



**SOUTHERN GROVE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT NOS. 1-10**

**PORT ST. LUCIE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING &
PUBLIC HEARING
August 5, 2026
10:30 A.M.**

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AGENDA
SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO.'s 1-10

Tradition Town Hall
10799 SW Civic Center
Port St. Lucie, FL 34987

OR

Join Zoom Meeting:

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING

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Notice of Regular Board Meeting of the
Southern Grove Community Development District Nos. 1-10

The Board of Supervisors (the Board) of the Southern Grove Community Development District Nos. 1-10 will hold a Regular Board Meeting on August 5, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall located at 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987.

The purpose of the Regular Board Meeting is for the Board to consider any business which may properly come before it. A copy of the Agenda may be obtained from the Districts websites or at the offices of the District Manager, Special District Services, Inc., 10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987 during normal business hours. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. Meetings may be continued as found necessary to a time and place specified on the record.

There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors will participate by telephone; therefore, a speaker telephone may be present at the meeting location so that Supervisors may be fully informed of the discussions taking place.

In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations or an interpreter to participate at this meeting should contact the District Manager at (772) 345-5119 and/or toll free at 1-877-737-4922, at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the meeting.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this Regular Board Meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings and such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made at their own expense and which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is based.

Meetings may be cancelled from time to time without advertised notice.

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Board of Supervisors

Tradition and Southern Grove Community Development Districts
c/o Special District Services, Inc.,
2501A Burns Road
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

To Whom It May Concern,

Please be advised that I am resigning my position on all of the boards on which I currently sit in the Southern Grove Community Development Districts and the Tradition Community Development Districts, effective immediately.

Sincerely,

William "Bill" Pittsley


William Pittsley (Jul 29, 2026 10:42:52 EDT)
Signature

?NOTICE OF RULEMAKING
REGARDING THE REVISED RULES OF PROCEDURE OF
SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS
NOS. 4 AND 6

In accordance with Chapters 120 and 190, Florida Statutes, the Southern Grove Community Development District No. 4 and Southern Grove Community Development District No. 6 (together the Districts) each hereby gives the public notice of its intent to adopt its proposed revised Rules of Procedure (the Proposed Rules). The rule number for the Proposed Rules of each of the Districts is 2026-1. Prior notice of rule development relative to the Proposed Rules was published in the St. Lucie News Tribune on July 1, 2026.

A joint public hearing will be conducted by the Boards of Supervisors (the Boards) of the Districts on August 5, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at the Tradition Town Hall located at 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987 relative to the adoption of the Proposed Rules. Pursuant to Sections 190.011(5) and 190.012(3), Florida Statutes, the Proposed Rules will not require legislative ratification.

The summary of purpose and effect of the revised Rules of Procedure is to provide for efficient and effective district operations and to ensure compliance with recent changes to Florida law. The specific grant of rulemaking authority for the adoption of the Proposed Rules includes Sections 190.011(5), 190.011(15) and 190.035, Florida Statutes. The specific laws implemented in the Proposed Rule include, but are not limited to, Sections 112.08, 112.3143, 112.31446, 112.3145, 119.07, 119.0701, 120.54, 120.542, 120.5435, 120.56, 120.69, 120.81, 189.053, 189.069, 190.006, 190.007, 190.008, 190.011, 190.033, 190.035, 218.33, 218.391, 255.05, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 286.0105, 286.011, 286.012, 286.0113, 286.0114, 287.017, 287.055, and 287.084, Florida Statutes.

A statement of estimated regulatory costs, as defined in Section 120.541(2), Florida Statutes, has not been prepared relative to the Proposed Rules. Any person who wishes to provide the Districts 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 Managers Office.

For more information regarding the public hearing, the Proposed Rules, or for a copy of the Proposed Rules and the related incorporated documents, if any, please contact the District Manager c/o Special District Services, Inc., 10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987, (772) 345-5119, or Bsakuma@sdsinc.org (the District Managers 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 Boards with respect to any matter considered at the 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 public 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 public hearing because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Managers Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the public hearing. 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 Managers Office.

Frank Sakuma, District Manager
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RESOLUTION 2026-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 4 ADOPTING RULES OF PROCEDURE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Southern Grove Community Development District No. 4 (the “District”) is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to adopt rules to govern the administration of the District and to adopt resolutions as may be necessary for the conduct of District business; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 4:

SECTION 1. The attached Rules of Procedure are hereby adopted pursuant to this resolution as necessary for the conduct of District business. These Rules of Procedure shall stay in full force and effect until such time as the Board of Supervisors may amend these rules in accordance with Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall supersede any rules of procedure previously adopted by the District and remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of August, 2026.

ATTEST:

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 4**

Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Rules of Procedure

EXHIBIT A

RULES OF PROCEDURE

**RULES OF PROCEDURE
SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NOS. 1-10
RULE NO. 2026-01**

EFFECTIVE AS OF MARCH 4, 2026

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Rule 1.0 General.

- (1) 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 e-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 within the county or counties 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) Votes Required. No Board member who is present at any meeting of the District Board at which an official decision, ruling, or other official act is to be taken or adopted may abstain from voting in regard to any such decision, ruling, or act; and a vote shall be recorded or counted for each such Board member present, except when, with respect to any such member, there is, or appears to be, a possible conflict of interest under the provisions of s. 112.311, s. 112.313, or s. 112.3143 of the Florida Statutes.
- (7) 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, 286.012, 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 authorized or required by statute or these Rules, at least seven (7) days', but not 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 within the county or counties in which the District is located. A newspaper is deemed to be a newspaper of "**general circulation**" in the county in which the District is located if such newspaper has been in existence for two (2) years at the time of publication of the applicable notice (unless no newspaper within the county has been published for such length) and satisfies the criteria of section 50.011(1) of the Florida Statutes, or if such newspaper is a direct successor of a newspaper which has been so published, as such provisions may be amended from time to time by law. The annual meeting notice required to be published by Section 189.015 of the Florida Statutes, shall be published as provide in Chapter 50 of the Florida Statutes, and such notice published consistent therewith shall satisfy the requirement to give at least seven (7) days' public notice as required herein. 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 (772) 345-5119. 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.”

The date, time, and place of each meeting, hearing, or workshop of the Board shall additionally be posted on the District’s website at least seven (7) days prior to such meeting, hearing, or workshop.

- (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 i) confidential and ii) confidential and exempt information, shall be available to the public at least seven (7) 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 comments
- 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

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 within the county in which the District is located. After an emergency meeting, the Board shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation within the county in which the District is located, 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 or as otherwise provided in the resolution approving the annual budget(s). 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),
 - (b) Florida Statutes; and
 - (c) Promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules contracts, grant agreements, and best practices; and
 - (d) Support economical and efficient operations; and
 - (e) Ensure reliability of financial records and reports; and
 - (f) 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 a Notice of Rule Development by the District as required by Section 2 of this Rule. 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. 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) Requirements of a Rule. All District rules as drafted shall:
 - (a) Contain only one subject;
 - (b) Include readable language, meaning it avoids i) the use of obscure words and unnecessarily long or complicated constructions, and ii) the use of unnecessary technical or specialized language that is understood only by members of particular trades or professions;
 - (c) Be indefinite such that the rule does not include a provision whereby the rule, or a portion thereof, automatically expires or is repealed on a specific date or at the end of a specified period, unless otherwise expressly authorized by law; and
 - (d) Only incorporate material by reference in compliance with Section 120.54(1)(i) of the Florida Statutes.
- (3) Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs. Before adopting, amending, or repealing any rule, other than an emergency rule, the District may prepare a statement of estimated regulatory costs (“**SERC**”) based on the factors set forth in Section 120.541(2) of the Florida Statutes. The District shall prepare a SERC for a proposed rule if in accordance with the requirements of Section 120.541(2) of the Florida Statutes if: i) the proposed rule will have an adverse economic impact on small business; or ii) the proposed rule is likely to directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate in the state within one (1) year after implementation of the rule.
- (4) 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 (“**Notice of Rule Development**”) setting forth the following:

- (i) the subject area to be addressed by rule development;
 - (ii) A short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed rule;
 - (iii) The grant of rulemaking authority for the proposed rule;
 - (iv) The law being implemented;
 - (v) The proposed rule number; and
 - (vi) If available, either the preliminary text of the proposed rule and any incorporated documents, or a statement of how a person may promptly obtain, without cost, a copy of any preliminary draft of such rule or documents.
- (b) The Notice of Rule Development shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located at least seven (7) days prior to the Notice of Rulemaking required by Section 5 of this Rule, and at least thirty-five (35) days prior to the intended action.

(5) Notice of Rulemaking.

- (a) Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule other than an emergency rule, the District shall provide notice of its intended action (the “**Notice of Rulemaking**”) setting forth the following:
- (i) The proposed rule number;
 - (ii) The full text of the proposed rule or amendment and a summary thereof, unless not required pursuant to Section 120.81(2)(b) of the Florida Statutes or other Florida law;
 - (iii) The grant of rulemaking authority for the proposed rule;
 - (iv) The law being implemented or interpreted;
 - (v) The name, e-mail address, and telephone number of the agency employee who may be contacted regarding the intended action;
 - (vi) A concise 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, that describes the regulatory impact of the rule in readable language;

- (vii) The District's website where the statement of estimated regulatory costs can be viewed, in its entirety, if one has been prepared;
 - (viii) 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;
 - (ix) A statement as to whether, based on the SERC or other information expressly relied upon and described by the District if no statement of regulatory costs is required, the proposed rule is expected to require legislative ratification pursuant to Section 120.541(3) of the Florida Statutes;
 - (x) The date, time, and location of the public hearing on the proposed rule;
 - (xi) The name, address, and telephone number of the District contact person who can provide information about the public hearing; and
 - (xii) A reference to both the date on which and the place where the Notice of Rule Development required by Section 4 of this Rule appeared, except when the intended action is the repeal of a rule.
- (b) The Notice of Rulemaking shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located at least seven (7) days after the Notice of Rule Development required by Section 4 of this Rule, and at least twenty-eight (28) days prior to the intended action. If the Notice of Rulemaking is not published within one-hundred eighty (180) days of the publication of the Notice of Rule Development, then the District's Board shall approve a concise statement at least seven (7) days prior to the conclusion of the one-hundred eighty (180) day timeframe identifying the reason for the delay, which may be supplemented quarterly until the District has adopted the proposed rule.
- (c) The Notice of Rulemaking shall be mailed or delivered electronically to all persons named in the proposed rule and to all persons who, at least fourteen (14) days before publication of the notice, 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 of the District's rulemaking proceedings. Such persons must furnish a mailing address or e-mail address, and may be required to pay the cost of copying and mailing as applicable.

- (d) As of the date of publication of the Notice of Rulemaking, the Board shall make available for public inspection and shall provide, upon request and payment of the cost of copies, the proposed rule, including all material proposed to be incorporated by reference.
- (6) Modification of Rules.
 - (a) Technical Changes.
 - (i) Prior to rule adoption, the District shall publish a notice of correction (“**Notice of Correction**”) if any of the information that is required to be included in the Notice of Rulemaking, including technical changes that correct citations or grammatical, typographical or similar errors that do not otherwise affect the substance of the rule, is omitted or is incorrect. A Notice of Correction cannot be used to make substantive changes to the rule text. The Notice of Correction shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located at least seven (7) days prior to the intended action.
 - (ii) After rule adoption, a technical change to a rule may be approved at any time by the District. Promptly thereafter, a Notice of Correction shall be published by the District in the manner set forth in Section 6(a)(i) of this Rule.
 - (b) Substantive Changes.
 - (i) Prior to rule adoption, the District shall publish a notice of change (“**Notice of Change**”) if there is any substantive change, other than a technical change that corrects citations or grammatical, typographical or similar errors that do not otherwise affect the substance of the rule, to a proposed rule, including any material incorporated by reference, or to a SERC. The Notice of Change must address a summary of the change and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the intended action. The Notice of Change shall also be sent to those persons set forth in Section 5(C) of this Rule that have made requests of the District for advance notice of its rulemaking proceedings. Any substantive change must be either be:
 - 1. Supported by the record of the public hearing held on the proposed rule;
 - 2. In response to written materials submitted to the District; or

3. In response to an objection with the proposed rule by the District Board.

(ii) After rule adoption, a substantive change to a rule shall be effectuated by initiating rulemaking as set forth in this Rule.

(7) Withdrawal of Proposed Rules.

- (a) Prior to the adoption of a rule, the District may elect to withdraw the proposed rule in whole or in part. After a rule has become effective, the District may only amend or repeal the rule through initiating the rulemaking procedures set forth in this Rule.
- (b) Prior to the adoption of a rule, the District shall withdraw the proposed rule if the District has either failed to adopt such rule within one-hundred eighty (180) days of the publication of the Notice of Rule Development required by Section 4 of this Rule or to approve a concise statement at least seven (7) days prior to the conclusion of the one-hundred eighty (180) day timeframe identifying the reason for the delay, which may be supplemented quarterly until the District has adopted the proposed rule.
- (c) In the event of a withdrawal of a proposed rule, the District shall publish a notice (“**Notice of Rule Withdrawal**”) in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located, and shall provide notice to those persons set forth in Section 5(c) of this Rule that have made requests of the District for advance notice of its rulemaking proceedings.
- (d) Within fifteen (15) days after the end of each calendar quarter, the District shall compile and post on its website a list of each failure to publish a Notice of Rulemaking within the timeframe prescribed by Section 5(b) of this Rule, which list shall include the information set forth in Section 120.54(3)(d)(7) of the Florida Statutes. The District is only required to provide such posting in any calendar quarter(s) in which there is an actual failure to timely publish a Notice of Rulemaking, if any.

(8) Rule Development Workshops.

- (a) Whenever requested in writing by any affected person, the District must conduct a rule development workshop prior to proposing rules for adoption for the purposes of rule development or information gathering for the preparation of the SERC, unless the Chairperson explains in writing why a workshop is unnecessary. The District may initiate a rule development workshop, but is not required to do so.

- (b) If a workshop is held, the District must ensure that the person(s) responsible for preparing the rule and the SERC, if applicable, are available to explain the District's proposed rule and to respond to questions or comments regarding the rule being developed.
 - (c) The notice of any workshop shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located at least fourteen (14) days prior to the workshop setting forth the following:
 - (i) The place, date, and time of the workshop;
 - (ii) The subject area that will be addressed; and
 - (iii) The District Manager's contact information.
- (9) Petitions to Initiate Rulemaking.
- (a) 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. District staff shall forward a copy of the petition to the District's Board within seven (7) days of its receipt.
 - (b) If the petition is directed to an adopted rule, within thirty (30) days following the date of filing a petition, the District shall either i) initiate rulemaking proceedings, ii) otherwise comply with the requested action, or iii) deny the petition with a written statement of its reasons for the denial.
 - (c) If the petition is directed to an unadopted rule, within thirty (30) days following the date of filing a petition, the District shall either i) initiate rulemaking, or ii) set a public hearing to consider whether the public interest is served adequately by the application of the proposed rule on a case-by-case basis, as contrasted with its formal adoption as a rule.
 - (i) If the District elects to hold a public hearing, notice of the public hearing ("**Notice of Rulemaking Petition Public Hearing**") shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located. The public hearing shall be held by the District within thirty (30) days after publication of the Notice of Rulemaking Petition Public Hearing.
 - (ii) Not later than thirty (30) days following the date of the public hearing held pursuant to Section 9(c)(i) of this Rule, the District shall either i) initiate rulemaking proceedings, ii) otherwise comply

with the requested action, or iii) deny the petition with a written statement of its reasons for the denial.

1. If the District decides to initiate rulemaking it shall proceed with the rulemaking process as set forth in this Rule.
2. If the District decides to not initiate rulemaking or otherwise comply with the requested action, the District shall publish a statement of its reasons for not initiating rulemaking or otherwise complying with the requested action and of any changes it will make in the scope or application of the unadopted rule (the “**Notice of Denial of Rulemaking Petition**”). The Notice of Denial of Rulemaking Petition shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located.

- (d) Nothing in this Rule shall be construed as requiring the District to adopt, amend, or repeal a rule as initiated by petition.

(10) Public Hearing.

- (a) 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 of Rulemaking, 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. When a public hearing is held, the District shall ensure that staff is available to explain the proposed rule and to respond to questions or comments regarding the proposed rule. 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.
- (b) The District shall publish notice of the public hearing (“**Notice of Public Hearing**”) in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located, either in the text of the Notice of Rulemaking or in a separate publication at least seven (7) days before the scheduled public hearing. The Notice of Public Hearing shall include the following information:
- (i) The date, time, and location of the public hearing; and
 - (ii) The name, address, and telephone number of the District contact person who can provide information about the public hearing.

(11) Emergency Rule Adoption.

- (a) 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 or if the Legislature authorizes the District to adopt emergency rules. 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.
- (b) At the time or prior to the adoption of an emergency rule, the District shall post on its website a notice regarding its adoption of the emergency rule (the “**Notice of Emergency Rule**”) which includes the specific facts and reasons for finding an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare and its reasons for concluding that procedure used is fair under the circumstances. The Notice of Emergency Rule shall thereafter be promptly published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located, and shall include the following information:
 - (i) The full text of the rule(s); and
 - (ii) The District’s findings of immediate danger, necessity, and procedural fairness or a citation to the grant of emergency rulemaking authority.
- (c) An emergency rule shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the District, or on a date less than twenty (20) days thereafter if specified in the emergency rule if the District finds that a later effective date is necessary because of immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare. An emergency rule may not be effective for a period of more than ninety (90) days after adoption and may not be renewable, unless the District has initiated rulemaking to adopt rules addressing the subject of the emergency rule and either i) a challenge to the proposed rules has been filed and remains pending or ii) the proposed rules are awaiting ratification by the Legislature, if applicable. Nothing in this paragraph prohibits the District from adopting a rule identical to the emergency rule through the non-emergency rulemaking procedures set forth in this Rule.
 - (i) If an emergency rule is being renewed in accordance with Section 11(d) of this Rule, notice of the renewal of the emergency rule (the “**Notice of Renewal of Emergency Rule**”) shall be published before the expiration of the existing emergency rule. The Notice of Renewal of Emergency Rule shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located and shall include the specific facts and reasons for such renewal.

- (ii) For emergency rules with an effective period of longer than ninety (90) days which are intended to replace an existing rule, the Rulemaking Record for the existing rule, as required by Section 13 of this Rule, shall specifically identify the emergency rule that is intended to supersede the existing rule as well as the date that the emergency rule was adopted by the District.
- (d) The District may supersede an emergency rule in effect through the adoption of another emergency rule before the superseded rule expires. The District shall post on its website and publish a Notice of Emergency Rule, in accordance with Section 11(b) of this Rule, identifying the reason for adopting the superseding rule. The superseding rule shall not be in effect longer than the duration of the effective period of the superseded rule.
- (e) The District may make technical changes to an emergency rule within the first seven (7) days after the rule is adopted, and such changes shall be published in a Notice of Correction as set forth in Section 6(a) of this Rule.
- (f) The District may repeal an emergency rule before it expires by publishing a notice (“**Notice of Repeal of Emergency Rule**”) in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located. The Notice of Repeal of Emergency Rule shall include the following information:
 - (i) The full text of the emergency rule and a summary thereof;
 - (ii) The rule number; and
 - (iii) A short and plain explanation as to why the conditions specified in the Notice of Emergency Rule no longer require the emergency rule.
- (12) 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 within the county or counties in which the District is located.
- (13) Rulemaking Record. In all rulemaking proceedings, the District shall compile and maintain a rulemaking record (“**Rulemaking Record**”) which shall be on file with the District at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the proposed adoption date of the rule. The Rulemaking Record shall include, as applicable:
 - (a) A copy of the rule;
 - (b) Any material incorporated by reference in the rule;

- (c) A detailed written statement of the facts and circumstances justifying the proposed rule;
- (d) Any SERC for the rule, if required by Section 120.54(3)(b)1. of the Florida Statutes or otherwise prepared, and any information created or used by the District in determining whether a SERC is required;
- (e) A statement of the extent to which the proposed rule relates to federal standards on rules on the same subject;
- (f) The Notice of Rule Development, Notice of Rulemaking, and notice(s) of any workshops held pursuant to Section 8 of this Rule; and
- (g) If an emergency rule is intended to supersede an existing rule, the emergency rule number and the date that the emergency rule was adopted by the District.

(14) Petitions to Challenge Rules.

- (a) Any person substantially affected by a proposed or existing 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.
 - (i) A petition alleging the invalidity of a proposed rule shall be filed within twenty-one (21) days after the date of publication of Notice of Rulemaking, within ten (10) days after the final public hearing is held on the proposed rule; within twenty (20) days after the SERC or revised SERC has been prepared and made available as provided in Section 120.541(1)(d) of the Florida Statutes, if applicable; or within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of the Notice of Rule Withdrawal required by Section 7(c) of this Rule.
 - (ii) A petition alleging the invalidity of an existing rule may be filed at any time during which the rule is in effect.
- (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 proposed or existing rule is substantially affected by it. A person who is not substantially affected by the proposed rule as initially noticed, but who is substantially affected by the rule as a result of a change, may challenge any provision of the resulting proposed rule.

- (c) The petition shall be filed with the District. Within ten (10) days after receiving the petition, or seven (7) days if the challenge relates to an emergency rule, 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 thirty (30) days thereafter, or fourteen (14) days if the challenge relates to an emergency rule, 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) At the hearing, 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.
- (e) Hearings held under this section shall be de novo in nature. For proposed rules, the petitioner has the burden to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that it would be substantially affected by the proposed rule, and the District has the burden to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the proposed rule is not an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority as to the objections raised. For existing rules, 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. During the hearing, 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) Within thirty (30) days after the hearing, or fourteen (14) days of the challenge relate to an emergency rule, the hearing officer shall render a decision and state the reasons therefor in writing. The hearing officer's order shall be considered final agency action. The hearing officer may declare all or part of a proposed or existing rule invalid. For a proposed rule, the proposed rule or provision thereof declared invalid shall not be adopted unless the decision of the hearing officer is reversed on appeal. In

the event part of a proposed rule is declared invalid, the District may, in its sole discretion, withdraw the proposed rule in its entirety. For an existing rule, the rule or part thereof declared invalid shall become void when the time for filing an appeal expires. In the event that a proposed or existing rule has been declared invalid in whole or part, the District shall promptly publish notice of such occurrence published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located.

- (15) 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. The District shall maintain a record of the type and disposition of each petition filed.

(16) Review of Adopted Rules.

- (a) By January 1, 2026, District staff shall prepare a report that summarizes the District's existing rules anticipated to be reviewed during the current fiscal year, if any, and the recommended action on each rule (the "**Existing Rule Review Report**"). The Existing Rule Review Report shall be presented to the District's Board at a noticed Board meeting as soon as practicable after preparation by District staff. District staff shall continue to annually prepare an updated Existing Rule Review Report by January 1 of each year until all District rules have been reviewed. The District is not bound to review its existing rules in accordance with the schedule set forth in an Existing Rule Review Report, but is required to complete the review of at least twenty (20%) percent of its existing rules per year until all existing rules have been reviewed in accordance with this Section. In any event, all existing rules of the District shall be reviewed by July 1, 2030.
- (b) Any new rule adopted after July 1, 2025, must be reviewed in the fifth year following adoption. Such review must be completed before the day that marks the sixth year since the adoption of the rule.
- (c) In conducting its rule review process, the District shall determine whether each rule:
 - (i) Is a valid exercise of delegated legislative authority;
 - (ii) Has current statutory authority;
 - (iii) Reiterates or paraphrases statutory material;
 - (iv) Is in proper form;
 - (v) Is consistent with expressed legislative intent pertaining to the specific provisions of law which the rule implements;
 - (vi) Requires a technical or substantive update to reflect current use; and

- (vii) Requires updated references to statutory citations and incorporated materials.
- (d) By April 1 of each year in which a rule review is being undertaken, the District shall adopt a resolution evidencing the completion of rule review and authorizing one of the following actions relative to its rule review (the **“Rule Review Resolution”**):
 - (i) If the District determines that no change is necessary, the District Rule Review Resolution shall include the following information:
 - 1. A copy of the reviewed rule;
 - 2. A written statement of its intended action; and
 - 3. Its assessment of factors specified in Section 16(c) of this Rule.
 - (ii) If the District determines that one or more technical changes are necessary, the District Rule Review Resolution shall include the following information:
 - 1. A copy of the reviewed rule and the recommended technical change or changes coded by underlining new text and striking through deleted text;
 - 2. A written statement of its intended action;
 - 3. Its assessment of the factors specified in Section 16(c) of this Rule; and
 - 4. The facts and circumstances justifying the technical change or changes to the reviewed rule.
 - (iii) If the District determines that the rule requires a substantive change, the District shall promptly initiate rulemaking in accordance with this Rule to make all changes, including any technical changes, and the District Rule Review Resolution shall include the following information:
 - 1. A copy of the reviewed rule;
 - 2. The recommended change or changes coded by underlining new text and striking through deleted text;
 - 3. A written statement of its intended action; and

4. Its assessment of factors specified in Section 16(c) of this Rule.
- (iv) If the District determines that the rule should be repealed, the District shall promptly initiate the repeal the rule in accordance with this Rule, and the District Rule Review Resolution shall include the following information:
 1. A written statement of its intended action; and
 2. Its assessment of factors specified in subsection 16(c) of this Rule.
 - (e) The rule review is completed upon the District’s adoption of the Rule Review Resolution and, if there is a substantive change or repeal of a rule approved the Board, the timely commencement of the rulemaking or rule repeal process set forth in this Rule. Promptly after completion of the rule review, the District shall publish a notice of the completed rule review (“**Notice of Completed Rule Review**”) in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located. The Notice of Completed Rule Review shall identify the action taken by the District with respect to the reviewed rule.
- (17) Rates, Fees, Rentals and Other Charges. All rates, fees, rentals, or other charges shall be subject to rulemaking proceedings.

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

Law Implemented: §§ 120.54, 120.542, 120.5435, 120.56, 120.81(2)(b), 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 within the county or counties in which the District is located 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 proposers by e-mail (with a delivery and read receipt), United States Mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service. The District may alternatively post the notice of intent to award on its website at the conclusion of the Board meeting where the proposals were evaluated if so provided for in the Request for Qualifications. 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. “**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. 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) Establishment of Auditor Selection Committee. Prior to a public announcement under section (3) 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.
- (2) Establishment of Minimum Qualifications and Evaluation Criteria. Prior to a public announcement under section (3) 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.

