be reduced accordingly.

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
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9E

RESOLUTION 2025-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION 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 Groves at Lake Marion 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 Polk 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 GROVES AT LAKE MARION 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 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

EXHIBIT A

GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

**In Accordance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act
Chapter 218, Part VII, *Florida Statutes***

November 4, 2024

Groves at Lake Marion 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 Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District ("District") Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures ("Policies & Procedures") is to provide a specific policy to ensure timely payment to Vendors and Contractors (both hereinafter defined) providing goods and/or services to the District and ensure the timely receipt by the District of goods and/or services contemplated at the time of contracting. Please note that the PPA, like any statute or law, may be amended from time to time by legislative action. These Policies & Procedures are based on the statutory requirements as of the date identified on the cover page of this document. By this reference, as applicable statutory provisions subsequently change, these Policies & Procedures shall automatically be amended to incorporate the new requirements of law. These Policies & Procedures are adopted by the District to provide guidance in contracting matters. Failure by the District to comply with these Policies & Procedures shall not expand the rights or remedies of any Provider (hereinafter defined) against the District under the PPA. Nothing contained herein shall be interpreted as more restrictive on the District than what is provided for in the PPA.

II. Scope

These Policies & Procedures apply to all operations of the District, including Construction Services and Non-Construction Goods and Services, as applicable.

III. Definitions

A. Agent

The District-contracted architect, District-contracted engineer, District Manager, or other person, acting on behalf of the District, which is required by law or contract to review invoices or payment requests from Providers (hereinafter defined). Such individuals/entities must be identified in accordance with §218.735 (1), Fla. Stat., and further identified in the relevant agreement between the District and the Provider.

B. Construction Services

All labor, services, and materials provided in connection with the construction, alteration, repair, demolition, reconstruction, or other improvement to real property that require a license under parts I and II of Chapter 489, Fla. Stat.

C. Contractor or Provider of Construction Services

The entity or individual that provides Construction Services through direct contract with the District.

D. Date Stamped

Each original and revised invoice or payment request received by the District shall be marked electronically or manually, by use of a date stamp or other method,

which date marking clearly indicates the date such invoice or payment request is first delivered to the District through its Agent. In the event that the Agent receives an invoice or payment request, but fails to timely or physically mark on the document the date received, "Date Stamped" shall mean the date of actual receipt by the Agent.

E. Improper Invoice

An invoice that does not conform to the requirements of a Proper Invoice.

F. Improper Payment Request

A request for payment for Construction Services that does not conform to the requirements of a Proper Payment Request.

G. Non-Construction Goods and Services

All labor, services, goods and materials provided in connection with anything other than construction, alteration, repair, demolition, reconstruction, or other improvements to real property.

H. Proper Invoice

An invoice that conforms to all statutory requirements, all requirements of these Policies and Procedures not expressly waived by the District and any additional requirements included in the agreement for goods and/or services for which the invoice is submitted not expressly waived by the District.

I. Proper Payment Request

A request for payment for Construction Services which conforms to all statutory requirements, all requirements of these Policies & Procedures not expressly waived by the District and any additional requirements included in the Construction Services agreement for which the Payment Request is submitted not expressly waived by the District.

J. Provider

Includes any Vendor, Contractor or Provider of Construction Services, as defined herein.

K. Purchase

The purchase of goods, materials, services, or Construction Services; the purchase or lease of personal property; or the lease of real property by the District.

L. Vendor

Any person or entity that sells goods or services, sells or leases personal property, or leases real property directly to the District, not including Construction Services.

IV. Proper Invoice/Payment Request Requirements

A. General

Prior to Provider receiving payment from the District, Non-Construction Goods and Services and Construction Services, as applicable, shall be received and performed in accordance with contractual or other specifications or requirements to the satisfaction of the District. Provision or delivery of Non-Construction Goods and Services to the District does not constitute acceptance for the purpose of payment. Final acceptance and authorization of payment shall be made only after delivery and inspection by the Agent and the Agent's confirmation that the Non-Construction Goods and Services or Construction Services meet contract specifications and conditions. Should the Non-Construction Goods and Services or Construction Services differ in any respect from the specifications, payment may be withheld until such time as the Provider takes necessary corrective action. Certain limited exceptions which require payment in advance are permitted when authorized by the District Board of Supervisors ("Board") or when provided for in the applicable agreement.

B. Sales Tax

Providers should not include sales tax on any invoice or payment request. The District's current tax-exempt number is [REDACTED]. A copy of the tax-exempt form will be supplied to Providers upon request.

C. Federal Identification and Social Security Numbers

Providers are paid using either a Federal Identification Number or Social Security Number. To receive payment, Providers should supply the District with the correct number as well as a proper Internal Revenue Service W-9 Form. The District Manager shall treat information provided in accordance with Florida law.

Providers should notify the District Manager when changes in data occur (telephone 561-571-0010), email: romd@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**
Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District
c/o Wrathell, Hunt & Associates LLC
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, Florida 33431
Attn: District Manager
2. **Email Address**
GrovesAtLakeMarionCDD@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.).

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

9F

RESOLUTION 2025-21

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING AN INTERNAL CONTROLS POLICY CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 218.33, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Groves at Lake Marion 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 GROVES AT LAKE MARION 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 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

EXHIBIT "A"

GROVES AT LAKE MARION 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 Groves at Lake Marion 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: November 4, 2024

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**PART 3:
NON-CONSENT
AGENDA
(ORGANIZATIONAL
ITEMS, BANKING ITEMS
& BUDGETARY ITEMS)**

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

10A

RESOLUTION 2025-22

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

WHEREAS, the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated within Polk 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 GROVES AT LAKE MARION 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 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

10B

RESOLUTION 2025-23

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

WHEREAS, Groves at Lake Marion 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's Board of Supervisors ("**Board**") is authorized by Section 190.011(5), *Florida Statutes*, to adopt rules and orders pursuant to Chapter 120, *Florida Statutes*.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

1. PUBLIC HEARING. A Public Hearing will be held to adopt the District's Rules of Procedure on:

DATE: _____
TIME: _____
LOCATION: _____

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

3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

[signatures appear on the following page]

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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**RULES OF PROCEDURE
GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

EFFECTIVE AS OF _____, 2024

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Rule 1.0 General.

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

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

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

Rule 1.1 Board of Supervisors; Officers and Voting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) District Offices. Unless otherwise designated by the Board, the official District office shall be the District Manager's office identified by the District Manager. If the District Manager's office is not located within the county in which the District is located, the Board shall designate a local records office within such county which shall at a minimum contain, but not be limited to, the following documents:

- (a) Agenda packages for prior 24 months and next meeting;
- (b) Official minutes of meetings, including adopted resolutions of the Board;
- (c) Names and addresses of current Board members and District Manager, unless such addresses are protected from disclosure by law;
- (d) Adopted engineer's reports;
- (e) Adopted assessment methodologies/reports;
- (f) Adopted disclosure of public financing;
- (g) Limited Offering Memorandum for each financing undertaken by the District;
- (h) Proceedings, certificates, bonds given by all employees, and any and all corporate acts;
- (i) District policies and rules;
- (j) Fiscal year end audits; and
- (k) Adopted budget for the current fiscal year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 1.3 Public Meetings, Hearings, and Workshops.

- (1) Notice. Except in emergencies, or as otherwise required by statute or these Rules, at least seven (7) days, but no more than thirty (30) days public notice shall be given of any public meeting, hearing or workshop of the Board. Public notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. “General circulation” means a publication that is printed and published at least once a week for the preceding year, offering at least 25% of its words in the English language, qualifies as a periodicals material for postal purposes in the county in which the District is located, is for sale to the public generally, is available to the public generally for the publication of official or other notices, and is customarily containing information of a public character or of interest or of value to the residents or owners of property in the county where published, or of interest or of value to the general public. The annual meeting notice required to be published by Section 189.015 of the Florida Statutes, shall be published in a newspaper not of limited subject matter, which is published at least five days a week, unless the only newspaper in the county is published less than five days a week. Each Notice shall state, as applicable:
- (a) The date, time and place of the meeting, hearing or workshop;
 - (b) A brief description of the nature, subjects, and purposes of the meeting, hearing, or workshop;
 - (c) The District office address for the submission of requests for copies of the agenda, as well as a contact name and telephone number for verbal requests for copies of the agenda; and
 - (d) The following or substantially similar language: “Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting/hearing/workshop is asked to advise the District Office at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting/hearing/workshop by contacting the District Manager at (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) Variances 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. Variances and waivers from District rules may be granted subject to the following:
- (a) Variances and waivers shall be granted when the person subject to the rule demonstrates that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means by the person, and when application of the rule would create a substantial hardship or would violate principles of fairness. For purposes of this section, "substantial hardship" means a demonstrated economic, technological, legal, or other type of hardship to the person requesting the variance or waiver. For purposes of this section, "principles of fairness" are violated when the literal application of a rule affects a particular person in a manner significantly different from the way it affects other similarly situated persons who are subject to the rule.
 - (b) A person who is subject to regulation by a District Rule may file a petition with the District, requesting a variance or waiver from the District’s Rule. Each petition shall specify:
 - (i) The rule from which a variance or waiver is requested;
 - (ii) The type of action requested;
 - (iii) The specific facts that would justify a waiver or variance for the petitioner; and
 - (iv) The reason why the variance or the waiver requested would serve the purposes of the underlying statute.
 - (c) The District shall review the petition and may request only that information needed to clarify the petition or to answer new questions raised by or directly related to the petition. If the petitioner asserts that any request for additional information is not authorized by law or by Rule of the District,

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.0 Competitive Purchase.

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

- (e) “Design-Build Firm” means a partnership, corporation or other legal entity that:
 - (i) Is certified under Section 489.119 of the Florida Statutes, to engage in contracting through a certified or registered general contractor or a certified or registered building contractor as the qualifying agent; or
 - (ii) Is certified under Section 471.023 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice engineering; certified under Section 481.219 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice architecture; or certified under Section 481.319 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice landscape architecture.
- (f) “Design Criteria Package” means concise, performance-oriented drawings or specifications for a public construction project. The purpose of the Design Criteria Package is to furnish sufficient information to permit Design-Build Firms to prepare a bid or a response to the District’s Request for Proposals, or to permit the District to enter into a negotiated Design-Build Contract. The Design Criteria Package must specify performance-based criteria for the public construction project, including the legal description of the site, survey information concerning the site, interior space requirements, material quality standards, schematic layouts and conceptual design criteria of the project, cost or budget estimates, design and construction schedules, site development requirements, provisions for utilities, stormwater retention and disposal, and parking requirements applicable to the project. Design Criteria Packages shall require firms to submit information regarding the qualifications, availability, and past work of the firms, including the partners and members thereof.
- (g) “Design Criteria Professional” means a firm who holds a current certificate of registration under Chapter 481 of the Florida Statutes, to practice architecture or landscape architecture, or a firm who holds a current certificate as a registered engineer under Chapter 471 of the Florida Statutes, to practice engineering, and who is employed by or under contract to the District to provide professional architect services, landscape architect services, or engineering services in connection with the preparation of the Design Criteria Package.
- (h) “Emergency Purchase” means a purchase necessitated by a sudden unexpected turn of events (for example, acts of God, riot, fires, floods, hurricanes, accidents, or any circumstances or cause beyond the control of the Board in the normal conduct of its business), where the Board finds that the delay incident to competitive purchase would be detrimental to the interests of the District. This includes, but is not limited to, instances where

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.1 Procedure Under the Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act.

- (1) Scope. The following procedures are adopted for the selection of firms or individuals to provide Professional Services exceeding the thresholds herein described, for the negotiation of such contracts, and to provide for protest of actions of the Board under this Rule. As used in this Rule, “Project” means that fixed capital outlay study or planning activity when basic construction cost is estimated by the District to exceed the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FIVE, or for a planning study activity when the fee for Professional Services is estimated by the District to exceed the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO, as such categories may be amended or adjusted from time to time.
- (2) Qualifying Procedures. In order to be eligible to provide Professional Services to the District, a consultant must, at the time of receipt of the firm’s qualification submittal:
 - (a) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (b) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - (c) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the consultant is a corporation; and
 - (d) Meet any qualification requirements set forth in the District’s Request for Qualifications.

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

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

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

(4) Competitive Selection.

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

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

(5) Competitive Negotiation.

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.2 Procedure Regarding Auditor Selection.

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

(1) Definitions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.3 Purchase of Insurance.

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

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

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

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

Law Implemented: § 112.08, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.4 Pre-qualification

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

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

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

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

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

(3) Suspension, Revocation, or Denial of Qualification

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

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

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

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

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

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

Examples of factors affecting the seriousness of a deficiency are:

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

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

Rule 3.5 Construction Contracts, Not Design-Build.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.6 Construction Contracts, Design-Build.

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

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

(2) Procedure.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.7 Payment and Performance Bonds.

- (1) Scope. This Rule shall apply to contracts for the construction of a public building, for the prosecution and completion of a public work, or for repairs upon a public building or public work and shall be construed in addition to terms prescribed by any other Rule that may also apply to such contracts.
- (2) Required Bond. Upon entering into a contract for any of the services described in section (1) of this Rule in excess of \$200,000, the Board should require that the contractor, before commencing the work, execute and record a payment and performance bond in an amount equal to the contract price. Notwithstanding the terms of the contract or any other law, the District may not make payment to the contractor until the contractor has provided to the District a certified copy of the recorded bond.
- (3) Discretionary Bond. At the discretion of the Board, upon entering into a contract for any of the services described in section (1) of this Rule for an amount not exceeding \$200,000, the contractor may be exempted from executing a payment and performance bond.

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

Law Implemented: § 255.05, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.8 Goods, Supplies, and Materials.

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

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

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

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

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

Florida shall be awarded a preference of five (5) percent. If the lowest Responsive Bid is submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder whose principal place of business is located in a foreign state which grants a preference in competitive purchase to businesses whose principal place of business are in that foreign state, the lowest Responsive and Responsible 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 _____, 2024, except that no election of officers required by these Rules shall be required until after the next regular election for the Board.

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

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

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

10BII

**NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT BY THE
GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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

The Rules of Procedure will address such areas as the Board of Supervisors, officers and voting, district offices, public information and inspection of records, policies, public meetings, hearings and workshops, rulemaking proceedings 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* (2022). 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* (2022).

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.

District Manager
Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District

Run Date: _____, 202____

PUBLISH: [AT LEAST 29 DAYS PRIOR TO ADOPTION DATE; AT LEAST ONE DAY PRIOR TO NOTICE OF RULEMAKING]

**NOTICE OF RULEMAKING REGARDING THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE
GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

A public hearing will be conducted by the Board of Supervisors of the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District ("District") on _____, 202__ at _____.m. at _____.

In accord with Chapters 120 and 190, Florida Statutes, the District hereby gives the public notice of its intent to adopt its proposed Rules of Procedure. The purpose and effect of the proposed Rules of Procedure is to provide for efficient and effective District operations and to ensure compliance with recent changes to Florida law. Prior notice of rule development was published in the _____ on _____, 202__.

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.

Specific legal authority for the adoption of the proposed Rules of Procedure includes Sections 190.011(5), 190.011(15) and 190.035, Florida Statutes (2022). 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 (2022).

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

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

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

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.

Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District
District Manager

Run Date: _____

PUBLISH: [AT LEAST 28 DAYS PRIOR TO ADOPTION DATE]

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

10C

RESOLUTION 2025-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Groves at Lake Marion 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 2024/2025 meeting schedule attached as **Exhibit A**.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE. The Fiscal Year 2024/2025 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 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

EXHIBIT “A”

GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT		
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 MEETING SCHEDULE		
LOCATION		
<i>TBD</i>		
DATE	POTENTIAL DISCUSSION/FOCUS	TIME
December __, 2024	Regular Meeting	__:__ AM/PM
January __, 2025	Regular Meeting	__:__ AM/PM
February __, 2025	Regular Meeting	__:__ AM/PM
March __, 2025	Regular Meeting	__:__ AM/PM
April __, 2025	Regular Meeting	__:__ AM/PM
May __, 2025	Regular Meeting	__:__ AM/PM
June __, 2025	Regular Meeting	__:__ AM/PM
July __, 2025	Regular Meeting	__:__ AM/PM
August __, 2025	Regular Meeting	__:__ AM/PM
September __, 2025	Regular Meeting	__:__ AM/PM

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

11A

RESOLUTION 2025-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A PUBLIC DEPOSITORY FOR FUNDS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Groves at Lake Marion 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's Board of Supervisors ("**Board**") is statutorily authorized to select a depository as defined in Section 280.02, *Florida Statutes*, which meets all the requirements of Chapter 280 and has been designated by the State Treasurer as a qualified public depository; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to designate a public depository for the District funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT THAT:

1. DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC DEPOSITORY. _____
is hereby designated as the public depository for District funds. In accordance with Section 280.17(4), *Florida Statutes*, the District's Secretary is directed to furnish to the State Treasurer prior to the deposit of any public funds, the District's official name, address, federal employer identification number, and the name of the person or persons responsible for establishing accounts. The District's Treasurer, upon assuming responsibility for handling the District funds, is directed to furnish to the State Treasurer annually the information required in accordance with Section 280.17(3), *Florida Statutes*.

2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

ACTIVE QUALIFIED PUBLIC DEPOSITORY LIST

The following Qualified Public Depositories (QPDs) are authorized to hold public deposits. The cities and states listed are the home office locations. QPDs marked with an asterisk have limited the amount of public deposits they will administer. QPDs having a date beside their name are in the process of withdrawing from the program and shall not receive or retain public deposits after the date shown. They may, however, have certain obligations to the program after that date with which they must comply before concluding the withdrawal process.

FEIN	INSTITUTION	HOME OFFICE LOCATION
591846933	AMERANT BANK, N.A.	CORAL GABLES, FL
161764661	AMERICAN MOMENTUM BANK	COLLEGE STATION, TX
592430369	AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK	OAKLAND PARK, FL
581111076	AMERIS BANK	MOULTRIE, GA
202502516	ANCHOR BANK	JUNO BEACH, FL
720218544	ANTHEM BANK & TRUST	PLAQUEMINE, LA
651066544	APOLLO BANK	MIAMI, FL
591008568	AXIOM BANK, N.A.	MAITLAND, FL
591485307	BAC FLORIDA BANK	CORAL GABLES, FL
640117230	BANCORPSOUTH BANK	TUPELO, MS
202768792	BANESCO USA	CORAL GABLES, FL
132614394	BANK LEUMI USA	NEW YORK, NY
941687665	BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.	CHARLOTTE, NC
591024375	BANK OF BELLE GLADE	BELLE GLADE, FL
208376899	BANK OF CENTRAL FLORIDA	LAKELAND, FL
591447189	BANK OF TAMPA, THE	TAMPA, FL
591050700	BANK OF THE SOUTH	PENSACOLA, FL
270217289	BANKUNITED, N.A.	MIAMI LAKES, FL
630476286	BBVA USA	BIRMINGHAM, AL
593672784	BEACH COMMUNITY BANK	FORT WALTON BEACH, FL
362085229	BMO HARRIS BANK, N.A.	CHICAGO, IL
590153930	BRANNEN BANK	INVERNESS, FL
370613731	BUSEY BANK	CHAMPAIGN, IL
640156695	CADENCE BANK, N.A.	ATLANTA, GA
593277398	CAPITAL CITY BANK	TALLAHASSEE, FL
630258819	CCB COMMUNITY BANK	ANDALUSIA, AL
710009885	CENTENNIAL BANK	CONWAY, AR
592979916	CENTERSTATE BANK, N.A.	WINTER HAVEN, FL
205909064	CENTRAL BANK	TAMPA, FL
592664950	CHARLOTTE STATE BANK & TRUST	PORT CHARLOTTE, FL
135266470	CITIBANK, N.A.	SIOUX FALLS, SD
590193780	CITIZENS BANK AND TRUST	FROSTPROOF, FL
590557762	CITIZENS BANK OF FLORIDA	OVIEDO, FL
593018034	CITIZENS FIRST BANK	THE VILLAGES, FL
591297458	CITY NATIONAL BANK OF FLORIDA	MIAMI, FL
590201970	COLUMBIA BANK	LAKE CITY, FL
640154830	COMMUNITY BANK OF MISSISSIPPI	FOREST, MS
593611444	COMMUNITY BANK OF THE SOUTH	MERRITT ISLAND, FL
590795359	COMMUNITY STATE BANK	STARKE, FL
591451065	CREWS BANK & TRUST	ARCADIA, FL
592976493	DRUMMOND COMMUNITY BANK	CHIEFLAND, FL
591259357	EASTERN NATIONAL BANK	MIAMI, FL
650765849	EDISON NATIONAL BANK	FORT MYERS, FL

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FEIN	INSTITUTION	HOME OFFICE LOCATION
611433431	ENGLEWOOD BANK & TRUST	ENGLEWOOD, FL
591387466	EXECUTIVE NATIONAL BANK	MIAMI, FL
310676865	FIFTH THIRD BANK	CINCINNATI, OH
208075599	FINEMARK NATIONAL BANK & TRUST	FORT MYERS, FL
590242465	FIRST BANK	CLEWISTON, FL
202945754	FIRST BANK OF THE PALM BEACHES	WEST PALM BEACH, FL
593528089	FIRST CITRUS BANK	TAMPA, FL
590612190	FIRST CITY BANK OF FLORIDA *	FORT WALTON BEACH, FL
261462549	FIRST COLONY BANK OF FLORIDA	MAITLAND, FL
590969721	FIRST FEDERAL BANK	LAKE CITY, FL
208397856	FIRST FLORIDA INTEGRITY BANK	NAPLES, FL
593526917	FIRST HOME BANK	ST. PETERSBURG, FL
620201385	FIRST HORIZON BANK	MEMPHIS, TN
592312147	FIRST NATIONAL BANK NORTHWEST FLORIDA	PANAMA CITY, FL
590242830	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MOUNT DORA, THE	MOUNT DORA, FL
592648115	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PASCO	DADE CITY, FL
590675658	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SOUTH MIAMI	SOUTH MIAMI, FL
590877517	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF WAUCHULA	WAUCHULA, FL
580379465	FIRST SOUTHERN BANK	WAYCROSS, GA
650790413	FIRST STATE BANK OF THE FLORIDA KEYS	KEY WEST, FL
660183103	FIRSTBANK PUERTO RICO	SAN JUAN, PR
650980079	FLAGLER BANK	WEST PALM BEACH, FL
202472079	FLAGSHIP BANK	CLEARWATER, FL
592475686	FLORIDA CAPITAL BANK, N.A.	JACKSONVILLE, FL
590788761	FNBT BANK	FORT WALTON BEACH, FL
590199400	GROVE BANK & TRUST	MIAMI, FL
640169065	HANCOCK WHITNEY BANK	GULFPORT, MS
593584666	HEARTLAND NATIONAL BANK	SEBRING, FL
580659995	HERITAGE SOUTHEAST BANK	JONESBORO, GA
720218470	IBERIABANK	LAFAYETTE, LA
592327185	INTERNATIONAL FINANCE BANK	MIAMI, FL
261783674	INTRACOASTAL BANK	PALM COAST, FL
134994650	JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.	COLUMBUS, OH
590549169	LAFAYETTE STATE BANK	MAYO, FL
204694103	LEGACY BANK OF FLORIDA	BOCA RATON, FL
593559141	MADISON COUNTY COMMUNITY BANK	MADISON, FL
200235207	MAINSTREET COMMUNITY BANK OF FLORIDA	DELAND, FL
650644585	MARINE BANK & TRUST COMPANY	VERO BEACH, FL
420335350	MIDWESTONE BANK	IOWA CITY, IA
361561860	NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY, THE	CHICAGO, IL
592237280	OCEAN BANK	MIAMI, FL
010914314	ONE FLORIDA BANK	ORLANDO, FL
042764211	ONEUNITED BANK	BOSTON, MA

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FEIN	INSTITUTION	HOME OFFICE LOCATION
592437764	PACIFIC NATIONAL BANK	MIAMI, FL
203037095	PARADISE BANK	BOCA RATON, FL
591510993	PEOPLES BANK OF GRACEVILLE	GRACEVILLE, FL
581171935	PEOPLESSOUTH BANK	COLQUITT, GA
592689717	PILOT BANK	TAMPA, FL
580137310	PINELAND BANK	ALMA, GA
592648364	PNB COMMUNITY BANK	NICEVILLE, FL
221146430	PNC BANK, N.A.	WILMINGTON, DE
522126008	POPULAR BANK	NEW YORK, NY
260474086	PRIME MERIDIAN BANK	TALLAHASSEE, FL
580163257	PRIMESOUTH BANK	BLACKSHEAR, GA
262155465	PROFESSIONAL BANK	CORAL GABLES, FL
261740755	PROGRESS BANK AND TRUST	HUNTSVILLE, AL
593244348	RAYMOND JAMES BANK, N.A.	ST. PETERSBURG, FL
630371391	REGIONS BANK	BIRMINGHAM, AL
640220550	RENASANT BANK	TUPELO, MS
610197400	REPUBLIC BANK & TRUST COMPANY	LOUISVILLE, KY
590193820	SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK	STUART, FL
203341252	SEASIDE NATIONAL BANK & TRUST	ORLANDO, FL
202451671	SERVISFIRST BANK	HOMESWOOD, AL
204091629	SMARTBANK	PIGEON FORGE, TN
580214350	SOUTHEASTERN BANK	DARIEN, GA
650878433	SUNSTATE BANK	MIAMI, FL
590580845	SURETY BANK	DELAND, FL
580201800	SYNOVUS BANK	COLUMBUS, GA
010137770	TD BANK, N.A.	WILMINGTON, DE
592532510	TERRABANK	MIAMI, FL
640878155	THE FIRST, A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION	HATTIESBURG, MS
593531592	TIAA, FSB DBA EVERBANK	JACKSONVILLE, FL
561074313	TRUIST BANK	CHARLOTTE, NC
140578631	TRUSTCO BANK	GLENVILLE, NY
640180810	TRUSTMARK NATIONAL BANK	JACKSON, MS
310841368	U.S. BANK N.A.	CINCINNATI, OH
522371258	U.S. CENTURY BANK	DORAL, FL
630838750	UNITED BANK	ATMORE, AL
590489540	UNITED SOUTHERN BANK	UMATILLA, FL
221186387	VALLEY NATIONAL BANK	PASSAIC, NJ
590500870	WAUCHULA STATE BANK	WAUCHULA, FL
941347393	WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.	SIOUX FALLS, SD
821914784	WINTER PARK NATIONAL BANK	WINTER PARK, FL

Updated February 3, 2020

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

12A

RESOLUTION 2025-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPROVING A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW; ADDRESSING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District ("**District**") was recently established by Polk County, Florida, effective August 6, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the District Manager has prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors of the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District ("**Board**") the proposed operating budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025; 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 GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. APPROVING PROPOSED BUDGET. The operating budget proposed by the District Manager for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved as the basis for conducting a public hearing to adopt said budget.

2. SETTING HEARING. The public hearing on the approved budget is hereby declared and set for the following date, hour and location:

DATE: _____

TIME: _____

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget

Exhibit A

Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
PROPOSED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2025**

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION
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**GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2025**

	Proposed Budget
REVENUES	
Landowner contribution	73,206
Total revenues	<u>73,206</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Professional & administrative	
Supervisors	-
Management/accounting/recording**	28,000
Legal	25,000
Engineering	2,000
Audit*	-
Arbitrage rebate calculation*	-
Dissemination agent*	500
EMMA software service*	-
Trustee*	-
Telephone	183
Postage	500
Printing & binding	458
Legal advertising	7,500
Annual special district fee	175
Insurance	5,500
Meeting room rental	-
Contingencies/bank charges	1,500
Website hosting & maintenance	1,680
Website ADA compliance	210
Total expenditures	<u>73,206</u>
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	-
Fund balance - beginning (unaudited)	-
Fund balance - ending (projected)	-
Unassigned	-
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ -</u>

*These items will be realized when bonds are issued

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

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
DEFINITIONS OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**

EXPENDITURES

Professional & administrative

Supervisors	\$ -
Statutorily set at \$200 for each meeting of the Board of Supervisors not to exceed \$4,800 for each fiscal year.	
Management/accounting/recording**	28,000
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*	500
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.	
EMMA software service*	-
Trustee*	-
Telephone	183
Postage	500
Telephone and fax machine.	
Printing & binding	458
Mailing of agenda packages, overnight deliveries, correspondence, etc.	
Legal advertising	7,500
Letterhead, envelopes, copies, agenda packages	
Annual special district fee	175
The District advertises for monthly meetings, special meetings, public hearings, public bids, etc.	
Insurance	5,500
Annual fee paid to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.	
Meeting room rental	-
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>\$ 73,206</u></u>

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2025-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING AN INDIVIDUAL DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ACT AS THE DISTRICT'S PURCHASING AGENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCURING, ACCEPTING, AND MAINTAINING ANY AND ALL CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS NECESSARY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE OR COMPLETION OF THE DISTRICT'S INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THE DISTRICT'S ADOPTED IMPROVEMENT PLAN; PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL OF A WORK AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF MATERIALS; APPROVING THE FORM OF A PURCHASE REQUISITION REQUEST; APPROVING THE FORM OF A PURCHASE ORDER; APPROVING THE FORM OF A CERTIFICATE OF ENTITLEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF INSURANCE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Groves at Lake Marion 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 construct, install, operate and/or maintain systems and facilities for certain basic infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Supervisors (the "Board"), upon recommendation of the District Engineer, has adopted or will adopt an improvement plan for the construction and installation of certain infrastructure improvements within the District (the "Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, the District has or will enter into various construction contracts for the construction and installation of the Improvements (the "Construction Contracts"); and

WHEREAS, the Construction Contracts allow, or will be amended to allow, for the direct purchase by the District of certain construction materials necessary for those contracts; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that such direct purchase of construction materials will provide a significant construction cost reduction that is in the best interest of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to have a District representative who is familiar with the project and who is knowledgeable in the area of procuring and handling construction materials act as its representative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District Engineer, the District Manager or another individual as shall be appointed by the Board (the “Purchasing Agent”) shall have the full authority of the District to issue purchase orders or enter into purchase agreements on behalf of the District at such times and intervals as it determines necessary for the timely receipt of construction materials required by the Contractor for the prosecution of the construction project.

SECTION 2. The Purchasing Agent shall purchase on behalf of the District only those materials identified in the Construction Contracts and in amounts not to exceed the cost amount contained therein and as included in the Construction Contracts.

SECTION 3. The Purchasing Agent shall be authorized to purchase on behalf of the District any additional construction materials that are identified in a schedule of values associated with any change order(s) to the Construction Contracts or that of any subcontractor to the Contractor which is approved by the District.

SECTION 4. Should the District Engineer act as the Purchasing Agent for any given Construction Contract, a work authorization of the District Engineer, a form of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, is hereby approved and/or ratified, and the District Engineer shall be paid such reasonable fees, costs and expenses, related to its actions as the District’s Purchasing Agent as provided for in the District Engineer’s agreement with the District.

SECTION 5. The Purchasing Agent is further authorized to take any other administrative actions that are consistent with his/her duties as the District’s Purchasing Agent, including but not limited to, negotiating for lower prices on materials from other suppliers, arranging for the storage, delivery, and protection of purchased materials, and sending and receiving notices and releases as are required by law.

SECTION 6. The District Manager is hereby directed to purchase Builders All Risk Insurance on behalf of the District and with the District as the named insured in such amounts as are necessary to cover the estimated costs of the construction materials pursuant to the Construction Contract.

SECTION 7. The procurement procedures and its exhibits, attached hereto as **Composite Exhibit B** and incorporated herein by reference, are hereby approved and/or ratified, and shall be used by the Purchasing Agent for the purchase of construction materials on behalf of the District.

SECTION 8. The actions of current and prior members of the Board and District staff in effectuating the District’s direct purchase of materials relative to the Construction Contracts, including but not limited to the execution of any documents related therewith, are hereby determined to be in accordance with the prior authorizations of the District’s Chairman, Vice Chair in the Chairman’s absence, and/or the Board, and are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed all respects.

SECTION 9. If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

EXHIBIT A

Work Authorization
_____, 2024

Board of Supervisors
Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

Subject: **Work Authorization Number ____**
Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District

Dear Chairman, Board of Supervisors:

_____ (the "Engineer") is pleased to submit this work authorization to provide engineering services for the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District (the "District"). We will provide these services pursuant to our current agreement dated _____ (the "Engineering Agreement") as follows:

I. Scope of Work

The Engineer will act as Purchasing Agent for the District with respect to the direct purchase of construction materials for the District's Improvements in accordance with the procurement procedures adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

II. Compensation

The Engineer will be compensated for this work at the hourly rates established pursuant to the Engineering Agreement.

III. Other Direct Costs

Other direct costs include items such as printing, drawings, travel, deliveries, et cetera, pursuant to the Engineering Agreement.

This work authorization, together with the Engineering Agreement, represents the entire understanding between the District and the Engineer with regard to the referenced services and supersedes any previously executed proposal or agreement related to the provision of such services. If you wish to accept this work authorization, please sign where indicated and return to our office. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED

Sincerely,

By:

Authorized Representative of District

Date:

By: _____

COMPOSITE EXHIBIT B

PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES FOR OWNER PURCHASED MATERIAL

1. Purchase Requisition Request Forms. At least ten (10) calendar days prior to CONTRACTOR ordering construction materials, CONTRACTOR shall prepare and forward to the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District (the "OWNER") a separate Purchasing Requisition Request Form for each supplier in the form attached hereto as **Attachment 1**, specifically identifying the construction materials which CONTRACTOR plans to order from each supplier so that OWNER may, in its sole discretion, elect to purchase directly such construction materials.

2. Purchase Orders. After receipt of the Purchasing Requisition Request Form, the OWNER shall prepare Purchase Orders in the form attached hereto as **Attachment 2**, for construction materials which the OWNER wishes to purchase directly. Purchase Orders shall require that the supplier provide required shipping and handling insurance. Purchase Orders shall also require the delivery of the Owner Purchased Materials on the delivery dates provided by the CONTRACTOR in the Purchasing Requisition Request Form. Pursuant to the Purchase Order, the supplier will provide the CONTRACTOR the required quantities of construction material at the price established in the supplier's quote less any associated sales tax.

3. Certificate of Entitlement. The OWNER shall execute a separate Certificate of Entitlement for each Purchase Order in the form attached hereto as **Attachment 3**, and furnish a copy of same to the supplier and to the CONTRACTOR in accordance with Section 4. Each Certificate of Entitlement must have attached thereto the corresponding Purchase Order.

Each Certificate of Entitlement shall acknowledge that if the Department of Revenue determines the purchase is not a tax exempt purchase by a governmental entity, then the governmental entity will be responsible for any tax, penalties and interest determined to be due.

Each Certificate of Entitlement shall affirm that: (1) the attached Purchase Order is being issued directly to the vendor supplying the tangible personal property the CONTRACTOR will use in the identified public works; (2) the vendor's invoice will be issued directly to the governmental entity; (3) payment of the vendor's invoice will be made directly by the governmental entity to the vendor from public funds; (4) the governmental entity will take title to the tangible personal property from the vendor at the time of purchase or of delivery by the vendor; and (5) the governmental entity assumes the risk of damage or loss at the time of purchase or delivery by the vendor.

4. Transmission of Certificate of Entitlement and Attached Purchase Order. At least two (2) calendar days prior to CONTRACTOR placing OWNER'S order for the construction materials, OWNER shall forward each Certificate of Entitlement, together with the attached Purchase Order, to CONTRACTOR and to supplier. Promptly upon receipt of the Owner Purchased Materials specified in each Purchase Order, CONTRACTOR shall verify the purchase of the Owner Purchased Materials

in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Order and in a manner to assure timely delivery of the Owner Purchased Materials.

5. Notice of Reduction in Contract Price. On or about the last business day of each month, OWNER shall deliver to the CONTRACTOR a Notice of Reduction in Contract Price (hereinafter "Notice"). Each Notice shall list all Owner Purchased Materials for the respective month and the total price for all such construction materials, plus all sales taxes which would have been associated with such construction materials had the CONTRACTOR purchased the construction materials. Each Notice may also include the total price and sales tax (had CONTRACTOR purchased) for any previously purchased Owner Purchased Materials which for any reason were not previously deducted from the contract price. The contract price will be reduced automatically and as a ministerial task by the amount set forth in each Notice. Each Notice will also reflect the amended contract balance reflecting the deductions taken in said Notice.

The intent of this provision is to cause the contract price to be reduced automatically by the amount OWNER pays for Owner Purchased Materials plus the amount of applicable sales tax that would have been paid for such construction materials, had the CONTRACTOR or any other non-tax exempt entity purchased the construction materials. All savings of sales taxes shall accrue solely to the benefit of OWNER, and CONTRACTOR shall not benefit whatsoever from savings of any such taxes.

6. Payment for Owner Purchased Materials. In order to arrange for the prompt payment to suppliers, the CONTRACTOR shall provide to the OWNER a list indicating on behalf of the owner of the Owner Purchased Materials within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of said Owner Purchased Materials. The list shall include a copy of the applicable Purchase Orders, invoices, delivery tickets, written acceptance of the delivered items, and such other documentation as may be reasonably required by the OWNER. Upon receipt of the appropriate documentation, the OWNER shall prepare a check drawn to the supplier based upon the receipt of data provided. OWNER will make payment to each supplier. The CONTRACTOR agrees to assist the OWNER to immediately obtain appropriate partial or final release of waivers.

OWNER shall be responsible for the full payment of all valid and due invoices for Owner Purchased Materials and shall not be entitled to retain the standard ten (10%) percent amount of the progress payment due to the CONTRACTOR as is otherwise provided for in the contract documents.

CONTRACTOR shall affirm that the vendor supplying the Owner Purchased Materials is not also the installer of the Owner Purchased Materials. CONTRACTOR shall further affirm that the installer of the Owner Purchased Materials did not manufacture, fabricate or furnish the Owner Purchased Materials.

7. CONTRACTOR Responsibilities. CONTRACTOR shall be fully responsible for all matters relating to ordering, storing, protecting, receipt, and handling for all construction materials including Owner Purchased Materials, in accordance with these procedures including, but not limited to,

verifying correct quantities, verifying documents of orders in a timely manner, coordinating purchases, providing and obtaining all warranties and guarantees required by the contract documents, inspection and acceptance on behalf of the owner of the construction materials at the time of delivery, and loss or damage to the construction materials following acceptance of construction materials, due to the negligence of the CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall serve as bailee with respect to such Owner Purchased Materials. The CONTRACTOR shall coordinate delivery schedules, sequence of delivery, loading orientation, and other arrangements normally required by the CONTRACTOR for the construction materials furnished including Owner Purchased Materials. The CONTRACTOR shall provide all services required for the unloading, handling and storage of construction materials through installation including Owner Purchased Materials. The CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the OWNER from any and all claims of whatever nature resulting from non-payment for Owner Purchased Materials arising from CONTRACTOR actions.

7.1 Inspection and Documentation. As Owner Purchased Materials are delivered to the job site, CONTRACTOR shall visually inspect all shipments from the suppliers, and approve the vendor's invoice for construction materials delivered. The CONTRACTOR shall assure that each delivery of Owner Purchased Material is accompanied by documentation adequate to identify the Purchase Order against which the purchase is made. This documentation may consist of a delivery ticket and an invoice from the supplier conforming to the Purchase Order together with such additional information as the OWNER may require. All invoices for Owner Purchase Materials shall include the Owner's consumer certificate of exemption number. The CONTRACTOR will then forward all such invoices to the OWNER. On or about the 15th and last day of each month (or the next succeeding business day), CONTRACTOR shall review all invoices submitted by all suppliers of Owner Purchased Materials delivered to the Project site(s) during that month and either concur or object to the OWNER's issuance of payment to the suppliers, based upon CONTRACTOR's records of Owner Purchased Materials delivered to the site and whether any defects or non-conformities exist in such Owner Purchased Materials.

7.2 Warranties, Guarantees, Repairs and Maintenance. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for obtaining and managing on behalf of the Owner all warranties and guarantees for all construction materials as required by the contract documents and shall fully warrant all construction materials including all Owner Purchased Materials. OWNER's purchase of various construction materials shall not in any manner impact or reduce CONTRACTOR's duty to warrant said construction materials. The OWNER may forward all repair, maintenance, non-conforming construction materials calls, or any other issues relating to the construction materials to the CONTRACTOR for resolution with the appropriate supplier, vendor, or subcontractor. The CONTRACTOR shall resolve all such calls or issues.

7.3 Records and Accountings. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain records of all Owner Purchased Materials it incorporates into the work from the stock of Owner Purchased Materials in its possession as bailee. The CONTRACTOR shall account monthly to the OWNER for any Owner Purchased Materials delivered into the CONTRACTOR's possession, indicating portions of all such construction materials which have been incorporated into the work.

7.4 Defective or Non-conforming Construction Materials. The CONTRACTOR shall ensure that Owner Purchased Materials conform to specifications, and determine prior to incorporation into the work if such construction materials are defective or non-conforming, whether such construction materials are identical to the construction materials ordered, and match the description on the bill of lading. If the CONTRACTOR discovers defective or non-conforming Owner Purchased Material upon such visual inspection, the CONTRACTOR shall not utilize such non-conforming or defective construction materials in the work and instead shall promptly notify the OWNER of the defective or non-conforming conditions so repair or replacement of such construction materials can occur without any undue delay or interruption to the Project. If the CONTRACTOR fails to adequately and properly perform such inspection or otherwise incorporates into the Project defective or non-conforming Owner Purchased Materials, the condition of which it either knew or should have known by performance of an inspection, CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for all damages to OWNER resulting from CONTRACTOR's incorporation of such construction materials into the Project, including liquidated or delay damages.

8. Title. Notwithstanding the transfer of Owner Purchased Materials by the OWNER to the CONTRACTOR's possession as bailee for the OWNER, the OWNER shall retain legal and equitable title to any and all Owner Purchased Materials.

9. Insurance and Risk of Loss. The OWNER shall purchase and maintain Builder's Risk Insurance sufficient to protect against any loss or damage to Owner Purchased Materials. Owner shall be the named insured and such insurance shall cover the full value of any Owner Purchased Materials not yet incorporated into the Project during the period between the time the OWNER first takes title to any such Owner Purchased Materials and the time when the last of such Owner Purchased Materials is incorporated into the Project or consumed in the process of completing the Project.

10. No Damages for Delay. The OWNER shall in no way be liable for, and CONTRACTOR waives all claims for, any damages relating to or caused by alleged interruption or delay due to ordering or arrival of Owner Purchased Materials, defects, or other problems of any nature with such construction materials, late payment for such construction materials, or any other circumstance associated with Owner Purchased Materials, regardless of whether OWNER's conduct caused, in whole or in part, such alleged damages. The foregoing waiver by CONTRACTOR includes damages for acceleration and inefficiencies. CONTRACTOR accepts from OWNER as further and specific consideration for the foregoing waivers, OWNER's undertaking to pay for and finance all Owner Purchased Materials.

Attachment 1

PURCHASE REQUISITION REQUEST FORM

1. Contact Person for the material supplier.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

2. Manufacturer or brand, model or specification number of the item.

3. Quantity needed as estimated by CONTRACTOR. _____

4. The price quoted by the supplier for the construction materials identified above.
\$ _____

5. The sales tax associated with the price quote. \$ _____

6. Shipping and handling insurance cost. \$ _____

7. Delivery dates as established by CONTRACTOR. _____

OWNER: Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District

Authorized Signature (Title)

Date

CONTRACTOR: _____

Authorized Signature (Title)

Date

Attachment 2

PURCHASE ORDER

1. **SEE ATTACHED PURCHASE REQUISITION REQUEST FORM DATED _____, 20__.**
2. Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District State of Florida sales tax exemption certificate number: _____

Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District is the Purchaser of the construction materials purchased pursuant to this Purchase Order. Supplier shall provide for the required shipping and handling insurance cost for delivery of the construction materials by the delivery date specified in this Purchase Order.

OWNER: Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District

Authorized Signature (Title)

Date

CONTRACTOR: _____

Authorized Signature (Title)

Date

Attachment 3

CERTIFICATE OF ENTITLEMENT

The undersigned authorized representative of Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District (hereinafter "Governmental Entity"), Florida Consumer's Certificate of Exemption Number _____, affirms that the tangible personal property purchased pursuant to Purchase Order Number _____ from _____ (Vendor) on or after _____, 20__ (date) will be incorporated into or become a part of a public facility as part of a public works contract pursuant to Contract # _____ with _____ (Name of Contractor) for the construction of _____.

The Governmental Entity affirms that the purchase of the tangible personal property contained in the attached Purchase Order meets the following exemption requirements contained in Section 212.08(6), F.S., and Rule 12A-1.094, F.A.C.:

You must initial each of the following requirements.

- ____ 1. The attached Purchase Order is issued directly to the vendor supplying the tangible personal property the Contractor will use in the identified public works.
- ____ 2. The vendor's invoice will be issued directly to Governmental Entity.
- ____ 3. Payment of the vendor's invoice will be made directly by Governmental Entity to the vendor from public funds.
- ____ 4. Governmental Entity will take title to the tangible personal property from the vendor at the time of purchase or of delivery by the vendor.
- ____ 5. Governmental Entity assumes the risk of damage or loss at the time of purchase or delivery by the vendor.

The Governmental Entity affirms that if the tangible personal property identified in the attached Purchase Order does not qualify for the exemption provided in Section 212.08(6), F.S., and Rule 12A-1.094, F.A.C., the Governmental Entity will be subject to the tax, interest, and penalties due on the tangible personal property purchased. If the Florida Department of Revenue determines that the tangible personal property purchased tax-exempt by issuing this Certificate does not qualify for the exemption, the Governmental Entity will be liable for any tax, penalty, and interest determined to be due.

I understand that if I fraudulently issue this certificate to evade the payment of sales tax I will be liable for payment of the sales tax plus a penalty of 200% of the tax and may be subject to conviction of a third degree felony. Under the penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing Certificate of Entitlement and the facts stated in it are true.

Signature of Authorized Representative
of Governmental Entity

Title

Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District

Purchaser's Name

Date

Federal Employer Identification Number: _____

Telephone Number: _____

You must attach a copy of the Purchase Order to this Certificate of Entitlement. Do not send to the Florida Department of Revenue. This Certificate of Entitlement must be retained in the Vendor's and the Contractor's books and records.

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**PART 4:
BOND FINANCING
& PROJECT
RELATED MATTERS**

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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BOND FINANCING TEAM FUNDING AGREEMENT

This Bond Financing Team Funding Agreement ("**Agreement**") is made and entered into this 4th day of November, 2024, by and between:

GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and with an address of c/o Wrathell, Hunt & Associates LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 ("**District**"), and

LENNAR HOMES, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, and the developer of the lands in the District ("**Developer**") with a mailing address of 5505 Waterford District Drive, Miami, Florida 33126.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District was established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the District presently expects to issue bonds or other debt instruments ("**Bonds**") to provide for the financing of certain capital improvements, facilities, and services to benefit the lands within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District and the Developer desire to enter into this Agreement to provide funds to enable the District to commence its financing program.

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon good and valuable consideration and the mutual covenants of the parties, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. PROVISION OF FUNDS. The District agrees to authorize District staff, including the District Engineer, District Manager, and District Counsel to proceed with all work ("**Work**") necessary to issue the Bonds, and to retain a Bond Counsel and Financial Advisor and other professional assistance as may be necessary to proceed with the Work. The parties fully expect that all fees, costs and expenses arising from or related to the Work will be funded by the District's issuance of the Bonds, and upon issuance of the Bonds, the parties will take the necessary steps to pay for such fees, costs and expenses from the costs of issuance account(s) established for the Bonds. That said, in the event that Bonds are not issued within one year of the date of this Agreement, or in the event that it becomes reasonably apparent that the District will not issue the Bonds, or in the event that this agreement is otherwise terminated, whichever is earlier, the District shall invoice the Developer for all fees, costs and expenses incurred by the District, and the Developer within 10 days shall remit funds to pay for such fees, costs and expenses.

2. TERMINATION. Either party may terminate this Agreement in writing upon 10 days written notice.

3. DEFAULT. A default by either party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which may include, but not be limited to, the right of damages, injunctive relief and/or specific performance.

4. ENFORCEMENT OF AGREEMENT. In the event that either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the substantially prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all fees and costs incurred, including reasonable attorney's fees, paralegal fees and expert witness fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

5. AGREEMENT. This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of this Agreement between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

6. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both of the parties hereto.

7. AUTHORIZATION. The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of all parties hereto, each party has complied with all the requirements of law, and each party has full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

8. NOTICES. All notices, requests, consents and other communications hereunder ("Notices") shall be in writing and shall be delivered, mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, or overnight delivery service, to the parties at the addresses listed above. Except as otherwise provided herein, any Notice shall be deemed received only upon actual delivery at the address set forth herein. Notices delivered after 5:00 p.m. (at the place of delivery) or on a non-business day, shall be deemed received on the next business day. If any time for giving Notice contained in this Agreement would otherwise expire on a non-business day, the Notice period shall be extended to the next succeeding business day. Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays recognized by the United States government shall not be regarded as business days. Counsel for the parties may deliver Notice on behalf of the parties. Any party or other person to whom Notices are to be sent or copied may notify the other parties and addressees of any change in name or address to which Notices shall be sent by providing the same on five (5) days written notice to the parties and addressees set forth herein.

9. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the parties herein and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason hereof, to or for the benefit of any third party not a party hereto. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the parties

hereto any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any provisions or conditions hereof; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants and conditions herein contained shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective representatives, successors and assigns.

10. ASSIGNMENT. Neither party may assign this Agreement or any monies to become due hereunder without the prior written approval of the other party.

11. CONTROLLING LAW; VENUE. This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. Venue shall be in Polk County, Florida.

12. EFFECTIVE DATE. The Agreement shall be effective after execution by both parties hereto and shall remain in effect unless terminated by either of the parties hereto.

13. PUBLIC RECORDS. Developer understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District or to District Staff in connection with the work contemplated under this Agreement are public records and are treated as such in accordance with Florida law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties execute this Agreement to be effective the day and year first written above.

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

LENNAR HOMES, LLC

By: _____
Its: _____

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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20660 W. Dixie Highway
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October 28, 2024

Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District
c/o Wrathell Hunt & Associates, LLC
2300 Glades Road, Suite # 410W
Boca Raton, Florida 33431
Attn: Mr. Craig Wrathell

Re: Agreement for Underwriter Services & Rule G-17 Disclosure

Dear Mr. Wrathell:

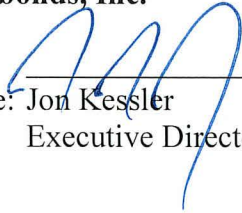
Thank you for the opportunity to work with the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District (the "Issuer") regarding the underwriting of the Issuer's Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2025 and future series of bonds (the "Bonds"). The Issuer and FMSbonds, Inc. ("FMS"), solely in its capacity as underwriter, agree to the proposed terms set forth herein in Attachment I. By executing this letter both parties agree to the terms set forth herein.

FMS's role is limited to act as Underwriter within the Scope of Services set forth herein as Attachment I, and not as a financial advisor or municipal advisor. Any information that FMS has previously provided was solely for discussion purposes in anticipation of being retained as your underwriter. Attachment II, attached hereto, contains the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB) Rule G-17 Disclosure, as set forth in the amended and restated MSRB Notice 2019-20 (November 8, 2019)¹ (the "Notice"). We ask that you provide this letter to the appropriate person at the Issuer.

We look forward to working with you.

Yours truly,

FMSbonds, Inc.

By: 

Name: Jon Kessler

Title: Executive Director

Agreed to and accepted as of the date first written above:

GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

¹ Interpretive Notice Concerning the Application of MSRB Rule G-17 to underwriters and Underwriters of Municipal Securities (effective March 31, 2021).

ATTACHMENT I

Section 1 Scope of Services of FMS: FMS proposes that its duties as Underwriter shall be limited to the following:

1. To provide advice to the Issuer on the structure, timing and terms of the Bonds;
2. To coordinate the financing process;
3. To conduct due diligence;
4. To assist in the preparation of an offering memorandum;
5. To review the assessment methodology and Bond documents;
6. To market and offer Bonds to investors.

Section 2 Terms and Conditions:

1. Underwriter Fee (“Underwriting Fee”). FMS shall act as sole lead underwriter. The Underwriting Fee to FMS for acting as Underwriter shall be 2% of the par amount of any Bonds issued. The Underwriting Fee shall be due and payable only upon the closing of the Bonds. The Underwriting Fee may be modified pursuant to a bond delegation or award resolution approved by the Board and consented to by the Underwriter.
2. Price and Interest Rates: The offering price and interest rates are expected to be based on recent comparable transactions in the market, if any. FMS and the Issuer will jointly determine the offering price and interest rates immediately prior to the start of the order period, based on market conditions then prevailing.
3. Bond Purchase Agreement. The obligations of the Underwriter and those of the Issuer would be subject to the satisfactory completion of due diligence and to the customary representations, warranties, covenants, conditions, including provisions respecting its termination contained in the form of a bond purchase agreement FMS will prepare and as generally used in connection with the offering of Bonds for this type of transaction.
4. Costs of Issuance. The Issuer shall be responsible for the payment of all expenses relating to the offering, including but not limited to, attorney fees, consultant fees, costs associated with preparing offering documents, if any, the purchase agreement, regulatory fees and filing fees and expenses for qualification under blue sky laws designated by FMS and approved by the Issuer.
5. Assumptions. The proposed terms and statements of intention set forth in this attachment are based on information currently available to FMS about the Issuer and the market for special assessment bonds similar to the Bonds and the assumptions that:

- a) the financial condition and history of the project shall be substantially as understood, and the financial information for the relevant and appropriate period ended to be included in the final offering memorandum will not vary materially from those set forth in the material furnished to FMS;
 - b) no adverse developments shall occur which materially and adversely affect the underlying security and financial condition of the Issuer and the primary landowner and developer;
 - c) the offering memorandum will comply with all applicable laws and regulations;
 - d) there will not be any unanticipated substantial delays on the part of the Issuer in completing the transaction; and
 - e) all conditions of the Underwriter to purchase Bonds will be included in the bond purchase agreement and conditions shall be satisfied or waived, in the sole discretion of the Underwriter.
6. Information. The Issuer agrees to reasonably and actively assist FMS in achieving an underwriting that is satisfactory to FMS and the Issuer. To assist FMS in the underwriting the Issuer will (a) provide and cause the Issuer's staff and its professionals to provide FMS upon request with all information reasonably deemed necessary by FMS to complete the underwritings, included but not limited to, information and evaluations prepared by the Issuer and its advisors and the primary landowner and developer; and (b) otherwise assist FMS in its underwriting efforts.
7. Term of Engagement. The term of our engagement shall commence as of the date the covering letter is executed by the Issuer and continue in full force and effect unless terminated by either party. In event of termination by the Issuer without cause, FMS shall be entitled to recover its reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred up to the date of termination.
8. No Commitment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall constitute an agreement to provide a firm commitment, underwriting or placement or arrangement of any securities by FMS or its affiliates. Any such commitment, placement or arrangement shall only be made a part of an underwriting agreement or purchase agreement at the time of the sale of the Bonds.

The engagement contemplated hereby is solely for the benefit of the Issuer and FMS and their respective successors, assigns and representatives and no other person or entity shall acquire or have any right under or by virtue hereof.

This engagement contains the entire understanding of the parties relating to the transactions contemplated hereby and supersedes all prior agreements, understandings and negotiations with respect thereto.

9. No Financial Advisor. FMS's role is limited to that of an Underwriter and not a financial advisor or municipal advisor.

ATTACHMENT II

MSRB Rule G-17 Disclosure --- The Issuer recognizes that FMSbonds, Inc. will serve as the underwriter (the “Underwriter”) and not as a financial advisor or municipal advisor, in connection with the issuance of the bonds relating to this financing (herein, the ‘Bonds’). As part of our services as Underwriter, FMSbonds, Inc. may provide advice concerning the structure, timing, terms, and other similar matters concerning the issuance of the Bonds. Any such advice, if given, will be provided by FMSbonds, Inc. as Underwriter and not as your financial advisor or municipal advisor in this transaction. The Issuer may choose to engage the services of a municipal advisor with a fiduciary obligation to represent the Issuer’s interest in this transaction.

Pursuant to the Notice, we are required by the MSRB to advise you that:

- MSRB Rule G-17 requires a broker to deal fairly at all times with both municipal issuers and investors.
- The Underwriter’s primary role is to purchase the Bonds in an arm’s-length commercial transaction with the Issuer. As such, the Underwriter has financial and other interests that differ from those of the Issuer.
- Unlike a municipal advisor, the Underwriter does not have a fiduciary duty to the Issuer under the federal securities laws and is, therefore, not required by federal law to act in the best interests of the Issuer without regard to its own financial or other interests.
- The Underwriter has a duty to purchase the Bonds from the Issuer at a fair and reasonable price, but must balance that duty with its duty to use its best efforts to resell the Bonds with purchases at prices that are fair and reasonable.
- The Bonds may be sold into a trust either at the time of issuance or subsequent to issuance. In such instance FMSbonds, Inc., not in its capacity of Underwriter, may participate in such trust arrangement by performing certain administrative roles. Any compensation paid to FMSbonds, Inc. would not be derived from the proceeds of the Bonds or from the revenues pledged thereunder.

The Underwriter will be compensated in accordance with the terms of a bond purchase contract by and between the Underwriter and Issuer. Payment or receipt of the Underwriter’s compensation will be contingent on the closing of the transaction. While this form of compensation is customary in the municipal securities market, it presents a conflict of interest since an Underwriter may have an incentive to recommend a transaction that is unnecessary or to recommend that the size of a transaction be larger than is necessary. The Issuer acknowledges no such recommendation has been made by the Underwriter.

Please note nothing in this letter is an expressed or an implied commitment by us to provide financing or to place or purchase the Bonds. Any such commitment shall only be set forth in a bond purchase contract or other appropriate form of agreement for the type of transaction undertaken by you.

Further, our participation in any transaction (contemplated herein or otherwise) remains subject to, among other things, the execution of a bond purchase contract (or other appropriate form of agreement), further internal review and approvals, satisfactory completion of our due diligence investigation and market conditions.

FMSbonds, Inc. is acting independently in seeking to act as Underwriter in the transaction contemplated herein and shall not be deemed for any purpose to be acting as an agent, joint venturer or partner of any other principal involved in the proposed financing. FMSbonds, Inc. assumes no responsibility, express or implied, for any actions or omissions of, or the performance of services by, the purchasers or any other brokers in connection with the transactions contemplated herein or otherwise.

If you or any other representative of the Issuer have any questions or concerns about these disclosures, please make those questions or concerns known immediately to the undersigned. In addition, you should consult with your own financial, municipal, legal, accounting, tax and other advisors, as applicable, to the extent deemed appropriate.

The MSRB requires that we seek the Issuer's acknowledgement that it has received this letter. We request that the person at the Issuer who has the authority to bind the Issuer (herein, "Authorized Issuer Representative") acknowledge this letter as soon as practicable and by nature of such acknowledgment that such person is not a party to any conflict of interest relating to the subject transaction. If our understanding is incorrect, please notify the undersigned immediately.

Depending on the structure of the transaction that the Issuer decides to pursue, or if additional actual or perceived material conflicts are identified, we may be required to send you additional disclosures. At that time, we also will seek your acknowledgement of receipt of any such additional disclosures.

We look forward to working with you in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and we appreciate the opportunity to assist you in this transaction. Thank you.

FMSbonds, Inc.

By:

Name: Jon Kessler

Title: Executive Director

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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October 15, 2024

Board of Supervisors of
Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District
c/o Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Attn: Craig Wrathell

**Re: Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District Special
Assessment Bonds, Series 2025**

Dear Board Members:

Greenberg Traurig, P.A. would be pleased to serve as Bond Counsel to the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District (the “District”) in connection with the above-referenced proposed special assessment bond issue (the “Bonds”) to be issued to finance certain public infrastructure improvements (herein, the “Project”) and the costs of issuance of the Bonds.

We would propose to perform all of the services customarily performed by bond counsel, including necessary tax analysis in connection with the issuance of the above-referenced Bonds under a master trust indenture and one or more supplemental trust indentures (which we shall prepare), the preparation of all bond resolutions, the drafting of all closing papers, the delivery of our tax opinion to the investors, providing assistance in the preparation of a preliminary and final limited offering memorandum and the validation of the Bonds. For our services, we would propose a legal fee of \$60,000 per issue. We would like to point out that our Firm will provide an unqualified tax opinion subject to additional tax diligence in light of the Villages TAM. We would also assist District Counsel in the validation of the Bonds. In addition, we would review all required assessment proceedings prepared by District Counsel on the District Manager.

We will also seek reimbursement of our reasonable documented expenses; such fees and expenses payable at, and contingent upon, the closing of the Bond issue (other than our expenses which are not contingent on the closing of the Bonds). Our out-of-pocket expenses, for which we will bill the District at the time of delivery of the Bonds, will not include the cost of preparing the final bond transcripts. Such item will be a post-closing matter and will be billed to the District at cost. Our fees assume that the requirements of Circular 230 will not be applicable to the Bonds; but in any event could not exceed the above stated amounts without notice to the Board of Supervisors.

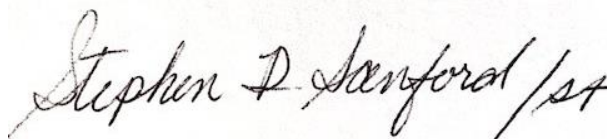
If for any reason the District is unable to complete its financing or shall abandon issuing the Bonds utilizing special assessment bonds to finance the costs of the Project, our proposed bond counsel fee would be payable in the amount described below on or before the close of the applicable calendar year. Such amount due would be equal to our normal hourly rates, discounted by 10%, plus our reasonable documented out-of-pocket expenses. In all cases, if we were to be paid under such formula, our total fee for services provided as bond counsel would not exceed \$60,000 per issue. We presume that under that scenario, where there are no bond proceeds available to pay our fees, payment would be made from general fund moneys of the District or moneys provided by the primary landowner/developer.

If our fee quote is acceptable to you, please indicate by signing below and return the same to me.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you on this financing.

Very truly yours,

GREENBERG TRAURIG, P.A.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen D. Sanford /st". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephen D. Sanford, Shareholder

GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

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Global Corporate Trust Services
500 West Cypress Creek Road
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Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309

October 28, 2024

Groves at Lake Marion CDD
c/o Craig Wrathell
Wrathell, Hunt & Associates
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, FL 33431

Re: Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District, Series 2024

We are pleased to offer the following fee structure for the above referenced issue:

Acceptance Fee	1,975.00
Closing Expenses	\$500.00 (Est., Florida Closing)
Annual Trustee, Paying Agent, Registrar and Transfer Agent Fee	\$3,950.00
Ongoing Out-of-Pocket Expenses	7.50% of Annual Fees
<u>Trustee Counsel Fee</u>	<u>\$6,250.00</u>
Total Due at Closing:	\$12,675.00

This proposal and the fees detailed herein are subject in all aspects to U.S. Bank's review and acceptance of the final financing documents which set forth our duties and responsibilities. Any unexpected or extraordinary services, duties and/or responsibilities will be reasonably billed in addition to the amounts identified herein. Extraordinary services are responses to requests, inquiries or developments, or the carrying out of duties or responsibilities of an unusual nature, including termination, which may or may not be provided for in the governing documents, and are not routine or undertaken in the ordinary course of business. Payment of fees for extraordinary services is appropriate where particular requests, inquiries or developments are unexpected, even if the possibility of such things could have been foreseen at the inception of the transaction. This would include but is not limited to document amendments and substitutions, mandatory tenders, optional redemptions, UCC filings, investment agreements, outside held money market funds, default administration, travel expense (if any outside the city), etc. At our option, these charges will be billed at a flat fee or at our hourly rate then in effect. Fees are subject to change at our discretion and upon written notice. Fees paid in advance will not be prorated. Finalization of the transaction and payment of the fees set forth herein constitutes agreement to the above fee schedule, including agreement to any subsequent changes upon proper written notice. In the event this transaction is not finalized, any related out-of-pocket expenses may be billed to you directly.

The above fees and expenses would be paid in advance. Thank you for the opportunity to continue to provide our services to the District. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 954.938.2475 if you have any questions or if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Amanda Kumar

Amanda Kumar, Vice President

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR OPENING A NEW ACCOUNT:

To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, Federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. For a non-individual person such as a business entity, a charity, a Trust or other legal entity we will ask for documentation to verify its formation and existence as a legal entity. We may also ask to see financial statements, licenses, identification and authorization documents from individuals claiming authority to represent the entity or other relevant documentation.

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2025-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE DISTRICT’S INTENT TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD FOR THE LEVY, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 197.3632, FLORIDA STATUTES; AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF SUCH HEARING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District (“**District**”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, is authorized to levy, collect and enforce certain special assessments, which include benefit and maintenance assessments and further authorizes the Board of Supervisors of the District (“**Board**”) to levy, collect and enforce special assessments pursuant to Chapters 170 and 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to use the uniform method for the levy, collection and enforcement of non-ad valorem special assessments authorized by Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes* (“**Uniform Method**”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. PUBLIC HEARING. A Public Hearing will be held on the District’s intent to adopt the Uniform Method on:

DATE: _____

TIME: _____

LOCATION: _____

2. PUBLICATION. The District Secretary is directed to publish notice of the hearing in accordance with Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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ENGINEER'S REPORT

PREPARED FOR:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

ENGINEER:

Daniel Kovacs, PE
Principal Engineer
Tract Engineering
5137 S. Lakeland Drive, Suite 3
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August 2024

GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. INTRODUCTION

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

2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION

The District consists of approximately 132.681 acres of land and is located entirely within Polk County, Florida. The site is generally located south of Marion Road, west of W. Lake Marion Road, and east of Kokomo Road.

3. PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

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

PRODUCT TYPES

SMOKEY GROVES

PHASES	60 WIDE	50 WIDE	TH	DPLEX	TOTALS
1	214				214
2	27	85			112
3		99			99
4			0		58
TOTALS	241	184	0	0	425

The public infrastructure for the CIP is as follows:

Roadway Improvements:

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

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

District would be limited to financing only utilities, conservation and stormwater improvements behind such gated areas).

Stormwater Management System:

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

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

Hardscape, Landscape, and Irrigation:

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

All such landscaping, irrigation and hardscaping will be owned, maintained and funded by the District. Such infrastructure, to the extent that it is located in rights-of-way owned by a local general purpose government will be maintained pursuant to a right-of-way agreement or permit. Any landscaping, irrigation or hardscaping systems behind hard-gated roads, if any, would not be financed by the District and instead would be privately installed and maintained.

Streetlights / Undergrounding of Electrical Utility Lines

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

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

Recreational Amenities:

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

Environmental Conservation

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

Off-Site Improvements

Offsite improvements include certain transportation improvements (including a roundabout) at the entry of Smokey Groves as well as offsite Force-main and Water-main that will connect that will connect to the Groves at Lake Marion Utility Plant. The CDD intends to operate and maintain the hardscaping/landscaping/irrigation improvements within such areas.

Professional Services

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

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

4. PERMITTING/CONSTRUCTION COMMENCEMENT

All necessary permits for the construction of the CIP have either been obtained or are currently under review by respective governmental authorities, and include the following:

1. POLK County Rezoning – Approved for Smokey Groves
2. SWFWMD – ERP Permit – Pending for Smokey Groves
3. POLK County – Level 2 – Pending for Smokey Groves
4. POLK County Health Department – Potable Water – Pending for Smokey Groves
5. Florida Department of Environmental Protection – Wastewater – Pending for Smokey Groves

5. CIP COST ESTIMATE / MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

CIP COST ESTIMATE

Improvement	Estimated Costs	Operation & Maintenance Entity
Public Roadways	\$3,574,350	County
Public Earthwork	\$2,612,025	CDD
Stormwater Management	\$2,474,550	CDD
Hardscaping, Landscaping, Irrigation	\$2,034,630	CDD
Differential Cost of Undergrounding Conduit	\$989,820	CDD
On-Site Wetland Conservation	N/A	CDD
Offsite Improvements	\$2,100,000	County
Professional Services	\$1,142,100	n/a
Streetlight/Electrical	\$1,061,892	CDD
Contingency (10%)	\$1,598,937	
TOTAL	\$17,588,304	

- a. The probable costs estimated herein do not include anticipated carrying cost, interest reserves or other anticipated CDD expenditures that may be incurred.
- b. 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.
- c. The District may enter into an agreement with a third-party, or an applicable property owner's or homeowner's association, to maintain any District-owned improvements, subject to the approval of the District's bond counsel.

6. CONCLUSIONS

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

It is further our opinion that:

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

- the assessable property within the District will receive a special benefit from the CIP that is at least equal to the costs of the CIP.

The general public, property owners, and property outside of each assessment area may receive benefit from the District's projects; 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.

TRACT ENGINEERING, LLC



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GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Master Special Assessment Methodology Report

November 4, 2024



Provided by:

Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC

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Boca Raton, FL 33431

Phone: 561-571-0010

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Website: www.whhassociates.com

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

This Master Special Assessment Methodology Report (the "Report") was developed to provide a master financing plan and a master special assessment methodology for the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District (the "District"), located entirely within Polk County, Florida, as related to funding the costs of public infrastructure improvements (the "Capital Improvement Program" 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 Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District Engineer's Report prepared by Tract Engineering, LLC (the "District Engineer") and dated August, 2024 (the "Engineer's Report"), as well as describes the method for the allocation of special benefits and the apportionment of special assessment debt resulting from the provision and funding of the CIP.

1.3 Special Benefits and General Benefits

Improvements undertaken and funded by the District as part of the CIP create 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 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 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 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. 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 Groves at Lake Marion development (the "Development" or "Groves at Lake Marion"), a master planned, residential development located entirely within Polk County, Florida. The land within the District consists of approximately 132.681 +/- acres and is generally located south of Marion Road, west of W. Lake Marion Road, and east of Kokomo Road.

2.2 The Development Program

The development of Groves at Lake Marion is anticipated to be conducted by Lennar Corporation (the "Developer"). Based upon the information provided by the Developer and the Engineer, the current development plan envisions a total of 425 single-family residential units, although land use types and unit numbers may change throughout the development period. Table 1 in the *Appendix* illustrates the development plan for Groves at Lake Marion. The development of Groves at Lake Marion is planned to be conducted in one or more phases over a multi-year period.

3.0 The Capital Improvement Program

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 Program

The Capital Improvement Plan needed to serve the Development is projected to consist of improvements which will serve all of the lands in the District. The District, however, reserves the right to create distinct assessment areas to coincide with the phases of development. The Capital Improvement Plan will consist of public roadways, public earthwork, stormwater management, hardscaping, landscaping, irrigation, differential cost of undergrounding conduit, on-site wetland conservation, offsite improvements, professional services and contingency as set forth in more detail in the Engineer's Report. At the time of this writing, the total cost of the Master Infrastructure Improvements is estimated to total approximately \$17,588,304.

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

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 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 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 even partly acquire it and partly construct it.

Even though the actual financing plan may change to include multiple series of bonds, it is likely that in order to fully fund costs of the CIP as described in *Section 3.2* in one financing transaction, the District would have to issue approximately \$24,740,000 in par amount of Special Assessment Bonds in one or more Series (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 \$24,740,000 to finance approximately \$17,588,304 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 improvement and other costs, the District would need to borrow funds and incur indebtedness in the total amount of approximately \$24,740,000. The difference is comprised of debt service reserves, funding capitalized interest, underwriter's discount and paying costs of issuance. Preliminary sources and uses of funding for the Bonds are presented in Table 3 in the *Appendix*.

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

5.0 Assessment Methodology

5.1 Overview

The issuance of the Bonds provides the District with funds necessary to construct/acquire the infrastructure improvements which are part of the CIP outlined in *Section 3.2* and described in more detail by the District Engineer in the Engineer's Report. These improvements lead to special and general benefits, with special benefits accruing to the assessable properties within the boundaries of the District and general benefits accruing to areas outside the District but being only incidental in nature. The debt incurred in financing the public infrastructure will be paid off by assessing properties that derive 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 425 single-family residential units, although unit numbers and land use types may change throughout the development period.

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

By allowing for the land in the District to be developable, both the 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 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 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 special and peculiar benefits. Even though these special and peculiar benefits are real and ascertainable, the precise amount of the benefit cannot yet be calculated with mathematical certainty. However, such benefit is

more valuable than the 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 master 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 land uses contemplated to be developed within the District based on the relative density of development and the intensity of use of master and neighborhood 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 smaller units or units with a lower intensity of use will use and benefit from the District's improvements less than larger units or units with a higher intensity of use, as for instance, generally and on average smaller units or units with lower intensity of use produce less storm water runoff, may produce fewer vehicular trips, and may need less water/sewer capacity than larger units. 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 District's improvements.

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 \$24,740,000 will be preliminarily levied on approximately 132.681 +/- gross acres at a rate of \$186,462.27 per gross acre.

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

Transferred Property. In the event unplatted land is sold to a third party (the “Transferred Property”), the Bond Assessments will be assigned to such Transferred Property at the time of the sale based on the maximum total number of ERUs (as herein defined) assigned by the Developer to that Transferred Property, subject to review by the District’s methodology consultant, to ensure that any such assignment is reasonable, supported by current development rights and plans, and otherwise consistent with this Report. The 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, improvements undertaken by the District create 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.

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

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

The 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 special and peculiar benefits which are greater than the benefits of any single category of improvements. These special and peculiar benefits are real and ascertainable, but not yet capable of being calculated and assessed in terms of numerical value; however, such benefits are more valuable than either the cost of, or the actual assessment levied for, the improvement or debt allocated to the parcel of land.

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

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

The apportionment of the Bond assessments is fair and reasonable because, with the exception mentioned in *Section 5.2*, it was conducted on the basis of consistent application of the methodology described in *Section 5.2* across all assessable property within the District according to reasonable estimates of the special and peculiar benefits derived from the CIP by different 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 special benefit peculiar to that property.

5.6 True-Up Mechanism

The District's assessment program is predicated on the development of lots in a manner sufficient to include all of the planned Equivalent

Residential Units (“ERUs”) as set forth in Table 1 in the Appendix (“Development Plan”). At such time as lands are to be platted (or replatted) 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 within the District results in a greater amount of ERUs (and thus Bond Assessments) able to be imposed on the Remaining Unplatted Developable Lands within the District as compared to what was originally contemplated under the Development Plan, then the District may undertake a pro rata reduction of Bond Assessments for all assessed properties within the District, or may otherwise address such net decrease as permitted by law.

c. If a Proposed Plat within the District results in a lower amount of ERUs (and thus Bond Assessments) able to be imposed on the Remaining Unplatted Developable Lands within the District as compared to what was originally contemplated under 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 his or her sole 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 within 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 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 interest payment date that occurs at least 45 days after the True-Up Payment (or the second succeeding interest payment date if such True-Up Payment is made within forty-five (45) calendar days before an interest payment date (or such other time as set forth in the supplemental indentures for the applicable bond series)).

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 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 any applicable True-Up Agreement and assessment resolution(s).

5.7 Assessment Roll

The Bond Assessments of \$24,740,000 are proposed to be levied over the area described in Exhibit “A”. Excluding any capitalized interest period, debt service 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 master improvements within any benefitted property or designated assessment area within the District, regardless of where the Bond Assessments are levied, provided that Bond Assessments are fairly and reasonably allocated across all benefitted properties.

Contributions - As set forth in any supplemental report, and for any particular bond issuance, the Developer may opt to “buy down” the Bond Assessments on particular product types and/or lands using a contribution of cash, infrastructure or other consideration, and in order for Bond Assessments to reach certain target levels. Note that any “true-up,” as described herein, 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 Assessment 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 anticipated product types for the development, and associates particular ERU factors with each product type. 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 type on a front footage basis, provided that such determination is made on a pro-rated basis and derived from the front footage of 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 has 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 and Associates, LLC was retained by the District to prepare a methodology to fairly allocate the special 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 and Associates, LLC makes no representations regarding said information transactions beyond restatement of the factual information necessary for compilation of this Report. For additional information on the Bond structure and related items, please refer to the Offering Statement associated with this transaction.

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

7.0 Appendix

Table 1

Groves at Lake Marion

Community Development District

Development Plan

Unit Type	Total Number of Units
SF 60'	241
SF 50'	184
Total	425

Table 2

Groves at Lake Marion

Community Development District

Capital Improvement Plan

Improvement	Total CIP Costs
Public Roadways	\$3,574,350
Public Earthwork	\$2,612,025
Stormwater Management	\$2,474,550
Hardscaping, Landscaping, Irrigation	\$2,034,630
Differential Cost of Undergrounding Conduit	\$989,820
On-Site Wetland Conservation	\$0
Offsite Improvements	\$2,100,000
Professional Services	\$1,142,100
Streetlight/Electrical	\$1,061,892
Contingency (10%)	\$1,598,937
Total	\$17,588,304

Table 3

Groves at Lake Marion

Community Development District

Preliminary Sources and Uses of Funds

Sources

Bond Proceeds:

Par Amount

\$24,740,000.00

Total Sources**\$24,740,000.00**

Uses

Project Fund Deposits:

Project Fund

\$17,588,304.00

Other Fund Deposits:

Debt Service Reserve Fund

\$2,197,590.70

Capitalized Interest Fund

\$3,958,400.00

Delivery Date Expenses:

Costs of Issuance

\$994,800.00

Rounding

\$905.30

Total Uses**\$24,740,000.00**

Financial Assumptions

Coupon Rate: 8.00%

CAPI Length: 24 Months

Bond Duration: 30 Years

Underwriter's Discount Rate: 2%

Cost Of Issuance: \$500,000

Table 4

Groves at Lake Marion

Community Development District

Benefit Allocation

Unit Type	Total Number of Units	ERU per Unit	Total ERU
SF 60'	241	1.20	289.20
SF 50'	184	1.00	184.00
Total	425		473.20

Table 5

Groves at Lake Marion

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 - paid in March*
SF 60'	241	\$10,749,233.97	\$15,120,050.72	\$62,738.80	\$5,992.39
SF 50'	184	\$6,839,070.03	\$9,619,949.28	\$52,282.33	\$4,993.66
Total	425	\$17,588,304.00	\$24,740,000.00		

* Includes costs of collection estimated at 3% (subject to change) and an allowance for early payment discount estimated at 4% (subject to change)

Exhibit “A”

Bond Assessments in the estimated amount of \$24,740,000 are proposed to be levied over the area as described below:

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION: (prepared per this survey)

A parcel of land lying within Sections 8, 17 and 18, Township 28 South, Range 28 East, Polk County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:
For a POINT OF BEGINNING commence at the Southeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 18; thence S.89°05'25"W., along the South boundary of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 18, a distance of 1,651.43 feet; thence N.01°07'07"W., a distance of 122.45 feet; thence N.88°52'53"E., a distance of 85.91 feet; thence N.79°57'29"E., a distance of 64.07 feet; thence N.32°24'06"E., a distance of 65.58 feet; thence N.24°20'54"E., a distance of 171.19 feet; thence N.31°46'39"E., a distance of 221.76 feet; thence N.73°00'14"E., a distance of 117.74 feet; thence N.84°01'39"E., a distance of 82.50 feet; thence N.32°47'52"E., a distance of 173.40 feet; thence N.09°38'48"E., a distance of 129.75 feet; thence N.04°44'49"E., a distance of 64.45 feet; thence N.34°50'09"E., a distance of 65.09 feet; thence N.72°31'38"E., a distance of 80.06 feet; thence N.43°37'33"E., a distance of 80.44 feet; thence N.28°50'09"E., a distance of 66.31 feet; thence N.15°16'43"E., a distance of 72.44 feet; thence N.22°09'27"E., a distance of 113.48 feet; thence N.05°27'02"W., a distance of 108.86 feet; thence N.54°52'31"W., a distance of 86.60 feet; thence N.64°05'05"W., a distance of 62.68 feet; thence N.16°24'46"W., a distance of 79.25 feet; thence N.20°28'53"E., a distance of 49.36 feet; thence N.31°06'26"E., a distance of 118.68 feet; thence N.35°09'55"E., a distance of 58.49 feet; thence N.13°44'45"W., a distance of 50.63 feet; thence N.37°47'32"E., a distance of 515.50 feet; thence N.29°02'21"E., a distance of 52.60 feet; thence N.86°25'27"E., a distance of 85.76 feet; thence S.19°38'23"E., a distance of 111.79 feet; thence S.43°40'35"E., a distance of 84.31 feet; thence N.78°19'38"E., a distance of 151.13 feet; thence N.07°53'36"E., a distance of 94.26 feet; thence N.19°24'34"W., a distance of 168.37 feet; thence N.51°31'20"E., a distance of 99.53 feet; thence N.68°15'23"E., a distance of 160.79 feet; thence S.56°34'03"E., a distance of 272.34 feet; thence N.82°41'52"E., a distance of 111.07 feet; thence N.05°10'49"W., a distance of 74.71 feet; thence N.62°39'48"W., a distance of 319.20 feet; thence N.35°22'43"W., a distance of 190.17 feet; thence N.09°33'26"E., a distance of 54.07 feet; thence N.37°39'11"E., a distance of 142.54 feet; thence N.11°01'19"E., a distance of 82.68 feet; thence N.13°18'48"W., a distance of 122.01 feet to the South boundary of that parcel of land described in Official Records Book 5049, Page 259 of the Public Records of Polk County, Florida; thence N.89°57'41"E., along said South boundary of that certain parcel, a distance of 684.48 feet to a non-tangent point of curvature and the Westerly right-of-way line of Lake Marion Road as described in Official Records Book 1408, Page 1010 of the Public Records of Polk County, Florida; thence Southeasterly 622.44 feet along the arc of a curve to the left, said curve having a radius of 612.03 feet, a central angle of 58°16'13", and a chord bearing and distance of S.36°28'07"E., 595.96 feet to the West boundary of U.S. Government Lot 2; thence along said West boundary and a line non-tangent to said curve, S.00°03'02"W., a distance of 14.12 feet to the South boundary of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 8; thence S.89°55'19"E., along the South boundary of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 8, a distance of 33.91 feet to the aforesaid Westerly right-of-way line of Lake Marion Road and a non-tangent point of curvature; thence along said Westerly right-of-way line, Easterly 63.96 feet along the arc of a curve to the left, said curve having a radius of 612.03 feet, a central angle of 05°59'17", and a chord bearing and distance of S.72°02'15"E., 63.94 feet to the East boundary of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 17; thence along said East boundary and a line non-tangent to said curve, S.01°53'45"E., a distance of 2,575.87 feet to the Southeast corner of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 17; thence N.89°13'01"W., along the South boundary of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 17, a distance of 1,329.36 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.
Containing 132.681 acres, more or less.

Exhibit “B”

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

28-28-08-000000-044030

28-28-17-000000-033000

28-28-18-000000-010000

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GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2025-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION 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 Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District ("**District**") is a local unit of special-purpose government organized and existing under and pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

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

WHEREAS, the District hereby determines to undertake, install, plan, establish, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, acquire, operate, and/or maintain the portion of the infrastructure improvements comprising the District's overall capital improvement plan as described in the District *Engineer's Report*, dated August 2024 ("**Project**"), which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the District to pay for all or a portion of the cost of the Project by the levy of special assessments ("**Assessments**") using the methodology set forth in that *Master Special Assessment Methodology Report*, dated November 4, 2024, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, incorporated herein by reference, and on file with the District Manager at c/o Wrathell, Hunt and Associates LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 ("**District Records Office**");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. **AUTHORITY FOR THIS RESOLUTION; INCORPORATION OF RECITALS.** This Resolution is adopted pursuant to the provisions of Florida law, including without limitation Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*. The recitals stated above are incorporated herein and are adopted by the Board as true and correct statements.

2. **DECLARATION OF ASSESSMENTS.** The Board hereby declares that it has determined to undertake the Project and to defray all or a portion of the cost thereof by the Assessments.

3. **DESIGNATING THE NATURE AND LOCATION OF IMPROVEMENTS.** The nature and general location of, and plans and specifications for, the Project are described in **Exhibit A**, which is on file at the District Records Office. **Exhibit B** is also on file and available for public inspection at the same location.

4. **DECLARING THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS, THE PORTION TO BE PAID BY ASSESSMENTS, AND THE MANNER AND TIMING IN WHICH THE ASSESSMENTS ARE TO BE PAID.**

- A. The total estimated cost of the Project is \$_____ (“**Estimated Cost**”).
- B. The Assessments will defray approximately \$_____, which is the anticipated maximum par value of any bonds and which includes all or a portion of the Estimated Cost, as well as other financing-related costs, as set forth in **Exhibit B**, and which is in addition to interest and collection costs. On an annual basis, the Assessments will defray no more than \$_____ per year, again as set forth in **Exhibit B**.
- C. The manner in which the Assessments shall be apportioned and paid is set forth in **Exhibit B**, as may be modified by supplemental assessment resolutions. The Assessments will constitute a “master” lien, which may be imposed without further public hearing in one or more separate liens each securing a series of bonds, and each as determined by supplemental assessment resolution. With respect to each lien securing a series of bonds, the special assessments shall be paid in not more than (30) thirty yearly installments. The special assessments may be payable at the same time and in the same manner as are ad-valorem taxes and collected pursuant to Chapter 197, *Florida Statutes*; provided, however, that in the event the uniform non ad-valorem assessment method of collecting the Assessments is not available to the District in any year, or if determined by the District to be in its best interest, the Assessments may be collected as is otherwise permitted by law, including but not limited to by direct bill. The decision to collect special assessments by any particular method – e.g., on the tax roll or by direct bill – does not mean that such method will be used to collect special assessments in future years, and the District

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

5. **DESIGNATING THE LANDS UPON WHICH THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEVIED.** The Assessments securing the Project shall be levied on the lands within the District, as described in **Exhibit B**, and as further designated by the assessment plat hereinafter provided for.

6. **ASSESSMENT PLAT.** Pursuant to Section 170.04, *Florida Statutes*, there is on file, at the District Records Office, an assessment plat showing the area to be assessed certain plans and specifications describing the Project and the estimated cost of the Project, all of which shall be open to inspection by the public.

7. **PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL.** Pursuant to Section 170.06, *Florida Statutes*, the District Manager has caused to be made a preliminary assessment roll, in accordance with the method of assessment described in **Exhibit B** hereto, which shows the lots and lands assessed, the amount of benefit to and the assessment against each lot or parcel of land and the number of annual installments into which the assessment may be divided, which assessment roll is hereby adopted and approved as the District's preliminary assessment roll.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS DECLARED; DIRECTION TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE HEARINGS.** Pursuant to Sections 170.07 and 197.3632(4)(b), *Florida Statutes*, among other provisions of Florida law, there are hereby declared two public hearings to be held as follows:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

DATE: _____, 2024

TIME: _____

LOCATION: _____

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

Notice of said hearings shall be advertised in accordance with Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*, and the District Manager is hereby authorized and directed to place said notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the County in which the District is located (by two publications one week apart with the first publication at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of the hearing established herein). The District Manager shall file a publisher's affidavit with the District Secretary verifying such publication of notice. The District Manager is further authorized and directed to give thirty (30) days written notice by mail of the time and place of this hearing to the owners of all property to be assessed and include in such notice the amount of the assessment for each such property owner, a description of the areas to be improved and notice that information concerning all assessments may be ascertained at the District Records Office.

The District Manager shall file proof of such mailing by affidavit with the District Secretary.

9. **PUBLICATION OF RESOLUTION.** Pursuant to Section 170.05, *Florida Statutes*, the District Manager is hereby directed to cause this Resolution to be published twice (once a week for two (2) weeks) in a newspaper of general circulation within the County in which the District is located and to provide such other notice as may be required by law or desired in the best interests of the District.

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

11. **SEVERABILITY.** If any section or part of a section of this resolution be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the validity, force, and effect of any other section or part of a section of this resolution shall not thereby be affected or impaired unless it clearly appears that such other section or part of a section of this resolution is wholly or necessarily dependent upon the section or part of a section so held to be invalid or unconstitutional.

12. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

[SIGNATURES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: *Engineer's Report, dated August 2024*

Exhibit B: *Master Special Assessment Methodology Report, dated November 4, 2024*

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$24,740,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, TO PAY ALL OR A PORTION OF THE DESIGN, ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF CERTAIN PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL FACILITIES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, RELATED EARTHWORK AND ACQUISITION OF LANDS RELATING THERETO; ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING ANY APPLICABLE IMPACT FEES; LANDSCAPING, HARDSCAPING AND IRRIGATION IN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY; ENTRANCE FEATURES; DIFFERENTIAL COST OF UNDERGROUNDING ELECTRIC UTILITIES; ON-SITE CONSERVATION; RECREATIONAL AMENITIES; AND ALL RELATED SOFT AND INCIDENTAL COSTS (COLLECTIVELY, THE “PROJECT”), PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 190, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; APPOINTING U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TO SERVE AS TRUSTEE; APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A MASTER TRUST INDENTURE AND A SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST INDENTURE IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORMS ATTACHED HERETO; PROVIDING THAT SUCH BONDS SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE A DEBT, LIABILITY OR OBLIGATION OF GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED HEREIN), POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, OR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA OR OF ANY OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF, BUT SHALL BE PAYABLE SOLELY FROM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ASSESSED AND LEVIED ON THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT BENEFITED BY THE PROJECT AND SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE JUDICIAL VALIDATION OF SUCH BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District (the “District”), is a local unit of special-purpose government organized and existing in accordance with the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended (the “Act”), created by Ordinance No. 2024-048 of the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County, Florida, enacted on August 6, 2024;

WHEREAS, the District was created for the purpose of delivering certain community development services and facilities within and outside its jurisdiction, and the District has decided to undertake the design, acquisition, construction costs of certain public infrastructure improvements to be located in or to benefit of developable lands within the District including, but not limited to, stormwater management and control facilities, including, but not limited to, related

earthwork and acquisition of lands relating thereto; roadway improvements including any applicable impact fees; differential cost of undergrounding electric utilities, irrigation and landscaping and hardscaping in public rights-of-way; entrance features; on-site conservation; recreational amenities; and related soft and incidental costs, pursuant to the Act (collectively, the “Project”), all as set forth in **Schedule “I”** hereto;

WHEREAS, the District desires to authorize the issuance of not to exceed \$24,740,000 aggregate principal amount of its Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District Special Assessment Bonds, in one or more series (collectively, the “Bonds”), in order to pay all or a portion of the design, acquisition and construction costs of the Project;

WHEREAS, the District desires to provide the terms and conditions under which the District will acquire and cause to be constructed the public infrastructure improvements on District lands and certain adjacent lands the improvement of which will specially benefit certain District lands known as Groves at Lake Marion;

WHEREAS, authority is conferred upon the District by the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, specifically including, but not limited to, Sections 190.011(9), 190.011(14), 190.014, 190.016(1), 190.016(2), 190.016(5), 190.016(8), 190.016(11), 190.016(13), 190.022 and 190.023 of the Act, to issue the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to authorize and approve various instruments to be executed and delivered in connection with the Bonds and to provide for the judicial validation of the Bonds pursuant to Section 190.016(12), Florida Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District, as follows:

Section 1. Authorization of Bonds. The District hereby authorizes the issuance of not to exceed \$24,740,000 aggregate principal amount of the Bonds in one or more series to (i) finance all or a portion of the costs of the Project including funding capitalized interest; (ii) fund debt service reserve accounts for each series of bonds so issued; and (iii) pay the costs of issuing the Bonds. Pursuant to Section 190.016(1) of the Act, the Bonds may be issued and delivered by the District in payment of all or a portion of the purchase price of the Project or may be sold at public or private sale.

Section 2. Certain Details of the Bonds. The Bonds and the interest thereon, shall not be deemed to constitute a debt, liability or obligation of the District (except as provided herein), Polk County, Florida (the “County”), or of the State of Florida (the “State”), or of any other political subdivision thereof, but shall be payable solely from the Special Assessments (as defined in the form of Indenture hereinafter referred to) levied by the District on property within the District benefited by the Project and subject to assessment, as set forth in the Indenture, and neither the faith and credit nor any taxing power of the District, the County or the State, or of any other political subdivision thereof, is pledged to the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds, except for Special Assessments to be assessed and levied by the District to secure and pay the Bonds.

The Bonds shall:

- (i) be issued in one or more series and may be delivered in payment of the purchase price of the Project or sold at public or private sale, as provided in Section 190.016(1), Florida Statutes, each series in an aggregate principal amount to be determined by subsequent resolution or resolutions of the District; provided, however, that the total aggregate principal amount of the Bonds issued may not exceed \$24,740,000 unless this Resolution is amended prior to the validation of the Bonds authorized herein;
- (ii) be issued in fully registered form in a minimum principal denomination of \$5,000 and any integral multiple of \$5,000 in excess thereof, except as otherwise provided in the herein defined Indenture;
- (iii) bear interest at an average annual rate not exceeding the maximum rate as may then be permitted by the laws of the State as more particularly provided in one or more resolutions adopted by the District prior to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds of any series;
- (iv) the Bonds of each series shall be payable in not more than 30 annual installments of principal; and
- (v) be dated as provided in a resolution adopted by the District prior to the issuance and delivery thereof.

The final maturity date or dates of the Bonds and the interest rate or rates thereon shall be determined, within the foregoing limits, and any optional, mandatory and extraordinary redemption provisions thereof shall be fixed, by the Indenture hereinafter referred to or by one or more resolutions of the District to be adopted prior to the delivery of the Bonds of any series. In other respects, the Bonds shall be in the form, shall be executed and authenticated, shall be subject to replacement and shall be delivered as provided in the Indenture hereinafter referred to, the form of which is set out as composite **Exhibit "A"** attached hereto.

Prior to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds, the District shall have undertaken and, to the extent then required under applicable law, completed all necessary proceedings, including, without limitation, the approval of assessment rolls, the holding of public hearings and the adoption of resolutions in order to levy and collect Special Assessments upon the lands within the District subject to assessment, all as more specifically required and provided for by the Act and Chapters 170, 190 and 197, Florida Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time, or any successor statutes thereto.

Section 3. Designation of Attesting Members. Each Assistant Secretary of the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of the District (each individually a "Designated Member") and the Secretary, or any other appointed Assistant Secretary, are hereby designated and authorized on behalf of the Board to attest to the seal of the Board and to the signature of the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson of the Board as they appear on the Bonds, the Indenture and any other documents which may be necessary or helpful in connection with the issuance and delivery of the Bonds and in connection with the application of the proceeds thereof.

Section 4. Authorization of Execution and Delivery of Master Trust Indenture and Supplemental Trust Indenture. The District does hereby authorize and approve the execution by the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson and any Designated Member and the delivery of a Master Trust Indenture and a Supplemental Trust Indenture (collectively, the “Indenture”) for the Bonds, each between the District and the Trustee named in Section 6 of this Resolution. The Indenture shall provide for the security of the Bonds and express the contract between the District and the owners of such Bonds. The Indenture shall be in substantially the forms thereof attached hereto and marked composite **Exhibit “A”** and hereby approved, with such changes therein as are necessary or desirable to reflect the terms of the sale of the Bonds as shall be approved by the Chairperson (or in his or her absence, the Vice Chairperson) executing the same, with such execution to constitute conclusive evidence of such officer’s approval and the District’s approval of any changes therein from the form of Indenture attached hereto.

Section 5. Sale of Bonds. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 190.016(1) of the Act, the Bonds may be delivered in payment of all or a portion of the purchase price of the Project or may be sold at public or private sale after such advertisement, if any, as the Board may deem advisable but not in any event at less than 90 percent of the par value thereof, together with accrued interest thereon, in conformance with the provisions of the Act.

Section 6. Appointment of Trustee. The District hereby appoints U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association to act as trustee under the Indenture (the “Trustee”). The Trustee shall also serve as the Paying Agent and Registrar under the Indenture.

Section 7. Bond Validation. District Counsel and Bond Counsel to the District are hereby authorized and directed to take appropriate proceedings in the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Polk County, Florida, for validation and the proceedings incident thereto for the Bonds to the extent required by and in accordance with Section 190.016(12), Florida Statutes. The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson or any Designated Member is authorized to sign any pleadings and to offer testimony in any such proceedings for and on behalf of the District. The other members of the Board, the officers of the District and the agents and employees of the District, including, without limitation, the District Manager, the engineer or engineering firm serving as engineer to the District and the District’s underwriter are hereby also authorized to offer testimony for and on behalf of the District in connection with any such validation proceedings.

Section 8. Further Official Action; Ratification of Prior and Subsequent Acts. The Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson, the Secretary and each Designated Member and any other proper official of the District are each hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents and instruments (including, without limitation, any documents required by the Trustee to evidence its rights and obligations with respect to the Bonds, any documents required in connection with implementation of a book-entry system of registration, any funding agreements, acquisition agreements, true-up agreements and/or completion agreements with the Developer (as such term is defined in the Indenture), and investment agreements relating to the investment of the proceeds of the Bonds and any agreements in connection with maintaining the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income of the holders thereof) and to do and cause to be done any and all acts and things necessary or desirable for carrying out the transactions contemplated by this Resolution. In the event that the Chairperson or the Secretary is unable to execute and deliver the

documents herein contemplated, such documents shall be executed and delivered by the respective designee of such officer or official or any other duly authorized officer or official of the District. The Secretary or any Designated Member is hereby authorized and directed to apply and attest the official seal of the District to any agreement or instrument authorized or approved herein that requires such a seal and attestation. All of the acts and doings of such members of the Board, the officers of the District, and the agents and employees of the District, which are in conformity with the intent and purposes of this resolution, whether heretofore or hereafter taken or done, shall be and are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

Section 9. Bond Anticipation Notes. The District may, if it determines it to be in its best financial interest, issue Bond Anticipation Notes (“BANs”) in order to temporarily finance the costs of all or a portion of the Project. The District shall by proper proceedings authorize the issuance and establish the details of such BANs pursuant to the provisions of Section 190.014, Florida Statutes, as amended other applicable provisions of laws.

