

CORDOVA PALMS
Community Development District

JUNE 2, 2021

Cordova Palms

Community Development District

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May 26, 2021

Board of Supervisors
Cordova Palms
Community Development District

Dear Board Members:

The Cordova Palms Community Development District Organizational Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the offices of Governmental Management Services, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida.** Following is the advance agenda for the meeting:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comment
- III. Organizational Matters
 - A. Administration of Oath of Office to Board of Supervisors (*the following will be provided under separate cover*)
 - 1. Guide to Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers
 - 2. Membership, Obligations and Responsibilities
 - 3. Review of Chapter 189 and 190, Florida Statutes
 - 4. Financial Disclosure Forms
 - a. Form 1: Statement of Financial Interests
 - b. Form 1X: Amendment to Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
 - c. Form 1F: Final Statement of Financial Interests
 - d. Form 8B: Memorandum of Voting Conflict
 - B. Consideration of Resolution 2021-01, Electing and Designating the Officers of the District
- IV. Consideration of Administrative Resolutions
 - A. Appoint District Manager, Resolution 2021-02
 - 1. District Management Agreement
 - B. Appoint District Counsel, Resolution 2021-03
 - 1. District Counsel Agreement
 - C. Designate Registered Agent and Registered Office, Resolution 2021-04
 - D. Designate Local District Records Office, Resolution 2021-05
 - E. Designate Public Comment Period, Resolution 2021-06
- V. Consideration of Organization Resolutions and Policies
 - A. Consideration of Travel Reimbursement Policy, Resolution 2021-07
 - B. Consideration of Prompt Payment Policies, Resolution 2021-08

- C. Consideration of Resolution 2021-09, Setting Forth District Policy for Legal Defense of Board Members and Officers
 - 1. Public Officers Liability Insurance
- D. Consideration of Resolution 2021-10, Adopting an Internal Controls Policy
- E. Authorizing the Filing of Notice of Establishment, Resolution 2021-11
- F. Adopt Records Retention Schedule, Resolution 2021-12
- G. Consideration of Resolution 2021-13, Appointing an Interim District Engineer; Authorizing its Compensation and Providing for an Effective Date
 - 1. Interim Engineer Agreement with England Thims & Miller
- H. Consideration of Resolution 2021-14, Authorizing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for District Engineer Services and Providing for an Effective Date
- I. Authorizing Chairman to Execute Plats, Permits, and Conveyances, Resolution 2021-15
- VI. Designation of Meeting and Hearing Dates Resolutions
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 - B. Consideration of Resolution 2021-16, Designating a Date, Time and Location for a Landowner's Meeting
 - C. Designate Regular Meeting Dates, Time and Location, Resolution 2021-17
 - D. Consideration of Resolution 2021-18, Approving a Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021; Setting a Public Hearing Thereon Pursuant to Florida Law; Addressing Transmittal, Posting and Publication Requirements; and Providing an Effective Date
 - E. Consideration of Funding Agreement for Fiscal Year 2021
 - F. Consideration of Resolution 2021-19, Approving a Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022; Setting a Public Hearing Thereon Pursuant to Florida Law; Addressing Transmittal, Posting and Publication Requirements; and Providing an Effective Date
 - G. Consideration of Resolution 2021-20, Adopting the Alternative Investment Guidelines for Investing Public Funds in Excess of Amounts Needed to Meet Current Operating Expenses, in Accordance with Section 218.415(17), Florida Statutes; and Providing for an Effective Date
 - H. Consideration of Resolution 2021-21, Designating the Date, Time and Place of a Public Hearing; Providing Authorization to Public Notice of Such Hearing for the Purpose of Adopting Rules of Procedure; and Providing for an Effective Date
 - 1. Rules of Procedure
 - I. Set Date, Time, and Location and Authorize Publication of Notice of Public Hearing on Uniform Method of Collecting, Resolution 2021-22
- VII. Items Relating to Banking
 - A. Select District Depository, Resolution 2021-23
 - B. Authorize Bank Account Signatories, Resolution 2021-24
- VIII. Consideration of Funding and Expense Issues
 - A. Funding Request No. 1
- IX. Consideration of Bond Issuance Matters
 - A. Appointment of Financing Team
 - 1. Consideration of Financing Team Funding Agreement
 - 2. Engagement of Underwriter/Investment Banker: *MBS Capital Markets, LLC*
 - 3. Engagement of Bond Counsel: *Bryant, Miller, Olive*
 - 4. Consideration of Assessment Methodology Consultant
 - 5. Selection of Trustee

- B. Consideration of Engineer's Report
- C. Consideration of Assessment Methodology
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- E. Consideration of Resolution 2021-26, Setting a Public Hearing Date for Imposing Special Assessments
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- XII. Next Scheduled Meeting – TBD
- XIII. Adjournment

The first section of the agenda is general in nature. You will subscribe to an oath of office. As a Supervisor you are a local public official and as such are subject to financial disclosure requirements, public official's code of ethics and the Sunshine Law. I will distribute at the meeting a financial disclosure form that must be completed and mailed to the Supervisor of Elections in the County in which you reside within 30 days of the organizational meeting. Since a Community Development District may be a new experience for you, copies of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes and the Sunshine Guide will be provided to you.