- (3) Public Announcement. After identifying the factors to be used in evaluating the proposals for Auditing Services as set forth in section (2) 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 within the county or counties in which the District is located. The public announcement shall allow for at least seven (7) days for the submission of proposals.
- (4) 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, which may be submitted either electronically or via hard copy as determined by the District and provided for in the RFP. For the avoidance of doubt, the Proposals shall not be required to be publicly opened at the date, time, and place provided for in the RFP relative to the submission of Proposals.

- (5) 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 (2)(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.
- (6) 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.

- (7) 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.
- (8) 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 e-mail (with a delivery and read receipt), United States Mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service. The District may alternatively post the notice of intent to award on its website at the conclusion of the Board meeting where the proposals were evaluated if so provided for in the RFP. 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 county or counties in which the District is located. 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 proposers by e-mail (with a delivery and read receipt), United States Mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service. The District may alternatively post the notice of intent to award on its website at the conclusion of the Board meeting where the proposals were evaluated if so provided for in the Invitation to Bid. 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 county or counties in which the project 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 e-mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, 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) 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.

- (k) Notice of intent to pre-qualify, including rejection of some or all qualifications, shall be provided in writing to all proposers by e-mail (with a delivery and read receipt), United States Mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service. The District may alternatively post the notice of intent to award on its website at the conclusion of the Board meeting where the proposals were evaluated if so provided for in the Request for Qualifications. 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.

(2) 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 within the county or counties 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 e-mail (with a delivery and read receipt), United States Mail, hand delivery, 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 e-mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or 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) 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.
- (k) 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.

- (1) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses, shall be provided in writing to all proposers by e-mail (with a delivery and read receipt), United States Mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service. The District may alternatively post the notice of intent to award on its website at the conclusion of the Board meeting where the proposals were evaluated if so provided for in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation. 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.
- (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 within the county in which the project 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 e-mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, 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 proposers by e-mail (with a delivery and read receipt), United States Mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service. The District may alternatively post the notice of intent to award on its website at the conclusion of

the Board meeting where the proposals were evaluated if so provided for in the Design Criteria Package. 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 shall require that the contractor, before commencing the work, execute and record a payment and performance bond, or other acceptable surety, 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 or counties 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 e-mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
 - (d) If the District has pre-qualified suppliers of goods, supplies, and materials, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
 - (e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:
 - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, reply, or response preparation or submittal from the District.
- (i) The Board may require bidders and proposers to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
- (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses shall be provided in writing to all proposers by e-mail (with a delivery and read receipt), United States Mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service. The District may alternatively post the notice of intent to award on its website at the conclusion of the Board meeting where the proposals were evaluated if so provided for in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation. 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 county or counties 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 e-mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, 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 proposers by e-mail (with a delivery and read receipt), United States Mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service. The District may alternatively post the notice of intent to award on its website at the conclusion of the Board meeting where the proposals were evaluated if so provided for in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation. 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 or after posting on the District's website if so provided for in 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 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 and form 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 e-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 e-mail (with a delivery and read receipt), 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) 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.
- (6) Judicial Review. A party who is adversely affected by final District action is entitled to judicial review. Judicial review shall be sought in the county where the District is located. All proceedings shall be instituted by filing a notice of appeal or petition for review in accordance with the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure within thirty (30) calendar days after the rendition of the decision being appealed. The filing of an appeal does not itself stay enforcement of the final District decision. Judicial review of any District action shall be confined to the record transmitted. The record for judicial review shall be compiled in accordance with the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. Failure to file a notice of appeal or petition for review within the time prescribed herein shall constitute a waiver of judicial review proceedings.
- (7) Intervenors. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings.
- (8) 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: §§ 120.69(2)(a), 190.033, Fla. Stat.

Rule 4.0 Effective Date.

These Rules shall be effective March 4, 2026, except that no election of officers required by these Rules shall be required until after the next regular election for the Board.

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

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

RESOLUTION 2026-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 6 ADOPTING RULES OF PROCEDURE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Southern Grove Community Development District No. 6 (the “District”) is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to adopt rules to govern the administration of the District and to adopt resolutions as may be necessary for the conduct of District business; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 6:

SECTION 1. The attached Rules of Procedure are hereby adopted pursuant to this resolution as necessary for the conduct of District business. These Rules of Procedure shall stay in full force and effect until such time as the Board of Supervisors may amend these rules in accordance with Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall supersede any rules of procedure previously adopted by the District and remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of August, 2026.

ATTEST:

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 6**

Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Rules of Procedure

EXHIBIT A

RULES OF PROCEDURE

**RULES OF PROCEDURE
SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NOS. 1-10
RULE NO. 2026-01**

EFFECTIVE AS OF MARCH 4, 2026

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Rule 1.0 General.

- (1) 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 e-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 within the county or counties 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) Votes Required. No Board member who is present at any meeting of the District Board at which an official decision, ruling, or other official act is to be taken or adopted may abstain from voting in regard to any such decision, ruling, or act; and a vote shall be recorded or counted for each such Board member present, except when, with respect to any such member, there is, or appears to be, a possible conflict of interest under the provisions of s. 112.311, s. 112.313, or s. 112.3143 of the Florida Statutes.
- (7) 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, 286.012, 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 authorized or required by statute or these Rules, at least seven (7) days', but not 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 within the county or counties in which the District is located. A newspaper is deemed to be a newspaper of "**general circulation**" in the county in which the District is located if such newspaper has been in existence for two (2) years at the time of publication of the applicable notice (unless no newspaper within the county has been published for such length) and satisfies the criteria of section 50.011(1) of the Florida Statutes, or if such newspaper is a direct successor of a newspaper which has been so published, as such provisions may be amended from time to time by law. The annual meeting notice required to be published by Section 189.015 of the Florida Statutes, shall be published as provide in Chapter 50 of the Florida Statutes, and such notice published consistent therewith shall satisfy the requirement to give at least seven (7) days' public notice as required herein. 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 (772) 345-5119. 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.”

The date, time, and place of each meeting, hearing, or workshop of the Board shall additionally be posted on the District’s website at least seven (7) days prior to such meeting, hearing, or workshop.

- (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 i) confidential and ii) confidential and exempt information, shall be available to the public at least seven (7) 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 comments
- 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

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 within the county in which the District is located. After an emergency meeting, the Board shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation within the county in which the District is located, 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 or as otherwise provided in the resolution approving the annual budget(s). 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),
 - (b) Florida Statutes; and
 - (c) Promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules contracts, grant agreements, and best practices; and
 - (d) Support economical and efficient operations; and
 - (e) Ensure reliability of financial records and reports; and
 - (f) 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 a Notice of Rule Development by the District as required by Section 2 of this Rule. 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. 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) Requirements of a Rule. All District rules as drafted shall:
 - (a) Contain only one subject;
 - (b) Include readable language, meaning it avoids i) the use of obscure words and unnecessarily long or complicated constructions, and ii) the use of unnecessary technical or specialized language that is understood only by members of particular trades or professions;
 - (c) Be indefinite such that the rule does not include a provision whereby the rule, or a portion thereof, automatically expires or is repealed on a specific date or at the end of a specified period, unless otherwise expressly authorized by law; and
 - (d) Only incorporate material by reference in compliance with Section 120.54(1)(i) of the Florida Statutes.
- (3) Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs. Before adopting, amending, or repealing any rule, other than an emergency rule, the District may prepare a statement of estimated regulatory costs (“**SERC**”) based on the factors set forth in Section 120.541(2) of the Florida Statutes. The District shall prepare a SERC for a proposed rule if in accordance with the requirements of Section 120.541(2) of the Florida Statutes if: i) the proposed rule will have an adverse economic impact on small business; or ii) the proposed rule is likely to directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate in the state within one (1) year after implementation of the rule.
- (4) 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 (“**Notice of Rule Development**”) setting forth the following:

- (i) the subject area to be addressed by rule development;
 - (ii) A short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed rule;
 - (iii) The grant of rulemaking authority for the proposed rule;
 - (iv) The law being implemented;
 - (v) The proposed rule number; and
 - (vi) If available, either the preliminary text of the proposed rule and any incorporated documents, or a statement of how a person may promptly obtain, without cost, a copy of any preliminary draft of such rule or documents.
- (b) The Notice of Rule Development shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located at least seven (7) days prior to the Notice of Rulemaking required by Section 5 of this Rule, and at least thirty-five (35) days prior to the intended action.

(5) Notice of Rulemaking.

- (a) Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule other than an emergency rule, the District shall provide notice of its intended action (the “**Notice of Rulemaking**”) setting forth the following:
- (i) The proposed rule number;
 - (ii) The full text of the proposed rule or amendment and a summary thereof, unless not required pursuant to Section 120.81(2)(b) of the Florida Statutes or other Florida law;
 - (iii) The grant of rulemaking authority for the proposed rule;
 - (iv) The law being implemented or interpreted;
 - (v) The name, e-mail address, and telephone number of the agency employee who may be contacted regarding the intended action;
 - (vi) A concise 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, that describes the regulatory impact of the rule in readable language;

- (vii) The District's website where the statement of estimated regulatory costs can be viewed, in its entirety, if one has been prepared;
 - (viii) 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;
 - (ix) A statement as to whether, based on the SERC or other information expressly relied upon and described by the District if no statement of regulatory costs is required, the proposed rule is expected to require legislative ratification pursuant to Section 120.541(3) of the Florida Statutes;
 - (x) The date, time, and location of the public hearing on the proposed rule;
 - (xi) The name, address, and telephone number of the District contact person who can provide information about the public hearing; and
 - (xii) A reference to both the date on which and the place where the Notice of Rule Development required by Section 4 of this Rule appeared, except when the intended action is the repeal of a rule.
- (b) The Notice of Rulemaking shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located at least seven (7) days after the Notice of Rule Development required by Section 4 of this Rule, and at least twenty-eight (28) days prior to the intended action. If the Notice of Rulemaking is not published within one-hundred eighty (180) days of the publication of the Notice of Rule Development, then the District's Board shall approve a concise statement at least seven (7) days prior to the conclusion of the one-hundred eighty (180) day timeframe identifying the reason for the delay, which may be supplemented quarterly until the District has adopted the proposed rule.
- (c) The Notice of Rulemaking shall be mailed or delivered electronically to all persons named in the proposed rule and to all persons who, at least fourteen (14) days before publication of the notice, 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 of the District's rulemaking proceedings. Such persons must furnish a mailing address or e-mail address, and may be required to pay the cost of copying and mailing as applicable.

- (d) As of the date of publication of the Notice of Rulemaking, the Board shall make available for public inspection and shall provide, upon request and payment of the cost of copies, the proposed rule, including all material proposed to be incorporated by reference.
- (6) Modification of Rules.
 - (a) Technical Changes.
 - (i) Prior to rule adoption, the District shall publish a notice of correction (“**Notice of Correction**”) if any of the information that is required to be included in the Notice of Rulemaking, including technical changes that correct citations or grammatical, typographical or similar errors that do not otherwise affect the substance of the rule, is omitted or is incorrect. A Notice of Correction cannot be used to make substantive changes to the rule text. The Notice of Correction shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located at least seven (7) days prior to the intended action.
 - (ii) After rule adoption, a technical change to a rule may be approved at any time by the District. Promptly thereafter, a Notice of Correction shall be published by the District in the manner set forth in Section 6(a)(i) of this Rule.
 - (b) Substantive Changes.
 - (i) Prior to rule adoption, the District shall publish a notice of change (“**Notice of Change**”) if there is any substantive change, other than a technical change that corrects citations or grammatical, typographical or similar errors that do not otherwise affect the substance of the rule, to a proposed rule, including any material incorporated by reference, or to a SERC. The Notice of Change must address a summary of the change and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the intended action. The Notice of Change shall also be sent to those persons set forth in Section 5(C) of this Rule that have made requests of the District for advance notice of its rulemaking proceedings. Any substantive change must be either be:
 - 1. Supported by the record of the public hearing held on the proposed rule;
 - 2. In response to written materials submitted to the District; or

3. In response to an objection with the proposed rule by the District Board.

(ii) After rule adoption, a substantive change to a rule shall be effectuated by initiating rulemaking as set forth in this Rule.

(7) Withdrawal of Proposed Rules.

- (a) Prior to the adoption of a rule, the District may elect to withdraw the proposed rule in whole or in part. After a rule has become effective, the District may only amend or repeal the rule through initiating the rulemaking procedures set forth in this Rule.
- (b) Prior to the adoption of a rule, the District shall withdraw the proposed rule if the District has either failed to adopt such rule within one-hundred eighty (180) days of the publication of the Notice of Rule Development required by Section 4 of this Rule or to approve a concise statement at least seven (7) days prior to the conclusion of the one-hundred eighty (180) day timeframe identifying the reason for the delay, which may be supplemented quarterly until the District has adopted the proposed rule.
- (c) In the event of a withdrawal of a proposed rule, the District shall publish a notice (“**Notice of Rule Withdrawal**”) in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located, and shall provide notice to those persons set forth in Section 5(c) of this Rule that have made requests of the District for advance notice of its rulemaking proceedings.
- (d) Within fifteen (15) days after the end of each calendar quarter, the District shall compile and post on its website a list of each failure to publish a Notice of Rulemaking within the timeframe prescribed by Section 5(b) of this Rule, which list shall include the information set forth in Section 120.54(3)(d)(7) of the Florida Statutes. The District is only required to provide such posting in any calendar quarter(s) in which there is an actual failure to timely publish a Notice of Rulemaking, if any.

(8) Rule Development Workshops.

- (a) Whenever requested in writing by any affected person, the District must conduct a rule development workshop prior to proposing rules for adoption for the purposes of rule development or information gathering for the preparation of the SERC, unless the Chairperson explains in writing why a workshop is unnecessary. The District may initiate a rule development workshop, but is not required to do so.

- (b) If a workshop is held, the District must ensure that the person(s) responsible for preparing the rule and the SERC, if applicable, are available to explain the District's proposed rule and to respond to questions or comments regarding the rule being developed.
 - (c) The notice of any workshop shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located at least fourteen (14) days prior to the workshop setting forth the following:
 - (i) The place, date, and time of the workshop;
 - (ii) The subject area that will be addressed; and
 - (iii) The District Manager's contact information.
- (9) Petitions to Initiate Rulemaking.
- (a) 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. District staff shall forward a copy of the petition to the District's Board within seven (7) days of its receipt.
 - (b) If the petition is directed to an adopted rule, within thirty (30) days following the date of filing a petition, the District shall either i) initiate rulemaking proceedings, ii) otherwise comply with the requested action, or iii) deny the petition with a written statement of its reasons for the denial.
 - (c) If the petition is directed to an unadopted rule, within thirty (30) days following the date of filing a petition, the District shall either i) initiate rulemaking, or ii) set a public hearing to consider whether the public interest is served adequately by the application of the proposed rule on a case-by-case basis, as contrasted with its formal adoption as a rule.
 - (i) If the District elects to hold a public hearing, notice of the public hearing ("**Notice of Rulemaking Petition Public Hearing**") shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located. The public hearing shall be held by the District within thirty (30) days after publication of the Notice of Rulemaking Petition Public Hearing.
 - (ii) Not later than thirty (30) days following the date of the public hearing held pursuant to Section 9(c)(i) of this Rule, the District shall either i) initiate rulemaking proceedings, ii) otherwise comply

with the requested action, or iii) deny the petition with a written statement of its reasons for the denial.

1. If the District decides to initiate rulemaking it shall proceed with the rulemaking process as set forth in this Rule.
2. If the District decides to not initiate rulemaking or otherwise comply with the requested action, the District shall publish a statement of its reasons for not initiating rulemaking or otherwise complying with the requested action and of any changes it will make in the scope or application of the unadopted rule (the “**Notice of Denial of Rulemaking Petition**”). The Notice of Denial of Rulemaking Petition shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located.

- (d) Nothing in this Rule shall be construed as requiring the District to adopt, amend, or repeal a rule as initiated by petition.

(10) Public Hearing.

- (a) 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 of Rulemaking, 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. When a public hearing is held, the District shall ensure that staff is available to explain the proposed rule and to respond to questions or comments regarding the proposed rule. 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.
- (b) The District shall publish notice of the public hearing (“**Notice of Public Hearing**”) in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located, either in the text of the Notice of Rulemaking or in a separate publication at least seven (7) days before the scheduled public hearing. The Notice of Public Hearing shall include the following information:
- (i) The date, time, and location of the public hearing; and
 - (ii) The name, address, and telephone number of the District contact person who can provide information about the public hearing.

(11) Emergency Rule Adoption.

- (a) 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 or if the Legislature authorizes the District to adopt emergency rules. 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.
- (b) At the time or prior to the adoption of an emergency rule, the District shall post on its website a notice regarding its adoption of the emergency rule (the “**Notice of Emergency Rule**”) which includes the specific facts and reasons for finding an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare and its reasons for concluding that procedure used is fair under the circumstances. The Notice of Emergency Rule shall thereafter be promptly published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located, and shall include the following information:
 - (i) The full text of the rule(s); and
 - (ii) The District’s findings of immediate danger, necessity, and procedural fairness or a citation to the grant of emergency rulemaking authority.
- (c) An emergency rule shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the District, or on a date less than twenty (20) days thereafter if specified in the emergency rule if the District finds that a later effective date is necessary because of immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare. An emergency rule may not be effective for a period of more than ninety (90) days after adoption and may not be renewable, unless the District has initiated rulemaking to adopt rules addressing the subject of the emergency rule and either i) a challenge to the proposed rules has been filed and remains pending or ii) the proposed rules are awaiting ratification by the Legislature, if applicable. Nothing in this paragraph prohibits the District from adopting a rule identical to the emergency rule through the non-emergency rulemaking procedures set forth in this Rule.
 - (i) If an emergency rule is being renewed in accordance with Section 11(d) of this Rule, notice of the renewal of the emergency rule (the “**Notice of Renewal of Emergency Rule**”) shall be published before the expiration of the existing emergency rule. The Notice of Renewal of Emergency Rule shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located and shall include the specific facts and reasons for such renewal.

- (ii) For emergency rules with an effective period of longer than ninety (90) days which are intended to replace an existing rule, the Rulemaking Record for the existing rule, as required by Section 13 of this Rule, shall specifically identify the emergency rule that is intended to supersede the existing rule as well as the date that the emergency rule was adopted by the District.
- (d) The District may supersede an emergency rule in effect through the adoption of another emergency rule before the superseded rule expires. The District shall post on its website and publish a Notice of Emergency Rule, in accordance with Section 11(b) of this Rule, identifying the reason for adopting the superseding rule. The superseding rule shall not be in effect longer than the duration of the effective period of the superseded rule.
- (e) The District may make technical changes to an emergency rule within the first seven (7) days after the rule is adopted, and such changes shall be published in a Notice of Correction as set forth in Section 6(a) of this Rule.
- (f) The District may repeal an emergency rule before it expires by publishing a notice (“**Notice of Repeal of Emergency Rule**”) in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located. The Notice of Repeal of Emergency Rule shall include the following information:
 - (i) The full text of the emergency rule and a summary thereof;
 - (ii) The rule number; and
 - (iii) A short and plain explanation as to why the conditions specified in the Notice of Emergency Rule no longer require the emergency rule.
- (12) 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 within the county or counties in which the District is located.
- (13) Rulemaking Record. In all rulemaking proceedings, the District shall compile and maintain a rulemaking record (“**Rulemaking Record**”) which shall be on file with the District at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the proposed adoption date of the rule. The Rulemaking Record shall include, as applicable:
 - (a) A copy of the rule;
 - (b) Any material incorporated by reference in the rule;

- (c) A detailed written statement of the facts and circumstances justifying the proposed rule;
- (d) Any SERC for the rule, if required by Section 120.54(3)(b)1. of the Florida Statutes or otherwise prepared, and any information created or used by the District in determining whether a SERC is required;
- (e) A statement of the extent to which the proposed rule relates to federal standards on rules on the same subject;
- (f) The Notice of Rule Development, Notice of Rulemaking, and notice(s) of any workshops held pursuant to Section 8 of this Rule; and
- (g) If an emergency rule is intended to supersede an existing rule, the emergency rule number and the date that the emergency rule was adopted by the District.

(14) Petitions to Challenge Rules.

- (a) Any person substantially affected by a proposed or existing 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.
 - (i) A petition alleging the invalidity of a proposed rule shall be filed within twenty-one (21) days after the date of publication of Notice of Rulemaking, within ten (10) days after the final public hearing is held on the proposed rule; within twenty (20) days after the SERC or revised SERC has been prepared and made available as provided in Section 120.541(1)(d) of the Florida Statutes, if applicable; or within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of the Notice of Rule Withdrawal required by Section 7(c) of this Rule.
 - (ii) A petition alleging the invalidity of an existing rule may be filed at any time during which the rule is in effect.
- (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 proposed or existing rule is substantially affected by it. A person who is not substantially affected by the proposed rule as initially noticed, but who is substantially affected by the rule as a result of a change, may challenge any provision of the resulting proposed rule.

- (c) The petition shall be filed with the District. Within ten (10) days after receiving the petition, or seven (7) days if the challenge relates to an emergency rule, 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 thirty (30) days thereafter, or fourteen (14) days if the challenge relates to an emergency rule, 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) At the hearing, 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.
- (e) Hearings held under this section shall be de novo in nature. For proposed rules, the petitioner has the burden to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that it would be substantially affected by the proposed rule, and the District has the burden to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the proposed rule is not an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority as to the objections raised. For existing rules, 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. During the hearing, 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) Within thirty (30) days after the hearing, or fourteen (14) days of the challenge relate to an emergency rule, the hearing officer shall render a decision and state the reasons therefor in writing. The hearing officer's order shall be considered final agency action. The hearing officer may declare all or part of a proposed or existing rule invalid. For a proposed rule, the proposed rule or provision thereof declared invalid shall not be adopted unless the decision of the hearing officer is reversed on appeal. In

the event part of a proposed rule is declared invalid, the District may, in its sole discretion, withdraw the proposed rule in its entirety. For an existing rule, the rule or part thereof declared invalid shall become void when the time for filing an appeal expires. In the event that a proposed or existing rule has been declared invalid in whole or part, the District shall promptly publish notice of such occurrence published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located.

- (15) 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. The District shall maintain a record of the type and disposition of each petition filed.

(16) Review of Adopted Rules.

- (a) By January 1, 2026, District staff shall prepare a report that summarizes the District's existing rules anticipated to be reviewed during the current fiscal year, if any, and the recommended action on each rule (the "**Existing Rule Review Report**"). The Existing Rule Review Report shall be presented to the District's Board at a noticed Board meeting as soon as practicable after preparation by District staff. District staff shall continue to annually prepare an updated Existing Rule Review Report by January 1 of each year until all District rules have been reviewed. The District is not bound to review its existing rules in accordance with the schedule set forth in an Existing Rule Review Report, but is required to complete the review of at least twenty (20%) percent of its existing rules per year until all existing rules have been reviewed in accordance with this Section. In any event, all existing rules of the District shall be reviewed by July 1, 2030.
- (b) Any new rule adopted after July 1, 2025, must be reviewed in the fifth year following adoption. Such review must be completed before the day that marks the sixth year since the adoption of the rule.
- (c) In conducting its rule review process, the District shall determine whether each rule:
 - (i) Is a valid exercise of delegated legislative authority;
 - (ii) Has current statutory authority;
 - (iii) Reiterates or paraphrases statutory material;
 - (iv) Is in proper form;
 - (v) Is consistent with expressed legislative intent pertaining to the specific provisions of law which the rule implements;
 - (vi) Requires a technical or substantive update to reflect current use; and

- (vii) Requires updated references to statutory citations and incorporated materials.
- (d) By April 1 of each year in which a rule review is being undertaken, the District shall adopt a resolution evidencing the completion of rule review and authorizing one of the following actions relative to its rule review (the **“Rule Review Resolution”**):
 - (i) If the District determines that no change is necessary, the District Rule Review Resolution shall include the following information:
 - 1. A copy of the reviewed rule;
 - 2. A written statement of its intended action; and
 - 3. Its assessment of factors specified in Section 16(c) of this Rule.
 - (ii) If the District determines that one or more technical changes are necessary, the District Rule Review Resolution shall include the following information:
 - 1. A copy of the reviewed rule and the recommended technical change or changes coded by underlining new text and striking through deleted text;
 - 2. A written statement of its intended action;
 - 3. Its assessment of the factors specified in Section 16(c) of this Rule; and
 - 4. The facts and circumstances justifying the technical change or changes to the reviewed rule.
 - (iii) If the District determines that the rule requires a substantive change, the District shall promptly initiate rulemaking in accordance with this Rule to make all changes, including any technical changes, and the District Rule Review Resolution shall include the following information:
 - 1. A copy of the reviewed rule;
 - 2. The recommended change or changes coded by underlining new text and striking through deleted text;
 - 3. A written statement of its intended action; and

4. Its assessment of factors specified in Section 16(c) of this Rule.
- (iv) If the District determines that the rule should be repealed, the District shall promptly initiate the repeal the rule in accordance with this Rule, and the District Rule Review Resolution shall include the following information:
 1. A written statement of its intended action; and
 2. Its assessment of factors specified in subsection 16(c) of this Rule.
 - (e) The rule review is completed upon the District’s adoption of the Rule Review Resolution and, if there is a substantive change or repeal of a rule approved the Board, the timely commencement of the rulemaking or rule repeal process set forth in this Rule. Promptly after completion of the rule review, the District shall publish a notice of the completed rule review (“**Notice of Completed Rule Review**”) in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located. The Notice of Completed Rule Review shall identify the action taken by the District with respect to the reviewed rule.
- (17) Rates, Fees, Rentals and Other Charges. All rates, fees, rentals, or other charges shall be subject to rulemaking proceedings.

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

Law Implemented: §§ 120.54, 120.542, 120.5435, 120.56, 120.81(2)(b), 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 within the county or counties in which the District is located 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 proposers by e-mail (with a delivery and read receipt), United States Mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service. The District may alternatively post the notice of intent to award on its website at the conclusion of the Board meeting where the proposals were evaluated if so provided for in the Request for Qualifications. 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. “**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. 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) Establishment of Auditor Selection Committee. Prior to a public announcement under section (3) 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.
- (2) Establishment of Minimum Qualifications and Evaluation Criteria. Prior to a public announcement under section (3) 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.