Section 10. Subsequent Resolution(s) Required. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, no series of Bonds may be issued or delivered until the District adopts a subsequent resolution and/or supplemental indenture for each such series of Bonds, fixing the details of such series of Bonds remaining to be specified or delegating to the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson or a Designated Member the authority to fix such details.

Section 11. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this resolution shall be held to be invalid or ineffective for any reason, the remainder of this resolution shall continue in full force and effect, it being expressly hereby found and declared that the remainder of this resolution would have been adopted despite the invalidity or ineffectiveness of such section, paragraph, clause or provision.

Section 12. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, and any provisions of any previous resolutions in conflict with the provisions hereof are hereby superseded.

PASSED in Public Session of the Board of Supervisors of Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District, this 4th day of November, 2024.

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: Secretary/Assistant Secretary
Board of Supervisors

SCHEDULE I

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

The Project includes, but is not limited to, the following improvements:

- Stormwater management and control facilities, including, but not limited to, related earthwork and drainage;
- Roadway improvements and any applicable impact fees;
- Landscaping, irrigation and hardscape in public rights-of-way;
- On-site conservation;
- Recreational amenities;
- Differential cost of undergrounding electric utility lines; and
- All related soft and incidental costs.

EXHIBIT A

FORM OF MASTER TRUST INDENTURE
AND
SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST INDENTURE

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MASTER TRUST INDENTURE

between

GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

and

U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

As Trustee

Dated as of _____ 1, 2025

relating to

GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS

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THIS MASTER TRUST INDENTURE, dated as of _____ 1, 2025 (the “Master Indenture”), by and between GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (together with its permitted successors and assigns, the “Issuer”), a local unit of special-purpose government organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, and U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association duly organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America and having a designated corporate trust office in Fort Lauderdale, Florida (said trust company and any bank or trust company becoming successor trustee under this Master Indenture and all Supplemental Indentures (as hereinafter defined) being hereinafter referred to as the “Trustee”);

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the Issuer is a local unit of special purpose government duly organized and existing under the provisions of the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended (the “Act”), created pursuant to Ordinance No. 2024-048, enacted by the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County, Florida, on August 6, 2024, for the purpose, among other things, of financing and managing the acquisition and construction, maintenance, and operation of the major infrastructure within and without the boundaries of the premises to be governed by the Issuer; and

WHEREAS, the premises governed by the Issuer (as further described in Exhibit A hereto, the “District” or “District Lands”) currently consist of approximately 132.681 acres of land located entirely within the unincorporated area of Polk County, Florida (the “County”); and

WHEREAS, the Issuer has determined to undertake, in one or more stages, the acquisition and construction of certain public infrastructure pursuant to the Act for the special benefit of the District Lands (as further described in Exhibit B hereto, each a “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Issuer proposes to finance the cost of acquisition and construction of the Project by the issuance of one or more series of Bonds pursuant to this Master Indenture;

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS MASTER INDENTURE WITNESSETH, that to provide for the issuance of Bonds (as hereinafter defined) under this Master Indenture, as supplemented from time to time by one or more Supplemental Indentures (as hereinafter defined), the security and payment of the principal, redemption or purchase price thereof (as the case may be) and interest thereon, any reimbursement due to a Credit Facility Issuer (hereinafter defined), if any, for any drawing on its Credit Facility (hereinafter defined), as required under the terms of the corresponding Credit Facility Agreement (hereinafter defined), the rights of the Owners of the Bonds of a Series (as hereinafter defined) and the performance and observance of all of the covenants contained herein and in said Bonds and in any Credit Facility Agreement for and in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained and of the purchase and acceptance of the Bonds of a Series by the Owners thereof, from time to time, the issuance by any Credit Facility Issuer of its Credit Facility, from time to time, and of the acceptance by the Trustee of the trusts hereby created, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the Issuer hereby assigns, transfers, sets over and pledges to the Trustee and grants a lien on all of the right, title and interest of the Issuer in and to the Pledged Revenues (hereinafter defined) as security for the payment of the principal, redemption or purchase price of (as the case may be) and interest on Bonds of a Series issued

hereunder and any reimbursement due to any Credit Facility Issuer for any drawing on its Credit Facility issued with respect to any such Bonds, as required under the terms of the corresponding Credit Facility Agreement, all in the manner hereinafter provided, and the Issuer further hereby agrees with and covenants unto the Trustee as follows:

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

In this Master Indenture and any indenture supplemental hereto (except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires) terms defined in the recitals hereto shall have the same meaning throughout this Master Indenture and all Supplemental Indentures, and in addition, the following terms shall have the meanings specified below:

“Account” shall mean any account established pursuant to this Master Indenture and all Supplemental Indentures.

“Acquisition Agreement” shall mean one or more improvement acquisition agreements between the Issuer and the Developer, pursuant to which the Developer agrees to provide, design, construct and sell to the Issuer, and the Issuer agrees to purchase from the Developer, all or a portion of a Project.

“Acquisition and Construction Fund” shall mean the Fund so designated and established pursuant to Section 5.01 hereof.

“Act” shall mean the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, and any successor statute thereto.

“Ancillary Agreements” shall mean the Acquisition Agreement, true-up agreements, completion agreements, collateral assignment of Developer rights, funding agreements and any other agreements of the Developer in favor of the Issuer and/or the Trustee for the benefit of the Bondholders relating to a Project and the payment of a Series of Bonds.

“Annual Budget” shall mean the Issuer’s budget of current operating and maintenance expenses for a Project for a Fiscal Year, as the same may be amended from time to time, adopted in accordance with the provisions hereof.

“Arbitrage Certificate” shall mean the certificate of the Issuer delivered at the time of issuance of a Series of Bonds setting forth the expectations of the Issuer with respect to the use of the proceeds of such Series and also containing certain covenants of the Issuer in order to achieve compliance with the Code relating to the tax-status of the Bonds.

“Assessment Areas” shall mean distinct areas within the District Lands identified by the Developer that will be developed by the Developer in phases. The Issuer reserves the right to impose separate Special Assessments on each separate Assessment Area that may be created.

“Authorized Denomination” shall mean, unless provided otherwise in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, with respect to each Series of Bonds, a denomination of \$5,000 and integral multiples of \$5,000 in excess thereof.

“Authorized Newspaper” shall mean a newspaper printed in English and customarily published at least once a day at least five (5) days a week and generally circulated in New York, New York, or such other cities as the Issuer from time to time may determine by written notice provided to the Trustee. When successive publications in an Authorized Newspaper are required, they may be made in the same or different Authorized Newspapers.

“Beneficial Owner” shall mean the Person treated as the owner of Bonds for federal income tax purposes while the Bonds are registered in the name of Cede & Co., as the nominee of DTC. The Trustee is authorized to recognize the Beneficial Owners of a Series of Bonds for purposes of approvals, consents or other actions taken hereunder or under a Supplemental Indenture if beneficial ownership is proven to the satisfaction of the Trustee.

“Board” shall mean the Board of Supervisors of the Issuer.

“Bond Counsel” shall mean Counsel of nationally recognized standing in matters pertaining to the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on obligations issued by states and their political subdivisions.

“Bond Redemption Fund” shall mean the Fund so designated which is established pursuant to Section 6.06 hereof.

“Bond Register” shall have the meaning specified in Section 2.04 of this Master Indenture.

“Bondholder,” “Holder of Bonds,” “Holder,” “Bondowner,” “Registered Owner” or “Owner” or any similar term shall mean any Person or Persons who shall be the registered owner of any Outstanding Bond or Bonds, as evidenced on the Bond Register of the Issuer kept by the Registrar.

“Bonds” shall mean the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District Special Assessment Bonds, issued in one or more Series pursuant to the provisions of this Master Indenture and Bonds subsequently issued to refund all or a portion of such aforementioned Bonds. If the Issuer determines to issue bond anticipation notes to be secured in whole or in part by a lien on the net proceeds of Bonds to be issued under this Master Indenture, the term “Bonds” shall apply to such short-term notes but only to the extent the Supplemental Indenture relating to such bond anticipation notes so provides.

“Business Day” shall mean any day other than a Saturday or Sunday or legal holiday or a day on which the office of the Issuer, or corporate office of the Trustee, the Registrar or any Paying Agent is closed, or a day on which the New York Stock Exchange is closed.

“Certified Public Accountant” shall mean a Person, who shall be Independent, appointed by the Board, actively engaged in the business of public accounting and duly certified as a certified public accountant under the laws of the State.

“Certified Resolution” or “Certified Resolution of the Issuer” shall mean a copy of one or more resolutions certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Issuer, under its seal, to have been duly adopted by the Board and to be in full force and effect as of the date of such certification.

“Code” shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the applicable United States Treasury Department regulations promulgated thereunder.

“Completion Date” shall have the meaning given to such term in Section 5.01 of this Master Indenture.

“Consultant” shall mean a Person, who shall be Independent, appointed by the Board, qualified to pass upon questions relating to municipal entities and having a favorable reputation for skill and experience in the financial affairs of municipal entities.

“Consultant’s Certificate” shall mean a certificate or a report prepared in accordance with then applicable professional standards duly executed by a Consultant.

“Consulting Engineer” shall mean the Independent engineer or engineering firm or corporation at the time employed by the Issuer under the provisions of Section 9.21 of this Master Indenture to perform and carry out duties imposed on the Consulting Engineer by this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indentures. The Independent engineer or engineering firm or corporation at the time serving as the engineer to the Issuer may serve as Consulting Engineer under this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indentures.

“Continuing Disclosure Agreement” shall mean a Continuing Disclosure Agreement, by and among the Issuer, the dissemination agent named therein and the Developer, and any other obligated party under the Rule, in connection with the issuance of one or more Series of Bonds hereunder, pursuant to the requirements of the Rule.

“Cost” or “Costs,” in connection with a Project or any portion thereof, shall mean all expenses which are properly chargeable thereto under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles or which are incidental to the planning, financing, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, equipping and installation thereof, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing:

- (a) expenses of determining the feasibility or practicability of acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of a Project;
- (b) cost of surveys, estimates, plans, and specifications;
- (c) cost of improvements;
- (d) engineering, architectural, fiscal, legal, accounting and other professional and advisory expenses and charges;
- (e) cost of all labor, materials, machinery, and equipment (including, without limitation, (i) amounts payable to contractors, builders and materialmen and costs incident to the award of contracts and (ii) the cost of labor, facilities and services furnished by the Issuer and its employees, materials and supplies purchased by the Issuer and permits and licenses obtained by the Issuer);
- (f) cost of all lands, properties, rights, easements, and franchises acquired;

- (g) financing charges;
- (h) creation of initial reserve and debt service funds;
- (i) working capital;
- (j) interest charges incurred or estimated to be incurred on money borrowed prior to and during construction and acquisition and for such reasonable period of time after completion of construction or acquisition as the Board may determine and as approved by Bond Counsel;
- (k) the cost of issuance of Bonds, including, without limitation, advertisements and printing;
- (l) the cost of any election held pursuant to the Act and all other expenses of issuance of bonds;
- (m) the discount, if any, on the sale or exchange of Bonds;
- (n) amounts required to repay temporary or bond anticipation loans made to finance any costs permitted under the Act;
- (o) costs of prior improvements performed by the Issuer in anticipation of a Project;
- (p) costs incurred to enforce remedies against contractors, subcontractors, any provider of labor, material, services, or any other Person, for a default or breach under the corresponding contract, or in connection with any other dispute;
- (q) premiums for contract bonds and insurance during construction and costs on account of personal injuries and property damage in the course of construction and insurance against the same;
- (r) payments, contributions, dedications, and any other exactions required as a condition to receive any government approval or permit necessary to accomplish any District purpose;
- (s) administrative expenses;
- (t) taxes, assessments and similar governmental charges during construction or reconstruction of a Project;
- (u) expenses of Project management and supervision;
- (v) costs of effecting compliance with any and all governmental permits relating to the Project;
- (w) such other expenses as may be necessary or incidental to the acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of a Project or to the financing thereof; and

- (x) any other “cost” or expense as provided by the Act.

In connection with the refunding or redeeming of any Bonds, “Cost” includes, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the items listed in (d), (k), (l) and (m) above, and other expenses related to the redemption of the Bonds to be redeemed and the Redemption Price of such Bonds (and the accrued interest payable on redemption to the extent not otherwise provided for). Whenever Costs are required to be itemized, such itemization shall, to the extent practicable, correspond with the items listed above. Whenever Costs are to be paid hereunder, such payment may be made by way of reimbursement to the Issuer or any other Person who has paid the same in addition to direct payment of Costs.

“Counsel” shall mean an attorney-at-law or law firm (who may be counsel for the Issuer) with expertise in the related matter.

“County” shall mean Polk County, Florida.

“Credit Facility” shall mean any credit enhancement mechanism such as an irrevocable letter of credit, a surety bond, a policy of municipal bond insurance, a corporate or other guaranty, a purchase agreement, a credit agreement or deficiency agreement or other similar facility applicable to the Bonds, as established pursuant to a Supplemental Indenture, pursuant to which the entity providing such facility agrees to provide funds to make payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Master Indenture, the Bonds may be issued without a Credit Facility; the decision to provide a Credit Facility in respect of any Bonds shall be within the absolute discretion of the Board.

“Credit Facility Agreement” shall mean any agreement pursuant to which a Credit Facility Issuer issues a Credit Facility.

“Credit Facility Issuer” shall mean the issuer or guarantor of any Credit Facility.

“Debt Service Fund” shall mean the Fund so designated which is established pursuant to Section 6.04 hereof.

“Debt Service Requirements,” with reference to a specified period, shall mean:

- (a) interest payable on the Bonds during such period, subject to reduction for amounts held as capitalized interest in the Funds and Accounts established under this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indentures; and

- (b) amounts required to be paid into any Sinking Fund Account with respect to the Bonds during such period; and

- (c) amounts required to pay the principal of the Bonds maturing during such period and not to be redeemed prior to or at maturity through any Sinking Fund Account.

For any Bonds that bear interest at a variable rate, the interest payable for a specified period shall be determined as if such Bonds bear interest at the maximum rate provided for in the

applicable Supplemental Indenture and if no maximum rate is provided for in the Supplemental Indenture, the maximum rate shall be 10.00% per annum.

“Debt Service Reserve Fund” shall mean the Fund so designated which is established pursuant to Section 6.05 hereof.

“Debt Service Reserve Requirement” shall mean, for each Series of Bonds, unless a different requirement shall be specified in a Supplemental Indenture, an amount equal to the lesser of (i) the maximum annual Debt Service Requirements for the Outstanding Bonds of such Series, (ii) 125% of the average annual Debt Service Requirements for the Outstanding Bonds of such Series, and (iii) 10% of the original proceeds (within the meaning of the Code) of the Bonds of such Series.

“Defeasance Securities” shall mean, to the extent permitted by law, (a) cash, or (b) non-callable Government Obligations.

“Developer” shall mean the entities identified to the Issuer, as the master developers of all or a portion of the District Lands and any affiliates or any other entities which succeed to all or any part of the interests and assumes any or all of the responsibilities of such entities, as the master developer of all or a portion of the District Lands.

“Developer Funding Agreement” shall mean, if applicable, one or more developer capital funding agreements between the Issuer and the Developer, pursuant to which the Developer agrees to advance moneys, from time to time, to the Issuer for deposit into the appropriate Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund, so that there are sufficient moneys on deposit therein (taking into account proceeds from the applicable Series of Bonds) to complete a Project.

“District Lands” or “District” shall mean the premises governed by the Issuer, consisting of approximately 267.80 acres of land located entirely within the unincorporated area of the County, as more fully described in Exhibit A hereto.

“District Manager” shall mean the then District Manager or acting District Manager of the Issuer.

“Electronic Means” shall mean telecopy, facsimile transmission, email transmission or other similar Electronic Means of communicating providing evidence of transmission can be established.

“Event of Default” shall mean any of the events described in Section 10.02 hereof.

“Fiscal Year” shall mean the period of twelve (12) months beginning October 1 of each calendar year and ending on September 30 of the following calendar year, and also shall mean the period from actual execution hereof to and including the next succeeding September 30; or such other consecutive twelve-month period as may hereafter be established pursuant to a Certified Resolution as the fiscal year of the Issuer for budgeting and accounting purposes as authorized by law.

“Fitch” shall mean Fitch Ratings, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, its successors and assigns, and if such corporation shall be dissolved or liquidated or shall no longer perform the functions of a securities rating agency, “Fitch” shall be deemed to refer to any other nationally recognized securities rating agency designated by the Issuer and acceptable to the Trustee.

“Fund” shall mean any fund established pursuant to this Master Indenture.

“Generally Accepted Accounting Principles” shall mean those accounting principles applicable in the preparation of financial statements of municipalities.

“Government Obligations” shall mean direct obligations of, or obligations the timely payment of principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America.

“Indenture” shall mean, with respect to any Series of Bonds, this Master Indenture as supplemented by the Supplemental Indenture pursuant to which such Series of Bonds is issued.

“Independent” shall mean a Person who is not a member of the Issuer’s Board, an officer or employee of the Issuer or Developer, or which is not a partnership, corporation or association having a partner, director, officer, member or substantial stockholder who is a member of the Issuer’s Board, or an officer or employee of the Issuer; provided, however, that the fact that such Person is retained regularly by or regularly transacts business with the Issuer or Developer shall not make such Person an employee within the meaning of this definition.

“Interest Account” shall mean the Account so designated, established as a separate account within the Debt Service Fund pursuant to Section 6.04 hereof.

“Interest Payment Date” shall mean, unless otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, each May 1 and November 1 commencing on the date specified in the Certified Resolution of the Issuer or in the Supplemental Indenture pursuant to which a Series of Bonds is issued.

“Investment Securities” shall mean and include any of the following securities:

- (i) Government Obligations;
- (ii) obligations of any of the following agencies: Government National Mortgage Association (including participation certificates issued by such association); Fannie Mae (including participation certificates issued by such entity); Federal Home Loan Banks; Federal Farm Credit Banks; Tennessee Valley Authority; Farmers Home Administration; Student Loan Marketing Association; Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, or other similar governmental sponsored entities;
- (iii) deposits, Federal funds or bankers’ acceptances (with term to maturity of 270 days or less) of any bank which, at the time of deposit, has an unsecured, uninsured and unguaranteed obligation rated in one of the top two rating categories by both Moody’s and S&P;

(iv) commercial paper (having maturities of not more than 270 days) rated in the top two rating category by both Moody's and S&P at the time of purchase;

(v) municipal securities issued by any state or commonwealth of the United States or political subdivision thereof or constituted authority thereof including, but not limited to, municipal corporations, school districts and other special districts, the interest on which is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 103 of the Code and rated A- or higher by Moody's, Fitch or S&P at the time of purchase;

(vi) both (A) shares of a diversified open-end management investment company (as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940) or a regulated investment company (as defined in Section 851(a) of the Code) that is a money market fund that is rated in the highest rating category for such funds by both Moody's and S&P, and (B) shares of money market mutual funds that invest only in Government Obligations and obligations of any of the following agencies: Government National Mortgage Association (including participation certificates issued by such association); Fannie Mae (including participation certificates issued by such entity); Federal Home Loan Banks; Federal Farm Credit Banks; Tennessee Valley Authority; Farmers Home Administration; Student Loan Marketing Association; Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, which funds are rated in the highest categories for such funds by both Moody's and S&P at the time of purchase;

(vii) the Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund as described in Florida Statutes, Section 218.405 or the corresponding provisions of subsequent laws provided that such fund, at the time of purchase, is rated at least "AA" by S&P (without regard to gradation) or at least "Aa" by Moody's (without regard to gradation);

(viii) negotiable or non-negotiable certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts, money market deposits or banking arrangements issued by or with any financial institution subject to state or federal regulation provided that the full principal amount is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") (including the FDIC's Savings Association Insurance Fund), including the Trustee or its affiliates, which have a rating on their short-term certificates of deposit on the date of purchase in one of the three highest short-term Rating Categories (without regard to any refinement or gradation of rating category by numerical modifier or otherwise) assigned by any Rating Agency and which mature not more than 360 days after the date of purchase; and

(ix) other investments permitted by Florida law and directed by the Issuer.

Under all circumstances, the Trustee shall be entitled to conclusively rely upon as accurate any investment directed by the Issuer is permitted under the Indenture and is a legal investment for funds of the Issuer.

"Issuer" shall mean the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District.

"Major Non-Recurring Expense" shall mean the cost of major replacement or reconstruction of a Project, or any part thereof, the cost of major repairs, renewals or replacements, the provision of a reserve for the payment of insurance premiums not due on an annual or more

frequent basis, and the cost of studies, surveys, estimates and investigations in connection with any of the foregoing.

“Majority Holders” shall mean the Beneficial Owners of more than fifty percent (50%) of the outstanding principal amount of the applicable Series of Outstanding Bonds.

“Master Indenture” shall mean, this Master Trust Indenture dated as of _____ 1, 2025 by and between the Issuer and the Trustee, as amended and or supplemented in accordance with the provisions of Article XIII hereof.

“Moody’s” shall mean Moody’s Investors Service, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, its successors and assigns, and, if such corporation shall be dissolved or liquidated or shall no longer perform the functions of a securities rating agency, “Moody’s” shall be deemed to refer to any other nationally recognized securities rating agency designated by the Issuer and acceptable to the Trustee.

“Officers’ Certificate” or “Officer’s Certificate” shall mean a certificate, duly executed by a Responsible Officer and delivered to the Trustee.

“Outstanding,” in connection with a Series of Bonds, shall mean, as of the time in question, all Bonds of such Series authenticated and delivered under the Indenture, except:

(a) all Bonds theretofore cancelled or required to be cancelled under Section 2.07 hereof;

(b) Bonds for the payment, redemption or purchase of which moneys and/or Defeasance Securities, the principal of and interest on which, when due, will provide sufficient moneys to fully pay such Bonds in accordance with Article XIV hereof, shall have been or shall concurrently be deposited with the Trustee; provided that, if such Bonds are being redeemed, the required notice of redemption shall have been given or provision shall have been made therefor, and that if such Bonds are being purchased, there shall be a firm commitment for the purchase and sale thereof; and

(c) Bonds in substitution for which other Bonds have been authenticated and delivered pursuant to Article II hereof.

In determining whether the Holders of a requisite aggregate principal amount of Bonds Outstanding of a Series have concurred in any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver under the provisions of the Indenture, Bonds of such Series which are known by the Trustee to be held by or on behalf of the Issuer shall be disregarded for the purpose of any such determination, unless all of the Bonds of such Series are held by or on behalf of the Issuer; provided, however, this provision does not affect the right of the Trustee to deal in Bonds as set forth in Section 11.09 hereof.

“Participating Underwriter” shall mean any of the original underwriters of the Bonds required to comply with the Rule in connection with the offering of the Bonds.

“Paying Agent” shall mean initially, U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association and thereafter any successor thereto appointed in accordance with Section 11.20 of this Master Indenture.

“Person” shall mean any individual, corporation, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, governmental body, political subdivision, municipality, municipal authority or any other group or organization of individuals.

“Pledged Revenues” shall mean, unless otherwise provided by Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, with respect to each Series of Bonds Outstanding, (a) all revenues received by the Issuer from Special Assessments levied and collected on all or a portion of the District Lands with respect to a Project or portion thereof financed by such Series of Bonds, including, without limitation, amounts received from any foreclosure proceeding for the enforcement of collection of such Special Assessments or from the issuance and sale of tax certificates with respect to such Special Assessments, and (b) all moneys on deposit in the Funds, Accounts and subaccounts established under the Indenture allocated to such Series of Bonds; provided, however, that Pledged Revenues shall not include (i) any moneys transferred to the Rebate Fund, or investment earnings thereon and (ii) “special assessments” levied and collected by the Issuer under Section 190.022 of the Act for maintenance purposes or “maintenance special assessments” levied and collected by the Issuer under Section 190.021(3) of the Act (it being expressly understood that the lien and pledge of the Indenture shall not apply to any of the moneys described in the foregoing clauses (i) and (ii) of this proviso).

“Prepayment” shall mean the payment by any owner of Property of the amount of Special Assessments encumbering its property, in whole or in part, prior to its scheduled due date. A landowner may make a Prepayment in kind pursuant to the provisions of Section 9.08 hereof.

“Principal Account” shall mean the Account so designated, established as a separate account within the Debt Service Fund pursuant to Section 6.04 hereof.

“Project” shall mean with respect to any Series of Bonds, the design, acquisition, construction equipping and/or improvement of certain public infrastructure consisting of, but not limited to, storm water management facilities; recreational facilities; roadway improvements; irrigation landscaping including entrance features; acquisition of certain interests in lands; undergrounding differential costs, on-site conservation, and related incidental costs, all as more specifically described in the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds; provided that the Project shall specially benefit all of the District Lands on which Special Assessments to secure such Series of Bonds have been levied.

“Project Documents” shall mean all permits, drawings, plans and specifications, contracts and other instruments and rights relating to a Project and a development assigned by the Developer to the Issuer pursuant to a collateral assignment.

“Property Appraiser” shall mean the property appraiser of the County.

“Property Appraiser and Tax Collector Agreement” shall mean the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector Agreement described in Section 9.04 hereof.

“Rebate Fund” shall mean the Fund so designated, which is established pursuant to Section 6.11 of this Master Indenture.

“Record Date” shall mean, as the case may be, the applicable Regular or Special Record Date.

“Redemption Price” shall mean the principal amount of any Bond of a Series plus the applicable premium, if any, payable upon redemption thereof pursuant to the Indenture.

“Registrar” shall mean initially U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, which entity shall have the responsibilities set forth in Section 2.04 of this Master Indenture, and thereafter any successor thereto appointed in accordance with Section 11.20 of this Master Indenture.

“Regular Record Date” shall mean the fifteenth day (whether or not a Business Day) of the calendar month next preceding each Interest Payment Date, unless provided otherwise in any Supplemental Indenture.

“Regulatory Body” shall mean and include (a) the United States of America and any department of or corporation, agency or instrumentality heretofore or hereafter created, designated or established by the United States of America, (b) the State, any political subdivision thereof and any department of or corporation, agency or instrumentality heretofore or hereafter created, designated or established by the State, (c) the County and any department of or corporation, agency or instrumentality heretofore or hereafter created, designated or established by the County, and (d) any other public body, whether federal, state or local or otherwise having regulatory jurisdiction and authority over the Issuer.

“Responsible Officer” shall mean any member of the Board or any other officer of the Issuer, including the Secretary or other person designated by Certified Resolution of the Issuer, a copy of which shall be on file with the Trustee, to act for any of the foregoing, either generally or with respect to the execution of any particular document or other specific matter.

“Revenue Fund” shall mean the Fund so designated which is established pursuant to Section 6.03 hereof.

“Rule” shall mean Rule 15c2-12 adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time.

“S&P” shall mean S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global Inc., and its successors and assigns, and, if such entity shall be dissolved or liquidated or shall no longer perform the functions of a securities rating agency, “S&P” shall be deemed to refer to any other nationally recognized securities rating agency designated by the Issuer.

“Series” shall mean all of the Bonds authenticated and delivered at one time on original issuance and pursuant to any Certified Resolution of the Issuer authorizing such Bonds as a separate Series of Bonds, or any Bonds thereafter authenticated and delivered in lieu of or in substitution for such Bonds pursuant to Article II hereof and the applicable Supplemental Indenture, regardless of variations in maturity, interest rate or other provisions; provided, however,

two or more Series of Bonds may be issued simultaneously under the same Supplemental Indenture if designated as separate Series of Bonds by the Issuer upon original issuance. Two or more Series or sub-Series of Bonds may be issued simultaneously under separate Supplemental Indentures, but under this Master Indenture. As may be provided by subsequent proceedings of the Issuer, one or more Series of Bonds or sub-Series Bonds, whether issued at the same time or not, may be separately secured by Special Assessments imposed pursuant to separate assessment proceedings. Such Bonds or sub-Series of Bonds which are secured by separate Special Assessments will not be issued as parity bonds even if issued at the same time.

“Sinking Fund Account” shall mean the Account so designated, established as a separate account within the Debt Service Fund pursuant to Section 6.04 hereof.

“Special Assessments” shall mean (a) the net proceeds derived from the levy and collection of “special assessments,” as provided for in Sections 190.011(14) and 190.022 of the Act against District Lands that are subject to assessment as a result of a particular Project or any portion thereof or against one or more identified Assessment Areas, if applicable, and (b) the net proceeds derived from the levy and collection of “benefit special assessments,” as provided for in Section 190.021(2) of the Act, against the lands within the District that are subject to assessment as a result of a particular Project or any portion thereof, and in the case of both “special assessments” and “benefit special assessments,” including the interest and penalties on such assessments, pursuant to all applicable provisions of the Act and Chapter 170, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 197, Florida Statutes (and any successor statutes thereto), including, without limitation, any amount received from any foreclosure proceeding for the enforcement of collection of such assessments or from the issuance and sale of tax certificates with respect to such assessments, less (to the extent applicable) the fees and costs of collection thereof payable to the Tax Collector and less certain administrative costs payable to the Property Appraiser pursuant to the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector Agreement. “Special Assessments” shall not include “special assessments” levied and collected by the Issuer under Section 190.022 of the Act for maintenance purposes or “maintenance special assessments” levied and collected by the Issuer under Section 190.021(3) of the Act.

“Special Record Date” shall mean such date as shall be fixed for the payment of defaulted interest on the Bonds in accordance with Section 2.01 hereof.

“State” shall mean the State of Florida.

“Supplemental Indenture” and “indenture supplemental hereto” shall mean any indenture amending or supplementing this Master Indenture which may be entered into in accordance with the provisions of this Master Indenture.

“Tax Collector” shall mean the tax collector of the County.

The words “hereof,” “herein,” “hereto,” “hereby,” and “hereunder” (except in the form of Bond), refer to the entire Master Indenture.

Every “request,” “requisition,” “order,” “demand,” “application,” “notice,” “statement,” “certificate,” “consent,” or similar action hereunder by the Issuer shall, unless the form or execution thereof is otherwise specifically provided, be in writing signed by the Responsible Officer of the Issuer.

All words and terms importing the singular number shall, where the context requires, import the plural number and vice versa.

[END OF ARTICLE I]

ARTICLE II THE BONDS

SECTION 2.01. Amounts and Terms of Bonds; Details of Bonds. The Issuer is hereby authorized to issue in one or more Series pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Master Indenture, its obligations to be known as “Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District Special Assessment Bonds, Series [to be designated]” (the “Bonds”). The total principal amount of Bonds that may be issued and Outstanding under this Master Indenture shall not be limited, but shall be subject to any conditions set forth in a Supplemental Indenture and Florida law. The Bonds shall be issued in Authorized Denominations and within each Series shall be numbered consecutively from R-1 and upwards in each Series and in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit C, with such appropriate variations, omissions and insertions as are permitted or required by this Master Indenture or as otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture. All Bonds shall be issued only upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Article III hereof; and the Trustee shall, at the Issuer’s request, authenticate such Bonds and deliver them as specified in such request. If the Issuer should change its name, no amendment shall be required to be made to this Master Indenture, any Supplemental Indenture or Bonds issued thereunder.

Each Bond shall be dated, shall have such Interest Payment Dates, shall bear interest from such date or dates and at such rate or rates until the maturity thereof, payable on such Interest Payment Dates, and shall be stated to mature (subject to the right of prior redemption), all as provided in, or pursuant to, a Supplemental Indenture.

Both the principal of and the interest on the Bonds shall be payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which is legal tender on the respective dates of payment thereof for the payment of public and private debts. Unless otherwise provided in Section 2.11 hereof or in a Supplemental Indenture, the principal of all Bonds shall be payable at the designated corporate trust office of the Paying Agent upon the presentation and surrender of such Bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

Except to the extent otherwise provided in Section 2.11 hereof or in a Supplemental Indenture, interest on any Bond is payable on any Interest Payment Date by check or draft mailed on the Interest Payment Date to the person in whose name that Bond is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such Interest Payment Date, at his address as it appears on the Bond Register. The Bonds shall bear interest from the Interest Payment Date next preceding the date on which they are authenticated unless authenticated on an Interest Payment Date in which event they shall bear interest from such Interest Payment Date, or unless authenticated before the first Interest Payment Date in which event they shall bear interest from their date; provided, however, that if a Bond is authenticated between a Record Date and the next succeeding Interest Payment Date, such Bond shall bear interest from such succeeding Interest Payment Date; provided further, however, that if at the time of authentication of any Bond interest thereon is in default, such Bond shall bear interest from the date to which interest has been paid. Any interest on any Bond which is payable, but is not punctually paid or provided for on any Interest Payment Date (hereinafter called “Defaulted Interest”) shall be paid to the Owner in whose name the Bond is registered at the close of business on a Special Record Date to be fixed by the Trustee, such date to be not more than fifteen (15) nor less than ten (10) days prior to the date of proposed payment. The Trustee shall cause notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special

Record Date therefor to be given by Electronic Means or mailed, first-class, postage-prepaid, to each Owner of record as of the fifth (5th) day prior to such notice, at his or her address as it appears in the Bond Register. The foregoing notwithstanding, but subject to the procedures set forth in Section 2.11 hereof, any Owner of Bonds of a Series in an aggregate principal amount of at least \$1,000,000 shall be entitled to have interest paid by wire transfer to such Owner to the bank account number on file with the Trustee and Paying Agent, upon requesting the same in a writing received by the Trustee and Paying Agent at least fifteen (15) days prior to the relevant Record Date, which writing shall specify the bank, which shall be a bank within the continental United States, and bank account number to which interest payments are to be wired. Any such request for interest payments by wire transfer shall remain in effect until rescinded or changed, in a writing delivered by the Owner to the Trustee and Paying Agent, and any such rescission or change of wire transfer instructions must be received by the Trustee and Paying Agent at least fifteen (15) days prior to the relevant Record Date. Unless provided otherwise in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, interest on the Bonds will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. Unless provided otherwise in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, interest on overdue principal and, to the extent lawful, on overdue interest will be payable at the numerical rate of interest borne by such Bonds on the day before the default occurred.

The Trustee is hereby constituted and appointed as Paying Agent for the Bonds and shall also be authorized to authenticate the Bonds.

SECTION 2.02. Execution. The Bonds shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signature of the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson of the Issuer, and the corporate seal of the Issuer shall appear thereon (which may be in facsimile) and shall be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of its Secretary or Assistant Secretary. Bonds executed as above provided may be issued and shall, upon request of the Issuer, be authenticated by the Trustee, notwithstanding that one or both of the officers of the Issuer whose signatures appear on such Bonds shall have ceased to hold office at the time of issuance or authentication or shall not have held office at the date of the Bonds.

SECTION 2.03. Authentication. No Bond shall be valid until the certificate of authentication shall have been duly executed by the Trustee, and such authentication shall be proof that the Bondholder is entitled to the benefit of the trust hereby created. The Trustee shall at all times serve as Authentication Agent and shall be authorized to authenticate the Bonds.

SECTION 2.04. Registration and Registrar. The Trustee is hereby constituted and appointed as the Registrar for the Bonds. The Registrar shall act as registrar and transfer agent for the Bonds. The Issuer shall cause to be kept at an office of the Registrar a register (herein sometimes referred to as the “Bond Register” or “Register”) in which, subject to the provisions set forth in Section 2.08 below and such other regulations as the Issuer and Registrar may prescribe, the Issuer shall provide for the registration of the Bonds and for the registration of transfers and exchanges of such Bonds. The Trustee shall notify the Issuer in writing of the specific office location (which may be changed from time to time, upon similar notification) at which the Bond Register is kept. The Bond Registrar shall initially be kept at the Trustee’s corporate trust office in Fort Lauderdale, Florida

SECTION 2.05. Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Bonds. If any Bond shall become mutilated, the Issuer shall execute and the Trustee shall thereupon authenticate and deliver a new Bond of like Series, tenor and denomination in exchange and substitution for the Bond so mutilated, but only upon surrender to the Trustee of such mutilated Bond for cancellation, and the Issuer and the Trustee may require reasonable indemnity therefor. If any Bond shall be reported lost, stolen or destroyed, evidence as to the ownership and the loss, theft or destruction thereof shall be submitted to the Issuer and the Trustee; and if such evidence shall be satisfactory to both and indemnity satisfactory to both shall be given, the Issuer shall execute, and thereupon the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver a new Bond of like Series, tenor and denomination. The cost of providing any substitute Bond under the provisions of this Section shall be borne by the Bondholder for whose benefit such substitute Bond is provided. If any such mutilated, lost, stolen or destroyed Bond shall have matured or be about to mature, the Issuer may, with the consent of the Trustee, pay to the Owner the principal amount of and accrued interest on such Bond upon the maturity thereof and compliance with the aforesaid conditions by such Owner, without the issuance of a substitute Bond therefor.

Every substituted Bond issued pursuant to this Section 2.05 shall constitute an additional contractual obligation of the Issuer, whether or not the Bond alleged to have been destroyed, lost or stolen shall be at any time enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Master Indenture and applicable Supplemental Indenture equally and proportionately with any and all other Bonds of such same Series duly issued hereunder and under such Supplemental Indenture.

All Bonds shall be held and owned upon the express condition that the foregoing provisions are exclusive with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bonds, and shall preclude any and all other rights or remedies with respect to the replacement or payment of negotiable instruments, investments or other securities without their surrender.

SECTION 2.06. Temporary Bonds. Pending preparation of definitive Bonds, or by agreement with the original purchasers of all Bonds, the Issuer may issue and, upon its request, the Trustee shall authenticate in lieu of definitive Bonds one or more temporary printed or typewritten Bonds of substantially the tenor recited above. Upon request of the Issuer, the Trustee shall authenticate definitive Bonds in exchange for and upon surrender of an equal principal amount of temporary Bonds. Until so exchanged, temporary Bonds shall have the same rights, remedies and security hereunder as definitive Bonds. So long as Cede & Co., or any other nominee of DTC is the registered Owner of the Bonds, the definitive Bonds shall be in typewritten form.

SECTION 2.07. Cancellation and Destruction of Surrendered Bonds. All Bonds surrendered for payment or redemption and all Bonds surrendered for exchange shall, at the time of such payment, redemption or exchange, be promptly transferred by the Registrar or the Paying Agent to, and cancelled and destroyed by, the Trustee in accordance with its retention policy then in effect.

SECTION 2.08. Registration, Transfer and Exchange. As provided in Section 2.04 hereof, the Issuer shall cause a Bond Register in respect of the Bonds to be kept at the designated office of the Registrar.

Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Bond at the designated office of the Registrar, and upon compliance with the conditions for the transfer of Bonds set forth in this Section 2.08, the Issuer shall execute and the Trustee (or Registrar as described in Section 2.03 and Section 2.04 hereof) shall authenticate and deliver, in the name of the designated transferees, one or more new Bonds of a like aggregate principal amount and of the same Series and maturity.

At the option of the Bondholder, Bonds may be exchanged for other Bonds of a like aggregate principal amount and of the same Series and maturity, upon surrender of the Bonds to be exchanged at any such office of the Registrar. Whenever any Bonds are so surrendered for exchange, the Issuer shall execute and the Trustee (or Registrar as described in Section 2.03 and Section 2.04 hereof) shall authenticate and deliver the Bonds which the Bondholder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

All Bonds issued upon any transfer or exchange of Bonds shall be valid obligations of the Issuer, evidencing the same debt and entitled to the same benefits under this Master Indenture and applicable Supplemental Indenture as the Bonds of such Series surrendered upon such transfer or exchange.

Every Bond presented or surrendered for transfer or exchange shall be duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Trustee, Paying Agent or the Registrar, duly executed by the Bondholder or his attorney duly authorized in writing.

Transfers and exchanges shall be made without charge to the Bondholder, except that the Issuer or the Trustee may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any transfer or exchange of Bonds.

Neither the Issuer nor the Registrar on behalf of the Issuer shall be required (i) to issue, transfer or exchange any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business fifteen (15) days before the day of giving a notice of redemption of Bonds selected for redemption and ending at the close of business on the day of giving such notice, or (ii) to transfer or exchange any Bond so selected for redemption in whole or in part.

SECTION 2.09. Persons Deemed Owners. The Issuer, the Trustee, any Paying Agent, or the Registrar shall deem and treat the person in whose name any Bond is registered as the absolute Owner thereof (whether or not such Bond shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notation of ownership or other writing thereon made by anyone other than the Issuer, the Trustee, any Paying Agent or the Registrar) for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of the principal or Redemption Price of and interest on such Bond, and for all other purposes, and the Issuer, the Trustee, any Paying Agent, and the Registrar shall not be affected by any notice to the contrary. All such payments so made to any such Owner, or upon his order, shall be valid and, to the extent of the sum or sums so paid, effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability for moneys payable upon any such Bond.

SECTION 2.10. Limitation on Incurrence of Certain Indebtedness. The Issuer will not issue Bonds of any Series, except upon the conditions and in the manner provided or as otherwise permitted in the Indenture, provided that the Issuer may enter into agreements with

issuers of Credit Facilities which involve liens on Pledged Revenues on a parity with that of the Bonds or portion thereof which is supported by such Credit Facilities.

SECTION 2.11. Qualification for The Depository Trust Company. To the extent provided in a Supplemental Indenture or authorized and directed by a Resolution of the Issuer authorizing the issuance of a Series of Bonds, the Trustee shall be authorized to enter into agreements with The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), New York, New York and other depository trust companies, including, but not limited to, agreements necessary for wire transfers of interest and principal payments with respect to the Bonds, utilization of electronic book entry data received from DTC, and other depository trust companies in place of actual delivery of Bonds and provision of notices with respect to Bonds registered by DTC and other depository trust companies (or any of their designees identified to the Trustee) by overnight delivery, courier service, telegram, telecopy or other similar means of communication.

So long as there shall be maintained a book-entry-only system with respect to a Series of Bonds, the following provisions shall apply:

Unless provided otherwise in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, each Series of Bonds shall initially be registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee for DTC, which will act initially as securities depository for the Bonds and so long as the Bonds are held in book-entry-only form, Cede & Co. shall be considered the registered owner for all purposes hereof. On original issue, such Bonds shall be deposited with DTC, which shall be responsible for maintaining a book-entry-only system for recording the ownership interest of its participants (“Direct Participants”) and other institutions that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly (“Indirect Participants”). The Direct Participants and Indirect Participants will be responsible for maintaining records with respect to the beneficial ownership interests of individual purchasers of the Bonds (“Beneficial Owners”).

Principal and interest on the Bonds registered in the name of Cede & Co. prior to and at maturity shall be payable directly to Cede & Co. in care of DTC without the need for presentment of such Bonds. Disbursal of such amounts to Direct Participants shall be the responsibility of DTC. Payments by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners shall be the responsibility of Direct Participants and Indirect Participants and not of DTC, the Trustee or the Issuer.

The Bonds registered in the name of Cede & Co. shall initially be issued in the form of one fully registered Bond for each maturity of each Series registered in the name of Cede & Co. and shall be held in such form until maturity. Individuals may purchase beneficial interests in Authorized Denominations in book-entry-only form, without certificated Bonds, through Direct Participants and Indirect Participants.

DURING THE PERIOD FOR WHICH CEDE & CO. IS REGISTERED OWNER OF THE BONDS, ANY NOTICES TO BE PROVIDED TO ANY REGISTERED OWNER WILL BE PROVIDED TO CEDE & CO. DTC SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTICES TO DIRECT PARTICIPANTS AND DIRECT PARTICIPANTS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTICES TO INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS, AND DIRECT PARTICIPANTS AND INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTICES TO BENEFICIAL OWNERS.

The Issuer shall enter into a blanket letter of representations with DTC providing for such book-entry-only system. Such agreement may be terminated at any time by either DTC or the Issuer. In the event of such termination, the Issuer shall select another securities depository and in that event all references herein to DTC or Cede & Co. shall be deemed to be for reference to its respective successors. If the Issuer does not replace DTC, the Trustee will register and deliver to the Beneficial Owners replacement Bonds in the form of fully registered Bonds in accordance with the instructions from Cede & Co.

In the event DTC, any successor of DTC or the Issuer elects to discontinue the book-entry only system in conformity with the requirements of DTC, the Trustee shall deliver bond certificates in accordance with the instructions from DTC or its successor and after such time Bonds may be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of Bonds in other Authorized Denominations and of the same maturity and Series upon surrender thereof at the designated corporate trust office of the Trustee.

[END OF ARTICLE II]

ARTICLE III ISSUE OF BONDS

SECTION 3.01. Issue of Bonds. Subject to the provisions of Section 2.01 hereof, the Issuer may issue one or more Series of Bonds hereunder and under Supplemental Indentures from time to time for the purpose of financing the Cost of acquisition or construction of a Project or to refund all or a portion of a Series of Bonds (and to pay the costs of the issuance of such Bonds and to pay the amounts required to be deposited with respect to such Bonds in the Funds and Accounts established under the Indenture). In connection with the issuance of a Series of Bonds the Trustee shall, at the request of the Issuer, authenticate the Bonds and deliver or cause them to be authenticated and delivered, as specified in the request, but only upon receipt of:

(i) a Certified Resolution of the Issuer (a) approving a Supplemental Indenture under which the Series of Bonds are to be issued; (b) providing the terms of the Bonds and directing the payments to be made into the Funds and Accounts in respect thereof as provided in Articles V and VI hereof; (c) authorizing the execution and delivery of the Series of Bonds to be issued; and (d) if the purpose is to effectuate a refunding, authorizing the redemption, if any, of the Bonds to be refunded and the defeasance thereof, and the execution and delivery of an escrow agreement, if applicable, and other matters contained in Article XIV hereof;

(ii) a written opinion or opinions of Counsel to the Issuer, which shall also be addressed to the Trustee to the effect that (a) all conditions prescribed herein as precedent to the issuance of the Bonds have been fulfilled; (b) the Bonds have been validly authorized and executed by the Issuer and when authenticated and delivered pursuant to the request of the Issuer will be valid obligations of the Issuer entitled to the benefit of the trust created hereby and will be enforceable in accordance with their terms except as enforcement thereof may be affected by bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium and other similar laws relating to creditors' rights generally and subject to equitable principles, whether in a proceeding at law or in equity; (c) any consents of any Regulatory Bodies required in connection with the issuance of the Bonds or in connection with the acquisition of the improvements included in a Project have been obtained or can be reasonably expected to be obtained on or prior to the date such consents are required for a Project based on certifications of the Consulting Engineer; (d) if the acquisition of any real property or interest therein is included in the purpose of such issue, (i) the Issuer has or can acquire good and marketable title thereto free from all liens and encumbrances except such as will not materially interfere with the proposed use thereof or (ii) the Issuer has or can acquire a valid, subsisting and enforceable leasehold, easement, right-of-way or other interest in real property sufficient to effectuate the purpose of the issue (which opinion may be stated in reliance on the opinion of other Counsel satisfactory to the signer or on a title insurance policy issued by a reputable title company); (e) the Issuer has good right and lawful authority under the Act to undertake a Project; (f) that the Special Assessment proceedings have been taken in accordance with Florida law and that the Issuer has taken all action necessary to levy and impose the Special Assessments; (g) that the Special Assessments are legal, valid, and binding liens upon the property against which the Special Assessments are made, coequal with the lien of all state, county, district and municipal ad valorem taxes and superior in priority to all other liens, titles and claims

against said property then existing or thereafter created, until paid; (h) this Master Indenture and the applicable Supplemental Indenture has been duly and validly authorized, approved, and executed by the Issuer; (i) the issuance of the Series of Bonds has been duly authorized and approved by the Board; and (j) this Master Indenture and the applicable Supplemental Indenture (assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by the Trustee) constitutes a binding obligation of the Issuer, enforceable against the Issuer in accordance with its terms except as enforcement thereof may be affected by bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium and other similar laws relating to creditors' rights generally and subject to equitable principles, whether in a proceeding at law or in equity (clauses (c) (d) and (e) shall not apply in the case of the issuance of a refunding Series of Bonds).

(iii) a Consulting Engineer's certificate setting forth the estimated cost of a Project, and in the case of an acquisition by the Issuer of all or a portion of a Project that has been completed, stating, in the signer's opinion, (a) that the portion of Project improvements to be acquired from the proceeds of such Bonds have been, or are reasonably expected to be, completed in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor; (b) a Project improvements are constructed, or are reasonably expected to be constructed, in a sound workmanlike manner and in accordance with industry standards; (c) the purchase price to be paid by the Issuer for a Project improvements is no more than the lesser of (i) the fair market value of such improvements and (ii) the actual Cost of construction of such improvements; and (d) the plans and specifications for a Project improvements have been approved by all Regulatory Bodies required to approve them (specifying such Regulatory Bodies) or such approval can reasonably be expected to be obtained; provided, however, that in lieu of the information required in clause (a), there may be delivered to the Trustee satisfactory evidence of the acceptance of operational and maintenance responsibility of each component of a Project by one or more governmental entities (the foregoing shall not be applicable in the case of the issuance of a refunding Series of Bonds); the Consulting Engineer's certificate may incorporate its engineering report by reference to satisfy all or some of the above requirements;

(iv) a certificate of the District Manager that the benefit from the proposed Project equals or exceeds the amount of Special Assessments; that the Special Assessments are fairly and reasonably allocated across the lands subject to the Special Assessments; and that the Special Assessments are sufficient to pay the Debt Service Requirement on the Bonds.