The fourth order of business is consideration of administrative resolutions. Enclosed are Resolutions 2021-02 through 2021-06 as well as the District Management and District Counsel proposed agreements.

The fifth order of business is consideration of organizational resolutions and policies. A copy of the travel reimbursement policy is enclosed for your review and approval with resolution 2021-07. Resolution 2021-08 regarding prompt payment policies is enclosed for your review and approval. Resolution 2021-09 setting forth District policy for legal defense of Board Members and Officers is enclosed for your review and approval, as well as a proposal for insurance for the District. Resolution 2021-10, adopting internal controls is enclosed for your review. Resolution 2021-11, authorizing the filing of notice of establishment is enclosed for your review. Resolution 2021-12, adopting a records retention schedule is enclosed for your review and approval. The next item is resolution 2021-13, appointing an interim engineer, and following that, the agreement with the interim engineer. Copies of both items are enclosed for your review and approval. Following those items is resolution 2021-14, authorization to notice a request for engineering qualifications, which is the first step in the engineering selection process. Resolution 2021-15, authorizing chairman to execute plats, permits, and conveyances is enclosed for your review and approval.

The sixth order of business is designation of future meeting and public hearing dates. The first item is consideration of establishment of the audit committee. The second item is to designate a date, time and location for a landowners' meeting with resolution 2021-16. Next is designating a regular meeting schedule with resolution 2021-17. The fourth item is approval of Resolution 2021-18, which approves the Proposed Budget for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2021 and sets a public hearing date to adopt the budget. This public hearing can be scheduled 60 days after the date of approval. The Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Developer Funding Agreement is enclosed for your review and approval. Similarly, resolution 2021-19 approving the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2022 is enclosed. The sixth item is consideration of resolution 2021-20, adopting alternative investment guidelines for investing public

funds. The seventh item is a request to schedule a public hearing to consider the adoption of the Rules and Procedure, a copy of which is enclosed for your review and approval along with resolution 2021-21. The next item is resolution 2021-22 to set a public hearing to express the District's intent to utilize the uniform method of levying, collecting and enforcing non ad valorem assessments that will enable us to place the non ad valorem assessments on the County tax bills.

Enclosed under the seventh order of business are the following documents for review: Resolution 2021-23 to select a district depository and Resolution 2021-24 to authorize bank account signatories.

The eighth order of business is consideration of funding and expense issues. A copy of Funding Request No. 1 is enclosed for your review.

The ninth order of business is consideration of bond issuance matters. The first item is appointment of financing team. Enclosed for your review and approval is the financing team funding agreement, the agreement with MBS Capital Markets for investment banker/underwriting services, and the agreement to engage Bond Counsel. Item B is consideration of Engineer's Report, which will be provided under separate cover. Item C is consideration of Assessment Methodology, which also will be distributed under separate cover. Item D is consideration of Resolution 2021-25, declaring special assessments and Item E is consideration of Resolution 2021-26 setting a public hearing date. Copies of the two resolutions are enclosed for your review and approval.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at (904) 940-5850.

Sincerely,

Daniel Laughlin

Daniel Laughlin
On behalf of the
Cordova Palms Community
Development District

AGENDA

Cordova Palms

Community Development District

Organizational Agenda

Wednesday
June 2, 2021
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Offices of GMS, LLC
475 West Town Place, Suite 114
St. Augustine, Florida 32092
Call in #: 1-913-227-1201
Passcode: 410226

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THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

B.

RESOLUTION 2021-01

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICERS OF THE
CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Cordova Palms Community Development District at a regular business meeting held on June 2, 2021 desires to elect the below recited persons to the offices specified.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CORDOVA PALMS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

1. The following persons were elected to the offices shown, to wit:

_____	Chairman
_____	Vice-Chairman
_____	Secretary
_____	Treasurer
_____	Assistant Treasurer
_____	Assistant Secretary
_____	Assistant Secretary
_____	Assistant Secretary

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2ND DAY OF JUNE 2021.

Chairman / Vice Chairman

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

A.