- (3) **Public Announcement.** After identifying the factors to be used in evaluating the proposals for Auditing Services as set forth in section (2) 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 within the county or counties in which the District is located. The public announcement shall allow for at least seven (7) days for the submission of proposals.
- (4) **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, which may be submitted either electronically or via hard copy as determined by the District and provided for in the RFP. For the avoidance of doubt, the Proposals shall not be required to be publicly opened at the date, time, and place provided for in the RFP relative to the submission of Proposals.

- (5) 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 (2)(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.
- (6) 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.

- (7) 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.
- (8) 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 e-mail (with a delivery and read receipt), United States Mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service. The District may alternatively post the notice of intent to award on its website at the conclusion of the Board meeting where the proposals were evaluated if so provided for in the RFP. 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 county or counties in which the District is located. 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 proposers by e-mail (with a delivery and read receipt), United States Mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service. The District may alternatively post the notice of intent to award on its website at the conclusion of the Board meeting where the proposals were evaluated if so provided for in the Invitation to Bid. 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 county or counties in which the project 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 e-mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, 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) 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.

- (k) Notice of intent to pre-qualify, including rejection of some or all qualifications, shall be provided in writing to all proposers by e-mail (with a delivery and read receipt), United States Mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service. The District may alternatively post the notice of intent to award on its website at the conclusion of the Board meeting where the proposals were evaluated if so provided for in the Request for Qualifications. 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.

(2) 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 within the county or counties 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 e-mail (with a delivery and read receipt), United States Mail, hand delivery, 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 e-mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or 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) 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.
- (k) 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.

- (1) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses, shall be provided in writing to all proposers by e-mail (with a delivery and read receipt), United States Mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service. The District may alternatively post the notice of intent to award on its website at the conclusion of the Board meeting where the proposals were evaluated if so provided for in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation. 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.
- (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 within the county in which the project 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 e-mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, 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 proposers by e-mail (with a delivery and read receipt), United States Mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service. The District may alternatively post the notice of intent to award on its website at the conclusion of

the Board meeting where the proposals were evaluated if so provided for in the Design Criteria Package. 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 shall require that the contractor, before commencing the work, execute and record a payment and performance bond, or other acceptable surety, 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 or counties 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 e-mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
 - (d) If the District has pre-qualified suppliers of goods, supplies, and materials, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
 - (e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:
 - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, reply, or response preparation or submittal from the District.
- (i) The Board may require bidders and proposers to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
- (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses shall be provided in writing to all proposers by e-mail (with a delivery and read receipt), United States Mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service. The District may alternatively post the notice of intent to award on its website at the conclusion of the Board meeting where the proposals were evaluated if so provided for in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation. 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 county or counties 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 e-mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, 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 proposers by e-mail (with a delivery and read receipt), United States Mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service. The District may alternatively post the notice of intent to award on its website at the conclusion of the Board meeting where the proposals were evaluated if so provided for in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation. 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 or after posting on the District's website if so provided for in 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 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 and form 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 e-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 e-mail (with a delivery and read receipt), 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) 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.
- (6) Judicial Review. A party who is adversely affected by final District action is entitled to judicial review. Judicial review shall be sought in the county where the District is located. All proceedings shall be instituted by filing a notice of appeal or petition for review in accordance with the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure within thirty (30) calendar days after the rendition of the decision being appealed. The filing of an appeal does not itself stay enforcement of the final District decision. Judicial review of any District action shall be confined to the record transmitted. The record for judicial review shall be compiled in accordance with the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. Failure to file a notice of appeal or petition for review within the time prescribed herein shall constitute a waiver of judicial review proceedings.
- (7) Intervenors. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings.
- (8) 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: §§ 120.69(2)(a), 190.033, Fla. Stat.

Rule 4.0 Effective Date.

These Rules shall be effective March 4, 2026, except that no election of officers required by these Rules shall be required until after the next regular election for the Board.

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

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

SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NOS. 1-10

Tradition Town Hall

10799 SW Civic Lane

REGULAR BOARD MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING

June 3, 2026

10:30 a.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Board Meeting of the Southern Grove Community Development District Nos. 1-10 of June 3, 2026, was called to order at 10:30 a.m. in the Tradition Town Hall located at 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987.

B. PROOF OF PUBLICATION

Proof of publication was presented that showed notice of the Regular Board Meeting had been published in the *St. Lucie News Tribune* on May 22, 2026, as legally required.

C. ESTABLISH A QUORUM

It was determined that the attendance of the following Supervisors constituted a quorum in all Districts and it was in order to proceed with the meeting.

CDD #'s 1,2,9 (P: present, Zm:Zoom, Abs: Absent)

Melissa Stevens	Present
Bill Pittsley – Vice Chair	Present
Bianca Magloire - Chair	Present
Tara Toto	Present
Tony Piscopo	Present

CDD # 3

Melissa Stevens	Present
Bianca Magloire - Chair	Present
Kevin Matyjaszek	Present
Tony Piscopo	Present
Jennifer Davis – Vice Chair	Present

CDD # 4

Kevin Matyjaszek	Present
Jennifer Davis – Chair	Present
Tony Piscopo	Present
(2) Vacant Seats (1 & 3)	

CDD # 5

Bill Pittsley – Chair	Present
Bianca Magloire - Vice Chair	Present

Chandre Casey	Present
Judith Bergollo	Present
(2) Vacant Seats (1 & 3)	

CDD # 6

Kevin Matyjaszek	Present
Jennifer Davis - Chair	Present
Tony Piscopo - Vice Chair	Present
(2) Vacant Seats (1 & 3)	

CDD #'s 7,8,10

Kevin Matyjaszek	Present
Jennifer Davis - Chair	Present
Peter Crane	Absent
Stephen Okiye - Vice Chair	Present
Kristina Ciuperber	Present

STAFF

District Managers: Frank Sakuma / Michael McElligott/ Stephanie Brown

District Counsel: Jonathan Johnson (Kutak Rock LLP)

District Engineer: Stef Matthes (Culpepper & Terpening)

District Development Coordinator: John Gallagher

D. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Deletion/Public Hearing – Revised Rules of Procedure (CDD 4&6)

Addition/Resolution No. 2026-35 – Resetting Public Hearing Revised Rules of Procedure (CDDs 4&6)

E. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR DISTRICT ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Drew Wesley – voiced his concern regarding the condition and of the Heart sculpture located in the Southern Grove CDDs.

F. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2026-35 – RESETTING PUBLIC HEARING ON REVISED RULE OF PROCEDURE (CDDs 4&6)

Resolution 2026-35 was presented entitled:

RESOLUTION 2026-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 4 TO RESET 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**

A **motion** was made by CDD No. 4, Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Matyjaszek, adopting Resolution 2026-35, as presented, Resetting the Public Hearing on Revised Rules of Procedure for August 5, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. The **motion** passed **3-0**.

RESOLUTION 2026-35

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 6
TO RESET 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**

A **motion** was made by CDD No. 6, Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Matyjaszek, adopting Resolution 2026-35 as presented, Resetting the Public Hearing on Revised Rules of Procedure for August 5, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. The **motion** passed **3-0**.

At 10:38 a.m., concurrent with the recess of the Regular Board Meeting, the Public Hearing on the Uniform Method of Collection, the Regular Board meeting was convened.

G. PUBLIC HEARING – UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTION (CDDs 7,8 & 10)

1. Proof of Publication

Proof of publication was presented that showed notice of the Public Hearing on the Uniform Method of Collection had been published in the *St. Lucie News Tribune* on 5/6/2026, 5/13/2026, 5/20/2026 and 5/27/2026 as legally required.

2. Receive Public Comments on Uniform Method of Collection

There were no comments from the public.

3. Consider Resolution No. 2026-31 – Adopting Uniform Method of Collection

Resolution No. 2026-31 was presented entitled:

RESOLUTION 2026-31

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 7 EXPRESSING ITS INTENT TO
UTILIZE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF LEVYING, COLLECTING, AND
ENFORCING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS WHICH MAY BE LEVIED BY**

THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 7 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 197.3632, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Johnson provided an overview of the Uniform Method of Collection Resolution and was available to answer any questions from the Board.

A **motion** was made by Southern Grove CDD Nos. 7, 8 and 10, Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Ciuperber, adopting Resolution 2026-31 Method of Collection as presented. The **motion** passed **5-0**.

At 10:40 a.m., concurrent with the closure of the Public Hearing on the Uniform Method of Collection, the Regular Board meeting was reconvened.

H. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Consider May 6, 2026, Regular Board Meeting & Public Hearing Minutes

A **motion** was made by SG CDD No. 1 Mr. Pittsley, seconded by Ms. Magloire, approving the above Consent Agenda Item as presented. The **motion** passed **5-0**.

I. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the Board.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Resolution No. 2026-32 – Adopting a Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Proposed Budget

Resolution 2026-32 was presented entitled:

RESOLUTION 2026-32

[FY 2026/2027 BUDGET APPROVAL RESOLUTION]

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 APPROVING PROPOSED BUDGET(S) FOR FY 2026/2027; SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON AND DIRECTING PUBLICATION; ADDRESSING TRANSMITTAL AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS; ADDRESSING SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

A **motion** was made by Southern Grove CDD Nos. 1,2 & 9, Mr. Pittsley, seconded by Ms. Stevens, adopting Resolution 2026-32 Approving Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Proposed Budget as presented, setting the Public Hearing for August 5, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. The **motion** passed **5-0**.

A **motion** was made by Southern Grove **CDD No. 3**, Mr. Piscopo, seconded by Ms. Magloire, adopting Resolution 2026-32 Approving Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Proposed Budget as presented, setting the Public Hearing for August 5, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. The **motion** passed **5-0**.

A **motion** was made by Southern Grove **CDD No. 4**, Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Matyjaszek, adopting Resolution 2026-32 Approving Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Proposed Budget as presented, setting the Public Hearing for August 5, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. The **motion** passed **3-0**.

A **motion** was made by Southern Grove **CDD No. 5**, Mr. Pittsley, seconded by Ms. Casey, adopting Resolution 2026-32 Approving Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Proposed Budget as presented, setting the Public Hearing for August 5, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. The **motion** passed **4-0**.

A **motion** was made by Southern Grove **CDD No. 6**, Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Matyjaszek, adopting Resolution 2026-32 Approving Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Proposed Budget as presented, setting the Public Hearing for August 5, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. The **motion** passed **3-0**.

A **motion** was made by Southern Grove **CDD Nos. 7, 8 & 10**, Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Ciuperber, adopting Resolution 2026-32 Approving Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Proposed Budget as presented, setting the Public Hearing for August 5, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. The **motion** passed **4-0**.

2. Consider Approval of Work Authorization No. WA-19-144-261 – TCC Tract – Irrigation (CDD 1)

A **motion** was made by Southern Grove CDD No. 1, Mr. Pittsley, seconded by Ms. Stevens, approving Work Authorization No. WA-19-144-261 TCC Tract – Irrigation as presented. The **motion** passed **5-0**.

3. Consider Approval of Work Authorization No. WA-19-144-261 – Belterra Phase 2 – Plat 1 (CDD 1)

A **motion** was made by Southern Grove CDD No. 1, Mr. Pittsley, seconded by Ms. Stevens, approving Work Authorization No. WA-19-144-262 Belterra Phase 2 – Plat 1 as presented. The **motion** passed **5-0**.

4. Discussion Regarding Landowner Request for Boundary Amendment (CDD 3)

District Counsel Jonathan Johnson explained that 39 acres would be removed from the boundaries of Southern Grove CDD No. 3 as a part of the boundary amendment. Mr. Johnson answered questions from the Board.

5. Consider Approval of Boundary Amendment Funding Agreement (CDD 3)

A **motion** was made by CDD No. 3, Ms. Magloire, seconded by Ms. Stevens, approving the Boundary Amendment Funding Agreement in substantial final form. The **motion** passed **5-0**.

6. Consider Resolution No. 2026-33 – Authorizing Boundary Amendment (CDD 3)

Resolution 2026-03 was presented entitled:

RESOLUTION 2026-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 3 DIRECTING THE CHAIRMAN AND DISTRICT STAFF TO FILE A PETITION WITH THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE PASSAGE OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DISTRICT'S BOUNDARIES, AND AUTHORIZING SUCH OTHER ACTIONS AS ARE NECESSARY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE BOUNDARY AMENDMENT PROCESS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A **motion** was made by CDD No. 3, Ms. Magloire, seconded by Mr. Piscopo, adopting Resolution 2026-33, Authorizing Boundary Amendment as presented. The **motion** passed **5-0**.

7. Consider Resolution No. 2026-34 – Ratifying Series 2026 Bonds (CDD 5)

Resolution 2026-34 was presented entitled:

RESOLUTION 2026-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 5 RATIFYING, CONFIRMING, AND APPROVING THE SALE OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 5 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS, SERIES 2026 (COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE); RATIFYING, CONFIRMING, AND APPROVING THE ACTIONS OF THE CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN, TREASURER, SECRETARY, ASSISTANT SECRETARIES, AND ALL DISTRICT STAFF REGARDING THE SALE AND CLOSING OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 5 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS, SERIES 2026 (COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE); DETERMINING SUCH ACTIONS AS BEING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORIZATION GRANTED BY THE BOARD; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A **motion** was made by CDD No. 5, Mr. Pittsley, seconded by Ms. Bianca, adopting Resolution 2026-34 Ratifying Series 2026 Bonds as presented. The **motion** passed **4-0**.

K. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Manager's Report

Mr. Sakuma reminded Board Members to file their Form 1 by July 1, 2026.

2. Attorney's Report

There was no Attorney's Report.

3. Engineer's Report

There was no Engineer's Report.

4. Financial Report

Mr. Sakuma notified the Board that the financial report was provided in the meeting package, and Mr. McElligott was available to answer any questions.

5. Founder's Report

There was no Founder's Report.

L. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no further Board Member comments.

M. ADJOURNMENT/RECESS

At 10:57 a.m. the CDD No. 1 Regular Board Meeting was recessed and announced that the meeting would reconvene today (June 3, 2026) at the conclusion of the Tradition CDD Nos. 1-11 regular board meeting at the same location to complete vendor rankings.

There being no further business to come before the Boards of SG CDD Nos. 2-10, Ms. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Pittsley, made a **motion** to adjourn. The meeting for districts 2-10 was adjourned at 10:57 a.m. with no objections.

At 12:12 p.m. the CDD No. 1 Regular Board Meeting was reconvened to move forward with consideration of the landscape contractor.

8. Consider Selection of Landscape Contractor (CDD 1)

After the board completed their review and ranking of landscape vendors, a **motion** was made by CDD No. 1, Ms. Magloire, seconded by Mr. Pittsley, authorizing staff to negotiate a contract with CPM, the top ranked firm. The **motion** passed **5-0**.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, SG CDD No. 1 Ms. Magloire, seconded by Mr. Pittsley, made a **motion** to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m. with no objections.

Chair/Vice-Chair

Secretary (B. Frank Sakuma, Jr.)

Print Name

**Southern Grove Community Development District
BOARD AGENDA ITEM
Board Meeting Date: August 5, 2026**

Subject: SG – Tradition Chili’s - IRR
Work Authorization No. WA-19-144-272
C&T Project No. 19-144.SG3.026.0726.I

Background:

On July 7, 2026, the Southern Grove CDD Engineer received Work Authorization application for an irrigation system for the “Tradition Chili’s” project located on parcel 4335-600-0005-000-8. The applicant is seeking approval to irrigate the 1.37-acre site.

Recommended Action:

Approve proposed project connecting to the Southern Grove Master Stormwater System under the following conditions:

1. Responding to the outstanding Request for Additional Information to the CDD Engineer’s satisfaction.

Location: Southern Grove Community Development District CDD.3

Within Tradition Irrigation Service Area? No

Fiscal Information: This project is not expected to impact the CDD Stormwater System operational budget.

Grant Related? No

Additional Comments: None

Board Action:

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Action Taken:

Item Prepared by: Stefan K. Matthes, PE

July 20, 2026



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SG - Tradition Chili's - Irr
WA#: 19-144-272
Project #: 19-144.SG3.026.0726.I

Legend

-  Subject Property
-  Other Parcels



**CULPEPPER &
TERPENING INC**

Work Authorization #:
19-144-272
Project #:
19-144.SG3.026.0726.I
Scale: 1" = 2,000'
Date: 7/17/2026

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EXHIBIT 1 SG - TRADITION CHILI'S - IRR SITE LOCATION MAP

**Southern Grove Community Development District
BOARD AGENDA ITEM
Board Meeting Date: August 5, 2026**

Subject: **SG - Chili's Tradition - Parcel E of the SG8 Development - SWM**
 Work Authorization No. WA-19-144-263
 C&T Project No. 19-144.SG3.026.0526.W SG

Background:

On May 26, 2026, the Southern Grove CDD Engineer received Surface Water Management Work Authorization application for the "Chili's Tradition - Parcel E of the SG8 Development" project. This proposed development is 5,763 SF Chili's Restaurant along with accompanying parking spaces and drainage infrastructure that will be located on Parcel E of the Planned SG8 development in Southern Grove. The Parcel ID for the proposed project is 4335-600-0005-000-8.

Recommended Action:

Approve proposed project connecting to the Southern Grove Master Stormwater System under the following conditions:

1. Responding to the outstanding Request for Additional Information to the CDD Engineer's satisfaction.

Location: Southern Grove Community Development District CDD.3

Within Tradition Irrigation Service Area? No

Fiscal Information: This project is not expected to impact the CDD Stormwater System operational budget.

Grant Related? No

Additional Comments: None

Board Action:

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Action Taken:

Item Prepared by: Stefan K. Matthes, PE

June 15, 2026



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SG - Tradition Chili's - Irr
WA#: 19-144-272
Project #: 19-144.SG3.026.0726.I

Legend

-  Subject Property
-  Other Parcels



**CULPEPPER &
TERPENING INC**

Work Authorization #:
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EXHIBIT 1 SG - TRADITION CHILI'S - IRR SITE LOCATION MAP

**Southern Grove Community Development District
BOARD AGENDA ITEM
Board Meeting Date: August 5, 2026**

Subject: **SG – Southern Grove 8 – Apartments - IRR**
Work Authorization No. WA-19-144-267
C&T Project No. 19-144.SG3.025.0626.I SG

Background:

On June 17, 2026, the Southern Grove CDD Engineer received Work Authorization application for an irrigation system for the “Southern Grove 8 Apartments” project located on parcel 4335-600-0006-000-5. The applicant is proposing surface water withdrawal for irrigation purposes from Lake 13A which is located onsite.

Recommended Action:

Approve proposed project connecting to the Southern Grove Master Stormwater System under the following conditions:

1. Responding to the outstanding Request for Additional Information to the CDD Engineer’s satisfaction.

Location: Southern Grove Community Development District CDD.3

Within Tradition Irrigation Service Area? No

Fiscal Information: This project is not expected to impact the CDD Stormwater System operational budget.

Grant Related? No

Additional Comments: None

Board Action:

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Action Taken:

Item Prepared by: Stefan K. Matthes, PE

July 14, 2026



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SG - Southern Grove 8 - Apartments -Irrigation
WA#: 19-144-XX
Project #:19-144.SG3.025.0626.I

Legend

-  Subject Property
-  Other Parcels

Work Authorization #:
19-144-XX
Project #:
19-144.SG3.025.0626.I
Scale: 1" = 1,000'
Date: 7/5/2026

EXHIBIT 1 SG - SOUTHERN GROVE 8 - APARTMENTS -IRRIGATION SITE LOCATION MAP



**CULPEPPER &
TERPENING INC**

**Southern Grove Community Development District
BOARD AGENDA ITEM
Board Meeting Date: August 5, 2026**

Subject: **SG - Taco Bell - SG-8 - Parcel D - SWM**
Work Authorization No. WA-19-144-268
C&T Project No. 19-144.SG3.027.0626.W

Background:

On June 17, 2026, the Southern Grove CDD Engineer received Surface Water Management Work Authorization application for the “**Taco Bell - SG-8 - Parcel D**” project. This proposed 0.85-acre Taco bell facility will include a drive thru order point with a bypass lane. The Parcel ID for the proposed project is 4335-600-0004-000-1 and it is located on 8601 SW Becker Rd.

Recommended Action:

Approve proposed project connecting to the Southern Grove Master Stormwater System under the following conditions:

1. Responding to the outstanding Request for Additional Information to the CDD Engineer’s satisfaction.

Location: Southern Grove Community Development District CDD.3

Within Tradition Irrigation Service Area? No

Fiscal Information: This project is not expected to impact the CDD Stormwater System operational budget.

Grant Related? No

Additional Comments: None

Board Action:

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Action Taken:

Item Prepared by: Stefan K. Matthes, PE

July 7, 2026



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SG - Taco Bell - SG-8 - Parcel D - SWM
WA#: 19-144-268
Project #:19-144.SG3.027.0626.W

Legend

-  Subject Property
-  Other Parcels



**CULPEPPER &
TERPENING INC**

Work Authorization #:
19-144-268
Project #:
19-144.SG3.027.0626.W
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EXHIBIT 1
SG - TACO BELL - SG-8
- PARCEL D - SWM
SITE LOCATION MAP

**Southern Grove Community Development District
BOARD AGENDA ITEM
Board Meeting Date: August 5, 2026**

Subject: **SG - Tambone SG 7.36 Acres Turn Lane - RW**
 Work Authorization No. WA-19-144-271
 C&T Project No. 19-144.SG10.11.0626.W

Background:

On June 30, 2026, the Southern Grove CDD Engineer received a Right-Of-Way Work Authorization application for the “Tambone SG 7.36 Acres Turn Lane” project. The applicant is seeking approval to add a right turn lane to serve the proposed Tombone SG 7.36 Acre parcel.

Recommended Action:

Approve proposed project connecting to the Southern Grove Master Stormwater System under the following conditions:

1. Responding to the outstanding Request for Additional Information to the CDD Engineer's satisfaction.

Location: Southern Grove Community Development District CDD.10

Within Tradition Irrigation Service Area? No

Fiscal Information: This project is not expected to impact the CDD Stormwater System operational budget.

Grant Related? No

Additional Comments: None

Board Action:

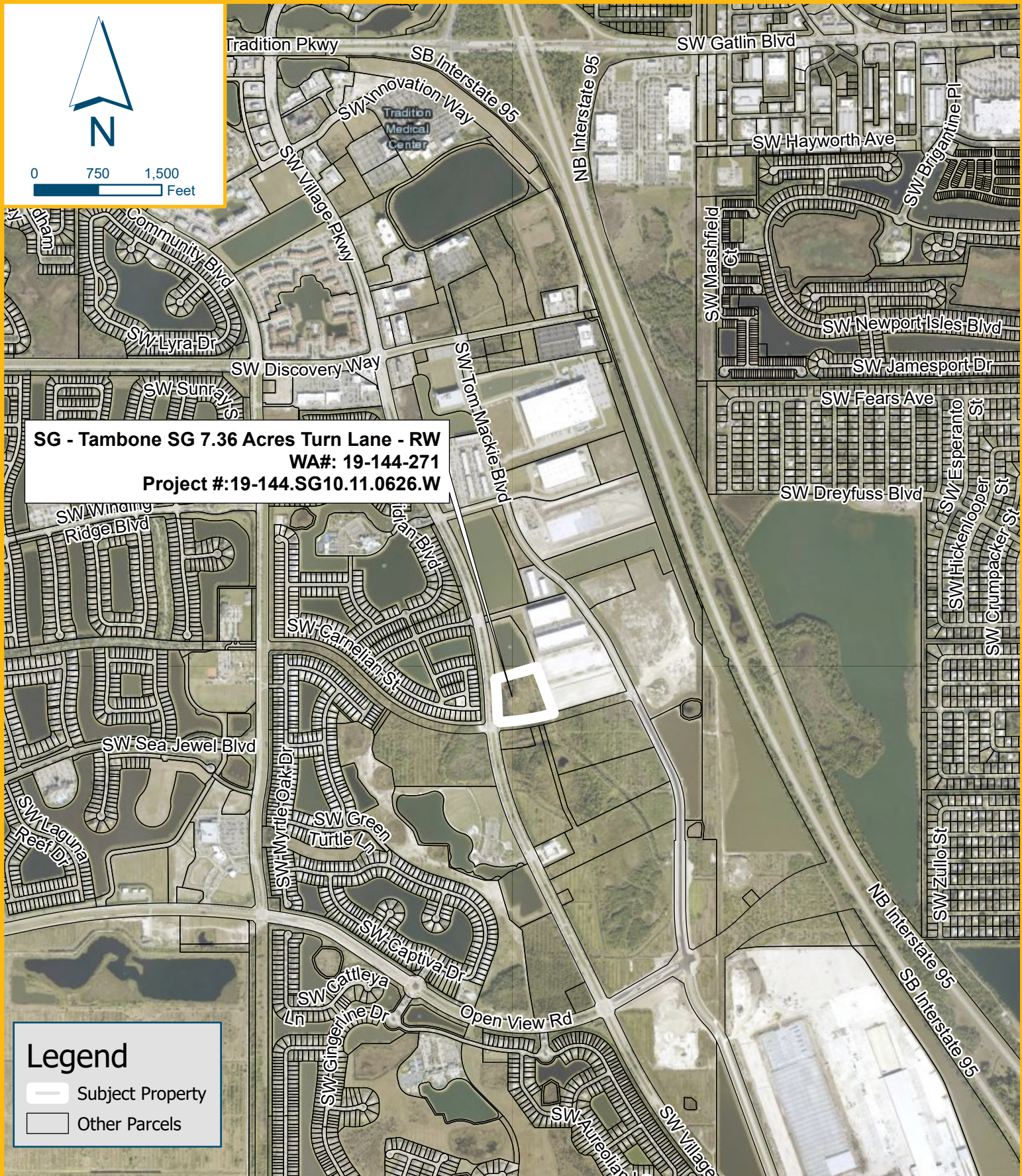
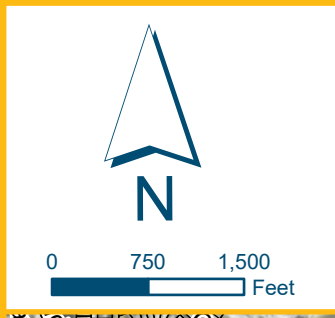
Moved by:

Seconded by:

Action Taken:

Item Prepared by: Stefan K. Matthes, PE

July 14, 2026



SG - Tambone SG 7.36 Acres Turn Lane - RW
WA#: 19-144-271
Project #:19-144.SG10.11.0626.W

Legend

- Subject Property
- Other Parcels

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**CULPEPPER &
TERPENING INC**

Work Authorization #:
19-144-271
Project #:
19-144.SG10.11.0626.W
Scale: 1" = 1,500'
Date: 7/5/2026

EXHIBIT 1
SG - TAMBONE SG 7.36
ACRES TURN LANE - RW
SITE LOCATION MAP

**Southern Grove Community Development District
BOARD AGENDA ITEM
Board Meeting Date: August 5, 2026**

Subject: **SG – Discount Tire - Parcel B - Southern Grove Commercial - SWM**
Work Authorization No. WA-19-144-269
C&T Project No. 19-144.SG3.028.0626.W

Background:

On June 23, 2026, the Southern Grove CDD Engineer received Surface Water Management Work Authorization application for the “Discount Tire - Parcel B - Southern Grove Commercial”. The proposed 1-acre automotive repair & services development will include a 7,315 sq ft building along with a 2,234 sq ft of mezzanine tire storage space along with parking spaces & drainage infrastructure. The Parcel ID for the proposed project is 4335-600-0002-000-7 and is located on 8500 SW Becker Rd.