(v) a copy of the Supplemental Indenture for such Bonds, certified by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Issuer as being a true and correct copy thereof;

(vi) the proceeds of the sale of such Bonds together with any required equity deposit by the Developer;

(vii) any Credit Facility authorized by the Issuer in respect to such Bonds;

(viii) one or more Certified Resolutions of the Issuer relating to the levy of Special Assessments in respect of a Project, and evidencing that the Issuer has

undertaken and, to the extent then required under applicable law, completed all necessary proceedings, including, without limitation, the approval of assessment rolls, the holding of public hearings, the adoption of resolutions and the establishment of all necessary collection procedures, in order to levy and collect Special Assessments upon the District Lands in an amount sufficient to pay the Debt Service Requirement on the Bonds to be issued;

(ix) a Bond Counsel opinion, which shall be addressed to the Issuer and the Trustee, substantially to the effect that: (i) the applicable Indenture has been duly authorized and executed by the Issuer and constitutes a valid and binding obligation of the Issuer; (ii) the Series of Bonds have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Issuer and are valid and binding special obligations of the Issuer, payable solely from the sources provided therefor in the Indenture; (iii) the interest on the Series of Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes; and (iv) the Series of Bonds and the interest paid thereon are exempt from all taxes imposed by the State of Florida except as to estate taxes and taxes imposed by Chapter 220, Florida Statutes on corporations and other entities, as defined therein.

(x) a written direction of the Issuer to the Trustee to authenticate and deliver such Bonds;

(xi) a copy of a Final Judgment of validation and a Certificate of No Appeal with respect to the Bonds that are subject to validation or an opinion of Counsel to the Issuer that the Bonds are not subject to validation;

(xii) if required in connection with a Series of Bonds, a collateral assignment from the Developer to the Issuer of the Project Documents and any other Ancillary Agreements that may be required;

(xiii) in the case of the issuance of a refunding Series of Bonds, an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer stating (a) the Bonds to be refunded; (b) any other amounts available for such purpose; (c) that the proceeds of the issue plus the other amounts, if any, stated to be available for the purpose will be sufficient to refund the Bonds to be refunded in accordance with the refunding plan and in compliance with Article XIV of this Master Indenture, including, without limitation, to pay the Costs of Issuance of such Bonds, and (d) that notice of redemption, if applicable, of the Bonds to be refunded has been duly given or that provision has been made therefor, as applicable;

(xiv) in the case of the issuance of a refunding Series of Bonds, a written opinion of Bond Counsel to the effect that the issuance of such Bonds will not adversely affect the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on any Bonds issued pursuant to the Indenture (to the extent that upon original issuance thereof such Bonds were issued as Bonds the interest on which is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes); and

(xv) such other documents, certifications and opinions as shall be required by the Supplemental Indenture, by the Participating Underwriter or the initial purchaser of a Series of Bonds or by the Issuer or the Trustee upon advice of Counsel.

At the option of the Issuer, any or all of the matters required to be stated in the Certified Resolution described in (1) above may instead be stated in a Supplemental Indenture, duly approved by a Certified Resolution of the Issuer. Execution of a Series of the Bonds by the Issuer and payment to the Trustee of the net proceeds of the Bonds shall be conclusive evidence of satisfaction of the conditions precedent set forth in this Article, as to the Issuer and the Participating Underwriter.

Notwithstanding the requirement of this Section 3.01, if the Issuer shall issue short-term notes, the Supplemental Indenture pursuant to which such short-term notes will specify what requirement of this Section 3.01 shall be applicable.

[END OF ARTICLE III]

ARTICLE IV ACQUISITION OF A PROJECT

SECTION 4.01. Project to Conform to Plans and Specifications; Changes. The Issuer will proceed to complete any Project or portion thereof for which any Series of Bonds is being issued in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor, as such plans and specifications may be amended from time to time, and subject to the specific requirements of the Supplemental Indenture for such Series of Bonds.

SECTION 4.02. Compliance Requirements. The Issuer will comply with all present and future laws, acts, rules, regulations, orders and requirements lawfully made and applicable in fact to any acquisition or construction hereby undertaken and shall obtain all necessary approvals under federal, state and local laws, acts, rules and regulations necessary for the acquisition, completion and operation of any Project or portion thereof for which any Series of Bonds is being issued and shall complete any Project or portion thereof in conformity with such approvals, laws, rules and regulations. Prior to the completion of a Project, in the event that the Developer shall fail to pay, when due, any Special Assessments levied against lands within the District owned by the Developer or any affiliated entity, the Issuer shall immediately take all actions within its control and to the extent it has legally available funds for such purpose, immediately take all actions within its power necessary to complete a Project including taking control of the Project Documents.

[END OF ARTICLE IV]

ARTICLE V ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION FUND

SECTION 5.01. Acquisition and Construction Fund. The Trustee shall establish an Acquisition and Construction Fund into which shall be deposited the proceeds from each Series of Bonds issued under the Indenture (unless otherwise specified herein or in the applicable Supplemental Indenture for a Series of Bonds) and from which Costs may be paid as set forth herein and in the applicable Supplemental Indenture. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Supplemental Indenture, a separate Account shall be established in the Acquisition and Construction Fund with respect to each Series of Bonds issued hereunder and the proceeds of each Series of Bonds (other than Bonds issued to refund all or a portion of the Bonds) shall be deposited into the corresponding Account in the Acquisition and Construction Fund. The amounts in any Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund, until applied as hereinafter provided, shall be held for the security of the Series of Bonds hereunder in respect of which such Account was established. Separate subaccounts within any Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund shall be maintained by the Trustee in respect of each Series of Bonds upon request of the Issuer whenever, in the opinion of the Issuer, it is appropriate to have a separate accounting in respect of the Costs of any designated portion of a Project including, but not limited to, a Costs of Issuance subaccount. Payments shall be made from the appropriate Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund to pay any unpaid Costs of Issuance of the Series of Bonds in question, including without limitation, legal, engineering, and consultants' fees and to pay amounts to be reimbursed to the Issuer for Costs advanced, and thereafter to pay Costs of planning, financing, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, equipping and installation of a Project or portion thereof.

(a) *Deposits*. In addition to the deposit of amounts received by the Trustee on the date of issuance of each Series of Bonds, the Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid to the Trustee, for deposit into the Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund, as promptly as practicable, the following amounts:

- (i) Subject to the provisions of Section 9.24 hereof, payments made to the Issuer from the sale, lease or other disposition of a Project or any portion thereof;
- (ii) Subject to the provisions of Section 9.14 hereof, the balance of insurance proceeds with respect to the loss or destruction of a Project or any portion thereof;
- (iii) Deposits made by the Developer pursuant to the terms and provisions of a Developer Funding Agreement; and
- (iv) Amounts received from a governmental entity pursuant to an interlocal agreement or other similar agreement between the Issuer and such governmental entity providing for the payment by such governmental entity of a portion of the Costs of a Series Project.

Amounts in the applicable Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund shall be applied to pay the Cost of a Project or a portion thereof, as applicable, pertaining to the Series of Bonds in question; provided, however, that if any amounts remain in the Account of the Acquisition and

Construction Fund after the Completion Date (as defined in paragraph (c) below) of a Project or portion thereof pertaining to the Series of Bonds in question, and if such amounts are not reserved for payment of any remaining part of the Cost of a Project, such amounts shall be transferred to the applicable Account of the Bond Redemption Fund for application to the redemption of Bonds of the Series to which such proceeds relate, as set forth in Section 6.06 hereof or in the applicable Supplemental Indenture.

(b) *Disbursements.* Unless provided otherwise in a Supplemental Indenture, all payments from the Acquisition and Construction Fund shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of this subsection. Moneys in the appropriate Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund shall be disbursed by check, voucher, order, draft, certificate or warrant signed by any one or more officers or employees of the Trustee legally authorized to sign such items or by wire transfer to an account specified by the payee upon satisfaction of the conditions for disbursement set forth in this subsection (b). Before any such payment shall be made, the Issuer shall file with the Trustee a fully executed requisition in the form of Exhibit D attached hereto, signed by a Responsible Officer and, except for payments of cost of issuance, a certificate of the Consulting Engineer signed by a Consulting Engineer also in the form of Exhibit D attached hereto and as may be modified by terms of the related Supplemental Indenture. Upon receipt of each such requisition and accompanying certificate, the Trustee shall promptly withdraw from the appropriate Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund and pay to the person, firm or corporation named in such requisition the amount designated in such requisition. The Trustee shall have no duty to investigate the accuracy or validity of the items delivered pursuant to this Section. All requisitions and certificates received by the Trustee pursuant to this Section 5.01 shall be retained in the possession of the Trustee, subject at all reasonable times to the inspection of the Issuer, the Consulting Engineer, the Owner of any Bonds, and the agents and representatives thereof. The Trustee shall have no duty to verify that the disbursement of funds pursuant to a requisition is for a purpose for which payment may be made hereunder and the Trustee may conclusively rely that a properly signed requisition is, on its face, sufficient to disburse funds from the Acquisition and Construction Fund.

(c) *Completion of Project.* On the date of completion of a Project or if sufficient moneys are retained in the appropriate Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund, to complete the Cost of a Project, in either case, as evidenced by the delivery of a Certificate of the Consulting Engineer to the Trustee and adoption of a resolution by the Board accepting a Project as provided by Section 170.09, Florida Statutes, as amended (the "Completion Date"), the balance in the appropriate Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund not reserved by the Issuer for the payment of any remaining part of the Cost of a Project shall be transferred by the Trustee to, and deposited in, the applicable Account of the Bond Redemption Fund and applied as provided in Section 6.06 hereof and in the applicable Supplemental Indenture.

[END OF ARTICLE V]

ARTICLE VI
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS;
APPLICATION THEREOF TO FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS

SECTION 6.01. Special Assessments; Lien of Indenture on Pledged Revenues. The Issuer hereby covenants that it shall levy Special Assessments, and, unless provided otherwise with respect to a Series of Bonds, evidence and certify the same to the Tax Collector or shall cause the Property Appraiser to certify the same on the tax roll to the Tax Collector for collection by the Tax Collector and enforcement by the Tax Collector or the Issuer, pursuant to the Act, Chapter 170 or Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, or any successor statutes, as applicable, to the extent and in the amount necessary to pay the Debt Service Requirement on Bonds issued and Outstanding hereunder.

The Issuer shall pay to the Trustee for deposit in the Account of the Revenue Fund established under Section 6.03 hereof all Special Assessments received by the Issuer from the levy thereof on the District Lands subject to assessments for the payment of the related Series of Bonds; provided, however, that amounts received as Prepayments of Special Assessments shall be deposited directly into the applicable Account within the Bond Redemption Fund established hereunder or in any account thereof established pursuant to the applicable Supplemental Indenture. The Issuer shall notify the Trustee in writing at the time of deposit of any amounts received as Prepayments of Special Assessments and shall identify the related Series of Bonds. If necessary, the Issuer shall direct the landowner making such prepayment to specify what Series of Bonds such prepayments relate.

There are hereby pledged for the payment of the principal or Redemption Price of and interest on all Bonds of each Series issued and Outstanding under the Indenture and all reimbursements due to any Credit Facility Issuer for any drawing with respect to such Series of Bonds on its Credit Facility, including, without limitation, interest thereon, as required under the terms of the applicable Credit Facility Agreement, the Pledged Revenues; provided, however, that unless otherwise specifically provided herein or in a Supplemental Indenture relating to a Series of Bonds with respect to the Pledged Revenues securing such Series of Bonds, the Pledged Revenues securing a Series of Bonds shall secure only such Series of Bonds and Bonds issued on a parity therewith and shall not secure any other Bonds or Series of Bonds. The Pledged Revenues shall immediately be subject to the lien and pledge of the Indenture without any physical delivery hereof or further act; provided, however, that the lien and pledge of the Indenture shall not apply to any moneys transferred by the Trustee to the Rebate Fund. The foregoing notwithstanding, to the extent provided in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of a Series of Bonds, such Series of Bonds may be made payable from and secured by less than all of the Pledged Revenues, and any one or more of the provisions of this Master Indenture may be made inapplicable to such Series of Bonds, all as more specifically provided in the corresponding Supplemental Indenture; provided, however, that any such provisions shall apply only to the particular Series of Bonds authorized by such Supplemental Indenture and shall not affect in any manner whatsoever any Outstanding Series of Bonds.

SECTION 6.02. Funds and Accounts Relating to the Bonds. The Funds and Accounts specified in this Article VI shall be established under this Master Indenture and each Supplemental Indenture pursuant to which a Series of Bonds is issued for the benefit of the specific

Series of Bonds and any Series issued on a parity therewith and, unless expressly otherwise provided in said Supplemental Indenture, shall not apply to Bonds Outstanding hereunder issued under any other indenture supplemental hereto or if separately secured by separate Special Assessments. Unless provided otherwise by Supplemental Indenture, all moneys, including, without limitation, proceeds of a Series of Bonds, on deposit to the credit of the Funds and Accounts established hereunder and under a Supplemental Indenture (except for moneys transferred to the Rebate Fund) shall be pledged to the payment of the principal, redemption or purchase price of (as the case may be) and interest on the Series of Bonds issued hereunder and under such Supplemental Indenture, and any Series issued on a parity therewith.

SECTION 6.03. Revenue Fund. The Trustee is hereby authorized and directed to establish a Revenue Fund and pursuant to a Supplemental Indenture an Account for each Series of Bonds issued hereunder, into which the Trustee shall immediately deposit any and all Special Assessments received from the levy thereof on the District Lands or any portion thereof (other than Prepayments) and any amounts received as the result of any foreclosure, sale of tax certificates or other remedial action for nonpayment of Special Assessments for the payment of the related Series of Bonds and other payments required hereunder or under the applicable Supplemental Indenture (unless such Special Assessments and/or other payments are specifically designated by the Issuer pursuant to a Supplemental Indenture for deposit into the Rebate Fund or any other Fund or Account established hereunder or under a Supplemental Indenture) and each Account therein shall be held by the Trustee separate and apart from all other Funds and Accounts held under the Indenture and from all other moneys of the Trustee. The Trustee shall transfer from amounts on deposit in each Account in the Revenue Fund to the Funds and Accounts designated below, the following amounts, at the following times and in the following order of priority unless other times and/or other priorities are established in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds:

FIRST, upon receipt but no later than the Business Day preceding the first May 1 for which there is an insufficient amount from Bond proceeds (or investment earnings thereon) on deposit in the applicable Interest Account of the Debt Service Fund to be applied to the payment of interest on the Bonds of a Series due on the next succeeding May 1, and no later than the Business Day next preceding each May 1 thereafter while Bonds of a Series issued under the Indenture remain Outstanding, to the applicable Interest Account of the Debt Service Fund, an amount equal to the interest on the related Series of Bonds becoming due on the next succeeding May 1, less any amount on deposit in such Interest Account not previously credited;

SECOND, beginning on the date set forth in the related Supplemental Indenture, and no later than the Business Day next preceding each May 1 or November 1, as designated in the applicable Supplemental Indenture thereafter while Bonds of a Series issued under the Indenture remain Outstanding, to the applicable Principal Account of the Debt Service Fund, an amount equal to the principal amount of Bonds of such Series maturing on the next succeeding principal payment date, less any amount on deposit in the applicable Principal Account not previously credited;

THIRD, beginning on the date set forth in the related Supplemental Indenture, and no later than the Business Day next preceding each May 1 or November 1, as so designated

in the applicable Supplemental Indenture thereafter while Bonds of a Series issued under the Indenture remain Outstanding, to the applicable Sinking Fund Account of the Debt Service Fund, an amount equal to the principal amount of Bonds of such Series subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on the next succeeding mandatory sinking fund redemption date, less any amount on deposit in the applicable Sinking Fund Account not previously credited;

FOURTH, upon receipt but no later than the Business Day preceding the first November 1 for which there remains an insufficient amount from Bond proceeds (or investment earnings thereon) on deposit in the applicable Interest Account to be applied to the payment of interest on the Bonds of a Series due on the next succeeding November 1, and no later than the Business Day next preceding each November 1 thereafter while Bonds of such Series issued under the Indenture remain Outstanding, to the applicable Interest Account of the Debt Service Fund, an amount equal to the interest on the Bonds of such Series becoming due on the next succeeding November 1, less any amount on deposit in the applicable Interest Account not previously credited;

FIFTH, upon receipt but no later than the Business Day next preceding each Interest Payment Date while Bonds of a Series issued under the Indenture remain Outstanding, to the applicable Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund, if any, an amount equal to the amount, if any, which is necessary to make the amount on deposit therein equal to the Debt Service Reserve Requirement;

SIXTH, subject to the foregoing paragraphs, the balance of any moneys remaining in the applicable Account of the Revenue Fund after making the foregoing deposits shall, subject to application by one or more Supplemental Indentures, as applicable, shall remain therein, unless pursuant to any Arbitrage Certificate it is necessary to make a deposit in the Rebate Fund, in which case, the Issuer shall direct the Trustee to make such deposit thereto.

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable Supplemental Indenture, the Trustee shall within ten (10) Business Days after the last Interest Payment Date in any calendar year, at the direction of the Issuer, withdraw any moneys held for the credit of the Revenue Fund which are not otherwise required to be deposited pursuant to this Section and deposit such moneys as directed to the credit of the applicable Account of the Bond Redemption Fund in accordance with the provisions hereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if pursuant to any Arbitrage Certificate it is necessary to make a deposit in the Rebate Fund, the Issuer shall direct the Trustee to make such deposit thereto. Prepayments pledged to a particular Series of Bonds shall be deposited directly into the applicable Series prepayment subaccount of the Bond Redemption Fund as provided herein.

SECTION 6.04. Debt Service Fund. The Trustee is hereby authorized and directed to establish a Debt Service Fund which shall consist of amounts deposited therein by the Trustee and any other amounts the Issuer may pay to the Trustee for deposit therein with respect to the related Series of Bonds. The Debt Service Fund shall be held by the Trustee separate and apart from all other Funds and Accounts held under the Indenture and from all other moneys of the Trustee. The Trustee shall establish within the Debt Service Fund pursuant to a Supplemental Indenture, a Principal Account, an Interest Account and, if applicable, a Sinking Fund Account for

each Series of Bonds and a Capitalized Interest Account, which accounts shall be separate and apart from all other Funds and Accounts established under the Indenture and from all other moneys of the Trustee.

The Trustee at all times shall make available to any Paying Agent the funds in the Principal Account and the Interest Account of the Debt Service Fund to pay the principal of the applicable Series of Bonds as they mature upon surrender thereof and the interest on the applicable Series of Bonds as it becomes payable, respectively. When a Series of Bonds is redeemed, the amount, if any, in the Interest Account in the Debt Service Fund representing interest thereon shall be applied to the payment of accrued interest in connection with such redemption.

The Trustee shall apply moneys in the Sinking Fund Account in the Debt Service Fund for purchase or redemption of the applicable Series of Bonds in amounts and maturities set forth in the Supplemental Indenture. Whenever Bonds of a Series are to be purchased out of such Sinking Fund Account, if the Issuer shall notify the Trustee that the Issuer wishes to arrange for such purchase, the Trustee shall comply with the Issuer's arrangements provided they conform to the Indenture.

Except to the extent otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, purchases and redemptions out of the Sinking Fund Account shall be made as follows:

(a) The Trustee shall apply the amounts required to be transferred to the applicable Sinking Fund Account (less any moneys applied to the purchase of Bonds of the applicable Series pursuant to the next sentence hereof) on the mandatory sinking fund redemption date in each of the years set forth in the Supplemental Indenture to the redemption of Bonds of the related Series in the amounts, manner and maturities and on the dates set forth in the Supplemental Indenture, at a Redemption Price of 100% of the principal amount thereof. At the written direction of the Issuer, the Trustee shall apply moneys from time to time available in the applicable Sinking Fund Account to the purchase of Bonds of the applicable Series which mature in the aforesaid years, at prices not higher than the principal amount thereof, in lieu of redemption as aforesaid, provided that firm purchase commitments can be made before the notice of redemption would otherwise be required to be given. In the event of purchases at less than the principal amount thereof, the difference between the amount in the Sinking Fund Account representing the principal amount of the Bonds so purchased and the purchase price thereof (exclusive of accrued interest) shall be transferred to the related Interest Account of the Debt Service Fund.

(b) Accrued interest on purchased or redeemed Bonds of a Series shall be paid from the related Interest Account of the Debt Service Fund.

(c) In lieu of paying the Debt Service Requirements necessary to allow any mandatory redemption of Bonds of a Series from the related Sinking Fund Account, the Issuer may present to the Trustee Bonds of such Series purchased by the Issuer pursuant to subparagraph (a) above and furnished for such purposes; provided, however, that no Bonds of such Series so purchased shall be credited towards the Debt Service Requirements in respect of the mandatory redemption of Bonds of such Series for which notice of redemption has been given pursuant to Section 8.02 of this Master Indenture. Any Bond so purchased shall be presented to the Trustee

for cancellation. In such event, the Debt Service Requirements with respect to the Bonds of a Series for the period in which the purchased Bonds are presented to the Trustee shall, for all purposes hereunder, be reduced by an amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of any such Bonds so presented.

SECTION 6.05. Debt Service Reserve Fund. The Trustee is hereby authorized and directed to establish a Debt Service Reserve Fund and, if applicable, pursuant to a Supplemental Indenture an Account for each Series of Bonds issued hereunder. The Debt Service Reserve Fund and each Account therein shall be held by the Trustee solely for the benefit of each related Series of Bonds or sub-Series, as determined by the applicable Supplemental Indenture; provided, however, that notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Master Indenture, the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of a Series of Bonds may provide that the Debt Service Reserve Fund is not applicable and no account therein shall secure such Series of Bonds. The Debt Service Reserve Fund and each Account therein shall constitute an irrevocable trust fund to be applied solely as set forth herein and shall be held by the Trustee separate and apart from all other Funds and Accounts held under the Indenture and from all other moneys of the Trustee. Unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of a Series of Bonds, on the date of issuance and delivery of a Series of Bonds an amount of Bond proceeds or equity equal to the Debt Service Reserve Requirement in respect of such Series of Bonds, calculated as of the date of issuance and delivery of such Series of Bonds, shall be deposited in the related Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund. Unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, and as long as there exists no default under the Indenture and the amount in the Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund is not reduced below the then applicable Debt Service Reserve Requirement with respect to such Series of Bonds, earnings on investments in such Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund shall, prior to the Completion Date of a Project, be transferred to the applicable Acquisition and Construction Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund, and after the Completion Date, shall be, at the written direction of the Issuer, transferred to the related Account of the Revenue Fund. Otherwise, earnings on investments in each Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund shall be retained therein until applied as set forth herein. If made applicable in a Supplemental Indenture, in the event that the amount in an Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund exceeds the Debt Service Reserve Requirement with respect to such Series of Bonds due to a decrease in the then applicable Debt Service Reserve Requirement as a result of an optional prepayment by the owner of a lot or parcel of land of Special Assessments against such lot or parcel or a mandatory true-up payment, which Special Assessments are pledged for the payment and security of such Series of Bonds, the excess amount shall, as directed by the terms of the applicable Supplemental Indenture, be transferred from such Account or subaccount of the Debt Service Reserve Fund to the applicable Account or subaccount of the Bond Redemption Fund established for such Series of Bonds and shall constitute a credit against such optional prepayment or true-up payment. If made applicable in the Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, in the event that the amount in the applicable Account or subaccount of the Debt Service Reserve Fund exceeds the Debt Service Reserve Requirement with respect to such Series of Bonds due to a decrease in the then applicable Debt Service Reserve Requirement for any other reason, the excess amount shall, as directed by the terms of the applicable Supplemental Indenture, either be transferred from the Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund to the applicable Account or subaccount of the Bond Redemption Fund or deposited into the appropriate Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund to be used to pay any Costs of a Project.

Whenever for any reason on an Interest Payment Date, principal payment date or mandatory redemption date with respect to a related Series of Bonds secured by an Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund the amount in the related Interest Account, the related Principal Account or the related Sinking Fund Account, as the case may be, is insufficient to pay all amounts payable on such Series of Bonds therefrom on such payment dates, the Trustee shall, without further instructions, but subject to contrary direction by the Majority Holders of the Bonds to which such Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund relates, transfer the amount of any such deficiency from the related Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund into the related Interest Account, the related Principal Account and the related Sinking Fund Account, as the case may be, with priority to the related Interest Account and then, proportionately according to the respective deficiencies therein, to the related Principal Account and the related Sinking Fund Account, to be applied to pay the Series of Bonds secured by the Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund.

SECTION 6.06. Bond Redemption Fund. Unless provided otherwise in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, the Trustee is hereby authorized and directed to establish a Bond Redemption Fund and pursuant to a Supplemental Indenture an Account and one or more subaccounts within the Bond Redemption Fund for each Series of Bonds issued hereunder into which shall be deposited, moneys in the amounts and at the times provided in Sections 5.01, 6.01, 6.03, 6.05, 9.08 and 9.14(c) of this Master Indenture. Each Account and any subaccount within the Bond Redemption Fund shall constitute an irrevocable trust fund to be applied solely as set forth in the applicable Supplemental Indenture and shall be held by the Trustee separate and apart from all other Funds, Accounts and any subaccounts held under such Indenture and from all other moneys of the Trustee. All earnings on investments held in the Account within the Bond Redemption Fund shall be retained therein and applied as set forth below.

Moneys in each Account within the Bond Redemption Fund (including all earnings on investments held in each Account within the Bond Redemption Fund) shall be accumulated therein to be used in the following order of priority, to the extent that the need therefor arises:

FIRST, (except for amounts resulting from Prepayments of Special Assessments, which shall be applied as provided in the next paragraph) make such deposits into the Rebate Fund created and established under this Master Indenture as the Issuer may direct in accordance with an arbitrage rebate agreement, such moneys thereupon to be used solely for the purposes specified in said arbitrage rebate agreement. Any moneys so transferred from the applicable Account within the Bond Redemption Fund to the Rebate Fund shall thereupon be free from the lien and pledge of the related Indenture;

SECOND, to be used to call for redemption pursuant to clause (b) of Section 8.01 hereof an amount of Bonds of the applicable Series equal to the amount of money transferred to the applicable Account or subaccount within the Bond Redemption Fund pursuant to the aforesaid clauses or provisions, as appropriate, for the purpose of such extraordinary mandatory redemption on the dates and at the prices provided in such clauses or provisions, as appropriate; and

THIRD, the remainder to be utilized by the Trustee, at the direction of a Responsible Officer, to call for redemption on each Interest Payment Date or other date on which Bonds of the applicable Series are subject to optional redemption pursuant to Section

8.01(a) hereof such amount of Bonds of the applicable Series taking into account any redemption premium, as may be practicable; provided, however, that not less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) principal amount of Bonds of the applicable Series shall be called for redemption at one time.

Any such redemption shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Article VIII of this Master Indenture and the applicable provisions of the related Supplemental Indenture. The Issuer shall pay all expenses in connection with such redemption.

SECTION 6.07. Drawings on Credit Facility. With respect to Bonds in respect of which there has been issued a Credit Facility, the Trustee shall draw on the Credit Facility, in accordance with the provisions for drawing under such Credit Facility, and within the requisite time period, all as set forth in the Credit Facility Agreement or the Supplemental Indenture.

SECTION 6.08. Procedure When Funds Are Sufficient to Pay All Bonds of a Series. Unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, if at any time the moneys held by the Trustee in the Funds (other than the moneys in the Rebate Fund) and Accounts hereunder and under a Supplemental Indenture and available therefor are sufficient to pay the principal or Redemption Price of, as the case may be, and interest on all Bonds of a Series then Outstanding under such Indenture to maturity or prior redemption, together with any amounts due the Issuer and the Trustee, Paying Agent, Registrar, and Credit Facility Issuer, if any, the Trustee, at the direction of the Issuer, shall apply the amounts in the Funds and Accounts to the payment of the aforesaid obligations and the Issuer shall not be required to pay over any further Pledged Revenues with respect to such Series of Bonds unless and until it shall appear that there is a deficiency in the Funds and Accounts held by the Trustee.

SECTION 6.09. Certain Moneys to Be Held for Series Bondowners Only. Each Series of Bonds issued pursuant to this Master Indenture and the related Supplemental Indenture shall be secured by Pledged Revenues, as set forth herein, and otherwise may be secured by such additional Funds and Accounts and other security (including, but not limited to, Credit Facilities) established by the pertinent Supplemental Indenture. Moneys and investments in the various Funds and Accounts created under a Supplemental Indenture expressly and solely for the benefit of the Series of Bonds issued under such Supplemental Indenture shall be held in trust by the Trustee for the benefit of the Holders of, and Credit Facility Issuer with respect to, Bonds of that Series only.

SECTION 6.10. Unclaimed Moneys. In the event any Bond shall not be presented for payment when the principal of such Bond becomes due, either at maturity or at the date fixed for redemption of such Bond or otherwise, if amounts sufficient to pay such Bond have been deposited with the Trustee for the benefit of the owner of the Bond and have remained unclaimed for three (3) years after the date payment thereof becomes due shall, upon request of the Issuer, if the Issuer is not at the time to the actual knowledge of the Trustee in default with respect to any covenant in this Master Indenture, any Supplemental Indenture or the Bonds contained, be paid to the Issuer; and the Owners of the Bonds for which the deposit was made shall thereafter be limited to a claim against the Issuer; provided, however, that the Trustee, before making payment to the Issuer, may, at the expense of the Issuer and if directed by the Issuer, cause a notice to be published

in an Authorized Newspaper, stating that the money remaining unclaimed will be returned to the Issuer after a specified date.

SECTION 6.11. Rebate Fund. The Trustee is hereby authorized and directed to establish a Rebate Fund. Unless provided otherwise in a Supplemental Indenture, at the written direction of the Issuer the Trustee shall transfer monies from the applicable Account in the Revenue Fund and deposit the same to the Rebate Fund, and shall make payments therefrom at the times and in the amounts required to comply with the covenants in the applicable Arbitrage Certificate, all as directed by the Issuer. If so directed by the Issuer in writing, the Trustee shall create one or more Accounts within the Rebate Fund relating to one or more particular Series of Bonds.

(a) All amounts held in the Rebate Fund shall be governed by this Section and the applicable Arbitrage Certificate. The Trustee shall be entitled to rely on the rebate calculations obtained from the rebate analyst retained by the Issuer pursuant to any Arbitrage Certificate and the Trustee shall not be responsible for any loss or damage resulting from any good faith action taken or omitted to be taken in reliance upon such calculations.

(b) Pursuant to the applicable Arbitrage Certificate, the Trustee shall remit all rebate installments and a final rebate payment to the United States. The Trustee shall have no obligation to pay any amounts required to be rebated pursuant to this Section and the applicable Arbitrage Certificate, other than at the direction of the Issuer and from moneys held in the Rebate Fund or from other moneys provided to it by the Issuer. Any moneys remaining in the Rebate Fund after redemption and payment of all of the Bonds and payment and satisfaction of any arbitrage rebate shall be withdrawn and paid to the Issuer.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Master Indenture, including in particular Article XIV hereof, the obligation to pay arbitrage rebate to the United States and to comply with all other requirements of this Section and the Arbitrage Certificate shall survive the defeasance or payment in full of the Bonds.

(d) The Trustee shall not be deemed to have constructive knowledge of the Code or regulations, rulings and judicial decisions concerning the Code.

[END OF ARTICLE VI]

ARTICLE VII

SECURITY FOR AND INVESTMENT OR DEPOSIT OF FUNDS

SECTION 7.01. Deposits and Security Therefor. Unless otherwise as provided in the Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, all moneys received by the Trustee under a Supplemental Indenture for deposit in any Fund or Account established under this Master Indenture or such Supplemental Indenture shall be considered trust funds, shall not be subject to lien or attachment, except for the lien created by this Master Indenture and the related Supplemental Indenture, and shall be deposited with the Trustee, until or unless invested or deposited as provided in Section 7.02 hereof. Except for investments of the type specified in (iii) of the definition of Investment Securities, all deposits of moneys received by the Trustee under this Master Indenture or such Supplemental Indenture (whether original deposits under this Section 7.01 or deposits or redeposits in time accounts under Section 7.02) shall, to the extent not insured, and to the extent permitted by law, be fully secured as to both principal and interest earned, by Investment Securities of the types set forth in the definition of Investment Securities and the provisions thereof. If at any time the Trustee is unwilling to accept such deposits or unable to secure them as provided above, the Trustee may deposit such moneys with any other depository which is authorized to receive them and the deposits of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (including the FDIC Savings Association Insurance Fund). All deposits in any other depository in excess of the amount covered by insurance (whether under this Section 7.01 or Section 7.02 as aforesaid) shall, to the extent permitted by law, be fully secured as to both principal and interest earned, in the same manner as required herein for deposits with the Trustee. Such security shall be deposited with a Federal Reserve Bank, with the trust department of the Trustee as authorized by law with respect to trust funds in the State, or with a bank or trust company having a combined net capital and surplus of not less than \$50,000,000.

SECTION 7.02. Investment or Deposit of Funds. Except to the extent otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, the Trustee shall, as directed by the Issuer in writing, invest moneys held in any Accounts in the Debt Service Fund, any Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund, and any Account within the Bond Redemption Fund created under any Supplemental Indenture in Government Obligations and the other securities described in the definition of Investment Securities. All deposits in time accounts shall be subject to withdrawal without penalty and all investments shall mature or be subject to redemption by the holder without penalty, not later than the date when the amounts will foreseeably be needed for purposes set forth herein or in the Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds. All securities securing investments under this Section shall be deposited with a Federal Reserve Bank, with the trust department of the Trustee, as authorized by law with respect to trust funds in the State, or with a bank or trust company having a combined net capital and surplus of not less than \$50,000,000. The interest and income received upon such investments and any interest paid by the Trustee or any other depository of any Fund or Account and any profit or loss resulting from the sale of securities shall be added or charged to the Fund or Account for which such investments are made; provided, however, that if the amount in any Fund or Account equals or exceeds the amount required to be on deposit therein, subject to Section 6.05 of this Master Indenture and unless otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, any interest and other income so received shall be deposited in the related Account of the Revenue Fund. Upon request of the Issuer, or on its own initiative whenever payment is to be made out of any Fund or Account, the Trustee shall sell such securities as may be requested to

make the payment and restore the proceeds to the Fund or Account in which the securities were held. The Trustee shall not be accountable for any depreciation in the value of any such security or for any loss resulting from the sale thereof. If net proceeds from the sale of securities held in any Fund or Account shall be less than the amount invested and, as a result, the amount on deposit in such Fund or Account is less than the amount required to be on deposit in such Fund or Account, the amount of such deficit shall be transferred to such Fund or Account from the related Account of the Revenue Fund.

In the absence of written investment instructions from the Issuer, the Trustee shall not be responsible or liable for keeping the moneys held by it hereunder invested or for any losses because such amounts were not invested. Moneys in any of the Funds and Accounts established pursuant to the Indenture, when held by the Trustee, shall be promptly invested by the Trustee in accordance with all written directions from the Issuer and the Issuer shall be responsible for ensuring that such instructions conform to requirements of this Master Indenture including, without limitation, this Article VII. The Trustee shall not be liable or responsible for any loss or entitled to any gain resulting from any investment or sale upon the investment instructions of the Issuer or otherwise, including that set forth in the first sentence of this paragraph. The Trustee may conclusively rely upon the Issuer's written instructions as to both the suitability and legality of all investments directed hereunder or under any Supplemental Indenture. Ratings of investments shall be determined by the Issuer at the time of purchase of such investments and without regard to ratings subcategories. The Trustee shall have no responsibility to monitor the ratings of investments. The Trustee may make any and all such investments through its own investment department or that of its affiliates or subsidiaries, and may charge its ordinary and customary fees for such trades. Confirmations of investments are not required to be issued by the Trustee for each month in which a monthly statement is rendered. No statement need be rendered for any fund or account if no activity occurred in such fund or account during such month.

SECTION 7.03. Valuation of Funds. The Trustee shall value the assets in each of the Funds and Accounts established hereunder or under any Supplemental Indenture forty-five (45) days prior to each Interest Payment Date, and as soon as practicable after each such valuation date (but no later than ten (10) days after each such valuation date) shall provide the Issuer a report of the status of each Fund and Account as of the valuation date. In computing the assets of any Fund or Account, investments and accrued interest thereon shall be deemed a part thereof, subject to Section 7.02 hereof. For the purpose of determining the amount on deposit to the credit of any Fund or Account established hereunder or under any Supplemental Indenture, obligations in which money in such Fund or Account shall have been invested shall be valued at the market value or the amortized cost thereof, whichever is lower, or at the Redemption Price thereof, to the extent that any such obligation is then redeemable at the option of the holder. For the purpose of determining the amount on deposit to the credit of the Debt Service Reserve Fund, obligations in which money in such Fund shall have been invested shall be valued at par, if purchased at par, or at amortized cost, if purchased at other than par, plus, in each case, accrued interest. Amortized cost, when used with respect to an obligation purchased at a premium above or a discount below par, means the value as of any given time obtained by dividing the total premium or discount at which such obligation was purchased by the number of days remaining to maturity on such obligation at the date of such purchase and by multiplying the amount thus calculated by the number of days having passed since such purchase; and (i) in the case of an obligation purchased

at a premium by deducting the product thus obtained from the purchase price, and (ii) in the case of an obligation purchased at a discount by adding the product thus obtained to the purchase price.

[END OF ARTICLE VII]

ARTICLE VIII REDEMPTION AND PURCHASE OF BONDS

SECTION 8.01. Redemption Dates and Prices. Unless provided otherwise in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, the Bonds of a Series may be made subject to optional, mandatory and extraordinary redemption and purchase, either in whole or in part, by the Issuer, prior to maturity in the amounts, at the times and in the manner provided in this Article VIII and in the related Supplemental Indenture.

(a) *Optional Redemption.* Bonds of a Series shall be subject to optional redemption at the direction of the Issuer, at the times and upon payment of the Redemption Price as provided in the related Supplemental Indenture.

(b) *Extraordinary Mandatory Redemption in Whole or in Part.* Except as otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to Bonds of the related Series, Bonds of a Series are subject to extraordinary mandatory redemption prior to maturity by the Issuer in whole, on any date, or in part, on any Interest Payment Date, at an extraordinary mandatory Redemption Price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Bonds to be redeemed, plus interest accrued to the redemption date, (i) from moneys deposited into the related Account within the Bond Redemption Fund following the payment of Special Assessments on any portion of the District Lands in accordance with the applicable provisions of Section 9.08 hereof; (ii) when sufficient moneys are on deposit in the related Series Funds and Accounts (other than moneys in the Rebate Fund and any other excluded Fund or Account as provided in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds) to pay and redeem all Outstanding Bonds of a Series and accrued interest thereon to the redemption date in addition to all amounts owed to Persons under the related Indenture; (iii) from moneys in excess of the Debt Service Reserve Requirement for a Series of Bonds in the applicable Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund transferred to the applicable Account within the Bond Redemption Fund pursuant to Section 6.05 hereof; (iv) from excess moneys transferred from the applicable Account of the Revenue Fund to the applicable Account within the Bond Redemption Fund in accordance with Section 6.03 of this Master Indenture; (v) from moneys, if any, on deposit in the applicable Account within the Bond Redemption Fund pursuant to Section 9.14(c) hereof following condemnation or the sale of any portion of the District Lands benefited by a Project to a governmental entity under threat of condemnation by such governmental entity or the damage or destruction of all or substantially all of a Project when such moneys are not to be used pursuant to 9.14(c) to repair, replace or restore a Project; provided, however, that at least forty-five (45) days prior to such extraordinary mandatory redemption, the Issuer shall cause to be delivered to the Trustee (x) notice setting forth the redemption date and (y) a certificate of the Consulting Engineer confirming that the repair and restoration of a Project would not be economical or would be impracticable; or (vi) from amounts transferred to the applicable Account of the Bond Redemption Fund from the applicable Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund in accordance with Section 5.01(c) hereof.

(c) *Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption.* Bonds of a Series may be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at a Redemption Price of 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the redemption date, in the years and amounts set forth in a Supplemental Indenture.

In connection with such mandatory sinking fund redemption of Bonds, amounts shall be transferred from the applicable Account of the Revenue Fund to the Sinking Fund Account of the Debt Service Fund, all as more particularly described in Section 6.03 hereof.

The principal amounts of scheduled sinking fund installments shall be reduced as specified by the Issuer or as provided in Section 8.04 hereof by any principal amounts of the Bonds redeemed pursuant to Section 8.01(a) and (b) hereof or purchased pursuant to Section 6.04 hereof.

Upon any redemption of Bonds other than in accordance with scheduled sinking fund installments, the Issuer shall cause to be recalculated and delivered to the Trustee revised sinking fund installments recalculated so as to amortize the Outstanding principal amount of Bonds of such Series in substantially equal annual installments of principal and interest (subject to rounding to Authorized Denominations of principal) over the remaining term of the Bonds of such Series. The sinking fund installments as so recalculated shall not result in an increase in the aggregate of the sinking fund installments for all Bonds of such Series in any year. In the event of a redemption or purchase occurring less than forty-five (45) days prior to a date on which a sinking fund installment is due, the foregoing recalculation shall not be made to sinking fund installments due in the year in which such redemption or purchase occurs, but shall be made to sinking fund installments for the immediately succeeding and subsequent years.

SECTION 8.02. Notice of Redemption and of Purchase. Except where otherwise required by a Supplemental Indenture, when required to redeem or purchase Bonds of a Series under any provision of the related Indenture or directed to do so by the Issuer, the Trustee shall cause notice of the redemption, either in whole or in part, to be provided by Electronic Means or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid at least thirty (30) but not more than sixty (60) days prior to the redemption or purchase date to all Owners of Bonds to be redeemed or purchased (as such Owners appear on the Bond Register on the fifth (5th) day prior to such mailing), at their registered addresses, but failure to mail any such notice or defect in the notice or in the mailing thereof shall not affect the validity of the redemption or purchase of the Bonds of such Series for which notice was duly mailed in accordance with this Section 8.02. The Issuer shall, when it is directing the Trustee to provide such notice, provide written direction to the Trustee at least forty-five (45) days (unless the Trustee agrees to a shorter period) prior to the date on which the Trustee is required to send notice hereunder. Such notice shall be given in the name of the Issuer, shall be dated, shall set forth the Bonds of such Series Outstanding which shall be called for redemption or purchase and shall include, without limitation, the following additional information:

- (a) the redemption or purchase date;
- (b) the redemption or purchase price;
- (c) CUSIP numbers, to the extent applicable, and any other distinctive numbers and letters;
- (d) if less than all Outstanding Bonds of a Series to be redeemed or purchased, the identification (and, in the case of partial redemption, the respective principal amounts) of the Bonds to be redeemed or purchased;

(e) that on the redemption or purchase date the Redemption Price or purchase price will become due and payable upon surrender of each such Bond or portion thereof called for redemption or purchase, and that interest thereon shall cease to accrue from and after said date;

(f) the place where such Bonds are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption or purchase price, which place of payment shall be a corporate trust office of the Trustee; and

(g) any other conditions that must be satisfied for the Bonds to be redeemed on the date of redemption.

If at the time of mailing of notice of redemption or purchase, the Issuer shall not have deposited with the Trustee or Paying Agent moneys sufficient to redeem or purchase all the Bonds called for redemption or purchase, such notice shall state that it is subject to the deposit of the redemption or purchase moneys with the Trustee or Paying Agent, as the case may be, not later than the opening of business on the redemption or purchase date, and such notice shall be of no effect unless such moneys are so deposited.

If the amount of funds deposited with the Trustee for such redemption, or otherwise available, is insufficient to pay the Redemption Price and accrued interest on the Bonds so called for redemption on the redemption date, the Trustee shall redeem and pay on such date an amount of such Bonds for which such funds are sufficient, selecting the Bonds to be redeemed randomly from among all such Bonds called for redemption on such date, and among different maturities of Bonds in the same manner as the initial selection of Bonds to be redeemed, and from and after such redemption date, interest on the Bonds or portions thereof so paid shall cease to accrue and become payable; but interest on any Bonds or portions thereof not so paid shall continue to accrue until paid at the same rate as it would have had such Bonds not been called for redemption.

The notices required to be given by this Section 8.02 shall state that no representation is made as to correctness or accuracy of the CUSIP numbers listed in such notice or printed on the Bonds. If the Trustee determines that the giving of notice by mail is not feasible, the Trustee may use Electronic Means provided the Trustee can establish such other means of giving notice was in fact given.

SECTION 8.03. Payment of Redemption Price. If any required (a) unconditional notice of redemption has been duly mailed or waived by the Owners of all Bonds called for redemption or (b) conditional notice of redemption has been so mailed or waived and the redemption moneys have been duly deposited with the Trustee or Paying Agent, then in either case, the Bonds called for redemption shall be payable on the redemption date at the applicable Redemption Price plus accrued interest, if any, to the redemption date. Bonds of a Series so called for redemption, for which moneys have been duly deposited with the Trustee, will cease to bear interest on the specified redemption date, shall no longer be secured by the related Indenture and shall not be deemed to be Outstanding under the provisions of the related Indenture.

Payment of the Redemption Price, together with accrued interest, shall be made by the Trustee or Paying Agent to or upon the order of the Owners of the Bonds called for redemption upon surrender of such Bonds. The Redemption Price of the Bonds to be redeemed, the expenses

of giving notice and any other expenses of redemption, shall be paid out of the Fund from which redemption is to be made or by the Issuer, or as specified in a Supplemental Indenture.

SECTION 8.04. Partial Redemption of Bonds. Except to the extent otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture, if less than all of a Series of Bonds of a maturity are to be redeemed, the Trustee shall select the particular Bonds or portions of the Bonds to be called for redemption by lot in such reasonable manner as the Trustee in its discretion may determine. In the case of any partial redemption of Bonds of a Series pursuant to Section 8.01(a), such redemption shall be effectuated by redeeming Bonds of such Series of such maturities in such manner as shall be specified by the Issuer in writing, subject to the provisions of Section 8.01 hereof. In the case of any partial redemption of Bonds of a Series pursuant to Section 8.01(b), such redemption shall be effectuated by redeeming Bonds of such Series pro rata among the maturities, treating each date on which a sinking fund installment is due as a separate maturity for such purpose, with the portion to be redeemed from each maturity being equal to the product of the aggregate principal amount of Bonds of such Series to be redeemed multiplied times a fraction the numerator of which is the principal amount of the Series of Bonds of such maturity outstanding immediately prior to the redemption date and the denominator of which is the aggregate principal amount of all Bonds of such Series outstanding immediately prior to the redemption date, rounded up or down to the nearest \$5,000 amount in order to maintain Authorized Denominations. The Issuer or the District Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, shall be responsible for calculating such revised sinking fund installments and provide the Trustee with the revised sinking fund installments.

[END OF ARTICLE VIII]

ARTICLE IX COVENANTS OF THE ISSUER

SECTION 9.01. Power to Issue Bonds and Create Lien. The Issuer is duly authorized under the Act and all applicable laws of the State to issue the Bonds, to adopt and execute this Master Indenture and to pledge the Pledged Revenues for the benefit of the Bonds of a Series and any Credit Facility Issuer, except to the extent otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture. The Pledged Revenues are not and shall not be subject to any other lien senior to or on a parity with the lien created in favor of the Bonds of a Series and any Credit Facility Issuer with respect to such Series. The Bonds and the provisions of this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture are and will be valid and legally enforceable obligations of the Issuer in accordance with their respective terms. The Issuer shall, at all times, to the extent permitted by law, but without waiving any limitations of liability afforded by law, defend, preserve and protect the pledge created by this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture and all the rights of the Bondholders and any Credit Facility Issuer under this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture against all claims and demands of all other Persons whomsoever.

SECTION 9.02. Payment of Principal and Interest on Bonds. The payment of the principal or Redemption Price of and interest on all of the Bonds of a Series issued under the related Indenture shall be secured forthwith equally and ratably by a first lien on and pledge of the Pledged Revenues, except to the extent otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture; and Pledged Revenues in an amount sufficient to pay the principal or Redemption Price of and interest on the Bonds of a Series authorized by the related Indenture are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal or Redemption Price of and interest on the Bonds of a Series authorized under the related Indenture, as the same become due and payable. The Issuer shall promptly pay the interest on and the principal or Redemption Price of every Bond issued hereunder according to the terms thereof, but shall be required to make such payment only out of the Pledged Revenues.