Recommended Action:

Approve proposed project connecting to the Southern Grove Master Stormwater System under the following conditions:

1. Responding to the outstanding Request for Additional Information to the CDD Engineer’s satisfaction.

Location: Southern Grove Community Development District CDD.3

Within Tradition Irrigation Service Area? No

Fiscal Information: This project is not expected to impact the CDD Stormwater System operational budget.

Grant Related? No

Additional Comments: None

Board Action:

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Action Taken:

Item Prepared by: Stefan K. Matthes, PE

July 14, 2026



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Feet

SG - Discount Tire - Parcel B - Southern Grove Commercial - SWM
WA#: 19-144-269
Project #: 19-144.SG3.028.0626.W

Legend

-  Subject Property
-  Other Parcels



**CULPEPPER &
TERPENING INC**

Work Authorization #:
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EXHIBIT 1
SG - DISCOUNT TIRE -
PARCEL B - SOUTHERN
GROVE COMMERCIAL -
SWM

**Southern Grove Community Development District
BOARD AGENDA ITEM
Board Meeting Date: August 5, 2026**

Subject: **SG – Discount Tire - Parcel B - Southern Grove Commercial - IRR**
Work Authorization No. WA-19-144-270
C&T Project No. 19-144.SG3.028.0626.I

Background:

On June 23, 2026, the Southern Grove CDD Engineer received Work Authorization application for an irrigation system for the “Discount Tire” project located on parcel 4335-600-0002-000-7. The applicant is seeking approval to irrigate the 1-acre site.

Recommended Action:

Approve proposed project connecting to the Southern Grove Master Stormwater System under the following conditions:

1. Responding to the outstanding Request for Additional Information to the CDD Engineer's satisfaction.

Location: Southern Grove Community Development District CDD.3

Within Tradition Irrigation Service Area? No

Fiscal Information: This project is not expected to impact the CDD Stormwater System operational budget.

Grant Related? No

Additional Comments: None

Board Action:

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Action Taken:

Item Prepared by: Stefan K. Matthes, PE

July 14, 2026



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Feet

SG - Discount Tire - Parcel B - Southern Grove Commercial - SWM
WA#: 19-144-269
Project #: 19-144.SG3.028.0626.W

Legend

-  Subject Property
-  Other Parcels



**CULPEPPER &
TERPENING INC**

Work Authorization #:
19-144-269
Project #:
19-144.SG3.028.0626.W
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EXHIBIT 1
SG - DISCOUNT TIRE -
PARCEL B - SOUTHERN
GROVE COMMERCIAL -
SWM

**Southern Grove Community Development District
BOARD AGENDA ITEM
Board Meeting Date: August 5, 2026**

Subject: **SG - Tresello SG4C - Clearing Phase 3a - SWM**
Work Authorization No. WA-19-144-265
C&T Project No. 19-144.SG3.024.0626.W

Background:

On June 22, 2026, the Southern Grove CDD Engineer received a Surface Water Management Work Authorization application for the “Tresello SG4C - Clearing Phase 3a” project. This phase of the proposed development will include the clearing of the 20.89-acre Tresello Phase 3 to stockpile about 385,000 cybic yards of the Lake excavation from Tresello Phase 1. The Parcel ID for the proposed project is 4327-702-0014-000-2 and it is located Northeast of the intersection of Becker Road and Community Blvd.

Recommended Action:

Approve proposed project connecting to the Southern Grove Master Stormwater System under the following conditions:

1. Responding to the outstanding Request for Additional Information to the CDD Engineer’s satisfaction.

Location: Southern Grove Community Development District CDD.3

Within Tradition Irrigation Service Area? No

Fiscal Information: This project is not expected to impact the CDD Stormwater System operational budget.

Grant Related? No

Additional Comments: None

Board Action:

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Action Taken:

Item Prepared by: Stefan K. Matthes, PE

July 14, 2026



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Feet

SG - Tresello SG4C - Clearing Phase 3a
WA#: 19-144-265
Project #: 19-144.SG3.024.0626.W

Legend

-  Subject Property
-  Other Parcels



**CULPEPPER &
TERPENING INC**

Work Authorization #:
19-144-265
Project #:
19-144.SG3.024.0626.W
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Date: 7/14/2026

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EXHIBIT 1
SG - TRESELLO SG4C -
CLEARING PHASE 3A
SITE LOCATION MAP

**Southern Grove Community Development District
BOARD AGENDA ITEM
Board Meeting Date: August 5, 2026**

Subject: **SG - Southern Grove Plat No. 51 - Plat
Work Authorization No. WA-19-144-264
C&T Project No. 19-144.SG5.057.0626.P**

Background:

On June 5, 2026, the Southern Grove CDD Engineer received a subdivision Plat application for “**Southern Grove Plat No. 51**”, a 5.655-acre lot located at 114500 SW Village Parkway. The applicant is seeking to subdivide the existing 5.655-acre parcel into three (3) parcels; Parcel 1 in the West (1.761 acres) & Parcel 2 in the middle (1.745 acres) & Parcel 3 in the East (2.149 acres). The Parcel ID for the existing lot is 4315-603-0002-000-4.

Recommended Action:

Approve proposed project connecting to the Southern Grove Master Stormwater System under the following conditions:

1. Responding to the outstanding Request for Additional Information to the CDD Engineer's satisfaction.

Location: Southern Grove Community Development District CDD.5

Within Tradition Irrigation Service Area? No

Fiscal Information: This project is not expected to impact the CDD Stormwater System operational budget.

Grant Related? No

Additional Comments: None

Board Action:

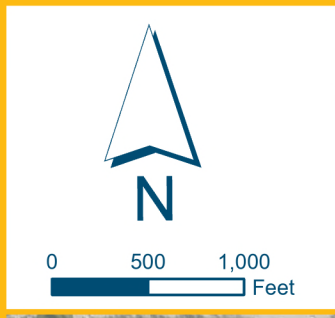
Moved by:

Seconded by:

Action Taken:

Item Prepared by: Stefan K. Matthes, PE

June 15, 2026



Legend

- Subject Property
- Other Parcels

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Work Authorization #:
19-144-264
Project #:
19-144.SG5.057.0626.P
Scale: 1" = 1,000'
Date: 6/10/2026

EXHIBIT 1
SG - SOUTHERN GROVE
PLAT NO. 51 - PLAT
SITE LOCATION MAP

**Southern Grove Community Development District
BOARD AGENDA ITEM
Board Meeting Date: August 5, 2026**

Subject: **SG - Southern Grove Plat 45 Lot 3 Fill - SWM**
Work Authorization No. WA-19-144-266
C&T Project No. 19-144.SG7.005.0626.W

Background:

On June 22, 2026, the Southern Grove CDD Engineer received a Surface Water Management Work Authorization application for the “**Southern Grove Plat 45 Lot 3 Fill**” project, a 19.49-acre lot located East of SW Village Parkway and North of SW Hegener Drive. This proposed development will only include lot grading, partially filling of the existing Lake 17a, and the installation of drainage infrastructure. The applicant is not currently proposing any impervious surface or building on the lot.
The Parcel ID for the proposed project is 4326-603-0006-000-6.

Recommended Action:

Approve proposed project connecting to the Southern Grove Master Stormwater System under the following conditions:

1. Responding to the outstanding Request for Additional Information to the CDD Engineer’s satisfaction.

Location: Southern Grove Community Development District CDD.7

Within Tradition Irrigation Service Area? No

Fiscal Information: This project is not expected to impact the CDD Stormwater System operational budget.

Grant Related? No

Additional Comments: None

Board Action:

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Action Taken:

Item Prepared by: Stefan K. Matthes, PE

July 13, 2026



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Feet

Southern Grove Plat 45 Lot 3 Fill - SWM
WA#: 19-144-266
Project #: 19-144.SG7.005.0626.W

Legend

-  Subject Property
-  Other Parcels



**CULPEPPER &
TERPENING INC**

Work Authorization #:
19-144-266
Project #:
19-144.SG7.005.0626.W
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Date: 7/14/2026

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EXHIBIT 1
SOUTHERN GROVE PLAT
45 LOT 3 FILL - SWM
SITE LOCATION MAP

RESOLUTION 2026-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2026-32 TO RESET THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Southern Grove Community Development District No. 1 (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, as amended, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (“Board”) previously adopted Resolution 2026-32, approving the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and setting public hearing on said approved budget, pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, for August 5, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to reset the public hearing to be held on September 2, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987, and has caused notices to be provided with the new public hearing information, to comply with the requirements of Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1:

SECTION 1. PUBLIC HEARING RESET. Resolution 2026-32 is hereby amended to reflect that the public hearing is reset to September 2, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987.

SECTION 2. RESOLUTION 2026-32 OTHERWISE REMAINS IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT. Except as otherwise provided herein, all of the provisions of Resolution 2026-32 continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or any part thereof.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and adoption by the Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of August, 2026.

ATTEST:

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**

Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2026-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 2 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2026-32 TO RESET THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Southern Grove Community Development District No. 2 (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, as amended, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (“Board”) previously adopted Resolution 2026-32, approving the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and setting public hearing on said approved budget, pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, for August 5, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to reset the public hearing to be held on September 2, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987, and has caused notices to be provided with the new public hearing information, to comply with the requirements of Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 2:

SECTION 1. PUBLIC HEARING RESET. Resolution 2026-32 is hereby amended to reflect that the public hearing is reset to September 2, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987.

SECTION 2. RESOLUTION 2026-32 OTHERWISE REMAINS IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT. Except as otherwise provided herein, all of the provisions of Resolution 2026-32 continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or any part thereof.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and adoption by the Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of August, 2026.

ATTEST:

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 2**

Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2026-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 3 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2026-32 TO RESET THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Southern Grove Community Development District No. 3 (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, as amended, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (“Board”) previously adopted Resolution 2026-32, approving the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and setting public hearing on said approved budget, pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, for August 5, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to reset the public hearing to be held on September 2, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987, and has caused notices to be provided with the new public hearing information, to comply with the requirements of Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 3:

SECTION 1. PUBLIC HEARING RESET. Resolution 2026-32 is hereby amended to reflect that the public hearing is reset to September 2, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987.

SECTION 2. RESOLUTION 2026-32 OTHERWISE REMAINS IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT. Except as otherwise provided herein, all of the provisions of Resolution 2026-32 continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or any part thereof.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and adoption by the Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of August, 2026.

ATTEST:

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 3**

Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2026-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 4 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2026-32 TO RESET THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Southern Grove Community Development District No. 4 (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, as amended, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (“Board”) previously adopted Resolution 2026-32, approving the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and setting public hearing on said approved budget, pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, for August 5, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to reset the public hearing to be held on September 2, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987, and has caused notices to be provided with the new public hearing information, to comply with the requirements of Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 4:

SECTION 1. PUBLIC HEARING RESET. Resolution 2026-32 is hereby amended to reflect that the public hearing is reset to September 2, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987.

SECTION 2. RESOLUTION 2026-32 OTHERWISE REMAINS IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT. Except as otherwise provided herein, all of the provisions of Resolution 2026-32 continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or any part thereof.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and adoption by the Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of August, 2026.

ATTEST:

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 4**

Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2026-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 5 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2026-32 TO RESET THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Southern Grove Community Development District No. 5 (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, as amended, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (“Board”) previously adopted Resolution 2026-32, approving the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and setting public hearing on said approved budget, pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, for August 5, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to reset the public hearing to be held on September 2, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987, and has caused notices to be provided with the new public hearing information, to comply with the requirements of Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 5:

SECTION 1. PUBLIC HEARING RESET. Resolution 2026-32 is hereby amended to reflect that the public hearing is reset to September 2, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987.

SECTION 2. RESOLUTION 2026-32 OTHERWISE REMAINS IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT. Except as otherwise provided herein, all of the provisions of Resolution 2026-32 continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or any part thereof.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and adoption by the Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of August, 2026.

ATTEST:

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 5**

Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2026-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 6 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2026-32 TO RESET THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Southern Grove Community Development District No. 6 (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, as amended, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (“Board”) previously adopted Resolution 2026-32, approving the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and setting public hearing on said approved budget, pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, for August 5, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to reset the public hearing to be held on September 2, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987, and has caused notices to be provided with the new public hearing information, to comply with the requirements of Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 6:

SECTION 1. PUBLIC HEARING RESET. Resolution 2026-32 is hereby amended to reflect that the public hearing is reset to September 2, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987.

SECTION 2. RESOLUTION 2026-32 OTHERWISE REMAINS IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT. Except as otherwise provided herein, all of the provisions of Resolution 2026-32 continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or any part thereof.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and adoption by the Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of August, 2026.

ATTEST:

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 6**

Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2026-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 7 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2026-32 TO RESET THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Southern Grove Community Development District No. 7 (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, as amended, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (“Board”) previously adopted Resolution 2026-32, approving the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and setting public hearing on said approved budget, pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, for August 5, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to reset the public hearing to be held on September 2, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987, and has caused notices to be provided with the new public hearing information, to comply with the requirements of Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 7:

SECTION 1. PUBLIC HEARING RESET. Resolution 2026-32 is hereby amended to reflect that the public hearing is reset to September 2, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987.

SECTION 2. RESOLUTION 2026-32 OTHERWISE REMAINS IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT. Except as otherwise provided herein, all of the provisions of Resolution 2026-32 continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or any part thereof.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and adoption by the Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of August, 2026.

ATTEST:

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 7**

Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2026-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 8 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2026-32 TO RESET THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Southern Grove Community Development District No. 8 (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, as amended, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (“Board”) previously adopted Resolution 2026-32, approving the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and setting public hearing on said approved budget, pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, for August 5, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to reset the public hearing to be held on September 2, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987, and has caused notices to be provided with the new public hearing information, to comply with the requirements of Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 8:

SECTION 1. PUBLIC HEARING RESET. Resolution 2026-32 is hereby amended to reflect that the public hearing is reset to September 2, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987.

SECTION 2. RESOLUTION 2026-32 OTHERWISE REMAINS IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT. Except as otherwise provided herein, all of the provisions of Resolution 2026-32 continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or any part thereof.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and adoption by the Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of August, 2026.

ATTEST:

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 8**

Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2026-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 9 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2026-32 TO RESET THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Southern Grove Community Development District No. 9 (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, as amended, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (“Board”) previously adopted Resolution 2026-32, approving the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and setting public hearing on said approved budget, pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, for August 5, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to reset the public hearing to be held on September 2, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987 , and has caused notices to be provided with the new public hearing information, to comply with the requirements of Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 9:

SECTION 1. PUBLIC HEARING RESET. Resolution 2026-32 is hereby amended to reflect that the public hearing is reset to September 2, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987.

SECTION 2. RESOLUTION 2026-32 OTHERWISE REMAINS IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT. Except as otherwise provided herein, all of the provisions of Resolution 2026-32 continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or any part thereof.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and adoption by the Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of August, 2026.

ATTEST:

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 9**

Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2026-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 10 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2026-32 TO RESET THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Southern Grove Community Development District No. 10 (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, as amended, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (“Board”) previously adopted Resolution 2026-32, approving the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and setting public hearing on said approved budget, pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, for August 5, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to reset the public hearing to be held on September 2, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987, and has caused notices to be provided with the new public hearing information, to comply with the requirements of Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 10:

SECTION 1. PUBLIC HEARING RESET. Resolution 2026-32 is hereby amended to reflect that the public hearing is reset to September 2, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradition Town Hall, 10799 SW Civic Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987.

SECTION 2. RESOLUTION 2026-32 OTHERWISE REMAINS IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT. Except as otherwise provided herein, all of the provisions of Resolution 2026-32 continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or any part thereof.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and adoption by the Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of August, 2026.

ATTEST:

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 10**

Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2026-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 DESIGNATING A DATE, TIME AND LOCATION FOR A LANDOWNERS' MEETING AND ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; ESTABLISHING FORMS FOR THE LANDOWNER ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Southern Grove Community Development District No. 1 (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within St. Lucie County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 190.006(1), *Florida Statutes*, the District's Board of Supervisors (the "Board") "shall exercise the powers granted to the district pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*," and the Board shall consist of five members; and

WHEREAS, the District is statutorily required to hold a meeting of the landowners of the District for the purpose of electing Board Supervisors for the District on a date in November established by the Board, which shall be noticed pursuant to Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1:

1. EXISTING BOARD SUPERVISORS; SEATS SUBJECT TO ELECTIONS. The Board is currently made up of the following individuals:

<u>Seat Number</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Term Expiration Date</u>
1	William Pittsley	2026
2	Bianca Magloire	2026
3	Melissa Stevens	2026
4	Tara Toto	2028
5	Tony Piscopo	2028

This year, Seat 1, currently held by William Pittsley, Seat 2, currently held by Bianca Magloire, and Seat 3, currently held by Melissa Stevens, are subject to election by landowners in November 2026. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. The candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. The term of office for each successful candidate shall commence upon election.

2. LANDOWNER'S ELECTION. In accordance with Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*, the meeting of the landowners to elect Board Supervisors of the District shall be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, at 10:30 a.m., and located at Tradition

Management Offices, 10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987.

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

4. **FORMS.** Pursuant to Section 190.006(2)(b), *Florida Statutes*, the landowners' meeting and election have been announced by the Board at its August 5, 2026 meeting. A sample notice of landowners' meeting and election, proxy, ballot form and instructions were presented at such meeting and are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Such documents are available for review and copying during normal business hours at the District's Local Records Office / District Manager's office, located at Special District Services, Inc., 10521 SW Village Center Dr., Suite #203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987.

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

6. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF AUGUST, 2026.

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**

ATTEST:

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

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

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING AND ELECTION AND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

Notice is hereby given to the public and all landowners within Southern Grove Community Development District No. 1 ("**District**") located within St. Lucie County, Florida, advising that a meeting of landowners will be held for the purpose of electing three (3) people to the District's Board of Supervisors ("**Board**", and individually, "**Supervisor**"). Immediately following the landowners' meeting there will be convened a meeting of the Board for the purpose of considering certain matters of the Board to include election of certain District officers, and other such business which may properly come before the Board.

DATE: November 3, 2026
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
PLACE: Tradition Management Offices
10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987

Each landowner may vote in person or by written proxy. Proxy forms may be obtained upon request at the office of the District Manager, Special District Services, Inc., 10521 SW Village Center Dr., Suite #203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987 ("**District Manager's 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 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 Manager's Office. There may be an occasion where one or more supervisors will participate by telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in these meetings is asked to contact the District Manager's Office, at least 48 hours before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Manager's Office.

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): _____ & _____, 2026

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

**INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO LANDOWNERS' MEETING OF
SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1
FOR THE ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS**

DATE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING: **November 3, 2026**

TIME: **10:30 A.M.**

LOCATION: **Tradition Management Offices
10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987**

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

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

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

This year, three (3) seats on the Board will be up for election by landowners. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. The candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. The term of office for each successful candidate shall commence upon election.

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

LANDOWNER PROXY

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – NOVEMBER 3, 2026**

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 the Southern Grove Community Development District No. 1 to be held at Tradition Management Offices, 10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987, on November 3, 2026, 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

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*, a fraction of an acre is treated as one (1) acre entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. For purposes of determining voting interests, platted lots shall be counted individually and rounded up to the nearest whole acre. 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
SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – NOVEMBER 3, 2026

For Election (3 Supervisors): The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will each receive a four (4) year term, and the one (1) candidate receiving the next highest number of votes will receive a two (2) year term, with the term of office for the successful candidates commencing upon election.

The undersigned certifies that he/she/it is the fee simple owner of land, or the proxy holder for the fee simple owner of land, located within the Southern Grove Community Development District No. 1 and described as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

[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.]

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		

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

RESOLUTION 2026-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 2 DESIGNATING A DATE, TIME AND LOCATION FOR A LANDOWNERS' MEETING AND ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; ESTABLISHING FORMS FOR THE LANDOWNER ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Southern Grove Community Development District No. 2 (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within St. Lucie County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 190.006(1), *Florida Statutes*, the District's Board of Supervisors (the "Board") "shall exercise the powers granted to the district pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*," and the Board shall consist of five members; and

WHEREAS, the District is statutorily required to hold a meeting of the landowners of the District for the purpose of electing Board Supervisors for the District on a date in November established by the Board, which shall be noticed pursuant to Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 2:

- 1. EXISTING BOARD SUPERVISORS; SEATS SUBJECT TO ELECTIONS.** The Board is currently made up of the following individuals:

<u>Seat Number</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Term Expiration Date</u>
1	William Pittsley	2026
2	Bianca Magloire	2026
3	Melissa Stevens	2026
4	Tara Toto	2028
5	Tony Piscopo	2028

This year, Seat 1, currently held by William Pittsley, Seat 2, currently held by Bianca Magloire, and Seat 3, currently held by Melissa Stevens, are subject to election by landowners in November 2026. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. The candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. The term of office for each successful candidate shall commence upon election.

- 2. LANDOWNER'S ELECTION.** In accordance with Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*, the meeting of the landowners to elect Board Supervisors of the District shall be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, at 10:30 a.m., and located at Tradition Management Offices, 10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987.

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

4. **FORMS.** Pursuant to Section 190.006(2)(b), *Florida Statutes*, the landowners' meeting and election have been announced by the Board at its August 5, 2026 meeting. A sample notice of landowners' meeting and election, proxy, ballot form and instructions were presented at such meeting and are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Such documents are available for review and copying during normal business hours at the District's Local Records Office / District Manager's office, located at Special District Services, Inc., 10521 SW Village Center Dr., Suite #203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987.

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

6. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF AUGUST, 2026.

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 2**

ATTEST:

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

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

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING AND ELECTION AND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 2

Notice is hereby given to the public and all landowners within Southern Grove Community Development District No. 2 ("**District**") located within St. Lucie County, Florida, advising that a meeting of landowners will be held for the purpose of electing three (3) people to the District's Board of Supervisors ("**Board**", and individually, "**Supervisor**"). Immediately following the landowners' meeting there will be convened a meeting of the Board for the purpose of considering certain matters of the Board to include election of certain District officers, and other such business which may properly come before the Board.

DATE: November 3, 2026
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
PLACE: Tradition Management Offices
10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987

Each landowner may vote in person or by written proxy. Proxy forms may be obtained upon request at the office of the District Manager, Special District Services, Inc., 10521 SW Village Center Dr., Suite #203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987 ("**District Manager's 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 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 Manager's Office. There may be an occasion where one or more supervisors will participate by telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in these meetings is asked to contact the District Manager's Office, at least 48 hours before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Manager's Office.

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): _____ & _____, 2026

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

**INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO LANDOWNERS' MEETING OF
SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 2
FOR THE ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS**

DATE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING: **November 3, 2026**

TIME: **10:30 A.M.**

LOCATION: **Tradition Management Offices
10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987**

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

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

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

This year, three (3) seats on the Board will be up for election by landowners. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. The candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. The term of office for each successful candidate shall commence upon election.

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

LANDOWNER PROXY

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 2
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – NOVEMBER 3, 2026**

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 the Southern Grove Community Development District No. 2 to be held at Tradition Management Offices, 10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987, on November 3, 2026, 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

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*, a fraction of an acre is treated as one (1) acre entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. For purposes of determining voting interests, platted lots shall be counted individually and rounded up to the nearest whole acre. 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
SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 2
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – NOVEMBER 3, 2026

For Election (3 Supervisors): The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will each receive a four (4) year term, and the one (1) candidate receiving the next highest number of votes will receive a two (2) year term, with the term of office for the successful candidates commencing upon election.

The undersigned certifies that he/she/it is the fee simple owner of land, or the proxy holder for the fee simple owner of land, located within the Southern Grove Community Development District No. 2 and described as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

[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.]

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		

Date: _____

Signed: _____
Printed Name: _____

RESOLUTION 2026-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 3 DESIGNATING A DATE, TIME AND LOCATION FOR A LANDOWNERS' MEETING AND ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; ESTABLISHING FORMS FOR THE LANDOWNER ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Southern Grove Community Development District No. 3 (“**District**”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the St. Lucie County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 190.006(1), *Florida Statutes*, the District’s Board of Supervisors (“**Board**”) “shall exercise the powers granted to the district pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*,” and the Board shall consist of five members; and

WHEREAS, the District is statutorily required to hold a meeting of the landowners of the District for the purpose of electing Board Supervisors for the District on a date in November established by the Board, which shall be noticed pursuant to Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 3:

1. **EXISTING BOARD SUPERVISORS; SEATS SUBJECT TO ELECTIONS.** The Board is currently made up of the following individuals:

<u>Seat Number</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Term Expiration Date</u>
1	Kevin Matyjaszek	2026
2	Bianca Magloire	2028
3	Jennifer Davis	2026
4	Melissa Stevens	2026
5	Tony Piscopo	2028

This year, Seat 1, currently held by Kevin Matyjaszek, is subject to a landowner election. The term of office for the successful landowner candidate shall commence upon election and shall be for a four-year period. Seat 3, currently held by Jennifer Davis, and Seat 4, currently held by Melissa Stevens, are subject to a General Election process to be conducted by the St. Lucie County Supervisor of Elections, which General Election process shall be addressed by a separate resolution.

2. **LANDOWNER’S ELECTION.** In accordance with Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*, the meeting of the landowners to elect Board Supervisor(s) of the District shall be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, at 10:30 a.m., and located at Tradition Management Offices, 10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203., Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987.
3. **PUBLICATION.** The District’s Secretary is hereby directed to publish notice of the landowners’ meeting and election in accordance with the requirements of Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*.
4. **FORMS.** Pursuant to Section 190.006(2)(b), *Florida Statutes*, the landowners’ meeting and election have been announced by the Board at its August 5, 2026 meeting. A sample

notice of landowners’ meeting and election, proxy, ballot form and instructions were presented at such meeting and are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Such documents are available for review and copying during normal business hours at the office of the District Manager, Special District Services, Inc., 10521 SW Village Center Dr., Suite #203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987.

- 5. **SEVERABILITY.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or any part thereof.
- 6. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF AUGUST, 2026.

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 3**

ATTEST:

CHAIRPERSON / VICE CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY / ASSISTANT SECRETARY

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING AND ELECTION AND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 3

Notice is hereby given to the public and all landowners within Southern Grove Community Development District No. 3 ("District") located within St. Lucie County, Florida, advising that a meeting of landowners will be held for the purpose of electing one (1) person to the District's Board of Supervisors ("**Board**", and individually, "**Supervisor**"). Immediately following the landowners' meeting there will be convened a meeting of the Board for the purpose of considering certain matters of the Board to include election of certain District officers, and other such business which may properly come before the Board.

DATE: November 3, 2026
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
PLACE: Tradition Management Offices
10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987

Each landowner may vote in person or by written proxy. Proxy forms may be obtained upon request at the office of the District Manager, Special District Services, Inc., 10521 SW Village Center Dr., Suite #203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987 ("**District Manager's 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 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 Manager's Office. There may be an occasion where one or more supervisors will participate by telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in these meetings is asked to contact the District Manager's Office, at least 48 hours before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Manager's Office.

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 CIRCULATION IN THE AREA OF THE DISTRICT

**INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO LANDOWNERS' MEETING OF
SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 3
FOR THE ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS**

DATE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING: **November 3, 2026**

TIME: **10:30 a.m.**

LOCATION: **Tradition Management Offices
10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987**

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

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

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

This year, one (1) seat on the Board will be up for election in a landowner seat for a four year period. The term of office for the successful landowner candidate shall commence upon election.

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

LANDOWNER PROXY

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 3
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – NOVEMBER 3, 2026**

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 the Southern Grove Community Development District No. 3 to be held at Tradition Management Offices, 10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203., Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987, on November 3, 2026, 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

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*, a fraction of an acre is treated as one (1) acre entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. For purposes of determining voting interests, platted lots shall be counted individually and rounded up to the nearest whole acre. 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
SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 3
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING - NOVEMBER 3, 2026

For Election (1 Supervisor): The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will receive a four (4) year term, with the term of office for the successful candidates commencing upon election.

The undersigned certifies that he/she/it is the fee simple owner of land, or the proxy holder for the fee simple owner of land, located within the Southern Grove Community Development District No. 3 and described as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

[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.]

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		

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

RESOLUTION 2026-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 7 DESIGNATING A DATE, TIME AND LOCATION FOR A LANDOWNERS' MEETING AND ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; ESTABLISHING FORMS FOR THE LANDOWNER ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Southern Grove Community Development District No. 7 (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within St. Lucie County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 190.006(1), *Florida Statutes*, the District's Board of Supervisors (the "Board") "shall exercise the powers granted to the district pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*," and the Board shall consist of five members; and

WHEREAS, the District is statutorily required to hold a meeting of the landowners of the District for the purpose of electing Board Supervisors for the District on a date in November established by the Board, which shall be noticed pursuant to Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 7:

- 1. EXISTING BOARD SUPERVISORS; SEATS SUBJECT TO ELECTIONS.** The Board is currently made up of the following individuals:

<u>Seat Number</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Term Expiration Date</u>
1	Jennifer Davis	2028
2	Kevin Matyjaszek	2028
3	Peter Crane	2026
4	Stephen Okiye	2026
5	Elijah Wooten	2026

This year, Seat 3, currently held by Peter Crane, Seat 4, currently held by Stephen Okiye, and Seat 5, currently held by Elijah Wooten, are subject to election by landowners in November 2026. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. The candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. The term of office for each successful candidate shall commence upon election.

2. LANDOWNER'S ELECTION. In accordance with Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*, the meeting of the landowners to elect Board Supervisors of the District shall be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, at 10:30 a.m., and located at Tradition Management Offices, 10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987.

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

4. **FORMS.** Pursuant to Section 190.006(2)(b), *Florida Statutes*, the landowners' meeting and election have been announced by the Board at its August 5, 2026 meeting. A sample notice of landowners' meeting and election, proxy, ballot form and instructions were presented at such meeting and are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Such documents are available for review and copying during normal business hours at the District's Local Records Office / District Manager's office, located at Special District Services, Inc., 10521 SW Village Center Dr., Suite #203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987.

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

6. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF AUGUST, 2026.

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 7**

ATTEST:

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

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

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING AND ELECTION AND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 7

Notice is hereby given to the public and all landowners within Southern Grove Community Development District No. 7 ("**District**") located within St. Lucie County, Florida, advising that a meeting of landowners will be held for the purpose of electing three (3) people to the District's Board of Supervisors ("**Board**", and individually, "**Supervisor**"). Immediately following the landowners' meeting there will be convened a meeting of the Board for the purpose of considering certain matters of the Board to include election of certain District officers, and other such business which may properly come before the Board.

DATE: November 3, 2026
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
PLACE: Tradition Management Offices
10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987

Each landowner may vote in person or by written proxy. Proxy forms may be obtained upon request at the office of the District Manager, Special District Services, Inc., 10521 SW Village Center Dr., Suite #203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987 ("**District Manager's 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 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 Manager's Office. There may be an occasion where one or more supervisors will participate by telephone.

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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): _____ & _____, 2026

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

**INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO LANDOWNERS' MEETING OF
SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 7
FOR THE ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS**

DATE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING: **November 3, 2026**

TIME: **10:30 A.M.**

LOCATION: **Tradition Management Offices
10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987**

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

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

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

This year, three (3) seats on the Board will be up for election by landowners. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. The candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. The term of office for each successful candidate shall commence upon election.

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

LANDOWNER PROXY

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 7
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – NOVEMBER 3, 2026**

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 the Southern Grove Community Development District No. 7 to be held at Tradition Management Offices, 10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987, on November 3, 2026, 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

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*, a fraction of an acre is treated as one (1) acre entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. For purposes of determining voting interests, platted lots shall be counted individually and rounded up to the nearest whole acre. 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
SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 7
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – NOVEMBER 3, 2026

For Election (3 Supervisors): The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will each receive a four (4) year term, and the one (1) candidate receiving the next highest number of votes will receive a two (2) year term, with the term of office for the successful candidates commencing upon election.

The undersigned certifies that he/she/it is the fee simple owner of land, or the proxy holder for the fee simple owner of land, located within the Southern Grove Community Development District No. 7 and described as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

[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.]

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
3		
4		
5		

Date: _____

Signed: _____
Printed Name: _____

RESOLUTION 2026-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 8 DESIGNATING A DATE, TIME AND LOCATION FOR A LANDOWNERS' MEETING AND ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; ESTABLISHING FORMS FOR THE LANDOWNER ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Southern Grove Community Development District No. 8 (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within St. Lucie County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 190.006(1), *Florida Statutes*, the District's Board of Supervisors (the "Board") "shall exercise the powers granted to the district pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*," and the Board shall consist of five members; and

WHEREAS, the District is statutorily required to hold a meeting of the landowners of the District for the purpose of electing Board Supervisors for the District on a date in November established by the Board, which shall be noticed pursuant to Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 8:

- 1. EXISTING BOARD SUPERVISORS; SEATS SUBJECT TO ELECTIONS.** The Board is currently made up of the following individuals:

<u>Seat Number</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Term Expiration Date</u>
1	Jennifer Davis	2028
2	Kevin Matyjaszek	2028
3	Peter Crane	2026
4	Stephen Okiye	2026
5	Elijah Wooten	2026

This year, Seat 3, currently held by Peter Crane, Seat 4, currently held by Stephen Okiye, and Seat 5, currently held by Elijah Wooten, are subject to election by landowners in November 2026. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. The candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. The term of office for each successful candidate shall commence upon election.

2. LANDOWNER'S ELECTION. In accordance with Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*, the meeting of the landowners to elect Board Supervisors of the District shall be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, at 10:30 a.m., and located at Tradition Management Offices, 10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987.

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

4. **FORMS.** Pursuant to Section 190.006(2)(b), *Florida Statutes*, the landowners' meeting and election have been announced by the Board at its August 5, 2026 meeting. A sample notice of landowners' meeting and election, proxy, ballot form and instructions were presented at such meeting and are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Such documents are available for review and copying during normal business hours at the District's Local Records Office / District Manager's office, located at Special District Services, Inc., 10521 SW Village Center Dr., Suite #203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987.

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

6. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF AUGUST, 2026.

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 8**

ATTEST:

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

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

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING AND ELECTION AND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 8

Notice is hereby given to the public and all landowners within Southern Grove Community Development District No. 8 ("**District**") located within St. Lucie County, Florida, advising that a meeting of landowners will be held for the purpose of electing three (3) people to the District's Board of Supervisors ("**Board**", and individually, "**Supervisor**"). Immediately following the landowners' meeting there will be convened a meeting of the Board for the purpose of considering certain matters of the Board to include election of certain District officers, and other such business which may properly come before the Board.

DATE: November 3, 2026
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
PLACE: Tradition Management Offices
10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987

Each landowner may vote in person or by written proxy. Proxy forms may be obtained upon request at the office of the District Manager, Special District Services, Inc., 10521 SW Village Center Dr., Suite #203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987 ("**District Manager's 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 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 Manager's Office. There may be an occasion where one or more supervisors will participate by telephone.

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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): _____ & _____, 2026

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

**INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO LANDOWNERS' MEETING OF
SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 8
FOR THE ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS**

DATE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING: **November 3, 2026**

TIME: **10:30 A.M.**

LOCATION: **Tradition Management Offices
10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987**

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

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

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

This year, three (3) seats on the Board will be up for election by landowners. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. The candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. The term of office for each successful candidate shall commence upon election.

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

LANDOWNER PROXY

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 8
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – NOVEMBER 3, 2026**

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 the Southern Grove Community Development District No. 8 to be held at Tradition Management Offices, 10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987, on November 3, 2026, 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

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*, a fraction of an acre is treated as one (1) acre entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. For purposes of determining voting interests, platted lots shall be counted individually and rounded up to the nearest whole acre. 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
SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 8
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – NOVEMBER 3, 2026

For Election (3 Supervisors): The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will each receive a four (4) year term, and the one (1) candidate receiving the next highest number of votes will receive a two (2) year term, with the term of office for the successful candidates commencing upon election.

The undersigned certifies that he/she/it is the fee simple owner of land, or the proxy holder for the fee simple owner of land, located within the Southern Grove Community Development District No. 8 and described as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

[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.]

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
3		
4		
5		

Date: _____

Signed: _____
Printed Name: _____

RESOLUTION 2026-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 9 DESIGNATING A DATE, TIME AND LOCATION FOR A LANDOWNERS' MEETING AND ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; ESTABLISHING FORMS FOR THE LANDOWNER ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Southern Grove Community Development District No. 9 (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within St. Lucie County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 190.006(1), *Florida Statutes*, the District's Board of Supervisors (the "Board") "shall exercise the powers granted to the district pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*," and the Board shall consist of five members; and

WHEREAS, the District is statutorily required to hold a meeting of the landowners of the District for the purpose of electing Board Supervisors for the District on a date in November established by the Board, which shall be noticed pursuant to Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 9:

- 1. EXISTING BOARD SUPERVISORS; SEATS SUBJECT TO ELECTIONS.** The Board is currently made up of the following individuals:

Seat Number	Supervisor	Term Expiration Date
1	Bianca Magloire	2028
2	William Pittsley	2028
3	Tara Toto	2026
4	Tony Piscopo	2026
5	Melissa Stevens	2026

This year, Seat 3, currently held by William Pittsley, Seat 4, currently held by Bianca Magloire, and Seat 5, currently held by Melissa Stevens, are subject to election by landowners in November 2026. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. The candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. The term of office for each successful candidate shall commence upon election.

- 2. LANDOWNER'S ELECTION.** In accordance with Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*, the meeting of the landowners to elect Board Supervisors of the District shall be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, at 10:30 a.m., and located at Tradition Management Offices, 10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987.

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

4. **FORMS.** Pursuant to Section 190.006(2)(b), *Florida Statutes*, the landowners' meeting and election have been announced by the Board at its August 5, 2026 meeting. A sample notice of landowners' meeting and election, proxy, ballot form and instructions were presented at such meeting and are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Such documents are available for review and copying during normal business hours at the District's Local Records Office / District Manager's office, located at Special District Services, Inc., 10521 SW Village Center Dr., Suite #203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987.

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

6. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF AUGUST, 2026.

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 9**

ATTEST:

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

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

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING AND ELECTION AND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 9

Notice is hereby given to the public and all landowners within Southern Grove Community Development District No. 9 ("**District**") located within St. Lucie County, Florida, advising that a meeting of landowners will be held for the purpose of electing three (3) people to the District's Board of Supervisors ("**Board**", and individually, "**Supervisor**"). Immediately following the landowners' meeting there will be convened a meeting of the Board for the purpose of considering certain matters of the Board to include election of certain District officers, and other such business which may properly come before the Board.

DATE: November 3, 2026
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
PLACE: Tradition Management Offices
10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987

Each landowner may vote in person or by written proxy. Proxy forms may be obtained upon request at the office of the District Manager, Special District Services, Inc., 10521 SW Village Center Dr., Suite #203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987 ("**District Manager's 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 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 Manager's Office. There may be an occasion where one or more supervisors will participate by telephone.

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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): _____ & _____, 2026

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**INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO LANDOWNERS' MEETING OF
SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 9
FOR THE ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS**

DATE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING: **November 3, 2026**

TIME: **10:30 A.M.**

LOCATION: **Tradition Management Offices
10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987**

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

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

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This year, three (3) seats on the Board will be up for election by landowners. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. The candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. The term of office for each successful candidate shall commence upon election.

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

LANDOWNER PROXY

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 9
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – NOVEMBER 3, 2026**

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 the Southern Grove Community Development District No. 9 to be held at Tradition Management Offices, 10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987, on November 3, 2026, 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

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*, a fraction of an acre is treated as one (1) acre entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. For purposes of determining voting interests, platted lots shall be counted individually and rounded up to the nearest whole acre. 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.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT
SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 9
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – NOVEMBER 3, 2026

For Election (3 Supervisors): The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will each receive a four (4) year term, and the one (1) candidate receiving the next highest number of votes will receive a two (2) year term, with the term of office for the successful candidates commencing upon election.

The undersigned certifies that he/she/it is the fee simple owner of land, or the proxy holder for the fee simple owner of land, located within the Southern Grove Community Development District No. 9 and described as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

[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.]

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
3		
4		
5		

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

RESOLUTION 2026-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 10 DESIGNATING A DATE, TIME AND LOCATION FOR A LANDOWNERS' MEETING AND ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; ESTABLISHING FORMS FOR THE LANDOWNER ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Southern Grove Community Development District No. 10 (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within St. Lucie County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 190.006(1), *Florida Statutes*, the District's Board of Supervisors (the "Board") "shall exercise the powers granted to the district pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*," and the Board shall consist of five members; and

WHEREAS, the District is statutorily required to hold a meeting of the landowners of the District for the purpose of electing Board Supervisors for the District on a date in November established by the Board, which shall be noticed pursuant to Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 10:

- 1. EXISTING BOARD SUPERVISORS; SEATS SUBJECT TO ELECTIONS.** The Board is currently made up of the following individuals:

<u>Seat Number</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Term Expiration Date</u>
1	Jennifer Davis	2028
2	Kevin Matyjaszek	2028
3	Peter Crane	2026
4	Stephen Okiye	2026
5	Elijah Wooten	2026

This year, Seat 3, currently held by Peter Crane, Seat 4, currently held by Stephen Okiye, and Seat 5, currently held by Elijah Wooten, are subject to election by landowners in November 2026. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. The candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. The term of office for each successful candidate shall commence upon election.

- 2. LANDOWNER'S ELECTION.** In accordance with Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*, the meeting of the landowners to elect Board Supervisors of the District shall be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, at 10:30 a.m., and located at Tradition Management Offices, 10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987.

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

4. **FORMS.** Pursuant to Section 190.006(2)(b), *Florida Statutes*, the landowners' meeting and election have been announced by the Board at its August 5, 2026 meeting. A sample notice of landowners' meeting and election, proxy, ballot form and instructions were presented at such meeting and are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Such documents are available for review and copying during normal business hours at the District's Local Records Office / District Manager's office, located at Special District Services, Inc., 10521 SW Village Center Dr., Suite #203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987.

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

6. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF AUGUST, 2026.

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 10**

ATTEST:

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

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

EXHIBIT A

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DATE: November 3, 2026
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District Manager
Run Date(s): _____ & _____, 2026

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**INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO LANDOWNERS' MEETING OF
SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 10
FOR THE ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS**

DATE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING: **November 3, 2026**

TIME: **10:30 A.M.**

LOCATION: **Tradition Management Offices
10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203
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Pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and after a Community Development District ("**District**") has been established and the landowners have held their initial election, there shall be a subsequent landowners' meeting for the purpose of electing members of the Board of Supervisors ("**Board**") every two years until the District qualifies to have its board members elected by the qualified electors of the District. The following instructions on how all landowners may participate in the election are intended to comply with Section 190.006(2)(b), *Florida Statutes*.

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

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

This year, three (3) seats on the Board will be up for election by landowners. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. The candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. The term of office for each successful candidate shall commence upon election.

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

LANDOWNER PROXY

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 10
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – NOVEMBER 3, 2026**

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 the Southern Grove Community Development District No. 10 to be held at Tradition Management Offices, 10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987, on November 3, 2026, 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

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*, a fraction of an acre is treated as one (1) acre entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. For purposes of determining voting interests, platted lots shall be counted individually and rounded up to the nearest whole acre. 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
SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 10
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – NOVEMBER 3, 2026

For Election (3 Supervisors): The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will each receive a four (4) year term, and the one (1) candidate receiving the next highest number of votes will receive a two (2) year term, with the term of office for the successful candidates commencing upon election.

The undersigned certifies that he/she/it is the fee simple owner of land, or the proxy holder for the fee simple owner of land, located within the Southern Grove Community Development District No. 10 and described as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

[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.]

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
3		
4		
5		

Date: _____

Signed: _____
Printed Name: _____

RESOLUTION 2026-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 3 DECLARING VACANCIES IN SEATS THREE AND FOUR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PURSUANT TO SECTION 190.006(3)(b), *FLORIDA STATUTES*; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Southern Grove Community Development District No. 3 (“**District**”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2026, two members of the Board of Supervisors (“**Board**”) were to be elected by the “**Qualified Electors**” of the District, as that term is defined in Section 190.003, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District published a notice of qualifying period set by the Supervisor of Elections at least two (2) weeks prior to the start of said qualifying period; and

WHEREAS, at the close of the qualifying period there were no Qualified Electors qualified to run for any of the seats available for election by the Qualified Electors of the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 190.006(3)(b), *Florida Statutes*, the Board shall declare the seats vacant, effective the second Tuesday following the general election; and

WHEREAS, a Qualified Elector is to be appointed to the vacant seats within 90 days thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the best interests of the District to adopt this Resolution declaring the seats available for election as vacant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 3:

1. DECLARATION OF VACANT BOARD SUPERVISOR SEATS. The following seats are hereby declared vacant effective as of November 17, 2026:

Seat 3 – (currently held by Jennifer Davis); and

Seat 4 – (currently held by Melissa Stevens).

2. INCUMBENT BOARD SUPERVISORS. Until such time as the Board nominates Qualified Electors to fill the vacancies declared in Section 1 above, the incumbent Board Supervisors for Seats 3 and 4 shall remain in office.

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

4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of August 2026.

ATTEST:

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 3**

Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2026-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 4 DECLARING VACANCIES IN SEATS ONE, THREE, AND FOUR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PURSUANT TO SECTION 190.006(3)(b), *FLORIDA STATUTES*; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Southern Grove Community Development District No. 4 (“**District**”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2026, three members of the Board of Supervisors (“**Board**”) were to be elected by the “**Qualified Electors**” of the District, as that term is defined in Section 190.003, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District published a notice of qualifying period set by the Supervisor of Elections at least two (2) weeks prior to the start of said qualifying period; and

WHEREAS, at the close of the qualifying period there were no Qualified Electors qualified to run for any of the seats available for election by the Qualified Electors of the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 190.006(3)(b), *Florida Statutes*, the Board shall declare the seats vacant, effective the second Tuesday following the general election; and

WHEREAS, a Qualified Elector is to be appointed to the vacant seats within 90 days thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the best interests of the District to adopt this Resolution declaring the seats available for election as vacant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 4:

1. DECLARATION OF VACANT BOARD SUPERVISOR SEATS. The following seats are hereby declared vacant effective as of November 17, 2026:

Seat 1 – (currently vacant); and

Seat 3 – (currently vacant); and

Seat 4 – (currently held by Tony Piscopo).

2. INCUMBENT BOARD SUPERVISORS. Until such time as the Board nominates Qualified Electors to fill the vacancies declared in Section 1 above, the incumbent Board Supervisors for Seats 1, 3, and 4 shall remain in office.

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

4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of August 2026.

ATTEST:

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 4**

Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2026-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 5 DECLARING VACANCIES IN SEATS ONE, THREE, AND FOUR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PURSUANT TO SECTION 190.006(3)(b), *FLORIDA STATUTES*; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Southern Grove Community Development District No. 5 (“**District**”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2026, three members of the Board of Supervisors (“**Board**”) were to be elected by the “**Qualified Electors**” of the District, as that term is defined in Section 190.003, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District published a notice of qualifying period set by the Supervisor of Elections at least two (2) weeks prior to the start of said qualifying period; and

WHEREAS, at the close of the qualifying period there were no Qualified Electors qualified to run for any of the seats available for election by the Qualified Electors of the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 190.006(3)(b), *Florida Statutes*, the Board shall declare the seats vacant, effective the second Tuesday following the general election; and

WHEREAS, a Qualified Elector is to be appointed to the vacant seats within 90 days thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the best interests of the District to adopt this Resolution declaring the seats available for election as vacant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 5:

1. DECLARATION OF VACANT BOARD SUPERVISOR SEATS. The following seats are hereby declared vacant effective as of November 17, 2026:

Seat 1 – (currently held by Chandre Casey); and

Seat 3 – (currently held by Judith Bergollo); and

Seat 4 – (currently held by William Pittsley).

2. INCUMBENT BOARD SUPERVISORS. Until such time as the Board nominates Qualified Electors to fill the vacancies declared in Section 1 above, the incumbent Board Supervisors for Seats 1, 3, and 4 shall remain in office.

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

4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of August 2026.

ATTEST:

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 5**

Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2026-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 6 DECLARING VACANCIES IN SEATS ONE, THREE, AND FOUR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PURSUANT TO SECTION 190.006(3)(b), *FLORIDA STATUTES*; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Southern Grove Community Development District No. 6 (“**District**”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2026, three members of the Board of Supervisors (“**Board**”) were to be elected by the “**Qualified Electors**” of the District, as that term is defined in Section 190.003, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District published a notice of qualifying period set by the Supervisor of Elections at least two (2) weeks prior to the start of said qualifying period; and

WHEREAS, at the close of the qualifying period there were no Qualified Electors qualified to run for any of the seats available for election by the Qualified Electors of the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 190.006(3)(b), *Florida Statutes*, the Board shall declare the seats vacant, effective the second Tuesday following the general election; and

WHEREAS, a Qualified Elector is to be appointed to the vacant seats within 90 days thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the best interests of the District to adopt this Resolution declaring the seats available for election as vacant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 6:

1. DECLARATION OF VACANT BOARD SUPERVISOR SEATS. The following seats are hereby declared vacant effective as of November 17, 2026:

Seat 1 – (currently vacant); and

Seat 3 – (currently vacant); and

Seat 4 – (currently held by Tony Piscopo).

2. INCUMBENT BOARD SUPERVISORS. Until such time as the Board nominates Qualified Electors to fill the vacancies declared in Section 1 above, the incumbent Board Supervisors for Seats 1, 3, and 4 shall remain in office.

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

4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of August 2026.

ATTEST:

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 6**

Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

MEMORANDUM

Southern Grove Community Development District No. 1

TO: Board of Supervisors, Southern Grove Community Development District No. 1

FROM: B. Frank Sakuma, Jr., CDM, District Manager

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 5, 2026

RE: Agreement for Pressure Washing Services (Community Areas) – Florida Coast Pressure Washing LLC

Background

District No. 1, acting on behalf of itself and Southern Grove Community Development District Nos. 2–10 pursuant to the Second Amended and Restated District Development Interlocal Agreement dated July 9, 2013, proposes to enter into an Agreement for Pressure Washing Services with Florida Coast Pressure Washing LLC, a Florida limited liability company located in Port St. Lucie, Florida. The Agreement provides for semi-annual, quarterly, and annual pressure washing services at designated community areas throughout Southern Grove, encompassing sidewalks, curbs, gutters, The Heart, park areas, headwall structures, and tower structures.

The initial term of the Agreement runs from the Effective Date through September 30, 2026, with compensation paid in pro-rated, equal monthly installments of the annual contract value; thereafter, the Agreement may be renewed at the election of the Parties for additional one-year terms.

Scope of Work

The services to be provided include the following, as set forth in Exhibit A to the Agreement:

- Semi-annual service (2x annually): Sidewalk, curb & gutter – Village Pkwy, Discovery Way to Telaro entrance (28,160 sf; \$2,816 per service; \$5,632 annually)
- Quarterly service: The Heart – all concrete, steps and sidewalks (\$950 per quarter; \$3,800 annually)
- Annual service: Tradition Headwall (Talk in the Park corner) – \$850
- Annual service: B Lake Park (behind Cleveland Clinic; 35,688 sf) – \$3,568
- Annual service: South Tower along I-95 – \$900

Contract Amount

Description	Annual Amount
Semi-Annual Services (annualized)	\$5,632.00
Quarterly Services (annualized)	\$3,800.00

Description	Annual Amount
Annual Services	\$5,318.00
Total Annual Contract Value	\$14,750.00

Any additional work or services must be agreed to in writing by the Parties through a work order, addendum, or change order to the Agreement.