THE BONDS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS MASTER INDENTURE AND THE RELATED SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE AND THE OBLIGATIONS EVIDENCED THEREBY SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE A LIEN UPON ANY PROPERTY OF THE ISSUER, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, A PROJECT OR ANY PORTION THEREOF IN RESPECT OF WHICH ANY SUCH BONDS ARE BEING ISSUED, OR ANY PART THEREOF, BUT SHALL CONSTITUTE A LIEN ONLY ON THE PLEDGED REVENUES AS SET FORTH IN THIS MASTER INDENTURE AND ANY SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE. NOTHING IN THE BONDS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS MASTER INDENTURE AND ANY SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS OBLIGATING THE ISSUER TO PAY THE BONDS OR THE REDEMPTION PRICE THEREOF OR THE INTEREST THEREON EXCEPT FROM THE PLEDGED REVENUES, OR AS PLEDGING THE FAITH AND CREDIT OF THE ISSUER, THE COUNTY, THE STATE OR ANY OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF, OR AS OBLIGATING THE ISSUER, THE COUNTY, THE STATE OR ANY OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY OR CONTINGENTLY, TO LEVY OR TO PLEDGE ANY FORM OF TAXATION WHATEVER THEREFOR.

SECTION 9.03. Special Assessments; Re-Assessments.

(a) The Issuer shall levy Special Assessments, and, unless the Issuer collects the Special Assessments directly under the conditions set forth herein, evidence and certify the same to the Tax Collector or shall cause the Property Appraiser to certify the same on the tax roll to the Tax Collector for collection by the Tax Collector and enforcement by the Tax Collector or the Issuer pursuant to the Act, Chapter 170 or Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, or any successor statutes, as applicable, and Section 9.04 hereof, to the extent and in an amount sufficient to pay Debt Service Requirements on all Outstanding Bonds. The Issuer shall also diligently collect any true-up payments that the Developer is required to make. The Issuer covenants and agrees that upon the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default, it will take such actions to enforce the remedial provisions of this Master Indenture, as supplemented in connection with the Series of Bonds as to which the Event of Default occurred, including the remedial provisions for collection of delinquent Special Assessments, the provisions for foreclosure of liens of delinquent Special Assessments and delinquent operation and maintenance assessments, and will take such other remedial actions as shall be directed by the Trustee acting at the direction of, and on behalf of, the Majority Holders of the Series of Bonds as to which the Event of Default occurred.

(b) If any Special Assessment shall be either in whole or in part annulled, vacated or set aside by the judgment of any court, or if the Issuer shall be satisfied that any such Special Assessment is so irregular or defective that the same cannot be enforced or collected, or if the Issuer shall have omitted to make such Special Assessment when it might have done so, the Issuer shall either (i) take all necessary steps to cause a new Special Assessment to be made for the whole or any part of said improvement or against any property benefited by said improvement, or (ii) in its sole discretion, make up the amount of such Special Assessment from any legally available moneys, which moneys shall be deposited into the applicable Account in the Revenue Fund. In case such second Special Assessment shall be annulled, the Issuer shall obtain and make other Special Assessments until a valid Special Assessment shall be made.

SECTION 9.04. Method of Collection. Special Assessments shall be collected by the Issuer in accordance with the provisions of the Act and Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, or any successor statutes thereto, as applicable, in accordance with the terms of this Section. Except as stated in the next succeeding sentence or during the continuance of an Event of Default and the Majority Holders of a Series of Bonds are providing direction as to the method of collection, the Issuer shall use the uniform method for the levy, collection and enforcement of Special Assessments afforded by Sections 197.3631, 197.3632 and 197.3635, Florida Statutes, or any successor statutes thereto (the "Uniform Method"), and to do all things necessary to continue to use the Uniform Method or a comparable alternative method afforded by Section 197.3631, Florida Statutes. Notwithstanding the foregoing and except as otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture, the Issuer shall not collect Special Assessments pursuant to the Uniform Method levied against District Lands and will direct bill the applicable landowners for the same either while owned by the Developer prior to platting of such lands or if the timing for using the Uniform Method will not yet allow for using such method unless the Trustee, at the direction of the Majority Holders of the applicable Series of Bonds, directs the Issuer otherwise. Upon any failure of any property owner to pay an installment of Special Assessments when due (with respect Special Assessments collected directly by the Issuer), the entire Special Assessment on the parcel or parcels as to which such delinquency pertains, with interest and penalties thereon, shall

immediately become due and payable as provided by applicable law and the Issuer either on its own behalf or through the actions of the Trustee may, and shall, if so directed in writing by the Majority Holders of the related Series of Bonds or the Trustee at the direction of such Majority Holders, at the Issuer's own expense, cause such delinquent property to be foreclosed as hereafter provided. The Issuer covenants it shall promptly, after written notice to the delinquent landowner, but not later than one hundred twenty (120) days from the due date of such Special Assessments that have not been paid, cause there to be brought legal proceedings for the foreclosure of the Special Assessment lien including interest and penalties with respect to such tax parcel. The foreclosure proceedings shall be prosecuted to sale and conveyance of such tax parcel as now provided by law in suits to foreclose mortgages unless the Majority Holders provide written direction to suspend or terminate such foreclosure proceedings or use some other method of foreclosure. Nothing herein shall obligate the Issuer to credit bid at any foreclosure sale. The Issuer shall enter into or maintain in effect one or more written agreements with the Property Appraiser and the Tax Collector, either individually or jointly (together, the "Property Appraiser and Tax Collector Agreement") in order to effectuate the provisions of this Section. The Issuer shall ensure that any such Property Appraiser and Tax Collector Agreement remains in effect for at least as long as the final maturity of Bonds Outstanding under the Indenture. The Issuer shall provide to the dissemination agent under the applicable Continuing Disclosure Agreement a list of all properties where the Special Assessments relating to the Series of Bonds subject to the applicable Continuing Disclosure Agreement which are being billed directly, and have not been paid within sixty (60) days of the due date of such Special Assessments and the current status of any foreclosure actions currently in progress and the current status of the delinquent Special Assessments. The Issuer covenants to comply with all proceedings relating to the imposition and collection of the Special Assessments and will not make material amendments to any assessment methodology relating to the Special Assessments without the written consent of the Majority Holders. To the extent that the Issuer is legally prevented from collecting Special Assessments pursuant to the Uniform Method, is not required to collect Special Assessments pursuant to the Uniform Method in accordance with the provisions of this Section 9.04 or the District Manager determines that using the Uniform Method is not in the best interest of the Bondholders, the Issuer shall then and only under those circumstances pursuant to the applicable rules and procedures of the County, collect and enforce Special Assessments pursuant to any available method under the Act, Chapter 170, Florida Statutes, or Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, or any successor statutes thereto.

SECTION 9.05. Delinquent Special Assessments; Sale of Tax Certificates and Issuance of Tax Deeds; Foreclosure of Special Assessment Liens.

(a) Subject to the provisions of Section 9.04 hereof, if the owner of any lot or parcel of land assessed for a particular Project shall be delinquent in the payment of any Special Assessment, then such Special Assessment shall be enforced pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, or any successor statute thereto, including but not limited to the sale of tax certificates and tax deeds as regards such delinquent Special Assessment. In the event the provisions of Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, and any provisions of the Act with respect to such sale are inapplicable by operation of law, then upon the delinquency of any Special Assessment the Issuer shall, to the extent permitted by law, utilize any other method of enforcement as provided by Section 9.04 hereof, including, without limitation, declaring the entire unpaid balance of such Special Assessment to be in default and, at its own expense, cause such delinquent property to be

foreclosed, pursuant to the provisions of Section 170.10, Florida Statutes, in the same method now or hereafter provided by law for the foreclosure of mortgages on real estate and Sections 190.026 and 170.10, Florida Statutes, or otherwise as provided by law. The Issuer is authorized to pay its fees and expenses relating to a foreclosure action from the proceeds of such foreclosure. The Issuer covenants not to use the provisions of Chapter 173, Florida Statutes, unless no other provision under applicable law can be used to foreclose the Special Assessments. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Issuer shall be entitled to recover from any foreclosure all fees and costs expended in connection with such foreclosure regardless whether such fees and costs are included as part of "Special Assessments," as defined herein.

(b) If the Special Assessments levied and collected under the Uniform Method described in Section 9.04 are delinquent, then the applicable procedures for issuance and sale of tax certificates and tax deeds for nonpayment shall be followed in accordance with Chapter 197, Florida Statutes and related statutes. Alternatively, if the Uniform Method is not utilized, and if any property shall be offered for sale for the nonpayment of any Special Assessment, and no person or persons shall purchase the same for an amount at least equal to the full amount due on the Special Assessment (principal, interest, penalties and costs, plus attorneys' fees, if any), the property may then be purchased by the Issuer, to the extent the Issuer has available funds, for an amount equal to the balance due on the Special Assessment (principal, interest, penalties and costs, plus attorneys' fees, if any), and the Issuer shall thereupon receive in its corporate name or in the name of special purpose entity nominee of the Issuer, the title to the property for the benefit of the Registered Owners.

(c) Not less than ten (10) days prior to the filing of any foreclosure action or any sale of tax deed as herein provided, the Issuer shall cause written notice thereof to be mailed to the Registered Owners of the Series of Bonds secured by such delinquent Special Assessments. Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the proposed sale of any lot or tract of land acquired by foreclosure by the Issuer, it shall give written notice thereof to such Registered Owners.

(d) Notwithstanding any of the foregoing to the contrary, for as long as there is an "Obligated Person," as defined under the Rule, then in addition to the Issuer, the decision to file a foreclosure action shall be made by the Majority Holders of the Outstanding Bonds so secured by the delinquent Special Assessments and such decision shall be communicated to the Issuer and Trustee in writing; provided, however that the Majority Holders of the Outstanding Bonds of the applicable Series shall be deemed to have consented on behalf to any request by the Issuer to foreclose if the Issuer does not receive written direction from the Trustee as directed by the Majority Holders of the Outstanding Bonds within sixty (60) days of the receipt by the Trustee and Majority Holders of a written request to foreclose by the Issuer.

SECTION 9.06. Management of Property Acquired by the Trustee or Issuer. The Issuer, either through its own actions or actions caused to be done through the Trustee, at the direction of the Majority Holders, shall have the power and shall use its best efforts to lease or sell such property and deposit all of the net proceeds of any such lease or sale into the related Account of the Revenue Fund. The Issuer, either through its own actions or actions caused to be done through the Trustee, agrees that it shall be required to take the measure provided by law for sale of property acquired by it as trustee for the Registered Owners within thirty (30) days after the receipt of the request therefor signed by the Registered Owners of at least twenty-five percent

(25%) of the aggregate principal amount of all Outstanding Bonds of the Series payable from Special Assessments assessed on such property. If directed by the Majority Holders of a Series or if the Trustee or the Issuer shall so elect, the Issuer and the Trustee, as directed by the Majority Holders, may place title of property received upon foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure into a special purpose entity controlled by the Trustee or such other entity acceptable to the Majority Holders of a Series so effected by such foreclosure, for the benefit of the Registered Owners.

SECTION 9.07. Books and Records with Respect to Special Assessments. In addition to the books and records required to be kept by the Issuer pursuant to the provisions of Section 9.17 hereof, the Issuer shall keep books and records for the collection of the Special Assessments on the District Lands, which such books, records and accounts shall be kept separate and apart from all other books, records and accounts of the Issuer. The District Manager or the District Manager's designee, at the end of each Fiscal Year, shall prepare a written report setting forth the collections received, the number and amount of delinquencies, the proceedings taken to enforce collections and cure delinquencies and an estimate of time for the conclusion of such legal proceedings. As soon as practicable after a signed copy of the Issuer's audit becomes available, the Issuer shall, upon written request, mail the same to any requesting Registered Owner.

SECTION 9.08. Removal of Special Assessment Liens. Except as otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to a related Series of Bonds, the following procedures shall apply in connection with the removal of Special Assessment liens:

(a) At any time subsequent to thirty (30) days after a Project has been completed within the meaning of Section 5.01(e) hereof and the Board has adopted a resolution accepting a Project as provided by Section 170.09, Florida Statutes, as amended, any owner of property subject to the Special Assessments may, at its option, and under certain circumstances described in the assessment resolutions in connection with prepayments derived from application of the "True-Up" mechanism therein, require the Issuer to release and extinguish the lien, in whole or in part, upon its property by virtue of the levy of the Special Assessments by paying to the Issuer the entire amount or a portion, as the case may be, of the Special Assessment, plus accrued interest, attributable to the property subject to Special Assessment owned by such owner to the earlier of the next Interest Payment Date occurring at least forty-five (45) days after the Trustee receives such Prepayment. If any such prepayment of Special Assessments shall occur within thirty (30) days after such Project has been completed and the Board has adopted a resolution accepting that Project as provided in Section 170.09, Florida Statutes, as amended, no accrued interest shall be required to be paid unless such right has been irrevocably waived by the landowners within the District. The Issuer shall promptly notify the Trustee in writing of any Prepayment made under such circumstances. Accrued interest on any Bonds that would be redeemed as a result of such Prepayment made within thirty (30) days after the Board has adopted a resolution accepting such Project shall be derived from moneys on deposit in the Interest Account or capitalized interest account and if no moneys remain, from moneys on deposit in the Debt Service Reserve Account or as otherwise provided pursuant to the applicable Supplemental Indenture.

(b) Upon receipt of a Prepayment as described in (a) above, the Issuer shall immediately pay the amount so received to the Trustee, and the Issuer shall take such action as is necessary to record in the official records of the County an affidavit or affidavits, as the case may be, executed by an authorized officer of the Issuer, to the effect that the Special Assessment has

been paid in full or in part and that such Special Assessment lien is thereby released and extinguished if paid in full or such Special Assessment lien shall be reduced if the landowner only made a partial Prepayment. Upon receipt of any such moneys from the Issuer the Trustee shall immediately deposit the same into the applicable Account or subaccount of the Bond Redemption Fund to be applied to the redemption of Bonds in accordance with Section 8.01(b)(i) hereof. In connection with such Prepayment, the District Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, shall calculate the credit authorized pursuant to Section 6.05 hereof, and direct the Trustee to transfer the amount of such credit to the prepayment subaccount of the Bond Redemption Fund to be used together with such Prepayment for the redemption of Bonds in accordance with Section 8.01(b)(i) hereof.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, and consistent with the proceedings of the Issuer relating to the imposition and levy of the Special Assessments, the owner of property (including the Developer) may at any time require the Issuer to release and extinguish the lien upon its property by virtue of the levy of the Special Assessments by paying to the Issuer the entire amount of the Special Assessment, 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), attributable to the property subject to Special Assessment owned by such owner. In lieu of such Prepayment with cash, an owner of property within the District may surrender to the District for cancellation to completely extinguish the lien on such property or reduce the lien equally on every portion of such property, a principal amount of Outstanding Bonds of a Series that is secured by Special Assessments levied against such property.

(d) Upon receipt of a prepayment as described in (a), (b) or (c) above, the Issuer shall immediately pay the amount so received to the Trustee, and the Issuer shall take such action as is necessary to record in the official land records of the County an affidavit or affidavits, as the case may be, executed by an authorized officer of the Issuer, to the effect that the Special Assessment has been paid and that such Special Assessment lien is thereby released and extinguished. Except as otherwise provided by a Supplemental Indenture, upon receipt of any such moneys from the Issuer the Trustee shall immediately deposit the same into the applicable Account or subaccount of the Bond Redemption Fund to be applied to the redemption of Bonds in accordance with Section 8.01(b)(i) hereof.

SECTION 9.09. Deposit of Special Assessments. The Issuer covenants to cause any Special Assessments collected or otherwise received by it to be deposited with the Trustee within five (5) Business Days after receipt thereof for deposit into the related Account of the Revenue Fund (except that amounts received as prepayments of Special Assessments shall be designated by the Issuer as such upon delivery to the Trustee and shall be deposited directly into the related Account within the Bond Redemption Fund). In connection with any payment of Special Assessments referred to in the prior sentence, the Issuer shall provide advance written notice to the Trustee of the amount of the payment and the Account within either of the Revenue Fund or Bond Redemption Fund to which such payment relates.

SECTION 9.10. Construction to be on District Lands. Except for certain off site mitigation, roadway and possibly landscaping improvements which are or may be outside the District Lands and are required in order for the District Lands to be developed, the Issuer covenants that no part of a Project will be constructed on, over or under lands other than (i) lands good and

marketable title to which is owned by the Issuer or other appropriate entity in fee simple, (ii) lands on, over or under which the Issuer or other appropriate entity shall have acquired perpetual easements for the purposes of a Project, or (iii) lands, including public streets and highways, the right to the use and occupancy of which for such purposes shall be vested in the Issuer or other appropriate entity by law or by valid franchises, licenses, easements or rights of way or other legally effective permissions or approval.

SECTION 9.11. Operation, Use and Maintenance of a Project. The Issuer shall establish and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Projects owned by the Issuer, and the operation thereof, such rules and regulations to be adopted in accordance with the Act, and the Issuer shall operate, use and maintain the Projects owned by the Issuer in accordance with the Act and all other applicable federal and State laws, rules and regulations; the Issuer shall maintain and operate the Projects owned by the Issuer in an efficient and economical manner, shall at all times maintain the same in good repair and in sound operating condition and shall make all necessary repairs, renewals and replacements.

SECTION 9.12. Observance of and Compliance with Valid Requirements. The Issuer shall pay all municipal or governmental charges lawfully levied or assessed upon any Project or any part thereof or upon any revenues when the same shall become due, and the Issuer shall duly observe and comply with all valid requirements of any municipal or governmental authority relative to each Project. The Issuer shall not, except as otherwise permitted in Section 9.24 of this Article, create or suffer to be created any lien or charge upon any Project or upon Pledged Revenues, except the lien and charge of the Bonds on the Pledged Revenues.

SECTION 9.13. Payment of Operating or Maintenance Costs by State or Others. The Issuer may permit the United States of America, the State, or any of their agencies, departments or political subdivisions or any other Person to pay all or any part of the cost of maintaining, repairing and operating the Projects out of funds other than Pledged Revenues.

SECTION 9.14. Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance; Maintenance of Insurance; Use of Insurance and Condemnation Proceeds.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d) of this Section, the Issuer will carry or cause to be carried, in respect of each Project, comprehensive general liability insurance (covering bodily injury and property damage) issued by one or more insurance companies authorized and qualified to do business under the laws of the State, in such amounts as is customary for similar operations, or as is more specifically set forth hereinbelow.

(b) At all times, to the extent commercially available, the Issuer shall maintain a practical insurance program, with reasonable terms, conditions, provisions and costs which the District Manager determines will afford adequate protection against loss caused by damage to or destruction of any component of any Project owned by the Issuer. Limits for such coverage will be subject to the Consulting Engineer's recommendations. The Issuer shall also, at all times, maintain a practical comprehensive general liability insurance program with respect to any Project for such coverage, with such reasonable terms, conditions, provisions and costs as the District Manager determines will afford adequate protection against bodily injury and property damage.

All insurance policies of the Issuer relating to any Project shall be carried with companies authorized to do business in the State, with a Best rating of no less than “A” as to management and Class “V” as to financial strength; provided, however, that if, in the opinion of the District Manager, adequate insurance protection under reasonable terms, conditions, provisions and cost cannot be purchased from an insurance company with the above-designated ratings, then the District Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, may secure such insurance protection as the Issuer determines to be in its best interests and otherwise consistent with this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture; provided further, however, that the Issuer may act as a self-insurer in accordance with the requirements of subsection (d) hereof. All policies providing the insurance coverages required by this Section shall designate the Issuer as the loss-payee and shall be made payable to the Issuer.

(c) All proceeds received from property damage or destruction insurance and all proceeds received from the condemnation of any Project or any part thereof are hereby pledged by the Issuer as security for the related Series of Bonds and shall be deposited at the option of the Issuer, but subject to the limitations hereinafter described, either (i) into a separate fund to be established by the Trustee for such purpose which may be an account within the Acquisition and Construction Fund as directed by the Issuer, and used to remedy the loss, damage or taking for which such proceeds are received, either by repairing the damaged property or replacing the destroyed or taken property, as soon as practicable after the receipt of such proceeds, or (ii) if so provided in a Supplemental Indenture, into the related Account within the Bond Redemption Fund for the purpose of purchasing or redeeming Bonds according to the provisions set forth in Article VIII hereof. To the extent a Supplemental Indenture provides for extraordinary mandatory redemption in the event the Issuer receives insurance proceeds or condemnation awards, the Issuer shall not be entitled to deposit insurance proceeds or condemnation awards into the separate fund described above in clause (i) of this paragraph (and such proceeds and awards shall be deposited directly into the related Account within the Bond Redemption Fund pursuant to clause (ii) of this paragraph) unless there shall have been filed with the Issuer within a reasonable time after the damage, destruction or condemnation (A) a certificate from the Consulting Engineer that the proceeds of the insurance or condemnation awards deposited into such separate fund, together with other funds available for such purposes, will be sufficient to repair, rebuild, replace or restore such property to substantially the same condition as it was in prior to its damage, destruction or condemnation (taking into consideration any changes, alterations and modifications that the Issuer may desire), (B) an opinion from the Consulting Engineer that a Project can be repaired, rebuilt, replaced or restored within two (2) years following the damage, destruction or condemnation thereof and (C) an opinion of the Consulting Engineer that, in each of the three (3) Fiscal Years following completion of such repair, rebuilding, replacement or restoration, the Issuer will be in compliance with its obligations hereunder. If the certificate described in clause (A) of this paragraph is not rendered because such proceeds or awards are insufficient for such purposes, the Issuer may deposit any other legally available funds in such separate fund in an amount required to enable the Consulting Engineer to render its certificate. If the insurance proceeds or condemnation awards deposited in such separate fund are more than sufficient to repair the damaged property or to replace the destroyed or taken property, the balance thereof remaining shall be deposited to the credit of the related Account in the Revenue Fund.

(d) The Issuer shall be entitled to provide all or a portion of the insurance coverage required by subsections (a) and (b) of this Section through Qualified Self Insurance,

provided that the requirements hereinafter set forth in this subsection (d) are satisfied. “Qualified Self Insurance” means insurance maintained through a program of self-insurance or insurance maintained with a company or association in which the Issuer has a material interest or of which the Issuer has control, either singly or with others.

Prior to participation in any plan of Qualified Self Insurance not currently in effect, the Issuer shall obtain a certificate of compliance executed by the District Manager or a licensed insurance agent selected by the District Manager to the effect that (A) the proposed Qualified Self Insurance plan will provide the coverage required by subsections (a) and (b) of this Section, and (B) the proposed Qualified Self Insurance plan provides for the creation of actuarially sound reserves.

Each plan of Qualified Self Insurance shall be in written form, shall provide that upon the termination of such plan reserves will be established or insurance acquired in amounts adequate to cover any potential retained liability in respect of the period of self-insurance, and shall be reviewed annually by the District Manager or registered actuary who shall deliver to the Issuer a report on the adequacy of the reserves established thereunder in light of claims made. If the District Manager or registered actuary determines that such reserves are inadequate in light of the claims made, he shall make recommendations as to the amount of reserves that should be established and maintained, and the Issuer shall comply with such recommendations unless it can establish to the satisfaction of the District Manager or an insurance consultant retained by the Issuer that such recommendations are unreasonable in light of the nature of the claims or the history of recovery against the Issuer for similar claims.

(e) Copies of all recommendations and approvals made by the Consulting Engineer under the provisions of this Section shall be filed with the District Manager.

The Trustee shall have no duty to determine compliance by the Issuer with the requirements of this Section.

Any appraisal or adjustment of any loss or damage under any policy of insurance required under the Indenture, whether such policy is payable to the Issuer or to the Trustee, and any settlement or payment of indemnity under any such policy which may be agreed upon by the Issuer and any insurer shall be evidenced by a certificate, signed by the District Manager and approved by the Consulting Engineer, and filed with the Trustee. The Trustee shall in no way be liable or responsible for the collection of insurance moneys in case of any loss or damage. The Trustee shall have no duty to determine compliance by the Issuer with the requirements of this Section.

SECTION 9.15. Collection of Insurance Proceeds. Copies of all insurance policies referred to in Section 9.14 of this Article shall be available at the offices of the Issuer at all reasonable times to the inspection of the Holders of the Bonds and their agents and representatives duly authorized in writing. The Issuer covenants that it will take such action as may be necessary to demand, collect and sue for any insurance money which may become due and payable under any policy of insurance required under this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture, whether such policy is payable to the Issuer or to the Trustee. The Trustee is hereby authorized in its own name to demand, collect, sue and receive any insurance money which may become due and payable under any policies payable to it.

SECTION 9.16. Use of Revenues for Authorized Purposes Only. None of the Pledged Revenues shall be used for any purpose other than as provided in this Master Indenture and the related Supplemental Indenture and no contract or contracts shall be entered into or any action taken by the Issuer or the Trustee which will be inconsistent with the provisions of this Master Indenture and the related Supplemental Indenture.

SECTION 9.17. Books and Records. The Issuer shall keep proper books of record and account in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (separate from all other records and accounts) in which complete and correct entries shall be made of its transactions relating to any Project, and which, together with all other books and records of the Issuer, including, without limitation, insurance policies, relating to any Project, shall at all times be subject during regular business hours to the inspection of the Trustee.

SECTION 9.18. Observance of Accounting Standards. The Issuer covenants that all the accounts and records of the Issuer relating to a Project will be kept according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles consistently applied and consistent with the provisions of this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture.

SECTION 9.19. Employment of Certified Public Accountant. The Issuer shall employ or cause to be employed as required a Certified Public Accountant to perform accounting and auditing functions and duties required by the Act and this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture.

SECTION 9.20. Establishment of Fiscal Year, Annual Budget. The Issuer has established a Fiscal Year beginning October 1 of each year and ending September 30 of the following year. The reports and budget of the Issuer shall relate to such Fiscal Year unless and until, in accordance with applicable law, a different Fiscal Year is established by Certified Resolution of the Issuer and is filed with the Trustee to hold solely as a repository with no duty to review the contents thereof.

On or before the first day of each Fiscal Year the Issuer shall adopt a final Annual Budget with respect to the Projects for such Fiscal Year for the payment of anticipated operating and maintenance expenses and shall supply a copy of such budget promptly upon the approval thereof to any Bondholders who shall have so requested in writing and shall have filed their names and addresses with the Secretary of the Board for such purpose. If for any reason the Issuer shall not have adopted the Annual Budget with respect to the Projects on or before the first day of any Fiscal Year, the Annual Budget for the preceding Fiscal Year shall, until the adoption of the new Annual Budget, be deemed in force for the ensuing Fiscal Year. The Issuer may at any time adopt an amended or supplemental Annual Budget for the remainder of the current Fiscal Year, and when such amended or supplemental Annual Budget is approved it shall be treated as the official Annual Budget under this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture. Copies of such amended or supplemental Annual Budget shall be mailed by the Issuer to any Bondholders who shall have so requested in writing and shall have filed their names and addresses with the Secretary of the Board for such purpose.

SECTION 9.21. Employment of Consulting Engineer; Consulting Engineer's Report.

(a) The Issuer shall, for the purpose of performing and carrying out the duties imposed on the Consulting Engineer by this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture, employ one or more Independent engineers or engineering firms or corporations having a statewide and favorable repute for skill and experience in such work.

(b) The Issuer shall cause the Consulting Engineer to make an inspection of any portions of the Projects owned by the Issuer at least once in each Fiscal Year and, on or before the first day of July in each Fiscal Year, to submit to the Board a report setting forth (i) its findings as to whether such portions of the Projects owned by the Issuer have been maintained in good repair, working order and condition, and (ii) its recommendations as to the proper maintenance, repair and operation of the Projects during the ensuing Fiscal Year and an estimate of the amount of money necessary for such purpose.

Copies of such annual report shall be mailed by the Issuer to any Bondholders who shall have filed their names and addresses with the Secretary of the Board for such purpose.

SECTION 9.22. Audit Reports. The Issuer covenants that, no later than 270 days after the end of each Fiscal Year, it will cause an audit to be made by a Certified Public Accountant covering all receipts and moneys then on deposit with or in the name of the Trustee or the Issuer and any security held therefor and any investments thereof. Copies of such audit reports shall be filed with the District Manager and the Secretary of the Board, and mailed by said Secretary to the Consulting Engineer and to all Bondholders who shall have filed their names and addresses with him for such purpose.

SECTION 9.23. Information Required by the Issuer. The Issuer shall cause to be kept on file at all times copies of the schedules of Special Assessments levied on all District Lands in respect of all Projects. The Issuer shall keep accurate financial records and books of account with respect to the Projects, and shall have a complete audit of such records and accounts made annually by a Certified Public Accountant, as provided in Section 9.22 hereof.

SECTION 9.24. Covenant Against Sale or Encumbrance; Exceptions. The Issuer covenants that, (a) except for those improvements comprising any Project that are to be conveyed by the Issuer to the County, the State Department of Transportation or another governmental entity and (b) except as in this Section permitted, it will not sell, lease or otherwise dispose of or encumber any Project, or any part thereof. Subject to the provisions of Section 9.31 hereof, the Issuer may, however, from time to time, sell any machinery, fixtures, apparatus, tools, instruments or other movable property acquired by it from the proceeds of a Series of Bonds or from Pledged Revenues if the District Manager shall determine, with the approval of the Consulting Engineer, that such items are no longer needed or are no longer useful in connection with the construction, maintenance and operation of the related Project, and the proceeds thereof shall be applied to the replacement of the properties so sold or disposed of or, at the written direction of the Issuer shall be deposited to the credit of the related Account in the Revenue Fund.

Upon any sale of property relating to a Project, the aggregate of which in any thirty (30) day period exceeds Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) under the provisions of this Section, the Issuer shall provide written notice to the Trustee of the property so sold and the amount and disposition of the proceeds thereof.

Subject to obtaining an opinion of Bond Counsel that such action is permitted hereunder and will not adversely affect the exclusion of interest on the Bonds for federal income tax purposes, the Issuer may lease or grant easements, franchises or concessions for the use of any part of a Project not incompatible with the maintenance and operation thereof, if the Consulting Engineer shall approve such lease, easement, franchise or concession in writing, and the net proceeds of any such lease, easement, franchise or concession (after the making of provision for payment from said proceeds of all costs incurred in financing, constructing, operating, maintaining or repairing such leases, easements, franchises or concessions) shall be deposited as received to the credit of related Account in the Revenue Fund.

SECTION 9.25. Enforcement of Ancillary Agreements. The Issuer covenants that it shall promptly and strictly enforce the provisions of the Ancillary Agreements. Upon the occurrence of an event entitling the Issuer to pursue its remedies under the Ancillary Agreements, the Issuer covenants and agrees it will timely pursue such remedies in accordance with the Ancillary Agreements, and upon an Event of Default hereunder, the Issuer agrees that the Trustee, upon the written direction of the Majority Holders, may enforce the provisions of the Ancillary Agreements in lieu of the Issuer.

SECTION 9.26. No Loss of Lien on Pledged Revenues. The Issuer shall not do or omit to do, or suffer to be done or omit to be done, any matter or thing whatsoever whereby the lien of the Bonds on the Pledged Revenues or any part thereof, or the priority thereof, would be lost or impaired; provided, however, that this Section shall not prohibit the Trustee from transferring moneys to the Rebate Fund held by the Trustee under any arbitrage rebate agreement.

SECTION 9.27. Compliance With Other Contracts and Agreements. The Issuer shall comply with and abide by all of the terms and conditions of any and all contracts and agreements which the Issuer enters into in connection with a Project and the issuance of the Bonds.

SECTION 9.28. Issuance of Additional Obligations. The Issuer shall not issue any obligations other than the Bonds payable from Pledged Revenues, nor voluntarily create or cause to be created any debt, lien, pledge, assignment, encumbrance or other charge, payable from Pledged Revenues.

SECTION 9.29. Extension of Time for Payment of Interest Prohibited. The Issuer shall not directly or indirectly extend or assent to an extension of time for payment of any claim for interest on any of the Bonds and shall not directly or indirectly be a party to or approve any arrangement therefor by purchasing or funding or in any manner keeping alive any such claim for interest; no claim for interest which in any way, at or after maturity, shall have been transferred or pledged apart from the Bonds to which it relates or which shall in any manner have been kept alive after maturity by extension or by purchase thereof by or on behalf of the Issuer, shall be entitled, in case of a default hereunder, to any benefit or security under this Master Indenture and any

Supplemental Indenture except after the prior payment in full of the principal of all Bonds and claims for interest appertaining thereto not so transferred, pledged, kept alive or extended.

SECTION 9.30. Further Assurances. The Issuer shall not enter into any contract or take any action by which the rights of the Trustee or the Bondholders may be impaired and shall, from time to time, execute and deliver such further instruments and take such further action as may be required to carry out the purposes of this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture.

SECTION 9.31. Use of Bond Proceeds to Comply with Internal Revenue Code. The Issuer covenants to the Holders of the Bonds that it will not make or direct the making of any investment or other use of the proceeds of any Bonds issued hereunder, the interest on which is intended to be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes (“Tax-Exempt Bonds”) which would cause such Bonds to be “arbitrage bonds” as that term is defined in Section 148 (or any successor provision thereto) of the Code or “private activity bonds” as that term is defined in Section 141 (or any successor provision thereto) of the Code, and that it will comply with the requirements of such Code sections and related regulations throughout the term of such Tax-Exempt Bonds. The Issuer hereby further covenants and agrees to comply with the procedures and covenants contained in any Arbitrage Certificate executed in connection with the issuance of each Series of Tax-Exempt Bonds for so long as compliance is necessary in order to maintain the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on each Series of Tax-Exempt Bonds.

SECTION 9.32. Corporate Existence and Maintenance of Properties. For so long as any Bonds are Outstanding hereunder, unless otherwise provided by the Act, the Issuer shall maintain its corporate existence as a local unit of special purpose government under the Act and shall provide for or otherwise require all Projects, and all parts thereof owned by the Issuer to be (a) continuously operated, repaired, improved and maintained as shall be necessary to provide adequate service to the lands benefited thereby; and (b) in compliance with all valid and applicable laws, acts, rules, regulations, permits, orders, requirements and directions of any competent public authority.

SECTION 9.33. Continuing Disclosure. The Issuer hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of each Continuing Disclosure Agreement. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture, failure of the Issuer or any other Person (if obligated pursuant to the Continuing Disclosure Agreement) to comply with the Continuing Disclosure Agreement shall not be considered an Event of Default; however, the Trustee may (and, at the request of any Participating Underwriter or the Holders of at least 25% aggregate principal amount in Outstanding Bonds of a Series and receipt of indemnity to its satisfaction, shall) or any Holder of the Bonds or Beneficial Owner may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking specific performance by court order, to cause the Issuer to comply with its obligations under this Section 9.33. For purposes of this Section, “Beneficial Owner” means any person which (a) has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of, any Bonds (including persons holding Bonds through nominees, depositories or other intermediaries), or (b) is treated as the owner of any Bonds for federal income tax purposes.

SECTION 9.34. Bankruptcy of Developer or Other Obligated Person Under the Rule. For purposes of this Section 9.34, (a) each Series of Bonds secured by and payable from Special Assessments levied against property owned by any Insolvent Taxpayer (defined below) are collectively referred to herein as the “Affected Bonds” and (b) the Special Assessments levied against any Insolvent Taxpayer’s property and pledged under one or more Supplemental Indentures as security for the Affected Bonds are collectively referred to herein as the “Affected Special Assessments.”

The provisions of this Section 9.34 shall be applicable both before and after the commencement, whether voluntary or involuntary, of any case, proceeding or other action by or against any owner of any tax parcel subject to the Affected Special Assessments (an “Insolvent Taxpayer”) under any existing or future law of any jurisdiction relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, assignment for the benefit of creditors, or relief of debtors (a “Proceeding”). For as long as any Affected Bonds remain Outstanding, in any Proceeding involving the Issuer, any Insolvent Taxpayer, the Affected Bonds or the Affected Special Assessments, the Issuer, to the extent permitted by applicable law, shall be obligated to act in accordance with any direction from the Trustee with regard to all matters directly or indirectly affecting at least ten percent (10%) of the Outstanding aggregate principal amount of the Affected Bonds or for as long as any Affected Bonds remain Outstanding, in any proceeding involving the Issuer, any Insolvent Taxpayer, the Affected Bonds or the Affected Special Assessments or the Trustee. The Issuer agrees that it shall not be a defense to a breach of the foregoing covenant that it has acted upon advice of counsel in not complying with this covenant.

The Issuer acknowledges and agrees that, although the Affected Bonds were issued by the Issuer, the Owners of the Affected Bonds are categorically the party with the ultimate financial stake with respect to the Affected Bonds and, consequently, the party with a vested and pecuniary interest in a Proceeding. In the event of any Proceeding involving any Insolvent Taxpayer: (a) the Issuer, to the extent permitted by applicable law, hereby agrees that it shall follow the direction of the Trustee in making any election, giving any consent, commencing any action or filing any motion, claim, obligation, notice or application or in taking any other action or position in any Proceeding or in any action related to a Proceeding that affects, either directly or indirectly, the Affected Special Assessments, the Affected Bonds or any rights of the Trustee under the Indenture; (b) to the extent permitted by applicable law, the Issuer hereby agrees that it shall not make any election, give any consent, commence any action or file any motion, claim, obligation, notice or application or take any other action or position in any Proceeding or in any action related to a Proceeding that affects, either directly or indirectly, the Affected Special Assessments, the Affected Bonds or any rights of the Trustee under the Indenture that is inconsistent with any direction from the Trustee; (c) to the extent permitted by applicable law, the Trustee shall have the right, but is not obligated to, (i) vote in any such Proceeding any and all claims of the Issuer, or (ii) file any motion, pleading, plan or objection in any such Proceeding on behalf of the Issuer, including without limitation, motions seeking relief from the automatic stay, dismissal the Proceeding, valuation of the property belonging to the Insolvent Taxpayer, termination of exclusivity, and objections to disclosure statements, plans of liquidation or reorganization, and motions for use of cash collateral, seeking approval of sales or post-petition financing. If the Trustee chooses to exercise any such rights, the Issuer shall be deemed to have appointed the Trustee as its agent and granted to the Trustee an irrevocable power of attorney coupled with an interest, and its proxy, for the purpose of exercising any and all rights and taking any and all actions

available to the Issuer in connection with any Proceeding of any Insolvent Taxpayer, including without limitation, the right to file and/or prosecute any claims, to propose and prosecute a bankruptcy plan, to vote to accept or reject a plan, and to make any election under Section 1111(b) of the Bankruptcy Code and (d) the Issuer shall not challenge the validity or amount of any claim submitted in such Proceeding by the Trustee in good faith or any valuations of the lands owned by any Insolvent Taxpayer submitted by the Trustee in good faith in such Proceeding or take any other action in such Proceeding, which is adverse to Trustee's enforcement of the Issuer claim and rights with respect to the Affected Special Assessments or receipt of adequate protection (as that term is defined in the Bankruptcy Code). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Issuer agrees that the Trustee shall have the right (i) to file a proof of claim with respect to the Affected Special Assessments, (ii) to deliver to the Issuer a copy thereof, together with evidence of the filing with the appropriate court or other authority, and (iii) to defend any objection filed to said proof of claim.

Notwithstanding the provisions of the immediately preceding paragraphs, nothing in this Section shall preclude the Issuer from becoming a party to a Proceeding in order to enforce a claim for operation and maintenance assessments and the Issuer shall be free to pursue such claim in such manner as it shall deem appropriate in its sole and absolute discretion provided the action does not seek to reduce the amount of any Special Assessment. Any actions taken by the Issuer in pursuance of its claim for operation and maintenance assessments in any Proceeding shall not be considered an action adverse or inconsistent with the Trustee's rights or consents with respect to the Special Assessments relating to the Bonds Outstanding whether such claim is pursued by the Issuer or the Trustee.

[END OF ARTICLE IX]

ARTICLE X

EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

SECTION 10.01. Events of Default and Remedies. Except to the extent otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing a Series of Bonds, events of default and remedies with respect to each Series of Bonds shall be as set forth in this Master Indenture.

SECTION 10.02. Events of Default Defined. Each of the following shall be an “Event of Default” under the Indenture, with respect to a Series of Bonds:

(a) if payment of any installment of interest on any Bond of such Series is not made when it becomes due and payable; or

(b) if payment of the principal or Redemption Price of any Bond of such Series is not made when it becomes due and payable at maturity or upon call or presentation for redemption; or

(c) if the Issuer, for any reason, fails in, or is rendered incapable of, fulfilling its obligations under the Indenture or under the Act which failure or incapacity may reasonably be determined solely by the Majority Holders of the applicable Series of Bonds; or

(d) if the Issuer proposes or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors or enters into a composition agreement with all or a material part of its creditors, or a trustee, receiver, executor, conservator, liquidator, sequestrator or other judicial representative, similar or dissimilar, is appointed for the Issuer or any of its assets or revenues, or there is commenced any proceeding in liquidation, bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement of debts, debtor rehabilitation, creditor adjustment or insolvency, local, state or federal, by or against the Issuer and if such is not vacated, dismissed or stayed on appeal within ninety (90) days; or

(e) if the Issuer defaults in the due and punctual performance of any other covenant in the Indenture or in any Bond of such Series issued pursuant to the Indenture and such default continues for sixty (60) days after written notice requiring the same to be remedied shall have been given to the Issuer by the Trustee, which may give such notice in its discretion and shall give such notice at the written request of the Majority Holders of the Outstanding Bonds of such Series; provided, however, that if such performance requires work to be done, actions to be taken, or conditions to be remedied, which by their nature cannot reasonably be done, taken or remedied, as the case may be, within such sixty (60) day period, no Event of Default shall be deemed to have occurred or exist if, and so long as the Issuer shall commence such performance within such sixty (60) day period and shall diligently and continuously prosecute the same to completion; or

(f) written notice shall have been received by the Trustee from a Credit Facility Issuer securing Bonds of such Series that an event of default has occurred under the Credit Facility Agreement, or there shall have been a failure by said Credit Facility Issuer to make said Credit Facility available or to reinstate the interest component of said Credit Facility in accordance with the terms of said Credit Facility, to the extent said notice or failure is established as an event of default under the terms of a Supplemental Indenture; or

(g) if at any time the amount in the Debt Service Reserve Fund or any Account therein is less than the Debt Service Reserve Requirement as a result of the Trustee withdrawing an amount therefrom to satisfy the Debt Service Requirement on the Bonds of any Series and such amount has not been restored within thirty (30) days of such withdrawal; or

(h) more than twenty percent (20%) of the “maintenance special assessments” levied by the Issuer on District lands upon which the Special Assessments are levied to secure one or more Series of Bonds pursuant to Section 190.021(3), Florida Statutes, as amended, and collected directly by the District have become due and payable and have not been paid, when due.

The Trustee shall not be required to rely on any official action, admission or declaration by the Issuer before recognizing that an Event of Default under (c) above has occurred.

SECTION 10.03. Foreclosure of Assessment Lien. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Master Indenture to the contrary, the following provisions shall apply with respect to the Special Assessments securing a Series of Bonds.

If any property shall be offered for sale for the nonpayment of any Special Assessment and no person or persons shall purchase such property for an amount equal to the full amount due on the Special Assessments (principal, interest, penalties and costs, plus attorneys’ fees, if any), the property may then be purchased by the Issuer for an amount equal to the balance due on the Special Assessments (principal, interest, penalties and costs, plus attorneys’ fees, if any), from any legally available funds of the Issuer and the Issuer shall receive in its corporate name or in the name of a special purpose entity title to the property for the benefit of the Owners of the applicable Series of Bonds; provided that the Trustee shall have the right, acting at the written direction of the Majority Holders, but shall not be obligated, to direct the Issuer with respect to any action taken pursuant to this Section. The Issuer, either through its own actions, or actions caused to be taken through the Trustee, shall have the power and shall lease or sell such property, and deposit all of the net proceeds of any such lease or sale into the Revenue Fund. The Issuer, either through its own actions, or actions caused to be taken through the Trustee, agrees that it shall be required to take the measures provided by law for sale of property acquired by it as Trustee for the Owners of the applicable Series of Bonds within ninety (90) days after entry of a foreclosure judgment issued by a court of proper jurisdiction (or at such time as soon as possible thereafter) of the request therefor signed by the Trustee or the Majority Holders.

SECTION 10.04. No Acceleration; Redemption. No Series of Bonds issued under this Master Indenture shall be subject to acceleration. Upon the occurrence and continuation of an Event of Default, no optional redemption or extraordinary mandatory redemption of the Bonds pursuant to Article VIII hereof shall occur unless all of the Bonds of the Series where an Event of Default has occurred will be redeemed or 100% of the Holders of such Series of Bonds agree to such redemption; provided that in no event shall this provision preclude any partial distribution under Section 10.12 hereof.

SECTION 10.05. Legal Proceedings by Trustee. If any Event of Default with respect to a Series of Bonds has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee, in its discretion may, and upon the written request of the Majority Holders of the Outstanding Bonds of such Series and receipt of indemnity to its satisfaction shall, in its capacity as Trustee:

(a) by mandamus, or other suit, action or proceeding at law or in equity, enforce all rights of the Holders of the Bonds of such Series, including, without limitation, the right to require the Issuer to carry out any agreements with, or for the benefit of, the Bondholders of the Bonds of such Series and to perform its or their duties under the Act;

(b) bring suit upon the Series of Bonds;

(c) by action or suit in equity require the Issuer to account as if it were the trustee of an express trust for the Holders of the Bonds of such Series;

(d) by action or suit in equity enjoin any acts or things which may be unlawful or in violation of the rights of the Holders of the Bonds of such Series; and

(e) by other proceeding in law or equity, exercise all rights and remedies provided for by any other document or instrument securing such Series of Bonds.

SECTION 10.06. Discontinuance of Proceedings by Trustee. If any proceeding taken by the Trustee on account of any Event of Default is discontinued or is determined adversely to the Trustee, the Issuer, the Trustee, the Paying Agent and the Bondholders shall be restored to their former positions and rights hereunder as though no such proceeding had been taken.

SECTION 10.07. Bondholders May Direct Proceedings. The Majority Holders of a Series then subject to remedial proceedings under this Article X shall have the right to direct the method and place of conducting all remedial proceedings by the Trustee under the Indenture, provided that such directions shall not be otherwise than in accordance with applicable law and the applicable provisions of the Indenture.

The Issuer hereby agrees that it shall seek to secure the written direction of the Trustee, acting at the direction of the Majority Holders of the applicable Series of Bonds Outstanding, prior to making any election, giving any consent, commencing any action or filing any motion, claim, obligation, notice or application or in taking any other action or position in any Proceedings or in any action related to a Proceeding that affects, either directly or indirectly, the Series Assessments relating to the Series Bonds Outstanding, or any rights of the Trustee under the Indenture. However, the Trustee shall be deemed to have consented, on behalf of the Majority Holders of the applicable Series of Bonds Outstanding, to the proposed action if the Issuer does not receive written direction from the Trustee within sixty (60) days or which shorter amount of time as would be required to comply with the ruling of the applicable court following receipt by the Trustee of the written request for direction.

SECTION 10.08. Limitations on Actions by Bondholders. No Bondholder shall have any right to pursue any remedy hereunder unless (a) the Trustee shall have been given written notice of an Event of Default, (b) the Majority Holders of the applicable Series shall have requested the Trustee, in writing, to exercise the powers hereinabove granted or to pursue such remedy in its or their name or names, (c) the Trustee shall have been offered indemnity satisfactory to it against costs, expenses and liabilities, and (d) the Trustee shall have failed to comply with such request within a reasonable time.

SECTION 10.09. Trustee May Enforce Rights Without Possession of Bonds. All rights under the Indenture and a Series of Bonds may be enforced by the Trustee without the possession of any of the Bonds of such Series or the production thereof at the trial or other proceedings relative thereto, and any proceeding instituted by the Trustee shall be brought in its name for the ratable benefit of the Holders of the Bonds of such Series.

SECTION 10.10. Remedies Not Exclusive. Except as limited under Section 15.01 of this Master Indenture, no remedy contained in the Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy or remedies, and each remedy is in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute.

SECTION 10.11. Delays and Omissions Not to Impair Rights. No delay or omission in respect of exercising any right or power accruing upon any Event of Default shall impair such right or power or be a waiver of such Event of Default, and every remedy given by this Article X may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient.

SECTION 10.12. Application of Moneys in Event of Default. Any moneys received by the Trustee or the Paying Agent, as the case may be, in connection with any proceedings brought under this Article X with respect to a Series of Bonds shall be applied in the following order of priority:

(a) to the payment of the costs of the Trustee and Paying Agent incurred in connection with actions taken under this Article X with respect to such Series of Bonds, including Counsel fees and any disbursements of the Trustee and the Paying Agent and payment of unpaid fees and expenses owed to the Trustee.

(b) then:

FIRST: to payment of all installments of interest then due on the Bonds of such Series in the order of maturity of such installments of interest, and, if the amount available shall not be sufficient to pay in full any particular installment, then to the payment ratably, according to the amounts due on such installment, to the persons entitled thereto, without any preference or priority of one installment of interest over any other installment; and

SECOND: to payment to the persons entitled thereto of the unpaid principal or Redemption Price of any of the Bonds of such Series which shall have become due in the order of their due dates, with interest on such Bonds from the respective dates upon which they become due and, if the amount available shall not be sufficient to pay in full the principal or Redemption Price coming due on such Bonds on any particular date, together with such interest, then to the payment ratably, according to the amount of principal due on such date, to the persons entitled thereto without any preference or priority of one such Bond of a Series over another or of any installment of interest over another.

Any surplus remaining after the payments described above shall be paid to the Issuer or to the Person lawfully entitled to receive the same or as a court of competent jurisdiction may direct, provided, however, that the Issuer shall be first entitled to recover any fees and costs of foreclosure or other proceedings incurred by the Issuer in connection with enforcement of any delinquent Special Assessments.

For purposes of the application of moneys described above, to the extent payments of principal of and interest on a Series of Bonds shall have been made under a Credit Facility relating thereto, the Credit Facility Issuer shall be entitled to moneys in the related Accounts in the Debt Service Fund in accordance with the agreement pursuant to which such Credit Facility has been issued (but subject to subsection (a) hereof and Section 11.04 hereof) and the Certified Resolution of the Issuer authorizing the issuance of such Bonds to which such Credit Facility relates.

SECTION 10.13. Trustee's Right to Receiver; Compliance with Act. The Trustee shall be entitled as of right to the appointment of a receiver and the Trustee, the Bondholders and any receiver so appointed shall have such rights and powers and be subject to such limitations and restrictions as are contained in the Act and other applicable law of the State. When the Trustee incurs costs or expenses (including legal fees, costs and expenses) or renders services after the occurrence of an Event of Default, such costs and expenses and the compensation for such services are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency, arrangement, moratorium, reorganization or other debtor relief law.

SECTION 10.14. Trustee and Bondholders Entitled to all Remedies under Act. It is the purpose of this Article to provide such remedies to the Trustee and Bondholders as may be lawfully granted under the provisions of the Act and other applicable laws of the State; if any remedy herein granted shall be held unlawful, the Trustee and the Bondholders shall nevertheless be entitled to every other remedy provided by the Act and other applicable laws of the State. It is further intended that, insofar as lawfully possible, the provisions of this Article X shall apply to and be binding upon any receiver appointed in accordance with Section 10.13 hereof.

SECTION 10.15. Credit Facility Issuer's Rights Upon Events of Default. Anything in the Indenture to the contrary notwithstanding, if any Event of Default, other than Events of Default described in Section 10.02(a) or (b) hereof, has occurred and is continuing while a Credit Facility securing all or a portion of such Bonds of a Series Outstanding is in effect, the Credit Facility Issuer shall have the right, in lieu of the Owners of the Series of Bonds (or portion thereof) secured by said Credit Facility, by an instrument in writing, executed and delivered to the Trustee, to direct the time, method and place of conducting all remedial proceedings available to the Trustee under the Indenture, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee by the Indenture. Said direction shall be controlling to the extent the direction of Owners of the Series of Bonds (or portion thereof) secured by said Credit Facility would have been controlling under this Article. If the Credit Facility Issuer shall be in default in the performance of its obligations under the Credit Facility, said Credit Facility Issuer shall have no rights under this Section.

[END OF ARTICLE X]

ARTICLE XI

THE TRUSTEE; THE PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR

SECTION 11.01. Acceptance of Trust. The Trustee accepts and agrees to execute the trusts hereby created, but only upon the additional terms set forth in this Article XI, to all of which the parties hereto the Bondholders and any Credit Facility Issuer agree. The Trustee shall act as Trustee under this Master Indenture. Subject to the provisions of Section 11.03 hereof, the Trustee shall have only such duties as are expressly set forth herein, and no duties shall be implied on the part of the Trustee.

The Trustee further agrees to comply with the procedures and covenants contained in any arbitrage rebate agreement to which it is a party for so long as compliance is necessary in order to maintain the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on the Bonds, to the extent applicable.

SECTION 11.02. No Responsibility for Recitals. The recitals, statements and representations in this Master Indenture or in the Bonds, save only the Trustee's Certificate of Authentication, if any, upon the Bonds, have been made by the Issuer and not by the Trustee and the Trustee shall be under no responsibility for the correctness thereof.

SECTION 11.03. Trustee May Act Through Agents; Answerable Only for Willful Misconduct or Negligence. The Trustee may execute any powers hereunder and perform any duties required of it through attorneys, agents, officers or employees, and shall be entitled to advice of Counsel concerning all questions hereunder and the advice of such Counsel or any opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by the Trustee hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon. The Trustee shall not be answerable for the default or misconduct of any attorney or agent selected and supervised by it with reasonable care. The Trustee shall not be answerable for the exercise of any discretion or power under this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture nor for anything whatever in connection with the trusts hereunder, except only its own negligence or willful misconduct or breach of its obligations hereunder. The Trustee shall not be accountable for the use or application of any of the Bonds or the proceeds thereof or for the use or application of any money paid over by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture. The permissive right of the Trustee to do things enumerated in the Indenture shall not be construed as a duty. The Trustee shall have no responsibility with respect to any information, statement or recital in any official statement, offering memorandum or any other disclosure material prepared or distributed with respect to the Bonds of any Series and shall have no responsibility for compliance with any State or federal securities laws in connection with the Bonds. None of the provisions of the Indenture shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise to incur any liability, financial or otherwise, in the performance of any of its duties hereunder, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers. The Trustee shall not be responsible or liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations under the Indenture arising out of or caused, directly or indirectly, by circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including, without limitation, acts of God; earthquakes; fire; flood; hurricanes or other storms; wars; terrorism; similar military disturbances; sabotage; epidemic; pandemic; riots; interruptions, loss or malfunctions of utilities, computer (hardware or software) or communications services; accidents; labor disputes; acts of civil or military authority or governmental action; it being understood that the Trustee shall use

commercially reasonable efforts which are consistent with accepted practices in the banking industry to resume performance as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances.

SECTION 11.04. Compensation and Indemnity. The Issuer shall pay the Trustee reasonable compensation for its services hereunder, and also all its reasonable expenses and disbursements, and shall, to the extent permitted by law, indemnify and hold the Trustee harmless against any liabilities which it may incur in the proper exercise and performance of its powers and duties hereunder, except with respect to its own willful misconduct or negligence hereunder. If the Issuer defaults in respect of the foregoing obligations, the Trustee may deduct the amount owing to it from any moneys held by the Trustee or coming into its hands but exclusive of the Rebate Fund and moneys from a drawing on any Credit Facility, which right of payment shall be prior to the right of the holders of the Bonds. The Trustee shall promptly, but not less than monthly, provide periodic reports of any moneys the Trustee has deducted for amounts owing to it. This Section 11.04 shall survive the termination of this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture and, as to any Trustee, its removal or resignation as Trustee. No provision of this Master Indenture shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds.

SECTION 11.05. No Duty to Renew Insurance. The Trustee shall be under no duty to effect or to renew any insurance policy nor shall it incur any liability for the failure of the Issuer to require or effect or renew insurance or to report or file claims of loss thereunder.

SECTION 11.06. Notice of Default; Right to Investigate. The Trustee shall give written notice by Electronic Means or first-class mail to registered Holders of a Series of Bonds of all defaults known to the Trustee, unless such defaults have been remedied (the term “defaults” for purposes of this Section and Section 11.07 being defined to include the events specified as “Events of Default” in Article X hereof, but not including any notice or periods of grace provided for therein); provided that, except in the case of a default in payment of principal or interest or Redemption Price, the Trustee may withhold such notice so long as it in good faith determines that such withholding is in the interest of the Bondholders. The Trustee shall not be deemed to have notice of any default other than a payment default under this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture or a notification by a Credit Facility Issuer of a default under its Credit Facility, unless notified in writing of such default by the Holders of at least a majority of the aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Bonds of a Series. The Trustee may, however, at any time require of the Issuer full information as to the performance of any covenant hereunder, and if information satisfactory to it is not forthcoming, the Trustee may make or cause to be made, at the expense of the Issuer, an investigation into the affairs of the Issuer.

SECTION 11.07. Obligation to Act on Defaults. The Trustee shall be under no obligation to take any action in respect of any default or otherwise, unless it is requested in writing to do so by the Majority Holders which are or would be, upon the taking of such action, subject to remedial proceedings under Article X of this Master Indenture if in its opinion such action may tend to involve expense or liability, and unless it is also furnished with indemnity satisfactory to it. The Trustee shall have no responsibility for actions taken at the direction of the Majority Holders.

SECTION 11.08. Reliance by Trustee. The Trustee may act on any requisition, resolution, notice, Electronic Means, telegram, facsimile transmission, request, consent, waiver,

certificate, statement, affidavit, voucher, bond, or other paper or document which it in good faith believes to be genuine and to have been passed, signed or given by the persons purporting to be authorized (which in the case of the Issuer shall be a Responsible Officer) or to have been prepared and furnished pursuant to any of the provisions of this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture; the Trustee shall be under no duty to make any investigation as to any statement contained in any such instrument, but may accept the same as conclusive evidence of the accuracy of such statement.

SECTION 11.09. Trustee May Deal in Bonds. The Trustee may in good faith buy, sell, own, hold and deal in any of the Bonds and may join in any action which any Bondholders may be entitled to take with like effect as if the Trustee were not a party to this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture. The Trustee may also engage in or be interested in any financial or other transaction with the Issuer; provided, however, that if the Trustee determines that any such relation is in conflict with its duties under this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture, it shall eliminate the conflict or resign as Trustee.

SECTION 11.10. Construction of Ambiguous Provisions. The Trustee may construe any ambiguous or inconsistent provisions of this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture, and except as otherwise provided in Article XIII of this Master Indenture, any construction by the Trustee shall be binding upon the Bondholders. The Trustee shall give prompt notice to the Issuer of any intention to make such construction.

SECTION 11.11. Resignation of Trustee. The Trustee may resign and be discharged of the trusts created by this Master Indenture and all Supplemental Indentures by written resignation filed with the Secretary of the Issuer not less than sixty (60) days before the date when such resignation is to take effect. Notice of such resignation shall be sent by Electronic Means or first-class mail to each Bondholder as its name and address appears on the Bond Register and to any Paying Agent, Registrar and Credit Facility Issuer, if any, at least sixty (60) days before the resignation is to take effect. Such resignation shall take effect on the day specified in the Trustee's notice of resignation unless a successor Trustee is previously appointed, in which event the resignation shall take effect immediately on the appointment of such successor; provided, however, that notwithstanding the foregoing, such resignation shall not take effect until a successor Trustee has been appointed. If a successor Trustee has not been appointed within ninety (90) days after the Trustee has given its notice of resignation, the Trustee may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a temporary successor Trustee to serve as Trustee until a successor Trustee has been duly appointed. Notice of such resignation shall also be given to any rating agency that shall then have in effect a rating on any of the Bonds.

SECTION 11.12. Removal of Trustee. The Trustee may be removed at any time by either (a) the Issuer, if no default exists under this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture, or (b) an instrument or concurrent instruments in writing, executed by the Owners of a majority of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then Outstanding and filed with the Issuer. A photographic copy of any instrument or instruments filed with the Issuer under the provisions of this paragraph, duly certified by a Responsible Officer, shall be delivered promptly by the Issuer to the Trustee and to any Paying Agent, Registrar and Credit Facility Issuer, if any.

The Trustee may also be removed at any time for any breach of trust or for acting or proceeding in violation of, or for failing to act or proceed in accordance with, any provision of this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture with respect to the duties and obligations of the Trustee by any court of competent jurisdiction upon the application of the Issuer or the Holders of not less than a majority of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then Outstanding or the Trustee may petition a court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor trustee.

SECTION 11.13. Appointment of Successor Trustee. If the Trustee or any successor Trustee resigns or is removed or dissolved, or if its property or business is taken under the control of any state or federal court or administrative body, a vacancy shall forthwith exist in the office of the Trustee, and the Issuer shall appoint a successor and shall mail notice of such appointment by first-class mail to each Bondholder as its name and address appear on the Bond Register, and to the Paying Agent, Registrar, Credit Facility Issuer, if any, and any rating agency that shall then have in effect a rating on any of the Bonds. If no appointment of a successor Trustee shall be made pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Master Indenture prior to the date specified in the notice of resignation or removal as the date when such resignation or removal was to take effect, the Majority Holders in aggregate principal amount of all Bonds then Outstanding may appoint a successor trustee or the Trustee may petition a court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor trustee.

SECTION 11.14. Qualification of Successor. A successor Trustee shall be a bank or trust company with trust powers, having a combined net capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000.

SECTION 11.15. Instruments of Succession. Subject to Section 11.16 hereof, any successor Trustee shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the Issuer an instrument accepting such appointment hereunder and thereupon, such successor Trustee, without any further act, deed, or conveyance, shall become fully vested with all the estates, properties, rights, powers, trusts, duties and obligations of its predecessor in trust hereunder, with like effect as if originally named Trustee herein. The Trustee ceasing to act hereunder, after deducting all amounts owed to the Trustee, shall pay over to the successor Trustee all moneys held by it hereunder and, upon request of the successor Trustee, the Trustee ceasing to act and the Issuer shall execute and deliver an instrument or instruments prepared by the Issuer transferring to the successor Trustee all the estates, properties, rights, powers and trusts hereunder of the predecessor Trustee, except for its rights under Section 11.04 hereof.

SECTION 11.16. Merger of Trustee. Any corporation, entity or purchaser into which any Trustee hereunder may be merged or with which it may be consolidated, or any corporation, entity or purchaser resulting from any merger or consolidation to which any Trustee hereunder shall be a party, or any corporation, entity or purchaser which shall have purchased substantially all of the bond administration business of the corporate trust department shall be the successor Trustee under this Master Indenture and all Supplemental Indentures, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of the parties hereto, anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding; provided, however, that any such successor corporation, entity or purchaser continuing to act as Trustee hereunder shall meet the requirements of Section 11.14 hereof, and if such corporation, entity or purchaser does not meet the aforesaid requirements, a successor Trustee shall be appointed pursuant to this Article XI. The Trustee may not resign as the Paying Agent or the Registrar without resigning as Trustee.

SECTION 11.17. Extension of Rights and Duties of Trustee to Paying Agent and Registrar. The provisions of Sections 11.02, 11.03, 11.04, 11.08, 11.09, 11.10, 11.16 and 11.24 hereof are hereby made applicable to the Paying Agent and the Registrar, as appropriate, and any Person serving as Paying Agent and/or Registrar, hereby enters into and agrees to comply with the covenants and agreements of this Master Indenture and all Supplemental Indentures applicable to the Paying Agent and Registrar, respectively.

SECTION 11.18. Resignation of Paying Agent or Registrar. The Paying Agent or Registrar may resign and be discharged of the duties created by this Master Indenture and all Supplemental Indentures by executing an instrument in writing resigning such duties and specifying the date when such resignation shall take effect, and filing the same with the Issuer, the Trustee, and any rating agency that shall then have in effect a rating on any of the Bonds, not less than forty-five (45) days before the date specified in such instrument when such resignation shall take effect, and by giving written notice of such resignation not less than three (3) weeks prior to such resignation date to the Bondholders, mailed to their addresses as such appear in the Bond Register. Such resignation shall take effect on the date specified in such instrument and notice, but only if a successor Paying Agent or Registrar shall have been appointed as hereinafter provided, in which event such resignation shall take effect immediately upon the appointment of such successor Paying Agent or Registrar. If the successor Paying Agent or Registrar shall not have been appointed within a period of ninety (90) days following the giving of notice, then the Paying Agent or Registrar shall be authorized to petition any court of competent jurisdiction to appoint a successor Paying Agent or Registrar as provided in Section 11.22 hereof.

SECTION 11.19. Removal of Paying Agent or Registrar. The Paying Agent or Registrar may be removed at any time prior to any Event of Default by the Issuer by filing with the Paying Agent or Registrar to be removed, and with the Trustee, an instrument or instruments in writing executed by the Issuer appointing a successor, or an instrument or instruments in writing designating, and accompanied by an instrument or appointment by the Issuer of, such successor. Such removal shall be effective thirty (30) days (or such longer period as may be set forth in such instrument) after delivery of the instrument; provided, however, that no such removal shall be effective until the successor Paying Agent or Registrar appointed hereunder shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the Issuer an instrument accepting such appointment hereunder.

SECTION 11.20. Appointment of Successor Paying Agent or Registrar. In case at any time the Paying Agent or Registrar shall be removed, or be dissolved, or if its property or affairs shall be taken under the control of any state or federal court or administrative body because of insolvency or bankruptcy, or for any other reason, then a vacancy shall forthwith and ipso facto exist in the office of the Paying Agent or Registrar, as the case may be, and a successor shall be appointed by the Issuer; and in case at any time the Paying Agent or Registrar shall resign, then a successor shall be appointed by the Issuer. After any such appointment, notice of such appointment shall be given by the Issuer to the predecessor Paying Agent or Registrar, the successor Paying Agent or Registrar, the Trustee, the Credit Facility Issuer, if any, any rating agency that shall then have in effect a rating on any of the Bonds, and all Bondholders. Any new Paying Agent or Registrar so appointed shall immediately, and without further act, supersede the predecessor Paying Agent or Registrar.

SECTION 11.21. Qualifications of Successor Paying Agent or Registrar. Every successor Paying Agent or Registrar (a) shall be a commercial bank or trust company (i) duly organized under the laws of the United States or any state or territory thereof, (i) authorized by law to perform all the duties imposed upon it by this Master Indenture and all Supplemental Indentures and (iii) capable of meeting its obligations hereunder, and (b) shall have a combined net capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000.

SECTION 11.22. Judicial Appointment of Successor Paying Agent or Registrar. In case at any time the Paying Agent or Registrar shall resign and no appointment of a successor Paying Agent or Registrar shall be made pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Master Indenture prior to the date specified in the notice of resignation as the date when such resignation is to take effect, the retiring Paying Agent or Registrar may forthwith apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Paying Agent or Registrar. Such court may thereupon, after such notice, if any, as it may deem proper and prescribe, appoint a successor Paying Agent or Registrar. Notice of such appointment shall be given by the Successor Registrar or Paying Agent to the Issuer, the Trustee, the Credit Facility Issuer, if any, any rating agency that shall then have in effect a rating on any of the Bonds, and all Bondholders. In the absence of such an appointment, the Trustee shall become the Registrar or Paying Agent, and shall so notify the Issuer or any rating agency that shall then have in effect a rating on the Bonds, and all Bondholders.

SECTION 11.23. Acceptance of Duties by Successor Paying Agent or Registrar. Any successor Paying Agent or Registrar shall become duly vested with all the estates, property, rights, powers, duties and obligations of its predecessor hereunder, with like effect as if originally named Paying Agent or Registrar herein. Upon request of such Paying Agent or Registrar, such predecessor Paying Agent or Registrar and the Issuer shall, after payment of its fees and expenses, execute and deliver an instrument transferring to such successor Paying Agent or Registrar all the estates, property, rights and powers hereunder of such predecessor Paying Agent or Registrar except for its rights under Section 11.04 hereof and such predecessor Paying Agent or Registrar shall pay over and deliver to the successor Paying Agent or Registrar all moneys and other assets at the time held by it hereunder.

SECTION 11.24. Successor by Merger or Consolidation. Any corporation, entity or purchaser into which any Paying Agent or Registrar hereunder may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any corporation, entity or purchaser resulting from any merger or consolidation to which any Paying Agent or Registrar hereunder shall be a party, or any corporation, entity or purchaser which shall have purchased substantially all of the bond administration business of the corporate trust department shall be the successor Paying Agent or Registrar under this Master Indenture and all Supplemental Indentures without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of the parties thereto, anything in this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture to the contrary notwithstanding.

[END OF ARTICLE XI]

ARTICLE XII
ACTS OF BONDHOLDERS; EVIDENCE OF OWNERSHIP OF BONDS

SECTION 12.01. Acts of Bondholders; Evidence of Ownership of Bonds. Any action to be taken by Bondholders may be evidenced by one or more concurrent written instruments of similar tenor signed or executed by such Bondholders in person or by an agent appointed in writing. The fact and date of the execution by any person of any such instrument may be provided by acknowledgment before a notary public or other officer empowered to take acknowledgments or by an affidavit of a witness to such execution. Any action by the Owner of any Bond shall bind all future Owners of the same Bond in respect of anything done or suffered by the Issuer, Trustee, Paying Agent or Registrar in pursuance thereof.

[END OF ARTICLE XII]

ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS

SECTION 13.01. Amendments and Supplements Without Bondholders' Consent. This Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture may be amended or supplemented, from time to time, without the consent of the Bondholders, by a Supplemental Indenture authorized by a Certified Resolution of the Issuer filed with the Trustee, for one or more of the following purposes:

(a) to add additional covenants of the Issuer or to surrender any right or power herein conferred upon the Issuer;

(b) for any purpose not inconsistent with the terms of the related Indenture, or to cure any ambiguity or to cure, correct or supplement any defective provision (whether because of any inconsistency with any other provision hereof or otherwise) of the related Indenture, in such manner as shall not impair the security hereof or thereof or adversely affect the rights and remedies of the Bondholders;

(c) to provide for the execution of any and all contracts and other documents as may be required in order to effectuate the conveyance of any Project to the State, the County, or any department, agency or branch thereof, or any other unit of government of the State, provided, however, that the Issuer shall have caused to be delivered to the Trustee an opinion of Bond Counsel stating that such conveyance shall not impair the security hereof or adversely affect the rights and remedies of the Bondholders; and

(d) to make such changes as may be necessary in order to reflect amendments to Chapters 170, 190 and 197, Florida Statutes, so long as, in the opinion of Counsel to the Issuer, such changes either (i) do not have a material adverse effect on the Holders of the Bonds; or (ii) if such changes do have an adverse effect, that they nevertheless are required to be made as a result of such amendments.

SECTION 13.02. Amendments With Bondholders' Consent. Subject to the provisions of Section 13.01 hereof, this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture may be amended from time to time by a Supplemental Indenture approved by the Majority Holders in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then Outstanding in the case of the Master Indenture, and of the Series of Bonds then Outstanding and secured by such Supplemental Indenture in the case of an amendment of a Supplemental Indenture including, but not limited to, any material amendment to the Special Assessments and related proceedings which secure a Series of Bonds; provided that with respect to (a) the interest payable upon any Bonds, (b) the dates of maturity or redemption provisions of any Bonds, (c) this Article XIII and (d) the security provisions hereunder or under any Supplemental Indenture, which may only be amended by approval of the Owners of all Outstanding Bonds to be so amended.

SECTION 13.03. Trustee Authorized to Join in Amendments and Supplements; Reliance on Counsel. The Trustee is authorized to join in the execution and delivery of any Supplemental Indenture or amendment permitted by this Article XIII and in so doing may rely on a written opinion of Counsel at the expense of the Issuer that such Supplemental Indenture or

amendment is so permitted and has been duly authorized by the Issuer and that all things necessary to make it a valid and binding agreement have been done. If such amendment relates to a Series of Bonds which are Tax-Exempt Bonds, the Issuer shall, upon request of the Trustee, cause there to be delivered to the Trustee an opinion of Bond Counsel to the effect that such amendment will not adversely affect the tax status of such Tax-Exempt Bonds. The Trustee shall not be obligated to enter into any Supplemental Indenture or amendment that imposes additional obligations on the Trustee or adversely affects the Trustee's rights and immunities hereunder.

[END OF ARTICLE XIII]

ARTICLE XIV DEFEASANCE

SECTION 14.01. Defeasance. When interest on, and principal or Redemption Price (as the case may be) of, the Bonds of a Series or any portion thereof to be defeased have been paid, or there shall have been deposited with the Trustee or such other escrow agent designated in a Certified Resolution of the Issuer (the “Escrow Agent”) moneys sufficient, or Defeasance Securities, the principal of and interest on which, when due, together with any moneys, remaining uninvested, will provide sufficient moneys to fully pay (i) such Bonds of a Series or portion thereof to be defeased, and (ii) any other sums payable hereunder by the Issuer including any unpaid Trustee fees and expenses, but only to the extent the Issuer has agreed to pay the same on or before the defeasance of the Bonds, the right, title and interest of the Trustee with respect to such Bonds of a Series or portion thereof to be defeased shall thereupon cease, the lien of the Indenture on the Pledged Revenues, and the Funds and Accounts established under the Indenture (other than the Rebate Fund or any Accounts therein, unless all rebate liability has been satisfied as determined by the Issuer) shall be defeased and discharged, and the Trustee, on demand of the Issuer, shall release the Indenture as to such Bonds of a Series or portion thereof to be so defeased and shall execute such documents to evidence such release as may be reasonably required by the Issuer and shall turn over to the Issuer or to such Person, body or authority as may be entitled to receive the same all balances remaining in any Series Funds and Accounts (other than the Rebate Fund) upon the defeasance in whole of all of the Bonds of a Series.

SECTION 14.02. Deposit of Funds for Payment of Bonds. If the Issuer deposits with the Escrow Agent moneys sufficient, or Defeasance Securities, the principal of and interest on which, when due, together with any moneys remaining uninvested, will provide sufficient moneys to pay the principal or Redemption Price of any Bonds of a Series becoming due, either at maturity or by redemption or otherwise, together with all interest accruing thereon to the date of maturity or such prior redemption, and reimburses or causes to be reimbursed or pays or causes to be paid the other amounts required to be reimbursed or paid under Section 14.01 hereof, interest on such Bonds of a Series shall cease to accrue on such date of maturity or prior redemption and all liability of the Issuer with respect to such Bonds of a Series shall likewise cease, except as hereinafter provided; provided, however, that (a) if any Bonds are to be redeemed prior to the maturity thereof, notice of the redemption thereof shall have been duly given in accordance with the provisions of Section 8.02 hereof, or irrevocable provision satisfactory to the Trustee shall have been duly made for the giving of such notice, and (b) in the event that any Bonds are not by their terms subject to redemption within the next succeeding sixty (60) days following a deposit of moneys with the Escrow Agent, in accordance with this Section, the Issuer shall have given the Escrow Agent, in form satisfactory to the Escrow Agent, irrevocable instructions to mail to the Owners of such Bonds at their addresses as they appear on the Bond Register, a notice stating that a deposit in accordance with this Section has been made with the Escrow Agent and that the Bonds to which such notice relates are deemed to have been paid in accordance with this Section and stating such maturity or redemption date upon which moneys are to be available for the payment of the principal or Redemption Price (as the case may be) of, and interest on, said Bonds of a Series. Thereafter such Bonds shall be deemed not to be Outstanding hereunder and the Owners of such Bonds shall be restricted exclusively to the funds so deposited for any claim of whatsoever nature with respect to such Bonds, and the Escrow Agent shall hold such funds in trust for such Owners. At the time of the deposit referred to above, there shall be delivered to the Trustee and any Escrow Agent a

verification from a firm of independent Certified Public Accountants stating that the principal of and interest on the Defeasance Securities, together with the stated amount of any cash remaining on deposit with the Escrow Agent, will be sufficient to pay the remaining principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on such defeased Bonds. In addition, Bond Counsel will deliver its opinion that the subject Bonds are no longer Outstanding.

Money so deposited with the Escrow Agent which remains unclaimed three (3) years after the date payment thereof becomes due shall, upon request of the Issuer, if the Issuer is not at the time to the knowledge of the Escrow Agent in default with respect to any covenant in the Indenture or the Bonds of the Series contained, be paid to the Issuer; and the Owners of the Bonds for which the deposit was made shall thereafter be limited to a claim against the Issuer; provided, however, that the Escrow Agent, before making payment to the Issuer, may, at the request and expense of the Issuer and if directed by the Issuer, shall cause a notice to be published in an Authorized Newspaper, stating that the money remaining unclaimed will be returned to the Issuer after a specified date.

[END OF ARTICLE XIV]

ARTICLE XV MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SECTION 15.01. Limitations on Recourse. No personal recourse shall be had for any claim based on this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture or the Bonds against any member of the Board of the Issuer, officer, employee or agent, past, present or future, of the Issuer or of any successor body as such, either directly or through the Issuer or any such successor body, under any constitutional provision, statute or rule of law or by the enforcement of any assessment or penalty or otherwise.

The Bonds of each Series are payable solely from the Pledged Revenues, and any other moneys held by the Trustee under the Indenture for such purpose. There shall be no other recourse under the Bonds, the Indenture or otherwise, against the Issuer or any other property now or hereafter owned by it.

SECTION 15.02. Payment Dates. In any case where an Interest Payment Date or the maturity date of the Bonds or the date fixed for the redemption of any Bonds shall be other than a Business Day, then payment of interest, principal or Redemption Price need not be made on such date but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day, with the same force and effect as if made on the due date, and no interest on such payment shall accrue for the period after such due date if payment is made on such next succeeding Business Day.

SECTION 15.03. No Rights Conferred on Others. Nothing herein contained shall confer any right upon any Person other than the parties hereto and the Holders of the Bonds.

SECTION 15.04. Illegal Provisions Disregarded. If any term of Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture or the Bonds or the application thereof for any reason or circumstances shall to any extent be held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions or the application of such terms or provisions to Persons and situations other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and each remaining term and provision hereof and thereof shall be valid and enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

SECTION 15.05. Substitute Notice. If for any reason it shall be impossible to make duplication of any notice required hereby in a newspaper or newspapers, then such publication in lieu thereof as shall be made with the approval of the Trustee shall constitute a sufficient publication of such notice.

SECTION 15.06. Notices. Any notice, demand, direction, request or other instrument authorized or required by this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture to be given to or filed with the Issuer or the Trustee shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given or filed for all purposes of this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture if and when personally delivered and receipted for, or if mailed by first class mail, addressed as follows:

(a) As to the Issuer -

Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District
c/o Wrathell Hunt & Associates, LLC
2300 Glades Road, Suite #410W
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Attention: Craig Wrathell

(b) As to the Trustee -

U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association
Corporate Trust Services
500 W. Cypress Creek Rd., Ste. # 460
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309
Attention: Robert E. Hedgecock, Vice President

Any of the foregoing may, by notice sent to each of the others, designate a different or additional address to which notices under this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture are to be sent.

The Trustee agrees to accept and act upon instructions or directions pursuant to this Master Indenture sent by the Issuer by Electronic Means, provided, however, that the Issuer shall provide to the Trustee an incumbency certificate listing designated persons with the authority to provide such instructions, which incumbency certificate shall be amended whenever a person is to be added or deleted from the listing. If the Issuer elects to give the Trustee e-mail or facsimile instructions (or instructions by a similar Electronic Means) and the Trustee in its discretion elects to act upon such instructions, the Trustee's understanding of such instructions shall be deemed controlling. The Trustee shall not be liable for any losses, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from the Trustee's reliance upon and compliance with such instructions notwithstanding such instructions conflict or are inconsistent with a subsequent written instruction. The Issuer agrees to assume all risks arising out of the use of such Electronic Means to submit instructions and directions to the Trustee, including without limitation the risk of the Trustee acting on unauthorized instructions, and the risk of interception and misuse by third parties.

All documents received by the Trustee under the provisions of this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture and not required to be redelivered shall be retained in its possession, subject at all reasonable times to the inspection of the Issuer, any Consultant, any Bondholder and the agents and representatives thereof as evidence in writing.

SECTION 15.07. Controlling Law. This Master Indenture and all Supplemental Indentures shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State.

SECTION 15.08. Successors and Assigns. All the covenants, promises and agreements in this Master Indenture and all Supplemental Indentures contained by or on behalf of the Issuer or by or on behalf of the Trustee shall bind and inure to the benefit of their respective successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

SECTION 15.09. Headings for Convenience Only. The table of contents and descriptive headings in this Master Indenture are inserted for convenience only and shall not control or affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions hereof.

SECTION 15.10. Counterparts. This Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indentures may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be an original; but such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

SECTION 15.11. Appendices and Exhibits. Any and all appendices or exhibits referred to in and attached to this Master Indenture are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 15.12. Brokerage Confirmations. The Issuer acknowledges that to the extent regulations of the Comptroller of the Currency or other applicable regulatory entity grant the Issuer the right to receive individual confirmations of security transactions at no additional cost, as they occur, the Issuer specifically waives receipt of such confirmations to the extent permitted by law. The Trustee will furnish the Issuer periodic cash transaction statements that include detail for all investment transactions made by the Trustee hereunder.

SECTION 15.13. Patriot Act Requirements of Trustee. To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, Federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. For a non-individual person such as a business entity, a charity, a trust, or other legal entity, the Trustee will ask for documentation to verify such non-individual person's formation and existence as a legal entity. The Trustee may also ask to see financial statements, licenses, identification and authorization documents from individuals claiming authority to represent the entity or other relevant documentation.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District has caused this Master Indenture to be executed by the Chairperson of its Board and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed, attested by the Secretary of its Board and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association has caused this Master Indenture to be executed by one of its authorized signatories, all as of the day and year first above written.

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

[SEAL]

Attest:

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: Secretary, Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

**U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**, as Trustee,
Paying Agent and Registrar

By: _____
Name: Robert E. Hedgecock
Title: Vice President

STATE OF FLORIDA)
)
) SS:
COUNTY OF _____)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this ____ day of _____, 2025, by _____, Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors of Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District, who acknowledged that he/she did so sign the foregoing instrument as such officer for and on behalf of said Issuer; that the same is his/her free act and deed as such officer, and the free act and deed of said Issuer; and that the seal affixed to said instrument is the seal of said Issuer; that he/she appeared before me this day in person and severally acknowledged that he/she, being thereunto duly authorized, signed, sealed with the seal of said Issuer, for the uses and purposes therein set forth. He/She is personally known to me or produced _____ as identification.

[NOTARIAL SEAL]

Notary: _____
 Print Name: _____
 NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF _____
 My commission expires _____

[illegible]

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this ____ day of _____, 2025, by _____, Secretary of the Board of Supervisors of Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District, who acknowledged that he/she did so sign the foregoing instrument as such officer for and on behalf of said Issuer; that the same is his/her free act and deed as such officer, and the free act and deed of said Issuer; and that the seal affixed to said instrument is the seal of said Issuer; that he/she appeared before me this day in person and severally acknowledged that he/she, being thereunto duly authorized, signed, sealed with the seal of said Issuer, for the uses and purposes therein set forth. He/She is personally known to me or produced _____ as identification.

[NOTARIAL SEAL]

Notary: _____
 Print Name: _____
 NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF _____
 My commission expires _____

STATE OF FLORIDA)
)SS:
COUNTY OF BROWARD)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this _____ day of _____, 2025, by Robert E. Hedgecock, a Vice President of U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, who acknowledged that he did sign said instrument as such officer for and on behalf of the Trustee; that the same is his free act and deed as such officer and the free act and deed of the Trustee; that he appeared before me on this day in person and acknowledged that he, being thereunto duly authorized, signed, for the uses and purposes therein set forth. He is personally known to me or produced _____ as identification.

[NOTARIAL SEAL]

Notary: _____
Print Name: _____
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF _____
My commission expires _____

EXHIBIT A

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF
GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The present boundaries of Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District are as follows:

EXHIBIT B

DESCRIPTION OF A PROJECT

The Project includes, but is not limited to, the following improvements:

- Stormwater management and control facilities, including, but not limited to, related earthwork and drainage;
- Roadway improvements and any applicable impact fees;
- Landscaping, irrigation and hardscape in public rights-of-way;
- On-site conservation;
- Recreational amenities;
- Differential cost of undergrounding electric utility lines; and
- All related soft and incidental costs.

EXHIBIT C

[FORM OF BOND]

R-_____

\$_____

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF FLORIDA
POLK COUNTY
GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BOND,
SERIES 20__**

Interest Rate

Maturity Date

Date of Original Issuance

CUSIP

Registered Owner:

Principal Amount:

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS that the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District (the "Issuer"), for value received, hereby promises to pay to the registered owner shown above or registered assigns, on the date specified above, from the sources hereinafter mentioned, upon presentation and surrender hereof (except while the herein described Bonds are in book-entry only form in which case presentation shall not be required), at the designated corporate trust office of U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, initially its corporate trust office located in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, as paying agent (said U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association and/or any bank or trust company to become successor paying agent being herein called the "Paying Agent"), the Principal Amount set forth above with interest thereon at the Interest Rate per annum set forth above, computed on 360-day year of twelve 30-day months, payable on the first day of November of each year. Principal of this Bond is payable at the designated corporate trust office of U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, initially its corporate trust office located in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in lawful money of the United States of America. Interest on this Bond is payable by check or draft of the Paying Agent made payable to the registered owner and mailed on each Interest Payment Date to the address of the registered owner as such name and address shall appear on the registry books of the Issuer maintained by U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as registrar (said U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association and any successor registrar being herein called the "Registrar") at the close of business on the fifteenth day of the calendar month preceding each interest payment date or the date on which the principal of a Bond is to be paid (the "Record Date"). Such interest shall be payable from the most recent interest payment date next preceding the date of authentication hereof to which interest has been paid, unless the date of authentication hereof is a May 1 or November 1 to which interest has been paid, in which case from the date of authentication hereof, or unless such date of authentication is prior to _____, 20__, in which case from _____, 20__, or unless the date of authentication hereof is between a Record Date and the next succeeding interest payment date, in which case from such interest payment date. Any such interest not so punctually paid or duly provided for shall forthwith cease to be payable to the

registered owner on such Record Date and may be paid to the person in whose name this Bond is registered at the close of business on a Special Record Date for the payment of such defaulted interest to be fixed by the Paying Agent, notice whereof shall be given to Bondholders of record as of the fifth (5th) day prior to such mailing, at their registered addresses, not less than ten (10) days prior to such Special Record Date, or may be paid, at any time in any other lawful manner, as more fully provided in the Indenture (defined below).

THE BONDS ARE LIMITED OBLIGATIONS OF THE ISSUER PAYABLE SOLELY FROM THE PLEDGED REVENUES PLEDGED THEREFOR UNDER THE INDENTURE AND NEITHER THE PROPERTY, THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT, NOR THE TAXING POWER OF THE ISSUER, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA (THE "COUNTY"), THE STATE OF FLORIDA, OR ANY OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF, IS PLEDGED AS SECURITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS, EXCEPT THAT THE ISSUER IS OBLIGATED UNDER THE INDENTURE TO LEVY AND TO EVIDENCE AND CERTIFY, OR CAUSE TO BE CERTIFIED, FOR COLLECTION, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS (AS DEFINED IN THE INDENTURE) TO SECURE AND PAY THE BONDS. THE BONDS DO NOT CONSTITUTE AN INDEBTEDNESS OF THE ISSUER, THE COUNTY, THE STATE OF FLORIDA, OR ANY OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF WITHIN THE MEANING OF ANY CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY PROVISION OR LIMITATION.

This Bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any benefit or security under the Indenture until it shall have been authenticated by execution of the Trustee, of the certificate of authentication endorsed hereon.

[Back of Bond]

This Bond is one of an authorized issue of Bonds of the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District, a community development district duly created, organized and existing under Chapter 190, Florida Statutes (the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980), as amended (the “Act”), and Ordinance No. 2024-048 enacted by the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County, Florida, on August 6, 2024, designated as “Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District Special Assessment Bonds, Series _____” (the “Bonds”), in the aggregate principal amount of _____ Dollars (\$_____) of like date, tenor and effect, except as to number. The Bonds are being issued under authority of the laws and Constitution of the State of Florida, including particularly the Act, to pay a portion of the design, acquisition, construction costs of certain public infrastructure improvements consisting of a drainage system, including, but not limited to, offsite improvements and earth work; water distribution and wastewater collection facilities; roadway improvements including, but not limited to, offsite improvements, signage and striping; differential cost of undergrounding electric utilities and related incidental costs. The Bonds shall be issued as fully registered Bonds in authorized denominations, as set forth in the Indenture. The Bonds are issued under and secured by a Master Trust Indenture dated as of _____ 1, 2025 (the “Master Indenture”), as amended and supplemented by a _____ Supplemental Trust Indenture dated as of _____ 1, _____ (the “_____ Supplemental Indenture” and together with the Master Indenture, the “Indenture”), each by and between the Issuer and the Trustee, executed counterparts of which are on file at the corporate trust office of the Trustee in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Reference is hereby made to the Indenture for the provisions, among others, with respect to the custody and application of the proceeds of the Bonds issued under the Indenture, the operation and application of the Debt Service Fund and other Funds and Accounts (each as defined in the Indenture) charged with and pledged to the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and the interest on the Bonds, the levy and the evidencing and certifying for collection, of Special Assessments, the nature and extent of the security for the Bonds, the terms and conditions on which the Bonds are issued, the rights, duties and obligations of the Issuer and of the Trustee under the Indenture, the conditions under which such Indenture may be amended without the consent of the registered owners of Bonds, the conditions under which such Indenture may be amended with the consent of the registered owners of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds outstanding, and as to other rights and remedies of the registered owners of the Bonds.

The owner of this Bond shall have no right to enforce the provisions of the Indenture or to institute action to enforce the covenants therein, or to take any action with respect to any event of default under the Indenture or to institute, appear in or defend any suit or other proceeding with respect thereto, except as provided in the Indenture.

It is expressly agreed by the owner of this Bond that such owner shall never have the right to require or compel the exercise of the ad valorem taxing power of the Issuer, Polk County, Florida, the State of Florida or any other political subdivision thereof, or taxation in any form of any real or personal property of the Issuer, Polk County, Florida, the State of Florida or any other political subdivision thereof, for the payment of the principal of and interest on this Bond or the making of any other sinking fund and other payments provided for in the Indenture, except for Special Assessments to be assessed and levied by the Issuer as set forth in the Indenture.

By the acceptance of this Bond, the owner hereof assents to all the provisions of the Indenture.

This Bond is payable from and secured by Pledged Revenues, as such term is defined in the Indenture, all in the manner provided in the Indenture. The Indenture provides for the levy and the evidencing and certifying, of non-ad valorem assessments in the form of Special Assessments to secure and pay the Bonds.

The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity in the amounts, at the times and in the manner provided below. All payments of the Redemption Price of the Bonds shall be made on the dates specified below. Upon any redemption of Bonds other than in accordance with scheduled sinking fund installments, the Issuer shall cause to be recalculated and delivered to the Trustee revised sinking fund installments recalculated so as to amortize the Outstanding principal amount of Bonds in substantially equal annual installments of principal and interest (subject to rounding to Authorized Denominations of principal) over the remaining term of the Bonds. The sinking fund installments as so recalculated shall not result in an increase in the aggregate of the sinking fund installments for all Bonds in any year. In the event of a redemption or purchase occurring less than forty-five (45) days prior to a date on which a sinking fund installment is due, the foregoing recalculation shall not be made to sinking fund installments due in the year in which such redemption or purchase occurs, but shall be made to sinking fund installments for the immediately succeeding and subsequent years.

Optional Redemption

The Bonds are subject to redemption at the option of the Issuer in whole or in part at any time on or after _____ 1, ____, at the Redemption Prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount to be redeemed) set forth below, plus accrued interest to the redemption date, upon notice from the Issuer to the Trustee as set forth in the Indenture.

<u>Redemption Period</u> <u>(Both Dates Inclusive)</u>	<u>Redemption Price</u>
_____ 1, ____ to _____ 31, ____	%
_____ 1, ____ to _____ 31, ____	
_____ 1, ____ and thereafter	

Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption

The Bonds are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on May 1 in the years and in the principal amounts set forth below at a Redemption Price of 100% of their principal amount plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. Such principal amounts shall be reduced as specified by the Issuer by the principal amount of any Bonds redeemed pursuant to optional or extraordinary mandatory redemption as set forth above or purchased and cancelled pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture.

<u>Year</u>	Principal Amount of Bonds	<u>Year</u>	Principal Amount of Bonds

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Extraordinary Mandatory Redemption in Whole or in Part

The Bonds are subject to extraordinary mandatory redemption prior to maturity by the Issuer in whole, on any date, or in part, on any interest payment date (except as otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture), at an extraordinary mandatory Redemption Price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Bonds to be redeemed, plus interest accrued to the redemption date, (i) from moneys deposited into the Bond Redemption Fund following the payment of Special Assessments on any portion of the District Lands in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.08 of the Indenture; (ii) when sufficient moneys are on deposit in the related Funds and Accounts (other than the Rebate Fund and any other excluded fund or account as provided in the Supplemental Indenture) to pay and redeem all Outstanding Bonds and accrued interest thereon to the redemption date in addition to all amounts owed to Persons under the Indenture; (iii) if made applicable in a Supplemental Indenture, from moneys in excess of the Debt Service Reserve Requirement in the Debt Service Reserve Fund transferred to the Bond Redemption Fund pursuant to the Indenture; (iv) from excess moneys transferred from the Revenue Fund to the Bond Redemption Fund in accordance with the Indenture; (v) from moneys, if any, on deposit in the Bond Redemption Fund following condemnation or the sale of any portion of the District Lands benefited by a Project to a governmental entity under threat of condemnation by such governmental entity or the damage or destruction of all or substantially all of a Project when such moneys are not to be used pursuant to the Indenture to repair, replace or restore a Project; provided, however, that at least forty-five (45) days prior to such extraordinary mandatory redemption, the Issuer shall cause to be delivered to the Trustee (x) notice setting forth the redemption date and (y) a certificate of the Consulting Engineer confirming that the repair and restoration of a Project would not be economical or would be impracticable; or (vi) either prior to the Completion Date or after the Completion Date, as the case may be, from amounts transferred to the Account of the Bond Redemption Fund from the applicable Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund in accordance with the Indenture.

Notice of Redemption

The Trustee shall cause notice of redemption to be mailed at least thirty (30) but not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of redemption to all registered owners of Bonds to be redeemed (as such owners appear on the books of the Registrar on the fifth (5th) day prior to such mailing) and to certain additional parties as set forth in the Indenture; provided, however, that failure to mail any such notice or any defect in the notice or the mailing thereof shall not affect the validity of the redemption of the Bonds for which such notice was duly mailed in accordance with the Indenture. If less than all of the Bonds shall be called for redemption, the notice of redemption shall specify the Bonds to be redeemed. On the redemption date, the Bonds called for redemption will be payable at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent and on such date interest shall cease to accrue, such Bonds shall cease to be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture and such Bonds shall not be deemed to be outstanding under the provisions of the Indenture and the registered owners of such Bonds shall have no rights in respect thereof except to receive payment

of the Redemption Price thereof. If the amount of funds so deposited with the Trustee, or otherwise available, is insufficient to pay the Redemption Price and interest on all Bonds so called for redemption on such date, the Trustee shall redeem and pay on such date an amount of such Bonds for which such funds are sufficient, selecting the Bonds to be redeemed by lot from among all such Bonds called for redemption on such date, and interest on any Bonds not paid shall continue to accrue, as provided in the Indenture.

Partial Redemption of Bonds. If less than all the Bonds of a maturity are to be redeemed, the Trustee shall select the particular Bonds or portions of Bonds to be redeemed by lot in such reasonable manner as the Trustee in its discretion may determine. In the case of any partial redemption of Bonds pursuant to an optional redemption, such redemption shall be effectuated by redeeming Bonds of such maturities in such manner as shall be specified by the Issuer in writing, subject to the provisions of the Indenture. In the case of any partial redemption of Bonds pursuant to an extraordinary mandatory redemption, such redemption shall be effectuated by redeeming Bonds pro rata among the maturities, treating each date on which a sinking fund installment is due as a separate maturity for such purpose, with the portion to be redeemed from each maturity being equal to the product of the aggregate principal amount of Bonds to be redeemed multiplied times a fraction the numerator of which is the principal amount of Bonds of such maturity outstanding immediately prior to the redemption date and the denominator of which is the aggregate principal amount of all Bonds outstanding immediately prior to the redemption date.

The Issuer shall keep books for the registration of the Bonds at the corporate trust office of the Registrar in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Subject to the restrictions contained in the Indenture, the Bonds may be transferred or exchanged by the registered owner thereof in person or by his attorney duly authorized in writing only upon the books of the Issuer kept by the Registrar and only upon surrender thereof together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Registrar duly executed by the registered owner or his duly authorized attorney. In all cases in which the privilege of transferring or exchanging Bonds is exercised, the Issuer shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver a new Bond or Bonds in authorized form and in like aggregate principal amount in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture. Every Bond presented or surrendered for transfer or exchange shall be duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Trustee, Paying Agent or the Registrar, duly executed by the Bondholder or his attorney duly authorized in writing. Transfers and exchanges shall be made without charge to the Bondholder, except that the Issuer or the Trustee may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any transfer or exchange of Bonds. Neither the Issuer nor the Registrar on behalf of the Issuer shall be required (i) to issue transfer or exchange any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business fifteen (15) days before the day of mailing of a notice of redemption of Bonds selected for redemption and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing, or (ii) to transfer or exchange any Bond so selected for redemption in whole or in part.