Budget Impact

Funding will be provided from the Community Area Maintenance line item of the District's adopted budget.

Review and Compliance

Engineering Review:	N/A.
Legal Review:	District Counsel has reviewed the Agreement as to form.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board approve the Agreement for Pressure Washing Services with Florida Coast Pressure Washing LLC in the total annual amount of \$14,750.00, with funding from the Community Area Maintenance line item of the adopted budget, and authorize the Chairperson and District Manager to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the Agreement consistent with the Board's direction.

Attachments

- Agreement for Pressure Washing Services – Florida Coast Pressure Washing LLC (with Exhibit A – Scope of Services, Estimate No. 2302)

AGREEMENT FOR PRESSURE WASHING SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into this ____ day of August, 2026 (the “**Effective Date**”), by and between:

SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, whose mailing address is 10521 SW Village Center Dr., Suite #203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987 (the “**District No. 1**”); and

FLORIDA COAST PRESSURE WASHING LLC, a Florida limited liability company, with a mailing address of 5349 NW Wisk Fern Circle, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986 (“**Contractor**,” together with District No. 1, “**Parties**”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, District No. 1 is a local unit of special-purpose government created for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure and providing certain public services; and

WHEREAS, District No. 1, along with Southern Grove Community Development District Nos. 2-10 (the “**Other Districts**,” and collectively with District No. 1, the “**Districts**”) are parties to that certain Second Amended and Restated District Development Interlocal Agreement dated July 9, 2013, and recorded in Official Records Book 3539, Page 672, of the public records of St. Lucie County, Florida (“**District Interlocal Agreement**”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.02 of the District Interlocal Agreement, the Districts have delegated to District No. 1 the authority to take all actions necessary or desirable with respect to the operation and maintenance of the Districts, including entering certain agreements on their behalf; and

WHEREAS, District No. 1 desires Contractor to provide the Districts with certain services, as described in more detail in the statement of work attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the “**Services**”), which is incorporated herein by this reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained and the acts and deeds to be performed by the Parties, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the Parties, it is mutually covenanted and agreed as follows:

1. RECITALS. The recitals set forth above are hereby incorporated into the terms of this Agreement.

2. SCOPE OF WORK. The Contractor will provide the Services described in **Exhibit A**. If District No. 1 should desire additional work or services not provided in **Exhibit A**, the Contractor agrees to negotiate in good faith to undertake such additional work or services. Upon successful negotiations, the Parties shall agree in writing to a work order, addendum, addenda, or

change order to this Agreement. The Contractor shall be compensated for such agreed additional work or services based upon a payment amount acceptable to the Parties and agreed to in writing. No additional services shall be provided by the Contractor unless done at the direction of District No. 1.

3. COMPENSATION; TERM.

- A.** The initial term of this Agreement shall be from the Effective Date, through September 30, 2026, unless terminated earlier by either party in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. Thereafter, the Agreement shall be automatically renewed for additional one-year (1) terms, unless terminated in accordance with this Agreement. As compensation for the Services described in this Agreement, District No. 1 agrees to pay the Contractor in the amount set forth in **Exhibit A** in equal monthly installments. Each renewal term shall be renewed at the price set forth in **Exhibit A**.
- B.** The Contractor shall maintain records conforming to usual accounting practices. Further, the Contractor shall render each invoice to District No. 1 in writing. Each invoice shall contain, at a minimum, the Contractor's name, the invoice date, an invoice number, an itemized listing of all costs billed on each invoice with a sufficient description of each allowing District No. 1 to approve each cost, the time frame within which the Services were provided, and the address or bank information to which payment is to be remitted. Consistent with Florida's Prompt Payment Act, section 218.70, et seq., Florida Statutes, the invoices shall be due and payable within forty-five (45) days of receipt by District No. 1. The monthly fees outlined herein may be amended annually in writing by the Parties and as will be reflected in the Districts' general fund budget. Notwithstanding the foregoing, project-related out-of-pocket expenses are not billable to the Districts without the prior written approval of District No. 1 for such expenses.

4. TERMINATION. District No. 1 agrees that Contractor may terminate this Agreement for cause by providing sixty (60) days' written notice of termination to the District No. 1; provided, however, that District No. 1 shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to cure any failure under this Agreement. The Contractor agrees that District No. 1 may terminate this Agreement immediately for cause by providing written notice of termination to the Contractor. The Contractor agrees that District No. 1 may terminate this Agreement without cause; provided that District No. 1 shall provide thirty (30) days' written notice of termination without cause. Upon any termination of this Agreement, the Contractor shall be entitled to payment for all Services rendered up until the effective termination of this Agreement, subject to whatever claims or offsets District No. 1 may have against the Contractor as the sole means of recovery for termination.

5. INSURANCE.

- A.** The Contractor shall maintain throughout the term of this Agreement the following insurance:

- i. Worker's Compensation Insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.
 - ii. Commercial General Liability Insurance covering the Contractor's legal liability for bodily injuries and property damage, with limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limit bodily injury and property damage liability, and covering at least the following hazards:
 - 1. Independent Contractors Coverage for bodily injury and property damage in connection with any subcontractors' operation.
 - iii. Employer's Liability Coverage with limits of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per accident or disease.
 - iv. Automobile Liability Insurance for bodily injuries in limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limit bodily injury and for property damage, providing coverage for any accident arising out of or resulting from the operation, maintenance, or use by the Contractor of any owned, non-owned, or hired automobiles, trailers, or other equipment required to be licensed.
- B.** The Districts, their staff, consultants, officers, supervisors, and employees shall be named as additional insureds. The Contractor shall furnish District No. 1 with the Certificate of Insurance evidencing compliance with this requirement. No certificate shall be acceptable to District No. 1 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 District No. 1. Insurance coverage shall be from a reputable insurance carrier, licensed to conduct business in the State of Florida.
- C.** If the Contractor fails to have secured and maintained the required insurance, District No. 1 has the right but not the obligation to secure such required insurance in which event the Contractor shall pay the cost for that required insurance and shall furnish, upon demand, all information that may be required in connection with District No. 1's obtaining the required insurance.
- 6. INDEMNIFICATION.**
- A.** The Contractor agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Districts and their officers, agents, employees, successors, assigns, members, affiliates, or representatives from any and all liability, claims, actions, suits, liens, demands, costs, interest, expenses, damages, penalties, fines, judgments against the Districts, or loss or damage, whether monetary or otherwise, arising out of, wholly or in part by, or in connection with the Services to be performed by the Contractor, its subcontractors, its employees and agents in connection with this Agreement, including litigation, mediation, arbitration, appellate, or settlement proceedings

with respect thereto.

- B.** Obligations under this section shall include the payment of all settlements, judgments, damages, liquidated damages, penalties, forfeitures, back pay awards, court costs, arbitration and/or mediation costs, litigation expenses, attorneys' fees, paralegal fees, expert witness fees (incurred in court, out of court, on appeal, or in bankruptcy proceedings), any interest, expenses, damages, penalties, fines, or judgments against the Districts.

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

IF CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (772) 345-5119, BSAKUMA@SDSINC.ORG, OR 10521 SW VILLAGE CENTER DR., SUITE #203, PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA 34987.

8. NOTICES. All notices, requests, consents and other communications under this Agreement ("Notice" or "Notices") shall be in writing and shall be hand delivered, mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, or sent by overnight delivery service, to the Parties, as follows:

- A. If to the District:** Southern Grove Community Development District
No. 1
10521 SW Village Center Dr., Suite #203
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987

Attn: District Manager

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

B. If to the Contractor: Florida Coast Pressure Washing LLC
5349 NW Wisk Fern Circle
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986

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 Districts and counsel for the Contractor may deliver Notices on behalf of District No. 1 and the Contractor. Any party or other person to whom Notices are to be sent or copied may notify the 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 in this Agreement.

9. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. CONFLICTS.** The terms of this Agreement and **Exhibit A** are intended to complement each other, and to the extent they conflict, the provisions of this Agreement shall control.
- B. AUTHORIZATION.** The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of District No. 1 and the Contractor, both District No. 1 and the Contractor have complied with all the requirements of law, and both District No. 1 and the Contractor have full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.
- C. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.** It is understood and agreed that at all times the relationship of the Contractor and its employees, agents, successors, assigns or anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Contractor to the Districts is the relationship of an independent contractor and not that of an employee, agent, joint-venturer, or partner of the Districts. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted or construed as creating or establishing the relationship of employer and employee between the Districts and the Contractor or any of its employees, agents, successors, assigns or anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Contractor. The Parties acknowledge that the Contractor is not an employee for state or federal tax purposes. The Contractor shall hire and pay all of the Contractor's or its employees, agents, successors, assigns or anyone directly or indirectly employed by the

Contractor, all of whom shall be employees of the Contractor and not employees of the Districts and at all times entirely under the Contractor's supervision, direction, and control.

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countries of concern prohibited.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

Attest:

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

**FLORIDA COAST PRESSURE WASHING
LLC**

Witness

By: _____
Its: _____

Exhibit A: Scope of Services

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ESTIMATE

Florida Coast Power Washing LLC

5359 NW Wisk Fern Circle Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

Eric@FCpowerwash.com

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Bill To

Southern Grove Community Development District No 1 C/O SDS Inc

2501-A Burns Road

Palm Beach Gardens, FL, USA

mbowden@sdsinc.org

(772) 345 5119

Estimate details

Estimate no.: 2302

Estimate date: 07/12/2026

Status: Pending

PRODUCT OR SERVICE	AMOUNT
Southern Grove	\$14,750.00
Total Annual Value: \$14,750	
2x Annually	
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28,160sf x .10 cents = \$2,816 2x Annual = \$5,632	
Quarterly	
The Heart (all concrete: steps, sidewalks) \$950 quarterly = \$3,800	
Annual	
• Tradition Headwall (Talk in the Park corner)	
\$850	
• B Lake Park (behind Cleveland Clinic)	
35,688sf x .10 cents = \$3,568	
• South Tower along I-95 = \$900	
Subtotal	\$14,750.00
Estimate Total	\$14,750.00

MEMORANDUM

Southern Grove Community Development District No. 1

TO: Board of Supervisors, Southern Grove Community Development District No. 1

FROM: B. Frank Sakuma, Jr., CDM, District Manager

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 5, 2026

RE: Agreement for Pressure Washing Services (TIM Paths) – Florida Coast Pressure Washing LLC

Background

District No. 1, acting on behalf of itself and Southern Grove Community Development District Nos. 2–10 pursuant to the Second Amended and Restated District Development Interlocal Agreement dated July 9, 2013, proposes to enter into an Agreement for Pressure Washing Services with Florida Coast Pressure Washing LLC, a Florida limited liability company located in Port St. Lucie, Florida. The Agreement provides for semi-annual pressure washing services for the TIM path infrastructure within Southern Grove.

The initial term of the Agreement runs from the Effective Date through September 30, 2026, with compensation paid in pro-rated, equal monthly installments of the annual contract value; thereafter, the Agreement may be renewed at the election of the Parties for additional one-year terms.

Scope of Work

The services to be provided include the following, as set forth in Exhibit A to the Agreement:

- Semi-annual service (2x annually): TIM path and TIM stop – Village Pkwy, Discovery Way to Telaro entrance (28,160 sf; \$2,816 per service; \$5,632 annually)
- Semi-annual service (2x annually): The Heart – TIM paths (\$950 per service; \$1,900 annually)

Contract Amount

Description	Annual Amount
Semi-Annual Services – TIM Path & TIM Stop (Village Pkwy) (annualized)	\$5,632.00
Semi-Annual Services – The Heart TIM Paths (annualized)	\$1,900.00
Total Annual Contract Value	\$7,532.00

Any additional work or services must be agreed to in writing by the Parties through a work order, addendum, or change order to the Agreement.

Budget Impact

Funding will be provided from the TIM line item of the District's adopted budget.

Review and Compliance

Engineering Review:	N/A.
Legal Review:	District Counsel has reviewed the Agreement as to form.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board approve the Agreement for Pressure Washing Services (TIM Paths) with Florida Coast Pressure Washing LLC in the total annual amount of \$7,532.00, with funding from the TIM line item of the adopted budget, and authorize the Chairperson and District Manager to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the Agreement consistent with the Board's direction.

Attachments

- Agreement for Pressure Washing Services – Florida Coast Pressure Washing LLC (with Exhibit A – Scope of Services, Estimate No. 2301)

AGREEMENT FOR PRESSURE WASHING SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into this ____ day of August, 2026 (the “**Effective Date**”), by and between:

SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, whose mailing address is 10521 SW Village Center Dr., Suite #203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987 (the “**District No. 1**”); and

FLORIDA COAST PRESSURE WASHING LLC, a Florida limited liability company, with a mailing address of 5349 NW Wisk Fern Circle, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986 (“**Contractor**,” together with District No. 1, “**Parties**”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, District No. 1 is a local unit of special-purpose government created for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure and providing certain public services; and

WHEREAS, District No. 1, along with Southern Grove Community Development District Nos. 2-10 (the “**Other Districts**,” and collectively with District No. 1, the “**Districts**”) are parties to that certain Second Amended and Restated District Development Interlocal Agreement dated July 9, 2013, and recorded in Official Records Book 3539, Page 672, of the public records of St. Lucie County, Florida (“**District Interlocal Agreement**”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.02 of the District Interlocal Agreement, the Districts have delegated to District No. 1 the authority to take all actions necessary or desirable with respect to the operation and maintenance of the Districts, including entering certain agreements on their behalf; and

WHEREAS, District No. 1 desires Contractor to provide the Districts with certain services, as described in more detail in the statement of work attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the “**Services**”), which is incorporated herein by this reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained and the acts and deeds to be performed by the Parties, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the Parties, it is mutually covenanted and agreed as follows:

1. RECITALS. The recitals set forth above are hereby incorporated into the terms of this Agreement.

2. SCOPE OF WORK. The Contractor will provide the Services described in **Exhibit A**. If District No. 1 should desire additional work or services not provided in **Exhibit A**, the Contractor agrees to negotiate in good faith to undertake such additional work or services. Upon successful negotiations, the Parties shall agree in writing to a work order, addendum, addenda, or

change order to this Agreement. The Contractor shall be compensated for such agreed additional work or services based upon a payment amount acceptable to the Parties and agreed to in writing. No additional services shall be provided by the Contractor unless done at the direction of District No. 1.

3. COMPENSATION; TERM.

- A.** The initial term of this Agreement shall be from the Effective Date, through September 30, 2026, unless terminated earlier by either party in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. Thereafter, the Agreement shall be automatically renewed for additional one-year (1) terms, unless terminated in accordance with this Agreement. As compensation for the Services described in this Agreement, District No. 1 agrees to pay the Contractor in the amount set forth in **Exhibit A** in equal monthly installments. Each renewal term shall be renewed at the price set forth in **Exhibit A**.
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 - ii. Commercial General Liability Insurance covering the Contractor's legal liability for bodily injuries and property damage, with limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limit bodily injury and property damage liability, and covering at least the following hazards:
 - 1. Independent Contractors Coverage for bodily injury and property damage in connection with any subcontractors' operation.
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No. 1
10521 SW Village Center Dr., Suite #203
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987

Attn: District Manager

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

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5349 NW Wisk Fern Circle
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countries of concern prohibited.

The Contractor acknowledges that the Public Integrity Laws prohibit entities that meet certain criteria from bidding on or entering into or renewing a contract with governmental entities, including with the Districts (“**Prohibited Criteria**”). The Contractor also acknowledges that District No. 1 may terminate this Agreement if the Contractor is found to have met the Prohibited Criteria or violated the Public Integrity Laws. The Contractor certifies that in entering into this Agreement, neither it nor any of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in the management of the entity, nor any affiliate of the entity, meets any of the Prohibited Criteria, and in the event such status changes, the Contractor shall immediately notify District No. 1. By entering into this Agreement, the Contractor agrees that any renewal or extension of this Agreement shall be deemed a recertification of such status.

- T. ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING STATEMENT.** The Contractor does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in Section 787.06, *Florida Statutes*, and the Contractor has complied, and agrees to comply, with the provisions of Section 787.06, *Florida Statutes*.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

Attest:

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

**FLORIDA COAST PRESSURE WASHING
LLC**

Witness

By: _____
Its: _____

Exhibit A: Scope of Services

Exhibit A

ESTIMATE

Florida Coast Power Washing LLC
5359 NW Wisk Fern Circle Port St. Lucie, FL 34986
Eric@FCpowerwash.com
5616767526



Bill To

Southern Grove Community Development District No 1 C/O SDS Inc-
TIM Paths

2501-A Burns Rd
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410, United States
mbowden@sdsinc.org
(772) 345 5119

Estimate details

Estimate no.: 2301
Estimate date: 07/12/2026
Status: Pending

PRODUCT OR SERVICE	AMOUNT
TIM Paths	\$7,532.00
Total Annual Value: \$7,532	
2x Annually	
•TIM path, TIM stop (Village Pkwy: Discovery Way & Telaro entrance)	
28,160sf x .10 cents = \$2,816 2x Annual = \$5,632	
The Heart- TIM paths, = \$950 2x Annual = \$1,900	
Subtotal	\$7,532.00
Estimate Total	\$7,532.00

MEMORANDUM

Southern Grove Community Development District No. 1

TO:	Board of Supervisors, Southern Grove Community Development District No. 1
FROM:	B. Frank Sakuma, Jr., CDM, District Manager
BOARD MEETING DATE:	August 5, 2026
RE:	Agreement for Culvert Pipe Repair Services (C-23 Outfall Culvert) – Underwater Engineering Services, Inc.

Background

District No. 1, acting on behalf of itself and Southern Grove Community Development District Nos. 2–10 pursuant to the Second Amended and Restated District Development Interlocal Agreement dated July 9, 2013, has entered into an Agreement for Culvert Pipe Repair Services with Underwater Engineering Services, Inc. (“UESI”), a Florida corporation located in Fort Pierce, Florida. The Agreement, made and entered into on June 26, 2026, provides for diving and underwater repair services relative to the C-23 outfall culvert pipe. The Work commenced upon execution of the Agreement and is to be completed within six (6) months of execution.

Scope of Work

UESI’s scope of work includes the following, as set forth in Exhibit A to the Agreement:

- Mobilize a five-man commercial diving crew, vehicle, and shallow (air) diving spread, and establish a dive station adjacent to the culvert structure
- Meet with the District representative to review lockout/tagout (LOTO) procedures and safety protocols, and accompany District personnel to identify and lock out all sources of potential energy
- Conduct underwater operations to repair six locations in the culvert:
 - Clean the repair areas with high-pressure water
 - Secure patch plate(s) to the existing culvert barrel with screws
 - Seal the perimeter with Splash Zone epoxy
 - Apply BioDur 561 to approximately seven linear feet along the bottom of the culvert pipe
- Break down the dive station and demobilize from the site

Work will take place during normal working hours (7:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday), with approximately two days for repair plate preparation and mobilization and an estimated job duration of four days. The Agreement preserves customary District protections, including contractor indemnification, preservation of sovereign immunity, \$1,000,000 general liability, automobile liability, and employer’s liability insurance limits with the Districts named as additional insured, and Florida public records and E-Verify compliance.

Contract Amount

Description	Amount
Lump-Sum Cost to Repair – C-23 Outfall Culvert (includes materials and Gator Trapper)	\$28,355.00
Total Contract Amount	\$28,355.00

Any additional work or services must be agreed to in writing by the Parties through an addendum or change order to the Agreement.

Budget Impact

Sufficient funds exist in the Stormwater Control line item of the adopted budget to support this expenditure.

Review and Compliance

Engineering Review:	Reviewed and approved by the District Engineer.
Legal Review:	District Counsel has approved the Agreement as to form.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board ratify and approve the Agreement for Culvert Pipe Repair Services with Underwater Engineering Services, Inc. for the C-23 outfall culvert repairs in the lump-sum amount of \$28,355.00, with funding from the Stormwater Control line item of the adopted budget, and authorize the Chairperson and District Manager to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the Agreement consistent with the Board's direction.

Attachments

- Agreement for Culvert Pipe Repair Services – Underwater Engineering Services, Inc. (with Exhibit A – Scope of Services)

AGREEMENT CULVERT PIPE REPAIR SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT (the “**Agreement**”) is made and entered into this 26th day of June, 2026 (the “**Effective Date**”), by and between:

SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and located within the St. Lucie County, Florida, with a mailing address of 10521 SW Village Center Dr., Suite #203, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410 (the “**District No. 1**”); and

UNDERWATER ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC., a Florida corporation, with a mailing address of 3306 Enterprise Rd., Unit 203, Fort Pierce, FL 34982 (the “**Contractor**,” together with District No. 1 the “**Parties**”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, District No. 1 is a local unit of special-purpose government created for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure and providing certain public services; and

WHEREAS, District No. 1, along with Southern Grove Community Development District Nos. 2-10 (the “**Other Districts**,” and collectively with District No. 1, the “**Districts**”) are parties to that certain Second Amended and Restated District Development Interlocal Agreement dated July 9, 2013, and recorded in Official Records Book 3539, Pages 672-713, of the public records of St. Lucie County, Florida, as amended (“**District Interlocal Agreement**”); and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the District Interlocal Agreement, the Districts have delegated to District No. 1 the authority to take all actions necessary or desirable with respect to the operation and maintenance of the Districts’ public infrastructure, including entering certain agreements on their behalf; and

WHEREAS, District No. 1 has a need to retain an independent contractor to provide DIVING AND underwater repair services relative to the C-23 outfall culvert pipe; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor represents that it is qualified to provide such services and has agreed to provide to District No. 1 the services identified in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein (the “**Work**”); and

WHEREAS, District No. 1 and the Contractor accordingly desire to enter into this Agreement to set forth the rights, duties, and obligations of the parties relative to same; and

WHEREAS, District No. 1 and the Contractor warrant and agree that they have all right, power and authority to enter into and be bound by this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the recitals, agreements, and mutual covenants contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the Parties, the Parties agree as follows:

SECTION 1. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS. The recitals stated above are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated by reference as a material part of this Agreement.

SECTION 2. DESCRIPTION OF CONTRACTOR'S WORK.

- A.** The Contractor shall provide professional repair services within presently accepted professional standards and in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The duties, obligations, and responsibilities of the Contractor are described in **Exhibit A** hereto. The Work shall include any effort reasonably necessary for the completion of the Work, including but not limited to, the tools, labor, and materials reasonably necessary.
- B.** The Work shall commence upon execution of this Agreement and be completed within six (6) months of execution of this Agreement, unless extended in writing by District No. 1 in its sole discretion or terminated earlier in accordance with the termination provisions contained herein.
- C.** This Agreement grants to the Contractor the right to enter the lands that are subject to this Agreement, for those purposes described in this Agreement, and the Contractor hereby agrees to comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.
- D.** The Contractor shall perform all Work in a neat and workmanlike manner reasonably acceptable to District No. 1. In the event District No. 1 in its sole determination, finds that the work of the Contractor is not satisfactory to District No. 1, District No. 1 shall have the right to immediately terminate this Agreement and will only be responsible for payment of work satisfactorily completed and for materials actually incorporated into the Work.
- E.** The Contractor shall be solely responsible for the means, manner and methods by which its duties, obligations and responsibilities are met to the satisfaction of District No. 1. While providing the Work, the Contractor shall assign such staff as may be required, and such staff shall be responsible for coordinating, expediting, and controlling all aspects to assure completion of the Work.
- F.** The Contractor shall report directly to District Manager. The Contractor shall use all due care to protect the property of the Districts, their residents and landowners from damage. The Contractor agrees to repair any damage resulting from the Contractor's activities and work within twenty-four (24) hours.
- G.** The Contractor shall keep the premises and surrounding area free from accumulation of waste materials or rubbish caused by operations under the Agreement. At completion of the Work, the Contractor shall remove from the site

waste materials, rubbish, tools, repair equipment, machinery and surplus materials. If the Contractor fails to clean up as provided herein, District No. 1 may do so, and the cost thereof shall be charged to the Contractor.

SECTION 3. COMPENSATION, PAYMENT, AND RETAINAGE.

- A. District No. 1 shall pay the Contractor **Twenty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars and Zero Cents (\$28,355.00)** for the Work as identified in **Exhibit A**. The Contractor shall invoice District No. 1 for the Work pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. District No. 1 shall provide payment within forty-five (45) days of receipt of invoices. Such amounts include all materials and labor provided for in **Exhibit A** and all items, labor, materials, or otherwise, to provide District No. 1 the maximum benefit of the Work.
- B. If District No. 1 should desire additional work or services, the Contractor agrees to negotiate in good faith to undertake such additional work or services. Upon successful negotiations, the Parties shall agree in writing to an addendum, addenda, or change order(s) to this Agreement. The Contractor shall be compensated for such agreed additional work or services based upon a payment amount acceptable to the parties and agreed to in writing.
- C. District No. 1 may require, as a condition precedent to making any payment to the Contractor, that all subcontractors, material men, suppliers or laborers be paid and require evidence, in the form of lien releases or partial waivers of lien, to be submitted to District No. 1 by those subcontractors, material men, suppliers or laborers, and further require that the Contractor provide an affidavit relating to the payment of said indebtedness. Further, District No. 1 shall have the right to require, as a condition precedent to making any payment, evidence from the Contractor, in a form satisfactory to District No. 1, that any indebtedness of the Contractor, as to services to District No. 1, has been paid and that the Contractor has met all of the obligations with regard to the withholding and payment of taxes, Social Security payments, Workmen's Compensation, Unemployment Compensation contributions, and similar payroll deductions from the wages of employees.

~~SECTION 4. WARRANTY. The Contractor warrants to District No. 1 that all materials furnished under this Agreement shall be new, and that all services and materials shall be of good quality, free from faults and defects, and will conform to the standards and practices for projects of similar design and complexity in an expeditious and economical manner consistent with the best interest of the Districts. In addition to all manufacturer warranties for materials purchased for purposes of this Agreement, all Work provided by the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement shall be warranted for two (2) years from the date of acceptance of the Work by District No. 1. The Contractor shall replace or repair warranted items to District No. 1's satisfaction and in District No. 1's discretion. Neither final acceptance of the Work, nor final payment therefore, nor any provision of the Agreement shall relieve the Contractor of responsibility for defective or deficient materials or Work. If any of the materials or Work are found to be defective, deficient or not in accordance with the Agreement, the Contractor shall correct, remove and replace it promptly after~~

~~receipt of a written notice from District No. 1 and correct and pay for any other damage resulting therefrom to District No. 1's property, the property of the Other Districts or the property of landowners within the Districts.~~

SECTION 5. PERMITS AND LICENSES. All permits and licenses required by any governmental agency directly for District No. 1 or any of the Other Districts shall be obtained and paid for by District No. 1. All other permits or licenses necessary for the Contractor to perform under this Agreement shall be obtained and paid for by the Contractor.

SECTION 6. INSURANCE.

A. The Contractor shall maintain throughout the term of this Agreement the following insurance:

1. Worker's Compensation Insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.
2. Commercial General Liability Insurance covering the Contractor's legal liability for bodily injuries, with limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limit bodily injury and property damage liability, and covering at least the following hazards:
 - i. Independent Contractors Coverage for bodily injury and property damage in connection with any subcontractors' operation.
3. Employer's Liability Coverage with limits of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per accident or disease.
4. Automobile Liability Insurance for bodily injuries in limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limit bodily injury and for property damage, providing coverage for any accident arising out of or resulting from the operation, maintenance, or use by the Contractor of any owned, non-owned, or hired automobiles, trailers, or other equipment required to be licensed.

B. The Districts and their staff, consultants, officers, and supervisors shall be named as additional insured. The Contractor shall furnish District No. 1 with the Certificate of Insurance evidencing compliance with this requirement. No certificate shall be acceptable to District No. 1 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 District No. 1. Insurance coverage shall be from a reputable insurance carrier, licensed to conduct business in the State of Florida.

C. If the Contractor fails to have secured and maintained the required insurance, District No. 1 has the right but not the obligation to secure such required insurance

in which event the Contractor shall pay the cost for that required insurance and shall furnish, upon demand, all information that may be required in connection with District No. 1's obtaining the required insurance.

SECTION 7. INDEMNIFICATION.

- A. The Contractor agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Districts and their officers, agents, employees, successors, assigns, members, affiliates, or representatives from any and all liability, claims, actions, suits, liens, demands, costs, interest, expenses, damages, penalties, fines, judgments against the Districts, or loss or damage, whether monetary or otherwise, arising out of, wholly or in part by, or in connection with the Work to be performed by the Contractor, its subcontractors, its employees and agents in connection with this Agreement, including litigation, mediation, arbitration, appellate, or settlement proceedings with respect thereto.
- B. Obligations under this section shall include the payment of all settlements, judgments, damages, liquidated damages, penalties, forfeitures, back pay awards, court costs, arbitration and/or mediation costs, litigation expenses, attorneys' fees, paralegal fees, expert witness fees (incurred in court, out of court, on appeal, or in bankruptcy proceedings), any interest, expenses, damages, penalties, fines, or judgments against the Districts.

SECTION 8. LIMITATIONS ON GOVERNMENTAL LIABILITY. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed as a waiver of immunity or limits of liability of the Districts 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 statute, and nothing in this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of any third party for the purpose of allowing any claim which would otherwise be barred under the Doctrine of Sovereign Immunity or by operation of law.

SECTION 9. COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION. The Contractor shall keep, observe, and perform all requirements of applicable local, State, and Federal laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances. If the Contractor fails to notify District No. 1 in writing within five (5) days of the receipt of any notice, order, required to comply notice, or a report of a violation or 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 the Contractor or any of its agents, servants, employees, or materialmen, or with respect to terms, wages, hours, conditions of employment, safety appliances, or any other requirements applicable to provision of services, 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, District No. 1 may terminate this Agreement, such termination to be effective upon the giving of notice of termination.

SECTION 10. LIENS AND CLAIMS. The Contractor shall promptly and properly pay for all labor employed, materials purchased, and equipment hired by it to perform under this Agreement. The Contractor shall keep the property of the Districts free from any materialmen's or mechanic's

liens and claims or notices in respect to such liens and claims, which arise by reason of the Contractor's performance under this Agreement, and the Contractor shall immediately discharge any such claim or lien. In the event that the Contractor does not pay or satisfy such claim or lien within three (3) business days after the filing of notice thereof, District No. 1 in addition to any and all other remedies available under this Agreement, may terminate this Agreement to be effective immediately upon the giving of notice of termination.

SECTION 11. DEFAULT AND PROTECTION AGAINST THIRD PARTY INTERFERENCE. A default by either party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which may include, but not be limited to, the right of actual damages and/or specific performance. District No. 1 shall be solely responsible for enforcing the Districts' rights under this Agreement against any interfering third party. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall limit or impair District No. 1's right to protect its rights from interference by a third-party to this Agreement.

SECTION 12. CUSTOM AND USAGE. It is hereby agreed, any law, custom, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding, that District No. 1 shall have the right at all times to enforce the conditions and agreements contained in this Agreement in strict accordance with the terms of this Agreement, notwithstanding any conduct or custom on the part of District No. 1 in refraining from so doing; and further, that the failure of District No. 1 at any time or times to strictly enforce its rights under this Agreement shall not be construed as having created a custom in any way or manner contrary to the specific conditions and agreements of this Agreement, or as having in any way modified or waived the same.

SECTION 13. SUCCESSORS. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns of the Parties to this Agreement, except as expressly limited in this Agreement.

SECTION 14. TERMINATION. District No. 1 agrees that the Contractor may terminate this Agreement with cause by providing thirty (30) days' written notice of termination to District No. 1 stating a failure of District No. 1 to perform according to the terms of this Agreement; provided, however, that District No. 1 shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to cure any failure under this Agreement. The Contractor agrees that District No. 1 may terminate this Agreement immediately for cause by providing written notice of termination to the Contractor. District No. 1 shall provide thirty (30) days' written notice of termination without cause. Upon any termination of this Agreement, the Contractor shall be entitled to payment for all work and/or services rendered up until the effective termination of this Agreement, subject to whatever claims or off-sets District No. 1 may have against the Contractor.

SECTION 15. ASSIGNMENT. Neither District No. 1 nor the Contractor may assign this Agreement without the prior written approval of the other. Any purported assignment without such approval shall be void.

SECTION 16. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS. In all matters relating to this Agreement, the Contractor shall be acting as an independent contractor. Neither the Contractor nor employees of the Contractor, if there are any, are employees of District No. 1, or any of the Other

Districts, under the meaning or application of any Federal or State Unemployment or Insurance Laws or Old Age Laws or otherwise. The Contractor agrees to assume all liabilities or obligations imposed by any one or more of such laws with respect to employees of the Contractor, if there are any, in the performance of this Agreement. The Contractor shall not have any authority to assume or create any obligation, express or implied, on behalf of District No. 1 or the Other Districts and the Contractor shall have no authority to represent District No. 1 or any of the Other Districts as an agent, employee, or in any other capacity, unless otherwise set forth in this Agreement.

SECTION 17. HEADINGS FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY. The descriptive headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall neither control nor affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION 18. ENFORCEMENT OF AGREEMENT. A default by either party under this Agreement shall entitle the other party to all remedies available at law or in equity. In the event that either District No. 1 or the Contractor 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 attorneys' fees, paralegal fees and expert witness fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

SECTION 19. AGREEMENT. This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of this Agreement between the Parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

SECTION 20. 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 Parties.

SECTION 21. AUTHORIZATION. The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of the Parties, the Parties have complied with all the requirements of law, and the Parties have full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION 22. NOTICES. All notices, requests, consents and other communications under this Agreement ("Notice" or "Notices") shall be in writing and shall be hand delivered, mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, or sent by overnight delivery service, to the Parties, as follows:

A. If to the District: Southern Grove Community Development District
No. 1
10521 SW Village Center Dr., Suite #203
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410
Attn: District Manager

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

B. If to the Contractor: Underwater Engineering Services, Inc.
3306 Enterprise Rd., Unit 203
Fort Pierce, FL 34982
Attn: Andrew Connelly

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 Districts and counsel for the Contractor may deliver Notices on behalf of District No. 1 and the Contractor. Any party or other person to whom Notices are to be sent or copied may notify the 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 in this Agreement.

SECTION 23. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the Parties hereto 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 Parties hereto 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 Parties hereto and their respective representatives, successors, and assigns.

SECTION 24. CONTROLLING LAW AND VENUE. This Agreement and the provisions contained in this Agreement shall be construed, interpreted, and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. All actions and disputes shall be brought in the proper court and venue, which shall be St. Lucie County, Florida.

SECTION 25. COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RECORDS LAWS. The Contractor understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the Districts in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and, accordingly, the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including but not limited to Section 119.0701, *Florida Statutes*. The Contractor acknowledges that the designated public records custodian for the Districts is Special District Services, Inc. ("Public Records Custodian"). Among other requirements and to the extent applicable by law, the Contractor shall 1) keep and maintain public records required by the Districts to perform the Work; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, provide the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time period at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*; 3) ensure that public records which are exempt or confidential, and exempt from public records disclosure requirements, are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following the contract term if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the Public Records Custodian of the Districts; and 4) upon completion of the contract, transfer to the Public Records Custodian, at no cost, all public records in the

Contractor's possession or, alternatively, keep, maintain and meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records pursuant to Florida laws. When such public records are transferred by the Contractor, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the Public Records Custodian in a format that is compatible with Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats.

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, *FLORIDA STATUTES*, TO CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (772) 345-5119, BSAKUMA@SDSINC.ORG, OR 10521 SW VILLAGE CENTER DR., SUITE #203, PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA 34987.

SECTION 26. 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.

SECTION 27. ARM'S LENGTH TRANSACTION. This Agreement has been negotiated fully between the Parties as an arm's length transaction. The Parties participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement with the assistance of their respective counsel. In the case of a dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, the Parties are each deemed to have drafted, chosen, and selected the language, and any doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against any party.

SECTION 28. 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. Additionally, the Parties acknowledge and agree that the Agreement may be executed by electronic signature, which shall be considered as an original signature for all purposes and shall have the same force and effect as an original signature. Without limitation, "electronic signature" shall include faxed versions of an original signature, electronically scanned and transmitted versions (e.g. via PDF) of an original signature, or signatures created in a digital format.

SECTION 29. E-VERIFY REQUIREMENTS. The Contractor shall comply with and perform all applicable provisions of Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*. Accordingly, beginning January 1, 2021, to the extent required by Florida Statute, the 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. District No. 1 may terminate this Agreement immediately for cause if there is a good faith belief that the Contractor has knowingly violated Section 448.091, *Florida Statutes*.

If the Contractor anticipates entering into agreements with a subcontractor for the Work, the Contractor will not enter into the subcontractor agreement without first receiving an affidavit from the subcontractor regarding compliance with Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*, and stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien.

The Contractor shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the agreement and provide a copy to District No. 1 upon request.

In the event that District No. 1 has a good faith belief that a subcontractor has knowingly violated Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*, but the Contractor has otherwise complied with its obligations hereunder, District No. 1 shall promptly notify the Contractor. The Contractor agrees to immediately terminate the agreement with the subcontractor upon notice from District No. 1. Further, absent such notification from District No. 1, the Contractor or any subcontractor who has a good faith belief that a person or entity with which it is contracting has knowingly violated s. 448.09(1), *Florida Statutes*, shall promptly terminate its agreement with such person or entity.

By entering into this Agreement, the Contractor represents that no public employer has terminated a contract with the Contractor under Section 448.095(2)(c), *Florida Statutes*, within the year immediately preceding the date of this Agreement.

SECTION 30. STATEMENT REGARDING CHAPTER 287 REQUIREMENTS. The Contractor acknowledges that, in addition to all Laws and Regulations that apply to this Agreement, the following provisions of Florida law ("**Public Integrity Laws**") apply to this Agreement:

- A. Section 287.133, *Florida Statutes*, titled *Public entity crime; denial or revocation of the right to transact business with public entities*;
- B. Section 287.134, *Florida Statutes*, titled *Discrimination; denial or revocation of the right to transact business with public entities*;
- C. Section 287.135, *Florida Statutes*, titled *Prohibition against contracting with scrutinized companies*;
- D. Section 287.137, *Florida Statutes*, titled *Antitrust violations; denial or revocation of the right to transact business with public entities; denial of economic benefits*; and
- E. Section 287.138, *Florida Statutes*, titled *Contracting with entities of foreign countries of concern prohibited*.

The Contractor acknowledges that the Public Integrity Laws prohibit entities that meet certain criteria from bidding on or entering into or renewing a contract with governmental entities, including with the Districts ("**Prohibited Criteria**"). The Contractor also acknowledges that District No. 1 may terminate this Agreement if the Contractor is found to have met the Prohibited Criteria or violated the Public Integrity Laws. The Contractor certifies that in entering into this Agreement, neither it nor any of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in the management of the entity, nor any affiliate of the entity, meets any of the Prohibited Criteria, and in the event such status changes, the Contractor shall immediately notify District No. 1. By entering into this Agreement, the Contractor agrees that any renewal or extension of this Agreement shall be deemed a recertification of such status

SECTION 31. 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 to such section and to incorporate in all subcontracts the obligation to comply with Section 20.055(5), *Florida Statutes*.

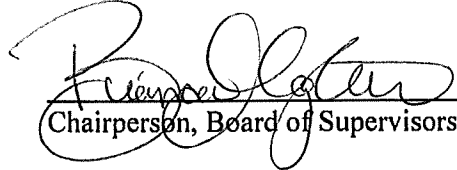
SECTION 32. SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES STATEMENT. The Contractor certifies it: (i) is not in violation of Section 287.135, *Florida Statutes*; (ii) is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List; (iii) is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector 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, District No. 1 may immediately terminate the Agreement.

SECTION 33. HUMAN TRAFFICKING PROHIBITION. The Contractor does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in Section 787.06, *Florida Statutes*, and the Contractor has complied, and agrees to comply, with the provisions of Section 787.06, *Florida Statutes*.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have signed this Agreement on the day and year first written above.

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**


Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

**UNDERWATER ENGINEERING
SERVICES, INC., a Florida corporation**


By: Andrew Connelly
Its: V.P. Director of Project Development

Exhibit A: Scope of Services

Exhibit A

Scope of Services



Commercial Diving | Marine Construction | Specialty Engineering | Nuclear Services

Scope of Work

UESI is pleased to provide the following proposal for a dive team to complete the following scope of work:

- Mobilize a 5-man commercial diving crew, vehicle and shallow (air) diving spread
- Establish a dive station adjacent to the culvert structure
- Dive supervisor to meet with client representative and review any LOTO Procedures and discuss safety procedures
- Dive supervisor shall accompany Southern Grove CDD personnel to identify and "lockout" all sources of potential energy
- Dive crew to conduct underwater operations to repair six locations in the culvert.
 - Clean the area with high pressure water.
 - Secure patch plate(s) to existing culvert barrel with screws.
 - Seal the perimeter with Splash Zone Epoxy
 - Apply BioDur 561 to roughly a 7LF area along the bottom of the culvert pipe.
- Break down dive station and depart from site

Preliminary Work Schedule

Work to take place during normal working hour, 7am – 5pm, Monday – Friday

- Prep Repair Plates and Mobilize: 2 Days
- The approximate/estimated job duration: 4 Day

Pricing

Lump Sum cost to repair (Includes materials & Gator Trapper)	\$ 28,355.00
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Terms, Conditions and Clarifications

- A Southern Grove CDD representative will always be available for consultation that a UESI crew is on site
- Lock Out / Tag Out will be completed to the satisfaction of the Dive Supervisor or his designee
- Client will provide access required to allow diver to enter the water in front of the Intake structure.
- This proposal is not based on Prevailing Wage/Davis Bacon.
- The Supervisor has sole responsibility for determining the safety of any given situation such as weather or other site conditions.
- If there are delays due to client, while dive crew has already been mobilized to job site, a stand-by rate can be charged.

MEMORANDUM

Southern Grove Community Development District No. 1

TO: Board of Supervisors, Southern Grove Community Development District No. 1

FROM: B. Frank Sakuma, Jr., CDM, District Manager

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 5, 2026

RE: Canal Maintenance Agreement and Perpetual Maintenance Easement – Canal on Parcel F, Tradition SG-8 (Tradition St. Lucie Owner LLC)

Background

District No. 1, acting on behalf of itself and Southern Grove Community Development District Nos. 2–10 pursuant to the Second Amended and Restated District Development Interlocal Agreement dated July 9, 2013, owns and maintains a canal (the “Canal”) and the stormwater management infrastructure contained therein, located within a Special Drainage Easement on Parcel F, TRADITION SG-8, as recorded in Plat Book 132, Page 34, Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida. Tradition St. Lucie Owner LLC (the “Owner”), a Delaware limited liability company, owns Parcel F and is developing an apartment community on the parcel adjacent to the Canal.

Because access to the eastern side of the Canal is limited from District property, the District and the Owner have agreed to jointly maintain the Canal and to define their respective operation, maintenance, and repair obligations. This agenda item comprises two related instruments that, together, allocate those responsibilities and grant the access the Owner needs to perform them. One instrument is already fully executed and is presented for ratification; the other remains pending and is presented for approval:

Instrument	Status
Agreement Between the District and Tradition St. Lucie Owner LLC Regarding Canal Maintenance (Effective June 30, 2026)	Fully Executed
Agreement Granting Non-Exclusive Perpetual Maintenance Easement (Tradition St. Lucie Owner)	Pending

Canal Maintenance Agreement (Executed)

The **Agreement Between Southern Grove Community Development District No. 1 and Tradition St. Lucie Owner LLC Regarding Canal Maintenance**, effective June 30, 2026, has been fully executed by both parties. It allocates the operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of the Canal between the District and the Owner as depicted in Exhibit A to the Agreement:

- **District obligations** – the western side of the Canal (approximately 821 linear feet), including exotics, water quality, and aesthetic management; the District Improvements (water control structures, pipes, and conveyance structures); turf mowing and landscape maintenance of the canal banks; and coordination with the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) on permits, reports, and certifications.

- **Owner obligations** – the eastern side of the Canal (approximately 821 linear feet), including the same categories of work, regular inspections with reporting to the District’s Operations Manager, and compliance with all applicable environmental resource permits and governmental requirements.

The Owner must maintain \$1,000,000 combined single limit general liability and property damage insurance naming the District and its supervisors, staff, and officers as additional insured. The term is one (1) year, automatically renewing for successive one-year periods unless either party provides at least ninety (90) days’ written notice of intent not to renew. Compensation is \$10.00 per year, paid by the District to the Owner. The Agreement preserves customary District protections, including Owner indemnification, preservation of sovereign immunity, independent contractor status, Florida public records compliance, and venue in St. Lucie County.

Perpetual Maintenance Easement (Pending)

The **Agreement Granting Non-Exclusive Perpetual Maintenance Easement**, with the District as Grantor and Tradition St. Lucie Owner LLC as Grantee, grants the Owner a perpetual, non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress over the Special Drainage Easement area (the “Easement Area”) depicted on the plat of TRADITION SG-8. The easement gives the Owner the access it needs to perform its maintenance obligations on the eastern side of the Canal under the Canal Maintenance Agreement.

The easement is granted for \$10.00 and other good and valuable consideration. The Owner is responsible, at its sole cost, for restoring any damage to the Easement Area to its original condition within thirty (30) days of written notice and for keeping the Easement Area free of liens. The easement is non-exclusive, runs with the land, and binds the parties’ successors and assigns. It is a recordable instrument to be recorded in the Public Records of St. Lucie County and remains pending execution and notarization by the parties.

Budget Impact

The financial impact to the District is nominal: the District pays the Owner \$10.00 per year under the Canal Maintenance Agreement, and the easement is granted for \$10.00 consideration. The District’s ongoing obligations for the western side of the Canal, together with these nominal payments, are supported by sufficient funds in the Stormwater Control line item of the adopted budget.

Review and Compliance

Engineering Review:

Reviewed and approved by the District Engineer.

Legal Review:

District Counsel has reviewed and approved the documents as to form.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board (1) ratify and approve the fully executed Agreement Between Southern Grove Community Development District No. 1 and Tradition St. Lucie Owner LLC Regarding Canal Maintenance, effective June 30, 2026; and (2) approve the Agreement Granting Non-Exclusive Perpetual Maintenance Easement in favor of Tradition St. Lucie Owner LLC; with funding for the District’s related obligations from the Stormwater Control line item of the adopted budget, and authorize the Chairperson and District Manager to execute all documents necessary to effectuate both instruments consistent with the Board’s direction.

Attachments

- Agreement Between Southern Grove Community Development District No. 1 and Tradition St. Lucie Owner LLC Regarding Canal Maintenance (fully executed June 30, 2026), with Exhibit A – Canal Maps
- Agreement Granting Non-Exclusive Perpetual Maintenance Easement (Tradition St. Lucie Owner) – pending execution

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 AND TRADITION ST. LUCIE OWNER LLC
REGARDING CANAL MAINTENANCE**

THIS AGREEMENT (the “**Agreement**”) is made and entered into this 30th day of June, 2026 (the “**Effective Date**”), by and between:

SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and whose address is c/o Special District Services, Inc., 10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987 (the “**District**”); and

TRADITION ST. LUCIE OWNER LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, whose mailing address is 1228 Euclid Ave 4th Floor, Cleveland, OH 44115 (the “**Developer**,” and together with the District, the “**Parties**”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District is a local unit of special-purpose government established to finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, construct or reconstruct, enlarge and extend, equip, operate and maintain systems, facilities and infrastructure in conjunction with the development of the lands within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the District, along with Southern Grove Community Development District Nos. 2-10 (the “**Other Districts**,” and collectively with the District, the “**Districts**”) are parties to that certain *Amended and Restated District Development Interlocal Agreement* dated April 8, 2008, and recorded in Official Records Book 2983, Page 1074, of the public records of St. Lucie County, Florida (“**District Interlocal Agreement**”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the District Interlocal Agreement, the Districts have delegated to the District the authority to take all actions necessary or desirable with respect to the operation and maintenance of the Districts’ public infrastructure, including entering into certain agreements on their behalf; and

WHEREAS, the Developer owns real property legally described as Parcel F, TRADITION SG-8, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 132, Page 34, Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida on which a canal is located that is owned and maintained by the District (the “**Canal**,” and the stormwater management infrastructure contained therein, the “**District Improvements**”); and

WHEREAS, for ease of administration due to access limitations on the eastern side of the Canal, the Parties desire to jointly maintain the Canal and accordingly have a need to enter into this Agreement in order to define their respective operation, maintenance, and repair obligations relative to the Canal.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the recitals, agreements and covenants contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

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

SECTION 2. DISTRICT OBLIGATIONS. The District shall be responsible for the operation, maintenance, repair and/or replacement of the western side of the Canal as graphically depicted in **Exhibit A**, which is incorporated herein by this reference. Such activities shall include, but not be limited to, i) exotics, water quality, and aesthetic management of the Canal, ii) operation, maintenance, repair and/or replacement of the District Improvements located within the Canal including, but not limited to, water control structures, pipes, and conveyance structures and any other improvements comprising the District Improvements that relate directly to the functionality of the stormwater management facilities therein, and iii) turf mowing and other landscape maintenance of the canal banks. Further, the District shall be responsible for coordinating with the South Florida Water Management District (“**SFWMD**”) relative to the Canal, including submitting any applications, reports, or receiving any certifications or re-certifications necessary to operate same.

SECTION 3. DEVELOPER OBLIGATIONS. The Developer shall be responsible for the operation, maintenance, repair and/or replacement of the eastern side of the Canal as graphically depicted in **Exhibit A**, which is incorporated herein by this reference. Such activities shall include, but not be limited to, i) exotics, water quality, and aesthetic management of the Canal, ii) operation, maintenance, repair and/or replacement of the District Improvements located within the Canal including, but not limited to, water control structures, pipes, and conveyance structures and any other improvements comprising the District Improvements that relate directly to the functionality of the stormwater management facilities therein, and iii) turf mowing and other landscape maintenance of the canal banks.

- A. Access to District Property.** Execution of this Agreement by the Parties grants to the Developer the right for Developer personnel and contractors to i) enter upon the real property owned by the District and ii) utilize any applicable access and maintenance easements granted to the District, as identified on the applicable recorded plat(s), if any, for the purposes described herein.
- B. Inspections.** The Developer shall conduct regular inspections of the eastern portion of the Canal, report any irregularities to the District’s Operations Manager, or its designated representative, and correct any necessary maintenance, repairs and/or replacement of such infrastructure in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- C. Investigation and Report of Accidents/Claims.** At all times while this Agreement remains in effect, the Developer shall maintain comprehensive general liability and property damage insurance, naming the District and its supervisors, staff and officers as an additional insured, in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limits and \$1,000,000 in the aggregate with respect to all activities conducted by or at the direction

of the Developer and with respect to the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of the Canal, including the District Improvements. The Developer shall provide the District with certificates evidencing such insurance upon request. The Developer shall promptly investigate and provide a full written report to the District's Operations Manager as to all accidents or claims for damage relating to the operation, maintenance, repair and/or replacement of the eastern portion of the Canal. Such report shall at a minimum include a description of any damage or destruction of property and the estimated cost of repair. The Developer shall cooperate and make any and all reports required by any District insurance company or the District in connection with any accident or claim. The Developer shall not file any claims with the District's insurance company without the prior consent of the District Manager or its designee.

D. *Compliance with Government Rules, Regulations, Requirements and Orders.* Operation and maintenance of the eastern portion of the Canal by the Developer pursuant to this Agreement shall be in accordance with all conditions of Environmental Resource Permits issued by the SFWMD, as well as permits and other directives issued by the City of Port St. Lucie, St. Lucie County, or other regulatory entity or agency having jurisdiction. Additionally, the Developer shall ensure that it and its contractors keep, observe, and perform all requirements of applicable local, state, and federal laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances. If the Developer fails to notify the District in writing within five (5) business days of the receipt of any notice, order, required to comply notice, or a report of a violation or 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 the Developer or any of its agents, servants, employees, or materialmen, or with respect to terms, wages, hours, conditions of employment, safety appliances, or any other requirements applicable to provision of services, or fails to comply with any requirement of such agency within thirty (30) days after receipt of any such notice, order, request to comply notice, or report of a violation or an alleged violation (or such longer period as may be reasonably necessary to effectuate a cure, provided the Developer is diligently pursuing such cure), the District may terminate this Agreement, effective immediately upon the giving of notice of termination. At the request of the District, the Developer shall prepare for execution and filing by the District any forms, reports or returns that may be required by law in connection with the operation, maintenance repair and/or replacement of the eastern portion of the Canal.