The Issuer, the Trustee, the Paying Agent and the Registrar shall deem and treat the person in whose name any Bond shall be registered upon the books kept by the Registrar as the absolute owner thereof (whether or not such Bond shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notation of ownership or other writing thereon made by anyone other than the Issuer, the Trustee, the Paying Agent or the Registrar) for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of the principal of

and interest on such Bond as the same becomes due, and for all other purposes. All such payments so made to any such registered owner or upon his order shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Bond to the extent of the sum or sums so paid, and neither the Issuer, the Trustee, the Paying Agent, nor the Registrar shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required to exist, to happen, and to be performed, precedent to and in connection with the issuance of this Bond exist, have happened and have been performed in regular and due form and time as required by the laws and Constitution of the State of Florida applicable thereto, including particularly the Act, and that the issuance of this Bond, and of the issue of the Bonds of which this Bond is one, is in full compliance with all constitutional and statutory limitations or provisions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District has caused this Bond to be signed by the facsimile signature of the Chairperson of its Board of Supervisors and a facsimile of its seal to be imprinted hereon, and attested by the facsimile signature of the Secretary of its Board of Supervisors, all as of the date hereof.

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT

By: _____
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

(SEAL)

Attest:

By: _____
Secretary, Board of Supervisors

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This Bond is one of the Bonds delivered pursuant to the within mentioned Indenture.

Date of Authentication: _____

U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

STATEMENT OF VALIDATION

This Bond is one of a series of Bonds which were validated by judgment of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Polk County, Florida, rendered on the ____ day of _____, 202__.

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Secretary

ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of the within Bond, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations:

TEN COM	-	as tenants in common
TEN ENT	-	as tenants by the entireties
JT TEN	-	as joint tenants with rights of survivorship and not as tenants in common

UNIFORM TRANSFER MIN ACT - _____ Custodian _____ (Cust) (Minor)

Under Uniform Transfer to Minors

Act _____ (State)

Additional abbreviations may also be used though not in the above list.

ASSIGNMENT AND TRANSFER

FOR VALUE RECEIVED the undersigned sells, assigns and transfers unto

(please print or typewrite name and address of assignee)

the within Bond and all rights thereunder, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints

Attorney to transfer the within Bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Signature Guarantee:

NOTICE: Signature(s) must be guaranteed by a member firm of the New York Stock Exchange or a commercial bank or trust company

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name of the registered owner as it appears upon the face of the within Bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever.

Please insert social security or other identifying number of Assignee.

EXHIBIT D
FORM OF REQUISITION

GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS, SERIES 200_

The undersigned, a Responsible Officer of the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District (the “Issuer”) hereby submits the following requisition for disbursement under and pursuant to the terms of the Master Trust Indenture from the Issuer to U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as trustee (the “Trustee”), dated as of _____ 1, 2025, as supplemented by that certain _____ Supplemental Trust Indenture dated as of _____, ____ (the “Indenture”) (all capitalized terms used herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Indenture):

(1) Requisition Number:

(2) Name of Payee pursuant to Acquisition Agreement:

(3) Amount Payable:

(4) Purpose for which paid or incurred (refer also to specific contract if amount is due and payable pursuant to a contract involving progress payments, or, state Costs of Issuance, if applicable):

(5) Fund or Account and subaccount, if any, from which disbursement to be made:

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

1. ☐ obligations in the stated amount set forth above have been incurred by the Issuer,

or

☐ this requisition is for Costs of Issuance payable from the Acquisition and Construction Fund that have not previously been paid;
2. each disbursement set forth above is a proper charge against the Acquisition and Construction Fund;
3. each disbursement set forth above was incurred in connection with the acquisition and/or construction of the Project;
4. each disbursement represents a Cost of the Project which has not previously been paid.

The undersigned hereby further certifies that there has not been filed with or served upon the Issuer notice of any lien, right to lien, or attachment upon, or claim affecting the right to receive payment

of, any of the moneys payable to the Payee set forth above, which has not been released or will not be released simultaneously with the payment hereof.

The undersigned hereby further certifies that such requisition contains no item representing payment on account of any retained percentage which the Issuer is, at the date of such certificate, entitled to retain.

Originals or copies of the invoice(s) from the vendor of the property acquired or the services rendered with respect to which disbursement is hereby requested are on file with the Issuer.

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT

By: _____
Responsible Officer

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S APPROVAL FOR
NON-COST OF ISSUANCE REQUESTS ONLY

If this requisition is for a disbursement from other than Costs of Issuance, the undersigned Consulting Engineer hereby certifies that this disbursement is for a Cost of the Project and is consistent with: (i) the applicable acquisition or construction contract; (ii) the plans and specifications for the portion of the Project with respect to which such disbursement is being made; and (iii) the report of the Consulting Engineer, as such report shall have been amended or modified on the date hereof.

Consulting Engineer

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST INDENTURE

BETWEEN

GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

AND

U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
as Trustee

Dated as of _____ 1, 2025

Authorizing and Securing
\$ _____
GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS, SERIES 2025

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THIS FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST INDENTURE (the “First Supplemental Indenture”), dated as of _____ 1, 2025 between the GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (together with its successors and assigns, the “Issuer”), a local unit of special-purpose government organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, and U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association duly organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America and having a corporate trust office in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, as trustee (said trust company and any bank or trust company becoming successor trustee under this First Supplemental Indenture being hereinafter referred to as the “Trustee”);

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the Issuer is a local unit of special purpose government duly organized and existing under the provisions of the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended (the “Act”), by Ordinance No. 2024-048 enacted by the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County, Florida, on August 6, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the premises governed by the Issuer, as described more fully in the Ordinance, consisting of approximately 132.681 acres of land (herein, the “District Lands” or “District”), are located entirely within the unincorporated area of Polk County, Florida (the “County”); and

WHEREAS, the Issuer has been created for the purpose of delivering certain community development services and facilities for the benefit of the District Lands; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer has determined to undertake, in one or more phases, the acquisition and/or construction of public improvements and community facilities as set forth in the Act for the special benefit of the assessable District Lands; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer has previously adopted Resolution No. 2025-30 on November 4, 2024, authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$24,740,000 in aggregate principal amount of its special assessment bonds (the “Bonds”) to finance all or a portion of the design, acquisition and construction costs of certain improvements pursuant to the Act for the special benefit of the District Lands or portions thereof and approving the form of and authorizing the execution and delivery of a master trust indenture and supplemental indenture; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that certain Master Trust Indenture dated as of _____ 1, 2025 (the “Master Indenture”) and this First Supplemental Indenture, both by and between the Issuer and the Trustee, the Issuer proposes to issue its herein defined Series 2025 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, to the extent not constructed by the Issuer, Lennar Homes, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “Developer”) is the master developer of a residential community located within the District and shall construct all of the public infrastructure necessary to serve such residential community referred to as “Groves at Lake Marion” (herein, the “Development”); and

WHEREAS, the public infrastructure as described on Exhibit A necessary for the development of the Development is herein referred to as the “2025 Project,” which will be financed with a portion of the net proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds (as defined below); and

WHEREAS, the Issuer has determined to issue a Series of Bonds, designated as the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2025 (the “Series 2025 Bonds”), pursuant to the Master Indenture and this First Supplemental Indenture (hereinafter sometimes collectively referred to as the “Indenture”); and

WHEREAS, in the manner provided herein, the net proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds will be used to provide funds for (i) the Costs of acquiring and/or constructing a portion of the 2025 Project, (ii) funding interest on the Series 2025 Bonds through at least May 1, 2025; (iii) the funding of the Series 2025 Reserve Account in an amount equal to the initial Series 2025 Reserve Requirement, and (iv) the payment of the costs of issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Series 2025 Bonds will be secured by a pledge of Series 2025 Pledged Revenues (as hereinafter defined) to the extent provided herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE WITNESSETH, that to provide for the issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds, the security and payment of the principal or redemption price thereof (as the case may be) and interest thereon, the rights of the Bondholders and the performance and observance of all of the covenants contained herein and in said Series 2025 Bonds, and for and in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained and of the purchase and acceptance of the Series 2025 Bonds by the Owners thereof, from time to time, and of the acceptance by the Trustee of the trusts hereby created, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the Issuer does hereby assign, transfer, set over and pledge to U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, its successors in trust and its assigns forever, and grants a lien on all of the right, title and interest of the Issuer in and to the Series 2025 Pledged Revenues as security for the payment of the principal, redemption or purchase price of (as the case may be) and interest on the Series 2025 Bonds issued hereunder, all in the manner hereinafter provided, and the Issuer further hereby agrees with and covenants unto the Trustee as follows:

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same and any other revenues, property, contracts or contract rights, accounts receivable, chattel paper, instruments, general intangibles or other rights and the proceeds thereof, which may, by delivery, assignment or otherwise, be subject to the lien created by the Indenture with respect to the Series 2025 Bonds.

IN TRUST NEVERTHELESS, for the equal and ratable benefit and security of all present and future Owners of the Series 2025 Bonds issued and to be issued under this First Supplemental Indenture, without preference, priority or distinction as to lien or otherwise (except as otherwise specifically provided in this First Supplemental Indenture) of any one Series 2025 Bond over any other Series 2025 Bond, all as provided in the Indenture.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that if the Issuer, its successors or assigns, shall well and truly pay, or cause to be paid, or make due provision for the payment of the principal or redemption price of the Series 2025 Bonds issued, secured and Outstanding hereunder and the interest due or to become due thereon, at the times and in the manner mentioned in such Series 2025 Bonds and the Indenture, according to the true intent and meaning thereof and hereof, and the Issuer shall well and truly keep, perform and observe all the covenants and conditions pursuant to the terms of the Indenture to be kept, performed and observed by it, and shall pay or cause to be paid to the Trustee all sums of money due or to become due to it in accordance with the terms and provisions hereof, then upon such final payments this First Supplemental Indenture and the rights hereby

granted shall cease and terminate, otherwise this First Supplemental Indenture to be and remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

In this First Supplemental Indenture capitalized terms used without definition shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Master Indenture and, in addition to certain terms defined in the recitals above, the following terms shall have the meanings specified below, unless otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires:

“Acquisition Agreement” shall mean the Agreement by and Between the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District and the Developer, Regarding the Acquisition of Certain Work Product and Infrastructure for Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2025 ” relating to the acquisition of the 2025 Project, by and between the Developer and the Issuer.

“Arbitrage Certificate” shall mean that certain Arbitrage Certificate, including arbitrage rebate covenants, of the Issuer, dated the date of delivery of the Series 2025 Bonds, relating to certain restrictions on arbitrage under the Code with respect to the Bonds.

“Assessment Resolutions” shall mean Resolution No. 2025-__, Resolution No. 2025-__, and Resolution No. 2025-__ of the Issuer adopted on November 4, 2024, _____, 2025, and _____, 2025, respectively, as amended and supplemented from time to time.

“Authorized Denomination” shall mean, with respect to the Series 2025 Bonds, on the date of issuance, in the denominations of \$5,000 and any integral multiple thereof provided, however, if any initial beneficial owner does not purchase at least \$100,000 of the Series 2025 Bonds at the time of initial delivery of the Series 2025 Bonds, such beneficial owner must either execute and deliver to the Underwriter on the date of delivery of the Series 2025 Bonds the investor letter substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit D or otherwise establish to the satisfaction of the Underwriter that such Beneficial Owner is an “accredited investor,” as described in Rule 501(a) under Regulation D of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

“Bond Resolution” shall mean, collectively, (i) Resolution No. 2025-30 of the Issuer adopted on November 4, 2024, pursuant to which the Issuer authorized the issuance of not exceeding \$24,740,000 aggregate principal amount of its Bonds to finance the construction or acquisition of public infrastructure within the District, and (ii) Resolution No. 2025-__ of the Issuer adopted on _____, 2025, pursuant to which the Issuer authorized, among other things, the issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$_____ to finance a portion of the acquisition and/or construction of the 2025 Project, specifying the details of the Series 2025 Bonds and awarding the Series 2025 Bonds to the purchasers of the Series 2025 Bonds pursuant to the parameters set forth herein.

“Bonds” shall mean the Issuer’s Special Assessments Bonds issued pursuant to the Master Indenture.

“Collateral Assignment” shall mean that certain instrument executed by the Developer in favor of the Issuer whereby all of the Project Documents and other material documents necessary

to complete at least the portion of the Development (comprising all of the development planned for the 2025 Project) are collaterally assigned as security for the Developer's obligation to pay the Series 2025 Special Assessments imposed against lands within the District owned by the Developer from time to time.

"Consulting Engineer" shall mean Tillman and Associates Engineering, LLC.

"Continuing Disclosure Agreement" shall mean the Continuing Disclosure Agreement for the benefit of the owners of the Series 2025 Bonds, dated the date of delivery of the Series 2025 Bonds, by and among the Issuer, the dissemination agent named therein, the Developer, and joined by the other parties named therein, in connection with the issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds.

"District Manager" shall mean Wrathell Hunt & Associates, LLC and its successors and assigns.

"Indenture" shall mean collectively, the Master Indenture and this First Supplemental Indenture.

"Interest Payment Date" shall mean May 1 and November 1 of each year, commencing May 1, 2025, and any other date the principal of the Series 2025 Bonds is paid, including any Quarterly Redemption Date.

"Majority Holders" means the beneficial owners of more than fifty percent (50%) of the Outstanding principal amount of the Series 2025 Bonds.

"Master Indenture" shall mean the Master Trust Indenture, dated as of _____ 1, 2025, by and between the Issuer and the Trustee, as supplemented and amended with respect to matters pertaining solely to the Master Indenture or the Series 2025 Bonds (as opposed to supplements or amendments relating to any Series of Bonds other than the Series 2025 Bonds as specifically defined in this First Supplemental Indenture).

"Paying Agent" shall mean U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, and its successors and assigns as Paying Agent hereunder.

"Prepayment" shall mean the payment by any owner of property within the District of the amount of the Series 2025 Special Assessments encumbering its property, in whole or in part, prior to its scheduled due date, including optional prepayments. The term "Prepayment" also means any proceeds received as a result of accelerating and/or foreclosing the Series 2025 Special Assessments or as a result of a true-up payment. "Prepayments" shall include, without limitation, Series 2025 Prepayment Principal.

"Quarterly Redemption Date" shall mean February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1 of any calendar year.

"Redemption Price" shall mean the principal amount of any Series 2025 Bond payable upon redemption thereof pursuant to this First Supplemental Indenture.

"Registrar" shall mean U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association and its successors and assigns as Registrar hereunder.

“Regular Record Date” shall mean the fifteenth day (whether or not a Business Day) of the calendar month preceding an Interest Payment Date or the date on which the principal of a Bond is to be paid including a Quarterly Redemption Date.

“Release Conditions” shall mean all of the following:

(a) all of the principal portion of the Series 2025 Special Assessments has been assigned to residential units that have each received a certificate of occupancy; and

(b) no Event of Default under the Master Indenture has occurred, all as evidenced pursuant to Section 4.01(f) hereof.

“Series 2025 Acquisition and Construction Account” shall mean the Account so designated, established as a separate Account within the Acquisition and Construction Fund pursuant to Section 4.01(a) of this First Supplemental Indenture.

“Series 2025 Bond Redemption Account” shall mean the Series 2025 Bond Redemption Account established as a separate Account within the Bond Redemption Fund pursuant to Section 4.01(g) of this First Supplemental Indenture.

“Series 2025 Bonds” shall mean the \$_____ aggregate principal amount of Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2025 , to be issued as fully registered Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Master Indenture and this First Supplemental Indenture, and secured and authorized by the Master Indenture and this First Supplemental Indenture.

“Series 2025 Costs of Issuance Account” shall mean the Account so designated, established as a separate Account within the Acquisition and Construction Fund pursuant to Section 4.01(a) of this First Supplemental Indenture.

“Series 2025 General Redemption Subaccount” shall mean the subaccount so designated, established as a separate subaccount under the Series 2025 Bond Redemption Account pursuant to Section 4.01(g) of this First Supplemental Indenture.

“Series 2025 Interest Account” shall mean the Account so designated, established as a separate Account within the Debt Service Fund pursuant to Section 4.01(d) of this First Supplemental Indenture .

“Series 2025 Optional Redemption Subaccount” shall mean the subaccount so designated, established as a separate subaccount under the Series 2025 Bond Redemption Account pursuant to Section 4.01(g) of this First Supplemental Indenture.

“Series 2025 Pledged Revenues” shall mean (a) all revenues received by the Issuer from the Series 2025 Special Assessments levied and collected on the assessable lands within the District, including, without limitation, amounts received from any foreclosure proceeding for the enforcement of collection of such Series 2025 Special Assessments or from the issuance and sale of tax certificates with respect to such Series 2025 Special Assessments, and (b) all moneys on deposit in the Funds, Accounts and subaccounts established under the Indenture created and

established with respect to or for the benefit of the Series 2025 Bonds; provided, however, that Series 2025 Pledged Revenues shall not include (A) any moneys transferred to the Series 2025 Rebate Fund and investment earnings thereon, (B) moneys on deposit in the Series 2025 Costs of Issuance Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund, and (C) “special assessments” levied and collected by the Issuer under Section 190.022 of the Act for maintenance purposes or “maintenance assessments” levied and collected by the Issuer under Section 190.021(3) of the Act (it being expressly understood that the lien and pledge of the Indenture shall not apply to any of the moneys described in the foregoing clauses (A), (B) and (C) of this proviso).

“Series 2025 Prepayment Principal” shall mean the portion of a Prepayment corresponding to the principal amount of Series 2025 Special Assessments being prepaid pursuant to Section 4.05 of this First Supplemental Indenture or as a result of an acceleration of the Series 2025 Special Assessments pursuant to Section 170.10, Florida Statutes, if such Series 2025 Special Assessments are being collected through a direct billing method.

“Series 2025 Prepayment Subaccount” shall mean the subaccount so designated, established as a separate subaccount under the Series 2025 Bond Redemption Account pursuant to Section 4.01(g) of this First Supplemental Indenture.

“Series 2025 Principal Account” shall mean the account so designated, established as a separate account within the Debt Service Fund pursuant to Section 4.01(c) of this First Supplemental Indenture.

“Series 2025 Rebate Fund” shall mean the Fund so designated, established pursuant to Section 4.01(j) of this First Supplemental Indenture.

“Series 2025 Reserve Account” shall mean the Series 2025 Reserve Account established as a separate Account within the Debt Service Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 4.01(f) of this First Supplemental Indenture.

“Series 2025 Reserve Requirement” or “Reserve Requirement” shall mean an amount initially equal to fifty percent (50%) of the maximum annual debt service with respect to the initial principal amount of the Series 2025 Bonds determined on the date of issue. Upon satisfaction of the Release Conditions, the Series 2025 Reserve Requirement shall be reduced to an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the maximum annual debt service with respect to the then Outstanding principal amount of the Series 2025 Bonds. If a portion of the Series 2025 Bonds are redeemed pursuant to Section 3.01(b)(i) or Section 3.01(b)(iii), the Reserve Requirement shall be reduced to fifty percent (50%) (prior to satisfaction of the Release Conditions) or ten percent (10%) (after satisfaction of the Release Conditions) of the maximum annual debt service of the Series 2025 Bonds after taking into account such extraordinary mandatory redemption. Any amount in the Series 2025 Reserve Account may, upon final maturity or redemption of all Outstanding Series 2025 Bonds be used to pay principal of and interest on the Series 2025 Bonds at that time. The initial Series 2025 Reserve Requirement shall be equal to \$_____.

“Series 2025 Revenue Account” shall mean the Account so designated, established as a separate Account within the Revenue Fund pursuant to Section 4.01(b) of this First Supplemental Indenture.

“Series 2025 Sinking Fund Account” shall mean the Account so designated, established as a separate Account within the Debt Service Fund pursuant to Section 4.01(e) of this First Supplemental Indenture.

“Series 2025 Special Assessments” shall mean the Special Assessments levied on the assessable lands within the District as a result of the Issuer’s acquisition and/or construction of the 2025 Project, corresponding in amount to the debt service on the Series 2025 Bonds and designated as such in the methodology report relating thereto.

“Substantially Absorbed” means the date at least 90% of the principal portion of the Series 2025 Special Assessments have been assigned to residential units within the District that have received certificates of occupancy.

“2025 Project” shall mean the public infrastructure to be financed with a portion of the proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds generally described on Exhibit A attached hereto.

“Underwriter” shall mean FMSbonds, Inc., the underwriter of the Series 2025 Bonds.

The words “hereof,” “herein,” “hereto,” “hereby,” and “hereunder” (except in the form of Series 2025 Bonds), refer to the entire Indenture.

Every “request,” “requisition,” “order,” “demand,” “application,” “notice,” “statement,” “certificate,” “consent,” or similar action hereunder by the Issuer shall, unless the form or execution thereof is otherwise specifically provided, be in writing signed by the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson and the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer or the Secretary or Assistant Secretary or Responsible Officer of the Issuer.

All words and terms importing the singular number shall, where the context requires, import the plural number and vice versa.

[END OF ARTICLE I]

ARTICLE II

THE SERIES 2025 BONDS

SECTION 2.01. Amounts and Terms of Series 2025 Bonds; Issue of Series 2025 Bonds. No Series 2025 Bonds may be issued under this First Supplemental Indenture except in accordance with the provisions of this Article and Articles II and III of the Master Indenture.

(a) The total principal amount of Series 2025 Bonds that may be issued under this First Supplemental Indenture is expressly limited to \$_____. The Series 2025 Bonds shall be numbered consecutively from R-1 and upwards.

(b) Any and all Series 2025 Bonds shall be issued substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, with such appropriate variations, omissions and insertions as are permitted or required by the Indenture and with such additional changes as may be necessary or appropriate to conform to the provisions of the Bond Resolution. The Issuer shall issue the Series 2025 Bonds upon execution of this First Supplemental Indenture and satisfaction of the requirements of Section 3.01 of the Master Indenture; and the Trustee shall, at the Issuer's request, authenticate such Series 2025 Bonds and deliver them as specified in the request.

SECTION 2.02. Execution. The Series 2025 Bonds shall be executed by the Issuer as set forth in the Master Indenture.

SECTION 2.03. Authentication. The Series 2025 Bonds shall be authenticated as set forth in the Master Indenture. No Series 2025 Bond shall be valid until the certificate of authentication shall have been duly executed by the Trustee, as provided in the Master Indenture.

SECTION 2.04. Purpose, Designation and Denominations of, and Interest Accruals on, the Series 2025 Bonds.

(a) The Series 2025 Bonds are being issued hereunder in order to provide funds (i) for the payment of the Costs of acquiring and/or constructing a portion of the 2025 Project, (ii) to fund the Series 2025 Reserve Account in an amount equal to the initial Series 2025 Reserve Requirement; (iii) funding interest on the Series 2025 Bonds through at least May 1, 2025, and (iv) to pay the costs of issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds. The Series 2025 Bonds shall be designated "Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2025," and shall be issued as fully registered bonds without coupons in Authorized Denominations.

(b) The Series 2025 Bonds shall be dated as of the date of initial delivery. Regularly scheduled interest on the Series 2025 Bonds shall be payable on each May 1 and November 1 Interest Payment Date to maturity or prior redemption. Interest on the Series 2025 Bonds shall be payable from the most recent Interest Payment Date next preceding the date of authentication thereof to which interest has been paid, unless the date of authentication thereof is a May 1 or November 1 to which interest has been paid, in which case from such date of authentication, or unless the date of authentication thereof is prior to May 1, 2025, in which case from the date of initial delivery or unless the date of authentication thereof is between a Record Date and the next succeeding Interest Payment Date, in which case from such Interest Payment Date.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in Section 2.07 of this First Supplemental Indenture in connection with a book entry only system of registration of the Series 2025 Bonds, the principal or Redemption Price of the Series 2025 Bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America at the designated corporate trust office of the Paying Agent upon presentation of such Series 2025 Bonds. Except as otherwise provided in Section 2.07 of this First Supplemental Indenture in connection with a book entry only system of registration of the Series 2025 Bonds, the payment of interest on the Series 2025 Bonds shall be made on each Interest Payment Date to the Owners of the Series 2025 Bonds by check or draft drawn on the Paying Agent and mailed on the applicable Interest Payment Date to each Owner as such Owner appears on the Bond Register maintained by the Registrar as of the close of business on the Regular Record Date, at his address as it appears on the Bond Register. Any interest on any Series 2025 Bond which is payable, but is not punctually paid or provided for on any Interest Payment Date (hereinafter called “Defaulted Interest”) shall be paid to the Owner in whose name the Series 2025 Bond is registered at the close of business on a special record date (“Special Record Date”) to be fixed by the Trustee, such date to be not more than fifteen (15) nor less than ten (10) days prior to the date of proposed payment. The Trustee shall cause notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor to be mailed, first-class, postage-prepaid, to each Owner of record as of the fifth (5th) day prior to such mailing, at his address as it appears in the Bond Register not less than ten (10) days prior to such Special Record Date. The foregoing notwithstanding, any Owner of Series 2025 Bonds in an aggregate principal amount of at least \$1,000,000 shall be entitled to have interest paid by wire transfer to such Owner to the bank account number on file with the Paying Agent, upon requesting the same in a writing received by the Paying Agent at least fifteen (15) days prior to the relevant Record Date, which writing shall specify the bank, which shall be a bank within the continental United States, and bank account number to which interest payments are to be wired. Any such request for interest payments by wire transfer shall remain in effect until rescinded or changed, in a writing delivered by the Owner to the Paying Agent, and any such rescission or change of wire transfer instructions must be received by the Paying Agent at least fifteen (15) days prior to the relevant Record Date.

SECTION 2.05. Details of the Series 2025 Bonds.

(a) The Series 2025 Bonds will mature on May 1 in the years and in the principal amounts, and bear interest at the rates as set forth below, subject to the right of prior redemption in accordance with their terms.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
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*Term Bonds

(b) Interest on the Series 2025 Bonds will be computed in all cases on the basis of a 360 day year of twelve 30 day months. Interest on overdue principal and, to the extent lawful, on overdue interest will be payable at the numerical rate of interest borne by the Series 2025 Bonds on the day before the default occurred.

SECTION 2.06. Disposition of Series 2025 Bond Proceeds. From the net proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds received by the Trustee in the amount of \$_____.

(a) \$_____ derived from the net proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds shall be deposited in the Series 2025 Interest Account;

(b) \$_____ derived from the net proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds (which is an amount equal to the initial Series 2025 Reserve Requirement) shall be deposited in the Series 2025 Reserve Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund;

(c) \$_____ derived from the net proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds shall be deposited into the Series 2025 Costs of Issuance Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund for payment of the costs of issuing the Series 2025 Bonds; and

(d) \$_____ representing the balance of the net proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds shall be deposited in the Series 2025 Acquisition and Construction Account which the Issuer shall cause to be applied in accordance with Article V of the Master Indenture, Section 4.01(a) of this First Supplemental Indenture and the terms of the Acquisition Agreement.

SECTION 2.07. Book-Entry Form of Series 2025 Bonds. The Series 2025 Bonds shall be issued as one fully registered bond for each maturity of Series 2025 Bonds and deposited with The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), New York, New York, which is responsible for establishing and maintaining records of ownership for its participants.

As long as the Series 2025 Bonds are held in book-entry-only form, Cede & Co. shall be considered the registered owner for all purposes hereof and in the Master Indenture. DTC shall be responsible for maintaining a book-entry-only system for recording the ownership interest of its participants (“Direct Participants”) and other institutions that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a DTC Participant, either directly or indirectly (“Indirect Participants”). The Direct Participants and Indirect Participants will be responsible for maintaining records with respect to the beneficial ownership interests of individual purchasers of the Series 2025 Bonds (“Beneficial Owners”).

Principal and interest on the Series 2025 Bonds registered in the name of Cede & Co. prior to and at maturity shall be payable directly to Cede & Co. in care of DTC. Disbursal of such amounts to Direct Participants shall be the responsibility of DTC. Payments by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners shall be the responsibility of Direct Participants and Indirect Participants and not of DTC, the Trustee or the Issuer.

Individuals may purchase beneficial interests in Authorized Denominations in book-entry-only form, without certificated Series 2025 Bonds, through Direct Participants and Indirect Participants.

During the period for which Cede & Co. is registered owner of the Series 2025 Bonds, any notices to be provided to any Beneficial Owner will be provided to Cede & Co. DTC shall be responsible for notices to Direct Participants and Direct Participants shall be responsible for

notices to Indirect Participants, and Direct Participants and Indirect Participants shall be responsible for notices to Beneficial Owners.

The Issuer shall enter into a blanket letter of representations with DTC providing for such book-entry-only system. Such agreement may be terminated at any time by either DTC or the Issuer in accordance with the procedures of DTC. In the event of such termination, the Issuer shall select another securities depository and in that event, all references herein to DTC or Cede & Co., shall be deemed to be for reference to such successor. If the Issuer does not replace DTC, the Trustee will register and deliver to the Beneficial Owners replacement Series 2025 Bonds in the form of fully registered Series 2025 Bonds in accordance with the instructions from Cede & Co.

In the event DTC, any successor of DTC or the Issuer, but only in accordance with the procedures of DTC, elects to discontinue the book-entry only system, the Trustee shall deliver bond certificates in accordance with the instructions from DTC or its successor and after such time Series 2025 Bonds may be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of Series 2025 Bonds in other Authorized Denominations upon surrender thereof at the designated corporate trust office of the Trustee.

SECTION 2.08. Appointment of Registrar and Paying Agent. The Issuer shall keep, at the designated corporate trust office of the Registrar, books (the “Bond Register”) for the registration, transfer and exchange of the Series 2025 Bonds, and hereby appoints U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as its Registrar to keep such books and make such registrations, transfers, and exchanges as required hereby. U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association hereby accepts its appointment as Registrar and its duties and responsibilities as Registrar hereunder. Registrations, transfers and exchanges shall be without charge to the Bondholder requesting such registration, transfer or exchange, but such Bondholder shall pay any taxes or other governmental charges on all registrations, transfers and exchanges.

The Issuer hereby appoints U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association as Paying Agent for the Series 2025 Bonds. U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association hereby accepts its appointment as Paying Agent and its duties and responsibilities as Paying Agent hereunder.

SECTION 2.09. Conditions Precedent to Issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds. In addition to complying with the requirements set forth in the Master Indenture in connection with the issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds, all the Series 2025 Bonds shall be executed by the Issuer for delivery to the Trustee and thereupon shall be authenticated by the Trustee and delivered to the Issuer or upon its order, but only upon the further receipt by the Trustee of:

- (a) Certified copies of the Assessment Resolutions;
- (b) Executed originals of the Master Indenture and this First Supplemental Indenture;
- (c) An opinion of Counsel to the District, also addressed to the Trustee, substantially to the effect that (i) the Issuer has been duly established and validly exists as a community development district under the Act, (ii) the Issuer has good right and lawful authority under the Act to construct and/or purchase the 2025 Project being financed with the proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds, subject to obtaining such licenses, orders or other authorizations as are, at

the date of such opinion, required to be obtained from any agency or regulatory body having lawful jurisdiction in order to own and operate the 2025 Project, (iii) all proceedings undertaken by the Issuer with respect to the Series 2025 Special Assessments have been in accordance with Florida law, (iv) the Issuer has taken all action necessary to levy and impose the Series 2025 Special Assessments, and (v) the Series 2025 Special Assessments are legal, valid and binding liens upon the property against which such Series 2025 Special Assessments are made, coequal with the lien of all state, county, district and municipal taxes, superior in dignity to all other liens, titles and claims, until paid;

(d) A certificate of an Authorized Officer to the effect that, upon the authentication and delivery of the Series 2025 Bonds, the Issuer will not be in default in the performance of the terms and provisions of the Master Indenture or this First Supplemental Indenture; and

(e) A copy of the Collateral Assignment.

Receipt by the Trustee of the net proceeds from the initial sale of the Series 2025 Bonds shall constitute conclusive evidence of the fulfillment of the conditions precedent for the issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds set forth in this Section 2.09 to the satisfaction of the Issuer and the Underwriter.

[END OF ARTICLE II]

ARTICLE III

REDEMPTION OF SERIES 2025 BONDS

SECTION 3.01. Redemption Dates and Prices. The Series 2025 Bonds shall be subject to redemption at the times and in the manner provided in Article VIII of the Master Indenture and in this Article III. All payments of the Redemption Price of the Series 2025 Bonds shall be made on the dates hereinafter required. Except as otherwise provided in this Section 3.01, if less than all the Series 2025 Bonds are to be redeemed pursuant to an extraordinary mandatory redemption, the Trustee shall select the Series 2025 Bonds or portions of the Series 2025 Bonds to be redeemed pursuant to Section 8.04 of the Master Indenture. Partial redemptions of Series 2025 Bonds shall be made in such a manner that the remaining Series 2025 Bonds held by each Bondholder shall be in Authorized Denominations, except for the last remaining Series 2025 Bond.

The Series 2025 Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity in the amounts, at the times and in the manner provided below. All payments of the Redemption Price of the Series 2025 Bonds shall be made on the dates specified below.

(a) Optional Redemption. The Series 2025 Bonds may, at the option of the Issuer, provided written notice hereof has been sent to the Trustee at least forty-five (45) days prior to the redemption date (unless the Trustee will accept less than forty-five (45) days' notice), be called for redemption prior to maturity as a whole or in part, at any time, on or after November 1, 20XX (less than all Series 2025 Bonds of a maturity to be selected by lot), at a Redemption Price equal to the principal amount of Series 2025 Bonds to be redeemed, plus accrued interest from the most recent Interest Payment Date to the redemption date from moneys on deposit in the Series 2025 Optional Redemption Subaccount of the Series 2025 Bond Redemption Account. If such optional redemption shall be in part, the Issuer shall select such principal amount of Series 2025 Bonds to be optionally redeemed from each maturity so that debt service on the remaining Outstanding Series 2025 Bonds is substantially level.

(b) Extraordinary Mandatory Redemption in Whole or in Part. The Series 2025 Bonds are subject to extraordinary mandatory redemption prior to maturity by the Issuer in whole or in part, on any date (other than in the case of clause (i) below which extraordinary mandatory redemption in part must occur on a Quarterly Redemption Date), at a Redemption Price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Series 2025 Bonds to be redeemed, plus interest accrued to the redemption date, as follows:

(i) from Series 2025 Prepayment Principal deposited into the Series 2025 Prepayment Subaccount of the Series 2025 Bond Redemption Account (taking into account the credit from the Series 2025 Reserve Account pursuant to Section 4.05 hereof) following a Prepayment in whole or in part of the Series 2025 Special Assessments on any assessable property within the District in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.05 of this First Supplemental Indenture.

(ii) from moneys, if any, on deposit in the Series 2025 Funds, Accounts and subaccounts in the Funds and Accounts (other than the Series 2025 Rebate Fund, the Series 2025 Costs of Issuance Account and the Series 2025 Acquisition and Construction Account) sufficient to pay and redeem all Outstanding Series 2025 Bonds and accrued interest thereon to the redemption date or dates in addition to all amounts owed to Persons under the Indenture.

(iii) from any funds remaining on deposit in the Series 2025 Acquisition and Construction Account not otherwise reserved to complete the 2025 Project (including any amounts transferred from the Series 2025 Reserve Account) all of which have been transferred to the Series 2025 General Redemption Subaccount of the Series 2025 Bond Redemption Account.

(c) Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption. The Series 2025 Bonds maturing on May 1, 20XX are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption from the moneys on deposit in the Series 2025 Sinking Fund Account on May 1 in the years and in the mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts set forth below at a redemption price of 100% of their principal amount plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Amount</u>

*Maturity

The Series 2025 Bonds maturing on May 1, 20XX are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption from the moneys on deposit in the Series 2025 Sinking Fund Account on May 1 in the years and in the mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts set forth below at a redemption price of 100% of their principal amount plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Amount</u>

*Maturity

The Series 2025 Bonds maturing on May 1, 20XX are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption from the moneys on deposit in the Series 2025 Sinking Fund Account on May 1 in the

years and in the mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts set forth below at a redemption price of 100% of their principal amount plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Amount</u>

*Maturity

Upon any redemption of Series 2025 Bonds other than in accordance with scheduled mandatory sinking fund redemptions, the District shall cause to be recalculated and delivered to the Trustee revised mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts recalculated so as to amortize the Outstanding principal amount of Series 2025 Bonds in substantially equal annual installments of principal and interest (subject to rounding to Authorized Denominations of principal) over the remaining term of the Series 2025 Bonds. The mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts as so recalculated shall not result in an increase in the aggregate of the mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts for all Series 2025 Bonds in any year. In the event of a redemption occurring less than forty-five (45) days prior to a date on which a mandatory sinking fund redemption payment is due, the foregoing recalculation shall not be made to the mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts due in the year in which such redemption occurs, but shall be made to the mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts for the immediately succeeding and subsequent years.

SECTION 3.02. Notice of Redemption. When required to redeem Series 2025 Bonds under any provision of this First Supplemental Indenture or directed to redeem Series 2025 Bonds by the Issuer, the Trustee shall give or cause to be given to Owners of the Series 2025 Bonds to be redeemed, notice of the redemption, as set forth in Article VIII of the Master Indenture.

[END OF ARTICLE III]

ARTICLE IV
ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTAIN FUNDS, ACCOUNTS AND SUBACCOUNTS;
ADDITIONAL COVENANTS OF THE ISSUER; PREPAYMENTS;
REMOVAL OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LIENS

SECTION 4.01. Establishment of Certain Funds, Accounts and Subaccounts.

(a) The Trustee shall establish a separate Account within the Acquisition and Construction Fund designated as the “Series 2025 Acquisition and Construction Account.” Net proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds shall be deposited into the Series 2025 Acquisition and Construction Account in the amount set forth in Section 2.06 of this First Supplemental Indenture, together with any other moneys that may be transferred to the Series 2025 Acquisition and Construction Account as provided for herein. Such moneys in the Series 2025 Acquisition and Construction Account shall be disbursed by the Trustee as set forth in Section 5.01 of the Master Indenture, and this Section 4.01(a), and upon disbursement, the Issuer shall apply such moneys as provided for herein and in the Acquisition Agreement. Subject to the provisions of Section 4.01(f) hereof, any moneys remaining in the Series 2025 Acquisition and Construction Account after the Completion Date upon notice of the same given by the Developer to the Trustee and District Manager, and after the expenditure of all moneys remaining therein that have not been requisitioned after satisfaction of the Release Conditions, notice of which to be provided by the Developer to the District Manager and the Trustee, except for any moneys reserved therein for the payment of any costs of the 2025 Project owed but not yet requisitioned, as evidenced in a certificate from the District Engineer to the Trustee, upon which the Trustee may conclusively rely, and the adoption of a resolution by the Issuer accepting the 2025 Project, as evidenced by a certificate from the District Manager delivered to the Trustee, upon which the Trustee may conclusively rely, shall be transferred by the Trustee to the Series 2025 General Redemption Subaccount of the Series 2025 Bond Redemption Account. Subject to the provisions of Section 4.01(f) hereof, the Series 2025 Acquisition and Construction Account shall be closed upon the expenditure or transfer of all funds therein including moneys deposited therein as a result of satisfaction of the Release Conditions. Upon presentment to the Trustee of a properly signed requisition in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit C, the Trustee shall withdraw moneys from the Series 2025 Acquisition and Construction Account and make payment to the Person or Persons so designated in such requisition. Pursuant to the Master Indenture, the Trustee shall establish a separate Account within the Acquisition and Construction Fund designated as the “Series 2025 Costs of Issuance Account.” Net proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds shall be deposited into the Series 2025 Costs of Issuance Account in the amount set forth in Section 2.06 of this First Supplemental Indenture. Upon presentment to the Trustee of a properly signed requisition in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit C, the Trustee shall withdraw moneys from the Series 2025 Costs of Issuance Account to pay the costs of issuing the Series 2025 Bonds. Six months after the issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds, any moneys remaining in the Series 2025 Costs of Issuance Account in excess of the amounts requested to be disbursed by the Issuer shall be deposited into the Series 2025 Interest Account. Any deficiency in the amount allocated to pay the cost of issuing the Series 2025 Bonds shall be paid from excess Series 2025 Pledged Revenues on deposit in the Series 2025 Revenue Account in accordance with Section 4.02 SEVENTH. When there are no further moneys therein, the Series 2025 Costs of Issuance Account shall be closed.

(b) Pursuant to Section 6.03 of the Master Indenture, the Trustee shall establish a separate Account within the Revenue Fund designated as the “Series 2025 Revenue Account.” Series 2025 Special Assessments (except for Prepayments of Series 2025 Special Assessments which shall be identified as such by the Issuer to the Trustee and deposited in the Series 2025 Prepayment Subaccount) shall be deposited by the Trustee into the Series 2025 Revenue Account which shall be applied as set forth in Section 6.03 of the Master Indenture and Section 4.02 of this First Supplemental Indenture.

(c) Pursuant to Section 6.04 of the Master Indenture, the Trustee shall establish a separate Account within the Debt Service Fund designated as the “Series 2025 Principal Account.” Moneys shall be deposited into the Series 2025 Principal Account as provided in Section 6.04 of the Master Indenture and Section 4.02 of this First Supplemental Indenture, and applied for the purposes provided therein.

(d) Pursuant to Section 6.04 of the Master Indenture, the Trustee shall establish a separate Account within the Debt Service Fund designated as the “Series 2025 Interest Account.” Moneys deposited into the Series 2025 Interest Account pursuant to Section 6.04 of the Master Indenture and Sections 2.06 and 4.02 of this First Supplemental Indenture, shall be applied for the purposes provided therein.

(e) Pursuant to Section 6.04 of the Master Indenture, the Trustee shall establish another separate Account within the Debt Service Fund designated as the “Series 2025 Sinking Fund Account.” Moneys shall be deposited into the Series 2025 Sinking Fund Account as provided in Section 6.04 of the Master Indenture and Section 4.02 of this First Supplemental Indenture and applied for the purposes provided therein and in Section 3.01(c) of this First Supplemental Indenture.

(f) Pursuant to Section 6.05 of the Master Indenture, the Trustee shall establish a separate Account within the Debt Service Reserve Fund designated as the “Series 2025 Reserve Account.” Net proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds shall be deposited into the Series 2025 Reserve Account in the amount set forth in Section 2.06 of this First Supplemental Indenture, and such moneys, together with any other moneys deposited into the Series 2025 Reserve Account pursuant to Section 4.02 of this First Supplemental Indenture shall be applied for the purposes provided therein and in this Section 4.01(f) of this First Supplemental Indenture.

On each March 15 and September 15 (or, if such date is not a Business Day, on the Business Day next preceding such day), the Trustee shall determine the amount on deposit in the Series 2025 Reserve Account and transfer any excess therein above the Reserve Requirement for the Series 2025 Bonds caused by investment earnings prior to the Completion Date to the Series 2025 Acquisition and Construction Account and after the Completion Date to the Series 2025 Revenue Account.

Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, amounts on deposit in the Series 2025 Reserve Account shall be transferred by the Trustee, in the amounts directed in writing by the Majority Holders of the Series 2025 Bonds to the Series 2025 General Redemption Subaccount of the Series 2025 Bond Redemption Account, if as a result of the application of Article X of the Master Indenture, the proceeds received from lands sold subject to the Series 2025 Special Assessments

and applied to redeem a portion of the Series 2025 Bonds is less than the principal amount of Series 2025 Bonds indebtedness attributable to such lands.

Subject to the provisions of Section 4.05 hereof, on any date the Issuer or the District Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, receives notice that a landowner wishes to prepay its Series 2025 Special Assessments relating to the benefited property of such landowner within the District, or as a result of a mandatory true-up payment, the Issuer shall, or cause the District Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, to calculate the principal amount of such Prepayment taking into account a credit against the amount of the Series 2025 Prepayment Principal due by the amount of money in the Series 2025 Reserve Account that will be in excess of the applicable Reserve Requirement, taking into account the proposed Prepayment. Such excess in the Series 2025 Reserve Account shall be transferred by the Trustee to the Series 2025 Prepayment Subaccount of the Series 2025 Bond Redemption Account, as a result of such Prepayment. The District Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, shall make such calculation within ten (10) Business Days after receiving notice of such Prepayment and shall instruct the Trustee in writing to transfer such amount of credit given to the landowner from the Series 2025 Reserve Account to the Series 2025 Prepayment Subaccount of the Series 2025 Bond Redemption Account to be used for the extraordinary mandatory redemption of the Series 2025 Bonds in accordance with Section 3.01(b)(i) hereof. The Trustee is authorized to make such transfers and has no duty to verify such calculations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon satisfaction of the Release Conditions, the Trustee shall deposit such excess on deposit in the Series 2025 Reserve Account to the Series 2025 Acquisition and Construction Account and pay such amount deposited in the Series 2025 Acquisition and Construction Account to the Person or Persons designated in a requisition in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "C" to the Issuer submitted by the Developer, which requisition shall be executed by the Issuer and the Consulting Engineer. Such payment is authorized notwithstanding that the Completion Date might have been declared provided that there are Costs of the 2025 Project that were not paid from moneys initially deposited in the Series 2025 Acquisition and Construction Account and the Trustee has on file one or more properly executed unfunded requisitions. In the event there are multiple unfunded requisitions on file with the Trustee, the Trustee shall fund such requisitions in the order the Trustee has received them (from oldest to newest). In the event that there are no unfunded requisitions on file with the Trustee, such excess moneys transferred from the Series 2025 Reserve Account to the Series 2025 Acquisition and Construction Account shall be deposited into the Series 2025 General Redemption Subaccount of the Series 2025 Bond Redemption Account.

In addition, upon satisfaction of the Release Conditions as evidenced by a written certificate of the District Manager delivered to the Issuer and the Trustee, stating that the Release Conditions have been satisfied and setting forth the amount of the new Series 2025 Reserve Requirement, the Trustee shall without further direction reduce the Series 2025 Reserve Requirement to ten percent (10%) of the maximum annual debt service of the then Outstanding principal amount of the Series 2025 Bonds as calculated by the District Manager. The excess amount in the Series 2025 Reserve Account shall be transferred to the Series 2025 Acquisition and Construction Account, as provided hereinabove. The Trustee may conclusively rely on such written certificate of the District Manager.

In the event of an extraordinary mandatory redemption pursuant to Section 3.01(b)(iii), the District Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, shall calculate the applicable Reserve Requirement and

communicate the same to the Trustee and the Trustee shall apply any excess in the Series 2025 Reserve Account toward such extraordinary mandatory redemption.

(g) Pursuant to Section 6.06 of the Master Indenture, the Trustee shall establish a separate Series Bond Redemption Account within the Bond Redemption Fund designated as the “Series 2025 Bond Redemption Account” and within such Account, a “Series 2025 General Redemption Subaccount,” a “Series 2025 Optional Redemption Subaccount,” and a “Series 2025 Prepayment Subaccount.” Except as otherwise provided in this First Supplemental Indenture regarding Prepayments or in connection with the optional redemption of the Series 2025 Bonds, moneys to be deposited into the Series 2025 Bond Redemption Account as provided in Section 6.06 of the Master Indenture, shall be deposited to the Series 2025 General Redemption Subaccount of the Series 2025 Bond Redemption Account.

(h) Moneys that are deposited into the Series 2025 General Redemption Subaccount of the Series 2025 Bond Redemption Account (including all earnings on investments held therein) shall be used to call Series 2025 Bonds for the extraordinary mandatory redemption in whole, pursuant to Section 3.01(b)(ii) hereof or in part pursuant to Section 3.01(b)(iii) hereof.

(i) Moneys in the Series 2025 Prepayment Subaccount of the Series 2025 Bond Redemption Account (including all earnings on investments held in such Series 2025 Prepayment Subaccount of the Series 2025 Bond Redemption Account) shall be accumulated therein to be used to call for redemption pursuant to Section 3.01(b)(i) hereof an amount of Series 2025 Bonds equal to the amount of money transferred to the Series 2025 Prepayment Subaccount of the Series 2025 Bond Redemption Account for the purpose of such extraordinary mandatory redemption on the dates and at the price provided in such Section 3.01(b)(i) hereof.

(j) The Issuer hereby directs the Trustee to establish a Series 2025 Rebate Fund designated as the “Series 2025 Rebate Fund.” Moneys shall be deposited into the Series 2025 Rebate Fund, as provided in the Arbitrage Certificate and Section 4.02 SEVENTH herein and applied for the purposes provided therein.

(k) Any moneys on deposit in the Series 2025 Optional Redemption Subaccount shall be used to optionally redeem all or a portion of the Series 2025 Bonds pursuant to Section 3.01(a) hereof.

SECTION 4.02. Series 2025 Revenue Account. The Trustee shall transfer from amounts on deposit in the Series 2025 Revenue Account to the Funds, Accounts and subaccounts designated below, the following amounts, at the following times and in the following order of priority:

FIRST, upon receipt but no later than the Business Day next preceding each May 1 commencing May 1, 2025, to the Series 2025 Interest Account of the Debt Service Fund, an amount equal to the interest on the Series 2025 Bonds becoming due on the next succeeding May 1, less any amounts on deposit in the Series 2025 Interest Account not previously credited;

SECOND, upon receipt but no later than the Business Day next preceding each November 1 commencing November 1, 2025, to the Series 2025 Interest Account of the

Debt Service Fund, an amount equal to the interest on the Series 2025 Bonds becoming due on the next succeeding November 1, less any amounts on deposit in the Series 2025 Interest Account not previously credited;

THIRD, no later than the Business Day next preceding each May 1, commencing May 1, 2026, to the Series 2025 Sinking Fund Account of the Debt Service Fund, an amount equal to the principal amount of Series 2025 Bonds subject to sinking fund redemption on such May 1, less any amounts on deposit in the Series 2025 Sinking Fund Account not previously credited;

FOURTH, no later than the Business Day next preceding each May 1, which is a principal payment date for any Series 2025 Bonds, to the Series 2025 Principal Account of the Debt Service Fund, an amount equal to the principal amount of Series 2025 Bonds Outstanding maturing on such May 1, less any amounts on deposit in the Series 2025 Principal Account not previously credited;

FIFTH, notwithstanding the foregoing, at any time the Series 2025 Bonds are subject to redemption on a date which is not a May 1 or November 1 Interest Payment Date, the Trustee shall be authorized to transfer from the Series 2025 Revenue Account to the Series 2025 Interest Account, the amount necessary to pay interest on the Series 2025 Bonds subject to redemption on such date;

SIXTH, upon receipt but no later than the Business Day next preceding each Interest Payment Date while Series 2025 Bonds remain Outstanding, to the Series 2025 Reserve Account, an amount equal to the amount, if any, which is necessary to make the amount on deposit therein equal to the Reserve Requirement for the Series 2025 Bonds; and

SEVENTH, subject to the foregoing paragraphs, the balance of any moneys remaining after making the foregoing deposits shall be deposited into the Series 2025 Costs of Issuance Account to cover any deficiencies in the amount allocated to pay the cost of issuing the Series 2025 Bonds and next, any balance in the Series 2025 Revenue Account shall remain on deposit in such Series 2025 Revenue Account, unless pursuant to the Arbitrage Certificate, it is necessary to make a deposit into the Series 2025 Rebate Fund , in which case, the Issuer shall direct the Trustee to make such deposit thereto.

SECTION 4.03. Power to Issue Series 2025 Bonds and Create Lien. The Issuer is duly authorized under the Act and all applicable laws of the State to issue the Series 2025 Bonds, to execute and deliver the Indenture and to pledge the Series 2025 Pledged Revenues for the benefit of the Series 2025 Bonds to the extent set forth herein. The Series 2025 Pledged Revenues are not and shall not be subject to any other lien senior to or on a parity with the lien created in favor of the Series 2025 Bonds. The Series 2025 Bonds and the provisions of the Indenture are and will be valid and legally enforceable obligations of the Issuer in accordance with their respective terms. The Issuer shall, at all times, to the extent permitted by law, defend, preserve and protect the pledge created by the Indenture and all the rights of the Owners of the Series 2025 Bonds under the Indenture against all claims and demands of all persons whomsoever.

SECTION 4.04. 2025 Project to Conform to Consulting Engineers Report. Upon the issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds, the Issuer will promptly proceed to construct or acquire the 2025 Project, as described in Exhibit A hereto and in the Consulting Engineer's Report relating thereto, all pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Acquisition Agreement.

SECTION 4.05. Prepayments; Removal of the Series 2025 Special Assessment Liens.

(a) At any time any owner of property subject to the Series 2025 Special Assessments may, at its option, or as a result of acceleration of the Series 2025 Special Assessments because of non-payment thereof or as a result of a true-up payment, shall require the Issuer to reduce or release and extinguish the lien upon its property by virtue of the levy of the Series 2025 Special Assessments by paying or causing there to be paid, to the Issuer all or a portion of the Series 2025 Special Assessment, which shall constitute Series 2025 Prepayment Principal, plus accrued interest to the next succeeding Interest Payment Date (or the next succeeding Interest Payment Date if such Prepayment is made within forty-five (45) calendar days before an Interest Payment Date), attributable to the property subject to the Series 2025 Special Assessment owned by such owner. In connection with such Prepayments, in the event the amount in the Series 2025 Reserve Account will exceed the applicable Reserve Requirement for the Series 2025 Bonds as a result of a Prepayment in accordance with this Section 4.05(a) and Section 4.01(f) hereof and the resulting redemption of the Series 2025 Bonds in accordance with Section 3.01(b)(i) of this First Supplemental Indenture, the excess amount shall be transferred from the Series 2025 Reserve Account to the Series 2025 Prepayment Subaccount of the Series 2025 Bond Redemption Account as a credit against the Series 2025 Prepayment Principal otherwise required to be paid by the owner of such lot or parcel, upon written instructions to the Trustee of the District Manager on behalf of the Issuer upon which the Trustee may conclusively rely, together with a certification stating that, after giving effect to such transfers sufficient moneys will be on deposit in the Series 2025 Reserve Account to equal or exceed the then Reserve Requirement for the Series 2025 Bonds and which certificate of the District Manager will further state that, after giving effect to the proposed redemption of Series 2025 Bonds, there will be sufficient Series 2025 Pledged Revenues to pay the principal and interest, when due, on all Series 2025 Bonds that will remain Outstanding.

(b) Upon receipt of Series 2025 Prepayment Principal as described in paragraph (a) above, subject to satisfaction of the conditions set forth therein, the Issuer shall immediately pay the amount so received to the Trustee, and the Issuer shall take such action as is necessary to record in the official records of the Issuer that the Series 2025 Special Assessment has been paid in whole or in part and that such Series 2025 Special Assessment lien is thereby reduced, or released and extinguished, as the case may be.

(c) The Trustee may conclusively rely on the Issuer's determination of what moneys constitute Series 2025 Prepayment Principal. The Trustee shall calculate the amount available for extraordinary mandatory redemption of the Series 2025 Bonds pursuant to Section 3.01(b)(i) hereof forty-five (45) days prior to each Quarterly Redemption Date and will withdraw money from the Series 2025 Reserve Account as a credit against the amount of Prepayment that is owed in an amount as directed by the Issuer or the District Manager on behalf of the Issuer in accordance with Section 4.01(f) hereof and Section 4.05(a) hereof. No Reserve Account credit shall be given if as a result the Reserve Requirement shall be less than is required after taking into account the proposed extraordinary mandatory redemption pursuant to Section 3.01(b)(i) hereof.

At any time such Prepayment is not in an integral multiple of \$5,000, the Trustee shall withdraw moneys from the Series 2025 Revenue Account to round-up to an integral multiple of \$5,000 and deposit such amount into the Series 2025 Prepayment Subaccount. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee shall not be authorized to withdraw any moneys from the Series 2025 Revenue Account unless all of the deposits required under Section 4.02 hereof have or can be made to the next succeeding Interest Payment Date.

[END OF ARTICLE IV]

ARTICLE V

COVENANTS AND DESIGNATIONS OF THE ISSUER

SECTION 5.01. Collection of Series 2025 Special Assessments. Pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Master Indenture and except as provided in the next succeeding sentence, the Issuer shall collect the Series 2025 Special Assessments relating to the acquisition and construction of the 2025 Project through the Uniform Method of Collection (the “Uniform Method”) afforded by Chapter 197, Florida Statutes. Pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Master Indenture, the Issuer shall, pursuant to the provisions of the Assessment Resolutions, directly collect the Series 2025 Special Assessments levied in lieu of the Uniform Method with respect to any assessable lands which have not yet been platted, or the timing for using the Uniform Method will not yet allow for using such method, unless the Trustee at the direction of the Majority Holders directs the Issuer otherwise. In addition, and not in limitation of, the covenants contained elsewhere in this First Supplemental Indenture and in the Master Indenture, the Issuer covenants to comply with the terms of the proceedings heretofore adopted with respect to the Series 2025 Special Assessments, and to levy the Series 2025 Special Assessments in such manner as will generate funds sufficient to pay debt service on the Series 2025 Bonds when due. All Series 2025 Special Assessments that are collected directly by the Issuer shall be due and payable by the landowner not later than thirty (30) days prior to each Interest Payment Date.

SECTION 5.02. Continuing Disclosure. Contemporaneously with the execution and delivery hereof, the Issuer has executed and delivered a Continuing Disclosure Agreement in order to comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. The Issuer covenants and agrees to comply with the provisions of such Continuing Disclosure Agreement applicable to it; however, as set forth therein, failure to so comply shall not constitute an Event of Default hereunder, but shall instead be enforceable by mandamus or any other means of specific performance.

SECTION 5.03. Investment of Funds, Accounts and Subaccounts. The provisions of Section 7.02 of the Master Indenture shall apply to the investment and reinvestment of moneys in the Series 2025 Accounts and subaccounts therein created hereunder.

SECTION 5.04. Additional Obligations. The Issuer covenants not to issue any other Bonds or other debt obligations secured by the Series 2025 Special Assessments. Such covenant shall not prohibit the Issuer from issuing refunding Bonds. In addition, the Issuer covenants not to issue any other Bonds or debt obligations for capital projects, secured by any Special Assessments on assessable land within the District which secure the Series 2025 Bonds, until the Series 2025 Special Assessments are Substantially Absorbed. The Issuer’s covenants described above shall not preclude the imposition of Special Assessments or other non-ad valorem assessments on such lands in connection with other capital projects that are necessary for health, safety or welfare reasons or to remediate a natural disaster. The Issuer or the District Manager on behalf of the Issuer, shall provide the Trustee with a certification that the Series 2025 Special Assessments are Substantially Absorbed and the Trustee may conclusively rely upon such certification and shall have no duty to verify if the Series 2025 Special Assessments are Substantially Absorbed. Notwithstanding any provision in the Indenture to the contrary, the Issuer may issue other Bonds or debt obligations secured by Special Assessments levied on the same land within the District upon which the Series 2025 Special Assessments have been levied at any time upon the written consent of the Majority Holders or at any time without any such consent if Special Assessments

are levied on any lands within the District which are not subject to the Series 2025 Special Assessments.

SECTION 5.05. Acknowledgement Regarding Series 2025 Acquisition and Construction Account Moneys Following an Event of Default. In accordance with the provisions of the Indenture, the Series 2025 Bonds are payable solely from the Series 2025 Pledged Revenues. Anything in the Indenture to the contrary notwithstanding, the Issuer hereby acknowledges that, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default with respect to the Series 2025 Bonds, (i) the Series 2025 Pledged Revenues include, without limitation, all amounts on deposit in the Series 2025 Acquisition and Construction Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund then held by the Trustee, (ii) the Series 2025 Pledged Revenues may not be used by the Issuer (whether to pay costs of the 2025 Project or otherwise) without the consent of the Majority Holders, and (iii) the Series 2025 Pledged Revenues may be used by the Trustee, at the direction or with the approval of the Majority Holders, to pay the reasonable costs and expenses incurred in connection with the pursuit of remedies under the Indenture. Prior to any action by the Trustee under this Section 5.05 or Section 10.05 of the Master Indenture, the Majority Holders shall provide the Trustee an indemnification regarding any actions so directed. The Issuer also acknowledges and agrees that from and after an Event of Default, the Trustee is authorized to exercise the Issuer's rights under the Collateral Assignment at the direction of the Majority Holders, and together with the receipt of indemnity satisfactory to the Trustee but without the consent or approval of the Issuer and the Issuer covenants not to enter into any contract regarding the 2025 Project from and after the occurrence of an Event of Default without the written direction of the Majority Holders.

The Issuer covenants not to enter into any contract regarding the 2025 Project from and after the occurrence of an Event of Default without the written direction or consent of the Majority Holders.

[END OF ARTICLE V]

ARTICLE VI
THE TRUSTEE; THE PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR

SECTION 6.01. Acceptance of Trust. The Trustee accepts and agrees to execute the trusts hereby created and agrees to perform such trusts upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture. The Trustee agrees to act as Paying Agent and Registrar for the Series 2025 Bonds.

SECTION 6.02. Trustee's Duties. The Trustee shall not be responsible in any manner for the due execution of this First Supplemental Indenture by the Issuer or for the recitals contained herein (except for the certificate of authentication on the Series 2025 Bonds), all of which are made solely by the Issuer. Nothing contained herein shall limit the rights, benefits, privileges, protection and entitlement inuring to the Trustee under the Master Indenture.

SECTION 6.03. Brokerage Confirmations. The Issuer acknowledges that to the extent regulations of the Comptroller of the Currency or other applicable regulatory entity grant the Issuer the right to receive individual confirmations of security transactions at no additional cost, as they occur, the Issuer specifically waives receipt of such confirmations to the extent permitted by law. The Trustee will furnish the Issuer periodic cash transaction statements that include detail for all investment transactions made by the Trustee hereunder.

[END OF ARTICLE VI]

ARTICLE VII MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SECTION 7.01. Interpretation of First Supplemental Indenture. This First Supplemental Indenture amends and supplements the Master Indenture with respect to the Series 2025 Bonds, and all of the provisions of the Master Indenture, to the extent not inconsistent herewith, are incorporated in this First Supplemental Indenture by reference. To the maximum extent possible, the Master Indenture and this First Supplemental Indenture shall be read and construed as one document.

SECTION 7.02. Amendments. Any amendments to this First Supplemental Indenture shall be made pursuant to the provisions for amendment contained in the Master Indenture.

SECTION 7.03. Counterparts and Electronically Signed and/or Transmitted Signatures. This First Supplemental Indenture may be executed in counterparts, and all counterparts together shall be construed as one document. Executed counterparts of this First Supplemental Indenture with signatures sent by electronic mail (i.e., in PDF format) or signed electronically via DocuSign or other electronic means may be used in the place of original signatures on this First Supplemental Indenture. The parties intend to be bound by the signatures of the electronically mailed or signed signatures and the delivery of the same shall be effective as delivery of an original executed counterpart of this First Supplemental Indenture. The parties to this First Supplemental Indenture hereby waive any defenses to the enforcement of the terms of this First Supplemental Indenture based on the form of the signature, and hereby agree that such electronically mailed or signed signatures shall be conclusive proof, admissible in judicial proceedings, of the parties' execution of this First Supplemental Indenture.

SECTION 7.04. Appendices and Exhibits. Any and all schedules, appendices or exhibits referred to in and attached to this First Supplemental Indenture are hereby incorporated herein and made a part of this First Supplemental Indenture for all purposes.

SECTION 7.05. Payment Dates. In any case in which an Interest Payment Date or the maturity date of the Series 2025 Bonds or the date fixed for the redemption of any Series 2025 Bonds shall be other than a Business Day, then payment of interest, principal or Redemption Price need not be made on such date but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day, with the same force and effect as if made on the due date, and no interest on such payment shall accrue for the period after such due date if payment is made on such next succeeding Business Day.

SECTION 7.06. No Rights Conferred on Others. Nothing herein contained shall confer any right upon any Person other than the parties hereto and the Holders of the Series 2025 Bonds.

SECTION 7.07. Patriot Act Requirements of the Trustee. To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, Federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. For a non-individual person such as a business entity, a charity, a trust or other legal entity, the Trustee will ask for documentation to verify such non-individual person's formation and existence as a legal entity. The Trustee may also ask to see financial statements, licenses,

identification and authorization documents from individuals claiming authority to represent the entity or other relevant documentation.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District has caused this First Supplemental Trust Indenture to be executed by the Chairperson of its Board of Supervisors and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed and attested by the Secretary of its Board of Supervisors and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association has caused this First Supplemental Trust Indenture to be executed by one of its authorized signatories, all as of the day and year above written.

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT

[SEAL]

Attest:

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: Secretary, Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee,
Paying Agent and Registrar

By: _____
Name: Robert E. Hedgecock
Title: Vice President

STATE OF FLORIDA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF _____)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this _____ day of _____, 2025, by _____, Chairperson of Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District (the “Issuer”), who acknowledged that he/she did so sign the foregoing instrument as such officer for and on behalf of said Issuer; that the same is his/her free act and deed as such officer, and the free act and deed of said Issuer; and that the seal affixed to said instrument is the seal of said Issuer; that he/she appeared before me this day in person and severally acknowledged that he/she, being thereunto duly authorized, signed, sealed with the seal of said Issuer, for the uses and purposes therein set forth. He/She is personally known to me or produced _____ as identification.

[NOTARIAL SEAL]

Notary: _____
 Print Name: _____
 NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA
 My commission expires _____

STATE OF FLORIDA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF BROWARD)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this ____ day of _____, 2025, by _____, Secretary of Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District (the “Issuer”), who acknowledged that he/she did so sign the foregoing instrument as such officer for and on behalf of said Issuer; that the same is his/her free act and deed as such officer, and the free act and deed of said Issuer; and that the seal affixed to said instrument is the seal of said Issuer; that he/she appeared before me this day in person and severally acknowledged that he/she, being thereunto duly authorized, signed, sealed with the seal of said Issuer, for the uses and purposes therein set forth. He/She is personally known to me or produced _____ as identification.

[NOTARIAL SEAL]

Notary: _____
Print Name: _____
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA
My commission expires _____

STATE OF FLORIDA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF BROWARD)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this _____ day of _____, 2025, by Robert E. Hedgecock, a Vice President of U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee (the “Trustee”), who acknowledged that he did so sign said instrument as such officer for and on behalf of the Trustee; that the same is his free act and deed as such officer, and the free act and deed of the Trustee; that he appeared before me on this day in person and acknowledged that he, being thereunto duly authorized, signed, for the uses and purposes therein set forth. He is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification.

[NOTARIAL SEAL]

Notary: _____
Print Name: _____
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF _____
My commission expires _____

EXHIBIT A
DESCRIPTION OF 2025 PROJECT

The Project includes, but is not limited to, the following improvements:

- Stormwater management and control facilities, including, but not limited to, related earthwork and drainage;
- Roadway improvements and any applicable impact fees;
- Landscaping, irrigation and hardscape in public rights-of-way;
- On-site conservation;
- Recreational amenities;
- Differential cost of undergrounding electric utility lines; and
- All related soft and incidental costs.

EXHIBIT B

[FORM OF SERIES 2025 BOND]

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF POLK
GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BOND, SERIES 2025**

<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Date of Original Issuance</u>	<u>CUSIP</u>
_____%	May 1, 20____		

Registered Owner:-----Cede & Co.-----

Principal Amount:--

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS that the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District (the “Issuer”), for value received, hereby promises to pay to the registered owner shown above or registered assigns, on the date specified above, from the sources hereinafter mentioned, upon presentation and surrender hereof (except while the herein defined Series 2025 Bonds are in book-entry only form such presentation shall not be required), at the designated corporate trust office of U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as paying agent (said U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association and/or any bank or trust company to become successor paying agent being herein called the “Paying Agent”), the Principal Amount set forth above (with interest thereon at the Interest Rate per annum set forth above, computed on a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months), said principal payable on the Maturity Date stated above or upon earlier redemption. Principal of this Bond is payable at the designated corporate trust office of U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, located in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in lawful money of the United States of America (except while the Series 2025 Bonds are in book entry form). Interest on this Bond is payable by check or draft of the Paying Agent made payable to the registered owner and mailed on each May 1 and November 1, commencing May 1, 2025 to the address of the registered owner as such name and address shall appear on the registry books of the Issuer maintained by U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as registrar (said U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association and any successor registrar being herein called the “Registrar”) at the close of business on the fifteenth day (whether or not a Business Day) of the calendar month preceding an Interest Payment Date (the “Record Date”). Such interest shall be payable from the most recent interest payment date next preceding the date of authentication hereof to which interest has been paid, unless the date of authentication hereof is a May 1 or November 1 to which interest has been paid, in which case from the date of authentication hereof, or unless such date of authentication is prior to May 1, 2025, in which case from the date of initial delivery, or unless the date of authentication hereof is between a Record Date and the next succeeding interest payment date, in which case from such interest payment date. Any such interest not so punctually paid or duly provided for shall forthwith cease to be payable to the registered owner on such Record Date and may be paid to the person in whose name this Bond is registered at the close

of business on a Special Record Date for the payment of such defaulted interest to be fixed by U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee (said U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association and any successor trustee being herein called the “Trustee”), notice whereof shall be given to Bondholders of record as of the fifth (5th) day prior to such mailing, at their registered addresses, not less than ten (10) days prior to such Special Record Date, or may be paid, at any time in any other lawful manner, as more fully provided in the Indenture (defined below). Any capitalized term used in this Bond and not otherwise defined shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Indenture.

THE BONDS ARE LIMITED OBLIGATIONS OF THE ISSUER PAYABLE SOLELY FROM THE PLEDGED REVENUES PLEDGED THEREFOR UNDER THE INDENTURE AND NEITHER THE PROPERTY, THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT, NOR THE TAXING POWER OF THE ISSUER, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA (THE “COUNTY”), THE STATE OF FLORIDA (THE “STATE”), OR ANY OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF, IS PLEDGED AS SECURITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS, EXCEPT THAT THE ISSUER IS OBLIGATED UNDER THE INDENTURE TO LEVY AND TO EVIDENCE AND CERTIFY, OR CAUSE TO BE CERTIFIED, FOR COLLECTION, THE SERIES 2025 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS (AS DEFINED IN THE INDENTURE) TO SECURE AND PAY THE BONDS. THE BONDS DO NOT CONSTITUTE AN INDEBTEDNESS OF THE ISSUER, THE COUNTY, THE STATE, OR ANY OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF WITHIN THE MEANING OF ANY CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY PROVISION OR LIMITATION.

This Bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any benefit or security under the Indenture until it shall have been authenticated by execution of the Trustee of the certificate of authentication endorsed hereon.

This Bond is one of an authorized issue of Bonds of the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District, a community development district duly created, organized and existing under Chapter 190, Florida Statutes (the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980), as amended (the “Act”) and Ordinance No. 2024-048 of the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County, Florida, enacted on August 6, 2024 designated as “Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2025” (the “Bonds” or the “Series 2025 Bonds”), in the aggregate principal amount of FIFTEEN MILLION SIX HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$_____.00) of like date, tenor and effect, except as to number, denomination, interest rate and maturity date. The Series 2025 Bonds are being issued under authority of the laws and Constitution of the State of Florida, including particularly the Act, to pay the costs of constructing and/or acquiring the 2025 Project (as defined in the herein referred to Indenture). The Series 2025 Bonds shall be issued as fully registered bonds in authorized denominations, as set forth in the Indenture. The Bonds are issued under and secured by a Master Trust Indenture dated as of _____ 1, 2025 (the “Master Indenture”), as amended by a First Supplemental Trust Indenture dated as of _____ 1, 2025 (the “First Supplemental Indenture” and together with the Master Indenture, the “Indenture”), each by and between the Issuer and the Trustee, executed counterparts of which are on file at the designated corporate trust office of the Trustee in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Reference is hereby made to the Indenture for the provisions, among others, with respect to the custody and application of the proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds issued under the Indenture, the operation and application of the Debt Service Fund, the Series 2025 Reserve Account within the Debt Service Reserve Fund and other Funds, Accounts and subaccounts (each as defined in the Indenture) charged with and pledged to the payment of the principal of and the interest on the Series 2025 Bonds, the levy and the evidencing and certifying for collection, of the Series 2025 Special Assessments, the nature and extent of the security for the Series 2025 Bonds, the terms and conditions on which the Series 2025 Bonds are issued, the rights, duties and obligations of the Issuer and of the Trustee under the Indenture, the conditions under which such Indenture may be amended without the consent of the registered owners of the Series 2025 Bonds, the conditions under which such Indenture may be amended with the consent of the Majority Holders of the Series 2025 Bonds outstanding, and as to other rights and remedies of the registered owners of the Series 2025 Bonds.

The owner of this Bond shall have no right to enforce the provisions of the Indenture or to institute action to enforce the covenants therein, or to take any action with respect to any event of default under the Indenture or to institute, appear in or defend any suit or other proceeding with respect thereto, except as provided in the Indenture.

It is expressly agreed by the owner of this Bond that such owner shall never have the right to require or compel the exercise of the ad valorem taxing power of the Issuer, the County, the State or any other political subdivision thereof, or taxation in any form of any real or personal property of the Issuer, the County, the State or any other political subdivision thereof, for the payment of the principal of and interest on this Bond or the making of any other sinking fund and other payments provided for in the Indenture, except for the Series 2025 Special Assessments to be assessed and levied by the Issuer as set forth in the Indenture.

By the acceptance of this Bond, the owner hereof assents to all the provisions of the Indenture.

This Bond is payable from and secured by Series 2025 Pledged Revenues, as such term is defined in the Indenture, all in the manner provided in the Indenture. The Indenture provides for the levy and the evidencing and certifying, of non-ad valorem assessments in the form of the Series 2025 Special Assessments to secure and pay the Bonds.

The Series 2025 Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity in the amounts, at the times and in the manner provided below. All payments of the redemption price of the Series 2025 Bonds shall be made on the dates specified below. Upon any redemption of Series 2025 Bonds other than in accordance with scheduled mandatory sinking fund redemption, the Issuer shall cause to be recalculated and delivered to the Trustee revised mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts recalculated so as to amortize the Outstanding principal amount of Series 2025 Bonds in substantially equal annual installments of principal and interest (subject to rounding to Authorized Denominations of principal) over the remaining term of the Series 2025 Bonds. The mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts as so recalculated shall not result in an increase in the aggregate of the mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts for all Series 2025 Bonds in any year. In the event of a redemption or purchase occurring less than forty-five (45) days prior to a date on which a mandatory sinking fund redemption payment is due, the foregoing recalculation shall not be

made to the mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts due in the year in which such redemption or purchase occurs, but shall be made to the mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts for the immediately succeeding and subsequent years.

Optional Redemption

The Series 2025 Bonds may, at the option of the Issuer, provided written notice hereof has been sent to the Trustee at least forty-five (45) days prior to the redemption date (unless the Trustee will accept less than forty-five (45) days' notice), be called for redemption prior to maturity as a whole or in part, at any time, on or after November 1, 20XX (less than all Series 2025 Bonds of a maturity to be selected by lot), at a Redemption Price equal to the principal amount of Series 2025 Bonds to be redeemed, plus accrued interest from the most recent Interest Payment Date to the redemption date from moneys on deposit in the Series 2025 Optional Redemption Subaccount of the Series 2025 Bond Redemption Account. If such optional redemption shall be in part, the Issuer shall select such principal amount of Series 2025 Bonds to be optionally redeemed from each maturity so that debt service on the remaining Outstanding Series 2025 Bonds is substantially level.

Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption

The Series 2025 Bonds maturing on May 1, 20XX are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption from the moneys on deposit in the Series 2025 Sinking Fund Account on May 1 in the years and in the mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts set forth below at a redemption price of 100% of their principal amount plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. Such principal amounts shall be reduced as specified by the Issuer by the principal amount of any Series 2025 Bonds redeemed pursuant to optional or extraordinary mandatory redemption as set forth herein or purchased and cancelled pursuant to the provisions of the Master Indenture.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Amount</u>

*Maturity

The Series 2025 Bonds maturing on May 1, 20XX are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption from the moneys on deposit in the Series 2025 Sinking Fund Account on May 1 in the years and in the mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts set forth below at a redemption price of 100% of their principal amount plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. Such principal amounts shall be reduced as specified by the Issuer by the principal amount of any Series 2025 Bonds redeemed pursuant to optional or extraordinary mandatory redemption as set forth herein or purchased and cancelled pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture.

<u>Year</u>	Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Amount

*Maturity

The Series 2025 Bonds maturing on May 1, 20XX are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption from the moneys on deposit in the Series 2025 Sinking Fund Account on May 1 in the years and in the mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts set forth below at a redemption price of 100% of their principal amount plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. Such principal amounts shall be reduced as specified by the Issuer by the principal amount of any Series 2025 Bonds redeemed pursuant to optional or extraordinary mandatory redemption as set forth herein or purchased and cancelled pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture.

<u>Year</u>	Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption Amount

*Maturity

Extraordinary Mandatory Redemption in Whole or in Part

The Bonds are subject to extraordinary mandatory redemption prior to maturity by the Issuer in whole or in part on any date (other than in the case of clause (i) below which extraordinary

mandatory redemption in part must occur on a Quarterly Redemption Date), at an extraordinary mandatory redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Bonds to be redeemed, plus interest accrued to the redemption date.

(i) from Series 2025 Prepayment Principal deposited into the Series 2025 Prepayment Subaccount of the Series 2025 Bond Redemption Account (taking into account the credit from the Series 2025 Reserve Account pursuant to Section 4.05 of the First Supplemental Indenture) following the Prepayment in whole or in part of Series 2025 Special Assessments on any assessable property within the District in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.05 of the First Supplemental Indenture.

(ii) from moneys, if any, on deposit in the Series 2025 Funds, Accounts and Subaccounts in the Funds, Accounts and subaccounts (other than the Series 2025 Rebate Fund, the Series 2025 Costs of Issuance Account and the Series 2025 Acquisition and Construction Account) sufficient to pay and redeem all Outstanding Series 2025 Bonds and accrued interest thereon to the redemption date or dates in addition to all amounts owed to Persons under the Indenture.

(iii) from any funds remaining on deposit in the Series 2025 Acquisition and Construction Account not otherwise reserved to complete the 2025 Project (including any amounts transferred from the Series 2025 Reserve Account) all of which have been transferred to the Series 2025 General Redemption Subaccount of the Series 2025 Bond Redemption Account.

Except as otherwise provided in the Indenture, if less than all of the Bonds subject to redemption shall be called for redemption, the particular such Bonds or portions of such Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected randomly by the Trustee, as provided in the Indenture.

Notice of each redemption of the Bonds is required to be mailed by the Trustee by first class mail, postage prepaid, not less than thirty (30) nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the redemption date to each Registered Owner of the Bonds to be redeemed at the address of such Registered Owner recorded on the bond register maintained by the Registrar. On the date designated for redemption, notice having been given and money for the payment of the Redemption Price being held by the Trustee or the Paying Agent, all as provided in the Indenture, the Bonds or such portions thereof so called for redemption shall become and be due and payable at the Redemption Price provided for the redemption of such Bonds or such portions thereof on such date, interest on such Bonds or such portions thereof so called for redemption shall cease to accrue, such Bonds or such portions thereof so called for redemption shall cease to be entitled to any benefit or security under the Indenture and the Owners thereof shall have no rights in respect of such Bonds or such portions thereof so called for redemption except to receive payments of the Redemption Price thereof so held by the Trustee or the Paying Agent. Further notice of redemption shall be given by the Trustee to certain registered securities depositories and information services as set forth in the Indenture, but no defect in said further notice nor any failure to give all or any portion of such further notice shall in any manner defeat the effectiveness of a call for redemption if notice thereof is given as above prescribed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee is authorized to give conditional notice of redemption as provided in the Master Indenture.

The Owner of this Bond shall have no right to enforce the provisions of the Indenture or to institute action to enforce the covenants therein, or to take any action with respect to any Event of Default under the Indenture, or to institute, appear in or defend any suit or other proceeding with respect thereto, except as provided in the Indenture.

Modifications or alterations of the Indenture or of any indenture supplemental thereto may be made only to the extent and in the circumstances permitted by the Indenture.

Any moneys held by the Trustee or Paying Agent in trust for the payment and discharge of any Bond which remain unclaimed for three (3) years after the date when such Bond has become due and payable, either at its stated maturity date or by call for earlier redemption shall be paid to the Issuer, thereupon and thereafter no claimant shall have any rights against the Trustee or Paying Agent to or in respect of such moneys.

If the Issuer deposits or causes to be deposited with the Trustee funds or Defeasance Securities (as defined in the Master Indenture) sufficient to pay the principal or Redemption Price of any Series 2025 Bonds becoming due at maturity or by call for redemption in the manner set forth in the Indenture, together with the interest accrued to the due date, the lien of such Bonds as to the trust estate with respect to such Bonds shall be discharged, except for the rights of the Owners thereof with respect to the funds so deposited as provided in the Indenture.

This Bond shall have all the qualities and incidents, including negotiability, of investment securities within the meaning and for all the purposes of the Uniform Commercial Code of the State of Florida.

The Issuer shall keep books for the registration of the Series 2025 Bonds at the designated corporate trust office of the Registrar in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Subject to the restrictions contained in the Indenture, the Series 2025 Bonds may be transferred or exchanged by the registered owner thereof in person or by his attorney duly authorized in writing only upon the books of the Issuer kept by the Registrar and only upon surrender thereof together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Registrar duly executed by the registered owner or his duly authorized attorney. In all cases in which the privilege of transferring or exchanging Bonds is exercised, the Issuer shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver a new Bond or Bonds in authorized form and in like aggregate principal amount in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture. Every Bond presented or surrendered for transfer or exchange shall be duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Trustee, Paying Agent or the Registrar, duly executed by the Bondholder or his attorney duly authorized in writing. Transfers and exchanges shall be made without charge to the Bondholder, except that the Issuer or the Trustee may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any transfer or exchange of the Series 2025 Bonds.

The Issuer, the Trustee, the Paying Agent and the Registrar shall deem and treat the person in whose name any Bond shall be registered upon the books kept by the Registrar as the absolute owner thereof (whether or not such Bond shall be overdue) for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of the principal of and interest on such Bond as the same becomes due, and for all other purposes. All such payments so made to any such registered owner or upon his order

shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Bond to the extent of the sum or sums so paid, and neither the Issuer, the Trustee, the Paying Agent, nor the Registrar shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required to exist, to happen, and to be performed, precedent to and in connection with the issuance of this Bond exist, have happened and have been performed in regular and due form and time as required by the laws and Constitution of the State of Florida applicable thereto, including particularly the Act, and that the issuance of this Bond, and of the issue of the Series 2025 Bonds of which this Bond is one, is in full compliance with all constitutional and statutory limitations or provisions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District has caused this Bond to be signed by the manual signature of the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson of its Board of Supervisors and its seal to be imprinted hereon, and attested by the manual signature of the Secretary of its Board of Supervisors, all as of the date hereof.

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT

By: _____
Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

(SEAL)

Attest:

By: _____
Secretary, Board of Supervisors

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This Bond is one of the Bonds delivered pursuant to the within mentioned Indenture.

Date of Authentication: _____

U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, as Trustee

By: _____
Vice President

STATEMENT OF VALIDATION

This Bond is one of a series of Bonds which were validated by judgment of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Polk County, Florida, rendered on the ____ day of _____, 202__.

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT

By: _____
Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

(SEAL)

Attest:

By: _____
Secretary, Board of Supervisors

ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of the within Bond, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations:

TEN COM	-	as tenants in common
TEN ENT	-	as tenants by the entireties
JT TEN	-	as joint tenants with rights of survivorship and not as tenants in common

UNIFORM TRANSFER MIN ACT - _____ Custodian _____
(Cust) (Minor)

Under Uniform Transfer to Minors Act _____
(State)

Additional abbreviations may also be used though not in the above list.

ASSIGNMENT AND TRANSFER

FOR VALUE RECEIVED the undersigned sells, assigns and transfers unto

(please print or typewrite name and address of assignee)

the within Bond and all rights thereunder, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints

Attorney to transfer the within Bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Signature Guarantee:

NOTICE: Signature(s) must be guaranteed by a member firm of the New York Stock Exchange or a commercial bank or trust company

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name of the registered owner as it appears upon the face of the within Bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever.

Please insert social security or other identifying number of Assignee.

EXHIBIT C

FORMS OF REQUISITIONS

GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS, SERIES 2025

(Acquisition and Construction)

The undersigned, a Responsible Officer of the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District (the “District”) hereby submits the following requisition for disbursement under and pursuant to the terms of the Master Trust Indenture between the District and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as trustee (the “Trustee”), dated as of _____ 1, 2025, as supplemented by that certain First Supplemental Trust Indenture dated as of _____ 1, 2025 (collectively, the “Indenture”) (all capitalized terms used herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Indenture):

- (A) Requisition Number:
- (B) Identify Acquisition Agreement, if applicable;
- (C) Name of Payee:
- (D) Amount Payable:
- (E) Purpose for which paid or incurred (refer also to specific contract if amount is due and payable pursuant to a contract involving progress payments):
- (F) Fund or Account and subaccount, if any, from which disbursement to be made:

Series 2025 Acquisition and Construction Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund.

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

1. obligations in the stated amount set forth above have been incurred by the District,
2. each disbursement set forth above is a proper charge against the Series 2025 Acquisition and Construction Account;
3. each disbursement set forth above was incurred in connection with the Cost of the 2025 Project; and
4. each disbursement represents a Cost of 2025 Project which has not previously been paid.

The undersigned hereby further certifies that there has not been filed with or served upon the District notice of any lien, right to lien, or attachment upon, or claim affecting the right to receive payment of, any of the moneys payable to the Payee set forth above, which has not been released or will not be released simultaneously with the payment hereof.

The undersigned hereby further certifies that such requisition contains no item representing payment on account of any retained percentage which the District is at the date of such certificate entitled to retain.

Originals or copies of the invoice(s) from the vendor of the property acquired or the services rendered with respect to which disbursement is hereby requested are on file with the District.

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT

By: _____
Responsible Officer

Date: _____

**CONSULTING ENGINEER'S APPROVAL FOR
NON-COST OF ISSUANCE OR COSTS REQUESTS ONLY**

The undersigned Consulting Engineer hereby certifies that this disbursement is for the Cost of the 2025 Project and is consistent with: (i) the Acquisition Agreement; and (ii) the report of the Consulting Engineer, as such report shall have been amended or modified.

Consulting Engineer

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS, SERIES 2025**

(Costs of Issuance)

The undersigned, a Responsible Officer of the Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District (the “District”) hereby submits the following requisition for disbursement under and pursuant to the terms of the Master Trust Indenture between the District and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as trustee (the “Trustee”), dated as of _____ 1, 2025, as supplemented by that certain First Supplemental Trust Indenture dated as of _____ 1, 2025 (collectively, the “Indenture”) (all capitalized terms used herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Indenture):

- (A) Requisition Number:
- (B) Amount Payable:
- (C) Purpose for which paid or incurred: Costs of Issuance
- (D) Fund or Account and subaccount, if any, from which disbursement to be made:
Series 2025 Costs of Issuance Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

1. this requisition is for costs of issuance payable from the Series 2025 Costs of Issuance Account that have not previously been paid;
2. each disbursement set forth above is a proper charge against the Series 2025 Costs of Issuance Account;
3. each disbursement set forth above was incurred in connection with the issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds; and
4. each disbursement represents a cost of issuance which has not previously been paid.

The undersigned hereby further certifies that there has not been filed with or served upon the District notice of any lien, right to lien, or attachment upon, or claim affecting the right to receive payment of, any of the moneys payable to the Payee set forth above, which has not been released or will not be released simultaneously with the payment hereof.

The undersigned hereby further certifies that such requisition contains no item representing payment on account of any retained percentage which the District is at the date of such certificate entitled to retain.

Attached hereto are originals or copies of the invoice(s) from the vendor of the services rendered with respect to which disbursement is hereby requested.

GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

By: _____
Responsible Officer

Date: _____

EXHIBIT D

FORM OF INVESTOR LETTER

[Date]

FMSbonds, Inc.
20660 W. Dixie Highway
North Miami Beach, FL 33180

Re: \$_____ Groves at Lake Marion Community Development District Special
Assessment Bonds, Series 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned is authorized to sign this letter [on behalf of Name of Non-Individual Investor], as the beneficial owner (the “Investor”) of \$_____ of the above-referenced Bonds [state maturing on May 1, _____, bearing interest at the rate of ____% per annum and CUSIP #] (herein, the “Investor Bonds”).

In connection with the purchase of the Investor Bonds by the Investor, the Investor hereby makes the following representations upon which you may rely:

1. The Investor has authority to purchase the Investor Bonds and to execute this letter, any other instruments and documents required to be executed by the Investor in connection with the purchase of the Investor Bonds.

2. The Investor meets the criteria of an “accredited investor” as described in one or more of the categories derived from Rule 501(a) under Regulation D of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”) summarized below, and therefore, has sufficient knowledge and experience in financial and business matters, including purchase and ownership of municipal and other tax-exempt obligations including those which are not rated or credit-enhanced, to be able to evaluate the risks and merits of the investment represented by the Bonds. Please check the appropriate box below to indicate the type of accredited investor:

☐ a bank, registered broker, dealer or investment adviser (or investment adviser exempt from registration under Section 203(l) or (m) within the meaning of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940), insurance company, registered investment company, business development company, small business investment company; or rural business investment company;

☐ an employee benefit plan, within the meaning of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, if a bank, insurance company, or registered investment adviser makes the investment decisions, or if the employee benefit plan has total assets in excess of \$5 million;

☐ an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, corporation, Massachusetts or similar business trust partnership, or

limited liability company, not formed for the specific purpose of acquiring the Investor Bonds with assets exceeding \$5 million;

☐ a business in which all the equity owners are “accredited investors”;

☐ a natural person who has individual net worth, or joint net worth with the person’s spouse or spousal equivalent, that exceeds \$1 million at the time of the purchase, excluding the value of the primary residence of such person, except that mortgage indebtedness on the primary residence shall not be included as a liability;

☐ a natural person with income exceeding \$200,000 in each of the two most recent years or joint income with a spouse or spousal equivalent exceeding \$300,000 for those years and a reasonable expectation of the same income level in the current year;

☐ a trust with total assets in excess of \$5,000,000, not formed for the specific purpose of acquiring the Investor Bonds whose purchase is directed by a sophisticated person;

☐ an entity, of a type other than those set forth above, that owns investments in excess of \$5,000,000 and that was not formed for the specific purpose of acquiring the Investor Bonds;

☐ a natural person holding in good standing one or more professional certifications or designations or credentials from a designated accredited educational institution qualifying an individual for “accredited investor” status;

☐ a “family office” with at least \$5,000,000 in assets under management, that was not formed for the specific purpose of acquiring the Investor Bonds, and whose prospective investment is directed by a person capable of evaluating the merits and risks of the prospective investment; or

☐ a “family client” of a family office described in the prior bullet point whose prospective investment is directed by that family office.

3. The Investor has been supplied with an (electronic) copy of the Preliminary Limited Offering Memorandum dated _____, 2025 of the Issuer and relating to the Bonds (the “Offering Document”) and has reviewed the Offering Document and represents that such Offering Document has provided full and meaningful disclosure in order to make an informed decision to invest in the Investor Bonds.

Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined have the meanings given to such terms in the Indenture.

Very truly yours,

[Name], [Type of Entity]

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Or

[Name], an Individual

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GROVES AT LAKE MARION
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 _____, 2024, by and between **LENNAR HOMES, LLC**, a Florida limited liability company with a mailing address of 5505 Waterford District Drive, Miami, Florida 33126 (“**Developer**”) in favor of **GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, whose mailing address is 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 Polk 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:

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION
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 _____, 2024, by _____ as _____ of Groves at Lake Marion 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.

[notary seal]

(Official Notary Signature)
Name: _____
Personally Known _____
OR Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification _____

[Signature page 1 of 2]

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of:

WITNESSES:

LENNAR HOMES, LLC

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 _____, 2024, by _____ as _____ of Lennar Homes, LLC, 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
Property Description

DESCRIPTION: (prepared per this survey)

A parcel of land lying within Sections 8, 17 and 18, Township 28 South, Range 28 East, Polk County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:
For a POINT OF BEGINNING commence at the Southeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 18; thence S.89°05'25"W., along the South boundary of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 18, a distance of 1,651.43 feet; thence N.01°07'07"W., a distance of 122.45 feet; thence N.88°52'53"E., a distance of 85.91 feet; thence N.79°57'29"E., a distance of 64.07 feet; thence N.32°24'06"E., a distance of 65.58 feet; thence N.24°20'54"E., a distance of 171.19 feet; thence N.31°46'39"E., a distance of 221.76 feet; thence N.73°00'14"E., a distance of 117.74 feet; thence N.84°01'39"E., a distance of 82.50 feet; thence N.32°47'52"E., a distance of 173.40 feet; thence N.09°38'48"E., a distance of 129.75 feet; thence N.04°44'49"E., a distance of 64.45 feet; thence N.34°50'09"E., a distance of 65.09 feet; thence N.72°31'38"E., a distance of 80.06 feet; thence N.43°37'33"E., a distance of 80.44 feet; thence N.26°50'09"E., a distance of 66.31 feet; thence N.15°16'43"E., a distance of 72.44 feet; thence N.22°09'27"E., a distance of 113.48 feet; thence N.05°27'02"W., a distance of 108.86 feet; thence N.54°52'31"W., a distance of 86.60 feet; thence N.64°05'05"W., a distance of 82.88 feet; thence N.16°24'46"W., a distance of 79.25 feet; thence N.20°28'53"E., a distance of 49.38 feet; thence N.31°08'28"E., a distance of 118.68 feet; thence N.35°09'55"E., a distance of 58.49 feet; thence N.13°44'45"W., a distance of 50.83 feet; thence N.37°47'32"E., a distance of 515.50 feet; thence N.29°02'21"E., a distance of 52.60 feet; thence N.86°25'27"E., a distance of 85.76 feet; thence S.19°38'23"E., a distance of 111.79 feet; thence S.43°40'35"E., a distance of 84.31 feet; thence N.78°19'38"E., a distance of 151.13 feet; thence N.07°53'36"E., a distance of 94.26 feet; thence N.19°24'34"W., a distance of 166.37 feet; thence N.51°31'20"E., a distance of 99.53 feet; thence N.66°15'23"E., a distance of 160.79 feet; thence S.56°34'03"E., a distance of 272.34 feet; thence N.82°41'52"E., a distance of 111.07 feet; thence N.05°10'49"W., a distance of 74.71 feet; thence N.62°39'48"W., a distance of 319.20 feet; thence N.35°22'43"W., a distance of 190.17 feet; thence N.09°33'26"E., a distance of 54.07 feet; thence N.37°39'11"E., a distance of 142.54 feet; thence N.11°01'19"E., a distance of 82.68 feet; thence N.13°18'48"W., a distance of 122.01 feet to the South boundary of that parcel of land described in Official Records Book 5049, Page 259 of the Public Records of Polk County, Florida; thence N.89°57'41"E., along said South boundary of that certain parcel, a distance of 684.48 feet to a non-tangent point of curvature and the Westerly right-of-way line of Lake Marion Road as described in Official Records Book 1406, Page 1010 of the Public Records of Polk County, Florida; thence Southeasterly 622.44 feet along the arc of a curve to the left, said curve having a radius of 612.03 feet, a central angle of 58°16'13", and a chord bearing and distance of S.36°28'07"E., 595.96 feet to the West boundary of U.S. Government Lot 2; thence along said West boundary and a line non-tangent to said curve, S.00°03'02"W., a distance of 14.12 feet to the South boundary of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 8; thence S.89°55'19"E., along the South boundary of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 8, a distance of 33.91 feet to the aforesaid Westerly right-of-way line of Lake Marion Road and a non-tangent point of curvature; thence along said Westerly right-of-way line, Easterly 63.96 feet along the arc of a curve to the left, said curve having a radius of 612.03 feet, a central angle of 05°59'17", and a chord bearing and distance of S.72°02'15"E., 63.94 feet to the East boundary of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 17; thence along said East boundary and a line non-tangent to said curve, S.01°53'45"E., a distance of 2,575.87 feet to the Southeast corner of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 17; thence N.89°13'01"W., along the South boundary of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 17, a distance of 1,329.36 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.
Containing 132.681 acres, more or less.

GROVES AT LAKE MARION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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ACQUISITION AGREEMENT

THIS ACQUISITION AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into, by and between:

LENNAR HOMES, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, with an address of 5505 Waterford District Drive, Miami, Florida 33126 (**“Developer”**), and

GROVES AT LAKE MARION 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 Board of County Commissioners of Polk County, 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 District’s *Engineer’s Report*, dated August 2024 (**“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. ADVANCED FUNDING. Prior to the issuance of the Bonds, the Developer may elect to make available to the District such monies as are necessary to enable the District to proceed with, and expedite, the design, engineering, and construction of the Project. The funds ("**Advanced Funds**") shall be placed in the District's depository as determined by the District, and shall be repaid to the Developer solely from available proceeds of the Bonds, subject to the terms of this Agreement. The District shall individually account for costs incurred and Advanced Funds expended in connection with the Project.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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, as well as reimburse Advanced Funds. 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, or any Advanced Funds, 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, or reimbursable Advanced Funds, 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, or Advanced Funds. 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 reimburse Advanced Funds, and, thus does not make payment to the Developer for any unfunded acquisitions, or any unreimbursed Advanced Funds, then the parties agree that the District shall have no payment or reimbursement obligation whatsoever for those unfunded acquisitions, or unreimbursed Advanced Funds. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. 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 the County in which the District is located.

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. 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.

22. 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.

23. 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 4th day of November, 2024.

**GROVES AT LAKE MARION COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

By: _____
Its: Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

LENNAR HOMES, LLC

By: _____
Its: _____

Exhibit A: *Engineer's Report*, dated August 2024