E. *Adherence to District Rules, Regulations and Policies*

1. The Developer shall ensure that all persons involved with maintaining the eastern portion of the Canal are informed with respect to the rules, regulations and notices as may be promulgated by the District and ensure that said persons conform therewith.
2. The Developer may adopt such policies and procedures not inconsistent with the District's policies and procedures, as it deems necessary for the fulfillment of its obligations under this Agreement, provided that copies of such policies and procedures shall be provided to the District at all times.

- F. *Care of the Property.*** The Developer shall use all due care to protect the Canal, including the District Improvements therein, and property of the District's residents and landowners from damage by the Developer, its employees and/or contractors. The Developer agrees to promptly repair any damage resulting from the Developer's, or its employees and/or contractors' activities and work.
- G. *Funding of Developer Obligations.*** The cost associated with the Developer's operation, maintenance, repair and/or replacement obligations relative to the eastern portion of the Canal set forth herein shall be borne solely by the Developer. The Developer shall be solely responsible for the staffing, budgeting, billing and collection of fees, assessments, service charges, etc., necessary to perform its maintenance responsibilities set forth herein.
- H. *Liens and Claims.*** The Developer shall promptly and properly pay for all contractors retained, labor employed, materials purchased, and equipment hired by it to perform pursuant to this Agreement. The Developer shall keep the property free from any materialmen's or mechanic's liens and claims or notices in respect to such liens and claims, which arise by reason of the Developer's performance under this Agreement, and the Developer shall within thirty (30) days discharge or bond off any such claim or lien.

SECTION 4. COMPENSATION. The District shall pay the Developer the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per year for the provision of operation, maintenance, repair and/or replacement services by the Developer pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

SECTION 5. TERM. The term of this Agreement is for a period of one (1) year commencing as of the Effective Date and shall be automatically renewed for additional one (1) year periods, unless either party provides at least ninety (90) days written notice of its intent not to renew. The District shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice due to the Developer's failure to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, provided the Developer shall have thirty (30) days from receipt of such notice to cure such failure, or upon sixty (60) days written notice without a showing of cause. The Developer shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon sixty (60) days written notice without a showing of cause.

SECTION 6. INDEMNIFICATION.

- A.** The Developer, and its employees, agents, staff and contractors, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the District and its officers, agents, supervisors, staff and employees from any and all liability, claims, actions, suits or demands by any person, corporation or other entity for injuries, death, property damage or of any nature, arising out of, or in connection with, the services to be performed by the Developer, including litigation or any appellate proceedings with respect thereto, except to the extent caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the District or its agents, employees, or contractors.
- B.** Obligations under this section shall include the payment of all settlements, judgments, damages, liquidated damages, penalties, forfeitures, back pay awards, court costs,

arbitration and/or mediation costs, litigation expenses, attorney fees, paralegal fees and expert witness fees (incurred in court, out of court, on appeal, or in bankruptcy proceedings) as ordered.

SECTION 7. RECOVERY OF COSTS AND FEES. In the event that either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the parties agree that the substantially prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other 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.

SECTION 8. 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 statute, and nothing in this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of any third party for the purpose of allowing any claim which would otherwise be barred under the Doctrine of Sovereign Immunity or by operation of law.

SECTION 9. ASSIGNMENT. Neither the District nor the Developer may assign this Agreement without the prior written approval of the other.

SECTION 10. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS. In all matters relating to this Agreement, the Developer shall be acting as an independent contractor. Neither the Developer nor employees of the Developer, if there are any, are employees of the District under the meaning or application of any Federal or State Unemployment or Insurance Laws or Old Age Laws or otherwise. The Developer agrees to assume all liabilities or obligations imposed by any one or more of such laws with respect to employees of the Developer, if there are any, in the performance of this Agreement. The Developer shall not have any authority to assume or create any obligation, express or implied, on behalf of the District and the Developer shall have no authority to represent the District as an agent, employee, or in any other capacity, unless otherwise set forth in this Agreement. Nothing herein shall preclude the Developer and the District from entering into separate agreements for the leasing of personnel or sharing of other resources.

SECTION 11. HEADINGS FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY. The descriptive headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall neither control nor affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION 12. AGREEMENT. This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of this Agreement between the District and the Developer relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

SECTION 13. 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.

SECTION 14. 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.

SECTION 15. 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, as follows:

A. If to the District: Southern Grove Community
Development District No. 1
10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987
Attn: District Manager

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

B. If to the Developer: Tradition St. Lucie Owner LLC
1228 Euclid Ave 4th Floor, Cleveland, OH 44115
Attn: Legal Department

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. 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 16. NO 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.

SECTION 17. CONTROLLING LAW; VENUE. This Agreement and the provisions contained in this Agreement shall be construed, interpreted, and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. Venue shall be in St. Lucie County, Florida.

SECTION 18. PUBLIC RECORDS. The Developer understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records and shall be treated as such in accordance with Florida law.

SECTION 19. SEVERABILITY. The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Agreement, or any part of this Agreement not held to be invalid or unenforceable.

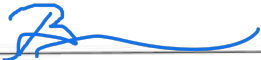
SECTION 20. ARM'S LENGTH TRANSACTION. This Agreement has been negotiated fully between the District and the Developer as an arm's length transaction. The District and the Developer participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement with the assistance of their respective counsel. In the case of 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 any doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against any party.

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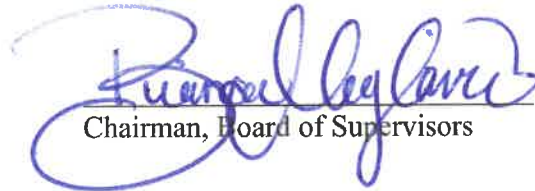
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties execute this Agreement the day and year first written above.

ATTEST:

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**



Secretary / Assistant Secretary



Chairman, Board of Supervisors

**TRADITION ST. LUCIE
OWNER LLC**



Name: Rebecca Martin



By: Noam Magence
Its: Secretary

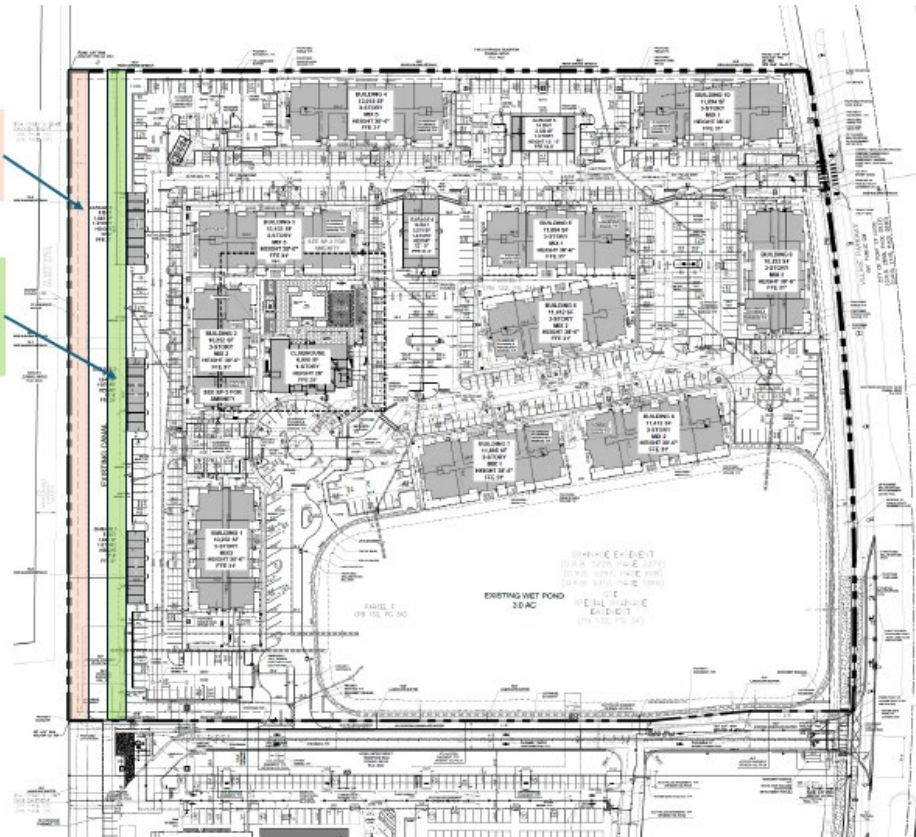
Exhibit A: Canal Maps

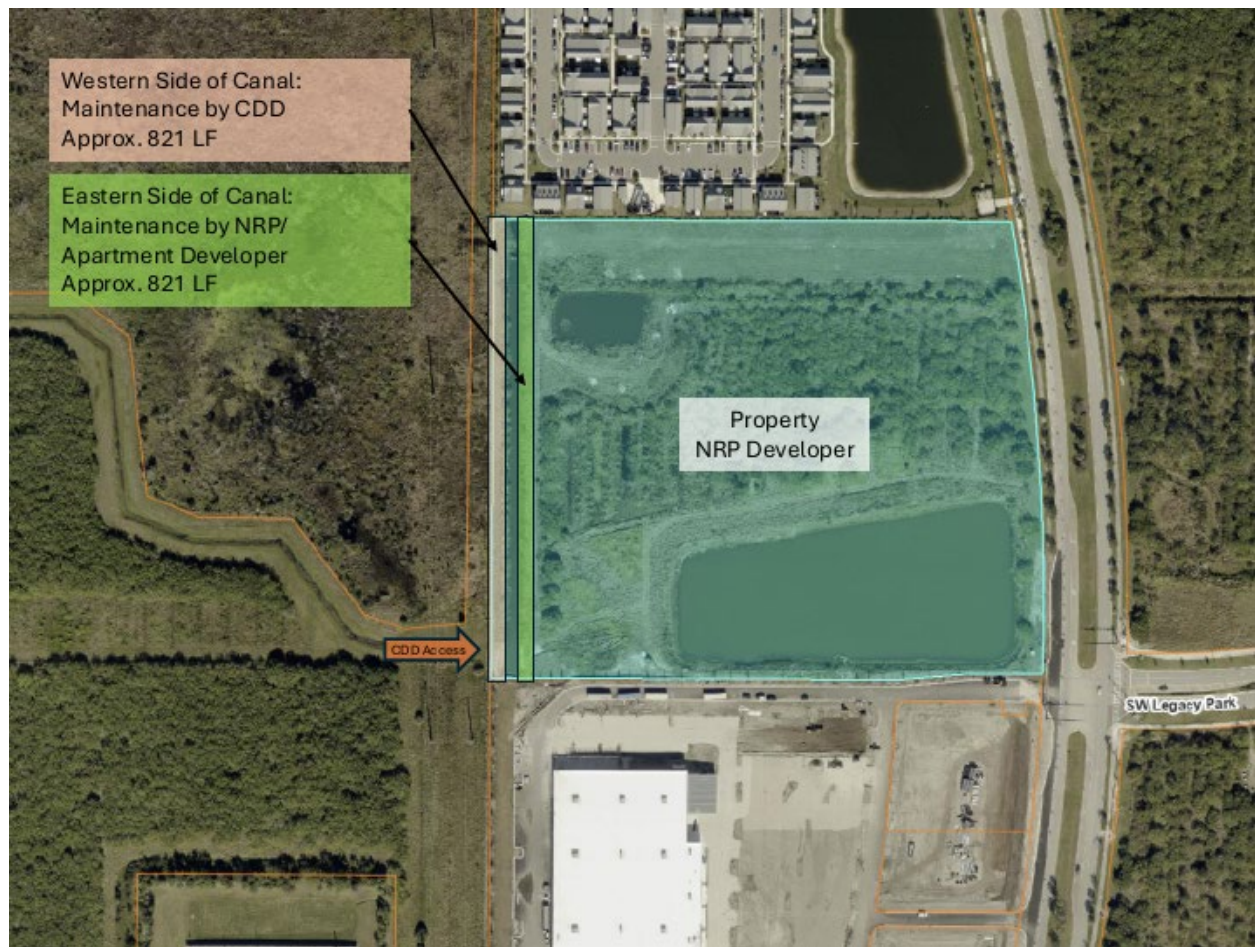
Exhibit A

Canal Maps

Western Side of Canal:
Maintenance by CDD
Approx. 821 LF

Eastern Side of Canal:
Maintenance by NRP/
Apartment Developer
Approx. 821 LF





Prepared by and upon recording, this instrument should be returned to:

Lindsay C. Whelan, Esq.
Kutak Rock LLP
107 West College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

(This space reserved for Clerk)

AGREEMENT GRANTING NON-EXCLUSIVE PERPETUAL MAINTENANCE EASEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT GRANTING NON-EXCLUSIVE PERPETUAL MAINTENANCE EASEMENT (the “**Agreement**”) is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2026, by and between:

SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, whose address is c/o Special District Services, Inc., 10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987 (hereinafter the “**Grantor**” or the “**District**”); and

TRADITION ST. LUCIE OWNER LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, whose mailing address is 1228 Euclid Ave 4th Floor, Cleveland, OH 44115 (hereinafter the “**Grantee**”).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the District was established for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, installing, repairing, operating, and/or maintaining certain public infrastructure improvements, including but not limited to stormwater management improvements; and

WHEREAS, Grantee presently owns certain real property located in St. Lucie County, Florida, legally described as Parcel F, TRADITION SG-8, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 132, Page 34, Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida (“**Parcel F**”); and

WHEREAS, the District, along with Southern Grove Community Development District Nos. 2-10 (the “**Other Districts**,” and collectively with the District, the “**Districts**”) are parties to that certain Second Amended and Restated District Development Interlocal Agreement dated as of July 9, 2013, and recorded in Official Records Book 3539, Page 672, of the public records of St. Lucie County, Florida (the “**Interlocal Agreement**”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement, the Districts have delegated to the District the authority to take all actions necessary or desirable with respect to the operation and maintenance of the Districts’ public infrastructure, including entering into certain agreements on their behalf; and

WHEREAS, Grantor and the Grantee have entered into that certain Agreement Between *Southern Grove Community Development District No. 1 and Tradition St. Lucie Owner LLC Regarding Canal Maintenance*, dated June 30, 2026, whereby the Parties have agreed to coordinate the operation,

maintenance, repair and/or replacement of the Canal (as defined below) (the “**Canal Maintenance Agreement**”); and

WHEREAS, on Parcel F, the District owns a canal (the “**Canal**”) located within a Special Drainage Easement (SDE) depicted on the plat of TRADITION SG-8, as recorded in Plat Book 132, Page 34, Public Records of St. Lucie County, Florida, (the “**Easement Area**”), and pursuant to the Canal Maintenance Agreement, the Grantee is responsible for the operation, maintenance, repair and/or replacement of the eastern side of the Canal; and

WHEREAS, Grantee acknowledges that use of the Easement Area is necessary for the Grantee to carry out its obligations under the Canal Maintenance Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Grantor accordingly desires to grant to the Grantee a perpetual non-exclusive maintenance easement over the Easement Area for ingress and egress in order to allow the Grantee to access the Canal in order to perform its maintenance obligations.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of Ten and 00/100 Dollars (\$10.00) and other 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.

2. **Grant of Easement; Operation and Maintenance.** Grantor hereby grants to the Grantee, its successors, and assigns, a perpetual non-exclusive maintenance easement over, upon, under, through, and across the Easement Area for ingress and egress and the operation, maintenance, repair, reconstruction, and replacement of the eastern side of the Canal, to have and to hold the same unto the Grantee, its successors and assigns (the “**Easement**”). The Grantee agrees to operate and maintain the eastern side of the Canal consistent with industry standards and the requirements of all applicable permits, approvals and law, and in accordance with the terms of the Canal Maintenance Agreement.

3. **Damage.** In the event that the Grantee, or any of its employees, agents, assignees, or contractors cause damage to the Easement Area or any of the improvements located within the Easement Area in the exercise of the easement rights granted herein, the Grantee, at its sole cost and expense, agrees to commence and diligently pursue the restoration of the same and the improvements so damaged to as nearly as practical to the original condition and grade within thirty (30) days after receiving written notice of the occurrence of any such damage. Further, the Grantee shall allow no lien to attach to the Easement Area or any improvements located thereon arising out of work performed by, for, or on behalf of the Grantee. The Grantee shall pay or transfer to other security all such liens, claims or demands before any action is brought to enforce the same against the Easement Area or Grantor.

4. **Inconsistent Use.** Grantor agrees and covenants that it shall not grant or exercise any rights in the Easement Area inconsistent with, or which interfere with, the rights herein accorded to the Grantee.

5. **Non-Interference.** The Grantee shall not unreasonably interfere with the right of ingress or egress of Grantor, its successors and assigns, or any other party requiring access to the Easement Area or to any property abutting the Easement Area.

6. **Indemnification.** To the extent allowed by law, the Grantee agrees to indemnify and hold Grantor harmless from and against any and all damages, losses or claims, including but not limited to legal fees and expenses, to the extent that such damages, losses or claims are attributable to actions, omissions or negligence in the use of the Easement Area by the Grantee, or any of its agents, employees, or independent contractors. Grantor agrees that nothing contained in this Easement shall constitute or be construed as a waiver of the limitations on liability of the District or any other community development district set forth in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, and other law.

7. **Default.** A default by any Party under this Easement 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.

8. **Enforcement of Easement.** In the event that any Party seeks to enforce this Easement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the substantially prevailing Party shall be entitled to recover all fees and costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees, paralegal fees and expert witness fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

9. **Notices.** Any notice, demand, consent, authorization, request, approval, or other communication that any Party is required, or may desire, to give to or make upon the other Party pursuant to this Easement shall be effective and valid only if in writing and delivered personally to the other Parties or sent by express 24-hour guaranteed courier or delivery service or by certified mail of the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid and return receipt requested, addressed to the other Party as follows (or to such other place as any Party may by notice to the others specify):

GRANTEE: Tradition St. Lucie Owner LLC
1228 Euclid Ave 4th Floor
Cleveland, OH 44115
Attn: Legal Department

GRANTOR: Southern Grove Community Development District No. 1
10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 203
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987
Attn: District Manager

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

Notice shall be deemed given when received, except that if delivery is not accepted, notice shall be deemed given on the date of such non-acceptance. 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 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 Grantor and counsel for Grantee may deliver Notice on behalf of the Grantor and Grantee.

10. **Third Parties.** This Easement is solely for the benefit of the formal Parties hereto, 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. Nothing in this Easement, 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 Easement or any of the provisions or conditions hereof. The Grantee shall be solely responsible for enforcing its rights under this Easement against any interfering third party. Nothing contained in this Easement shall limit or impair the Grantee's right to protect its rights from interference by a third party.

11. **Assignment.** Neither Party may assign, transfer or license all or any portion of its rights under this Easement without the prior written consent of the other Party. Any assignments attempted to be made by any Party without the prior written approval of the other Party are void.

12. **Controlling Law; Venue.** This Easement shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. Venue shall be in St. Lucie County, Florida.

13. **Public Records.** All documents of any kind provided in connection with this Easement are public records and are treated as such in accordance with Florida law.

14. **Severability.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions or part of a provision of this Easement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Easement or any part of this Easement not held to be invalid or unenforceable.

15. **Binding Effect.** This Easement and all of the provisions of this Easement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Parties set forth herein and their respective successors and permitted assigns, and the agents, employees, invitees, tenants, subtenants, licensees, lessees, mortgagees in possession and independent contractors thereof, as a covenant running with and binding upon the Easement Area. For purposes of this Easement, successors and assigns of the District shall include any community development district designated as the "Issuer" or "Administration District" under the Interlocal Agreement, and any successor or assign of any such district.

16. **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, and that each Party has complied with all the requirements of law and has full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

17. **Amendments.** Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Easement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by all of the Parties.

18. **Entire Agreement.** This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of the agreement among the Parties relating to the subject matter of this Easement.

19. **Counterparts.** This instrument may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which, when executed and delivered, shall constitute an original, and such counterparts together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Signature and 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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Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of:

GRANTEE:

TRADITION ST. LUCIE OWNER LLC
a Delaware limited liability company

Witness: _____
Print Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip _____

By: _____
Its: _____

Witness: _____
Print Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip _____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this instrument to be executed by their duly authorized officers effective as of the day and year first above written.

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this _____ day of _____, 2026, by _____, as _____ of Tradition St. Lucie Owner LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, on its behalf. He/She is ☐ personally known to me, or ☐ has produced _____ as identification.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Print or Stamp Name
My Commission Expires: _____

(NOTARY SEAL)

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of:

GRANTOR:

**SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**

Witness: _____
Print Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip _____

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Witness: _____
Print Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip _____

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this ____ day of _____, 2026, by _____, as Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors of Southern Grove Community Development District No. 1, on its behalf. He/She is ☐ personally known to me, or ☐ has produced _____ as identification.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Print or Stamp Name
My Commission Expires: _____

(NOTARY SEAL)

Southern Grove Community Development Districts #1-10

Financial Report Fiscal Year 2025/2026 October 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

FINANCIAL REPORT
SOUTHERN GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS #1-10 RECAP
FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026
OCTOBER 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026

	FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 FINAL BUDGET	FISCAL YEAR 10/01/25 - 6/30/26 ACTUALS	% Of Budget
REVENUES			
ON-ROLL ASSESSMENTS - DEBT (Combined)	3,170,300	3,212,047	101%
BOND PREPAYMENTS	0	84,560	0%
ON-ROLL ASSESSMENTS - Administrative	751,622	755,474	101%
ON-ROLL ASSESSMENTS - Maintenance	1,532,319	1,540,171	101%
OTHER INCOME (Eng Rev, Interest, Application)	150,000	251,678	168%
STORMWATER	1,200,000	1,435,035	120%
Total Revenues	\$ 6,804,241	\$ 7,278,965	107%
EXPENDITURES - ADMIN			
ARBITRAGE FEE	6,500	0	0%
AUDIT	60,000	0	0%
DISSEMINATION AGENT	4,000	0	0%
DISTRICT COUNSEL	60,000	82,363	137%
MANAGEMENT	76,442	57,332	75%
CONSULTING FEE	0	0	0%
ASSESSMENT ROLL	6,000	0	0%
TIF/SAD REBATE ANALYSIS	110,000	0	0%
DUES, LICENSES & FEES	1,750	2,000	114%
ENGINEERING	175,000	138,296	79%
GENERAL INSURANCE	65,000	104,638	161%
WEB SITE MAINTENANCE	7,500	5,625	75%
LEGAL ADVERTISING	5,300	21,212	400%
TRAVEL AND PER DIEM	600	106	18%
OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,400	5,256	375%
OFFICE RENT	22,000	78,070	355%
POSTAGE & SHIPPING	1,000	3,921	392%
COPIES	2,500	0	0%
SUPERVISOR FEES	24,000	1,877	8%
CONTINGENCY ADMIN	50,000	7,085	14%
CONTINUING DISCLOSURE	0	0	0%
TRUSTEE SERVICES	12,500	21,016	168%
TOTAL ADMIN EXPENSES	691,492	528,797	76%
EXPENDITURES - MAINT			
AQUATIC MAINTENANCE	100,000	0	0%
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	200,000	0	0%
COMMUNITY AREA MAINTENANCE	177,000	79,744	45%
TIM OPERATIONS	650,000	0	0%
CONTINGENCY	180,100	5,472	3%
DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	33,383	25,037	75%
ELECTRIC	25,000	8,847	35%
ENGINEERING - MAINT.	175,000	0	0%
FIELD MANAGEMENT	177,250	57,938	33%
FOUNTAIN MAINTENANCE & CHEMICALS	4,000	4,770	119%
IRRIGATION PARTS & REPAIRS	20,000	5,589	28%
IRRIGATION WATER	2,000	0	0%
LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE	331,000	241,861	73%
SIDEWALK CLEANING AND REPAIR	30,000	41,276	138%
SIGNAGE	10,000	0	0%
STORMWATER MAINTENANCE	575,000	410,591	71%
STREETLIGHT MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR	20,000	0	0%
TREE/PLANT REPLACEMENT & TRIM	50,000	0	0%
TOTAL MAINTENANCE EXPENSES	2,759,733	881,124	32%
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,451,225	\$ 1,409,921	41%
EXCESS / (SHORTFALL)	\$ 3,353,016	\$ 5,869,044	175%
PAYMENT TO TRUSTEE	(2,916,676)	(3,034,550)	104%
PREPAYMENTS TO TRUSTEE	-	(84,560)	
CAPITAL OUTLAY	-	-	
BALANCE	\$ 436,340	\$ 2,749,935	
COUNTY APPRAISER & TAX COLLECTOR FEE	(218,170)	(216,680)	99%
DISCOUNTS FOR EARLY PAYMENTS	(218,170)	(201,240)	92%
NET EXCESS / (SHORTFALL)	\$ -	\$ 2,332,015	

Southern Grove CDD 1

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2026

	Jun 30, 26
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
01-1000 · Valley National 1068	6,190,377.03
01-1001 · Valley Bank-Special Bond Acct	2,257,812.02
1072 · Bill.com Money Out Clearing	-14,277.51
Total Checking/Savings	8,433,911.54
Accounts Receivable	
01-1200 · Accounts Receivable	251,547.80
Total Accounts Receivable	251,547.80
Total Current Assets	8,685,459.34
Other Assets	
01-8122 · A/R St Lucie County Excess Fees	-2,978.00
Total Other Assets	-2,978.00
TOTAL ASSETS	8,682,481.34
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
01-2020 · Accounts Payable	313,423.03
Total Accounts Payable	313,423.03
Other Current Liabilities	
01-2024 · Due To Other Gov Units-Fishkind	750.02
01-2025 · Deposits - Engr Deposit	33,893.55
01-2026 · Deferred Revenue - SAD/TIF	65,640.88
01-2027 · Due to CDD2	79,683.04
01-2028 · Due to CDD3	74,119.34
01-2029 · Due to CDD4	154,314.14
01-2030 · Due to CDD5	1,784,881.04
01-2031 · Due to CDD6	84,689.73
01-2032 · Due to CDD7	68,167.46
01-2033 · Due to CDD8	61,621.67
01-2034 · Due to CDD9	35,024.31
01-2035 · Due to CDD10	62,571.93
01-2051 · AP Other - Future Bonds	963,719.38
Total Other Current Liabilities	3,469,076.49
Total Current Liabilities	3,782,499.52
Total Liabilities	3,782,499.52
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	206,446.32
99-9999 · Retained Earnings	2,361,520.57
Net Income	2,332,014.93
Total Equity	4,899,981.82
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	8,682,481.34