RESOLUTION 2021-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPOINTING AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER; APPOINTING AN ASSESSMENT ADVISOR IN CONTEMPLATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS; APPOINTING A DESIGNATED INVESTMENT REPRESENTATIVE TO ADMINISTER INVESTMENT DIRECTION WITH REGARD TO DISTRICT FUNDS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Cordova Palms Community Development District (hereinafter the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, being situated entirely within the St. Johns County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (hereinafter the “Board”) must employ and fix compensation of a District Manager; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the appointment of an Assessment Advisor and Investment Representative is necessary; and

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

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

Section 1. Governmental Management Services, LLC is appointed as District Manager, Assessment Advisor, and Designated Investment Representative and shall be compensated for their services in such capacity in the manner prescribed in the agreement incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A.

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**CORDOVA PALMS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman

1.

**AGREEMENT FOR DISTRICT MANAGEMENT SERVICES BETWEEN
CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
AND GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC**

Date of Agreement: May 20, 2021.

Between: Governmental Management Services, LLC
 1001 Bradford Way
 Kingston, Tennessee 37763

(Hereinafter referred to as "Manager");

And: Cordova Palms Community Development District
 A unit of special purpose local government located in
 St Johns County, Florida

(Hereinafter referred to as "District").

SERVICES OF DISTRICT MANAGER

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

Management Services

- Attend, record and conduct all regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors' Meetings including landowner's meetings, continued meetings and workshops
- Present the District's annual budget in accordance with Chapter 190, Florida Statutes
- Ensure District is in compliance with administrative and financial reporting for Community Development Districts
- Correspond and communicate with Board of Supervisors and Staff to respond to the various needs of the District and Community
- Review and approve agendas for circulation to the Board of Supervisors
- Review and approve annual budget, annual audit, monthly disbursements
- Review annual insurance policy to ensure District maintains proper insurance coverage

Administrative Services

- Provide minutes for all Board of Supervisors' Meetings including landowner's meetings
- Prepare agenda packages for transmittal to Board of Supervisors and staff 7 days prior to Board of Supervisors' Meeting
- Ensure compliance with all administrative statutes affecting the District, which includes but not limited to:
 - Publish and circulate annual meeting notice
 - Report annually the number of registered voters in the District by June 1, of each year
 - Maintain "Record of Proceedings" for the District within the County the District is located which includes meeting minutes, agreements, resolutions and other required records
 - Properly notice public meetings in accordance with the appropriate Florida Statutes in the newspaper of general circulation of the District

Accounting and Financial Reporting Services

- Establish Governmental Fund Accounting System in accordance with the Uniform Accounting System prescribed by the Florida Department of Financial Services for Government Accounting. This system includes preparing monthly balance sheet, income statement(s) with budget to actual variances
- Prepare accounts payable and present to Board of Supervisors for approval or ratification
- Prepare annual budget for review and approval by the Board of Supervisors
- Transmit proposed budget to local governing authorities 60 days prior to adoption
- Prepare year-end adjusting journal entries in preparation for annual audit by Independent Certified Public Accounting Firm
- Maintain checking accounts with qualified public depository selected by the Board of Supervisors
- Ensure compliance with financial and accounting statutes affecting the District which include but are not limited to:
 - Complete annual financial audit report within 9 months after the fiscal year end
 - Circulate annual financial audit report and annual financial report to appropriate governmental agencies
 - Prepare annual public depositor report
 - Oversee and implement bond issue related compliance, i.e., coordination of annual arbitrage report, transmittal of annual audit and budget to the trustee, transmittal of annual audit to bond holders and underwriters, annual/quarterly disclosure reporting, etc.
 - Transmit Public Facilities Report to the appropriate agencies
 - Bind necessary insurance for the District, which includes liability, property, workers' compensation, etc.

Other Services: Maintenance Contract Administration

- Other services as required by the Board of Supervisors to ensure satisfactory operation of the District by separate fee schedule dependent upon scope of services needed.

FEES AND TERM OF SERVICES

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

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

In addition, the District agrees to reimburse the Manager for expenses incurred as part of performing the duties and responsibilities outlined in this contract. These expenses include, but are not limited to: travel, reproduction, printing and binding, long distance telephone, facsimile transmission, postage and express mail, legal advertising and supplies, computer time. All expenses shall be at the cost incurred by Manager, and in all cases shall be consistent with the provisions of Chapter 112, F.S., to the extent applicable.

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

DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

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

In addition, the District shall provide office space at the District's recreational facilities to the Manager to assist in the start up and opening of the District's recreational facilities at no cost to the Manager.

TERMINATION OF THIS CONTRACT

This Contract may be terminated as follows:

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

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

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. All invoices are due and payable when received.
2. This Contract shall be interpreted in accordance with and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida.
3. In the event that any provision of this contract shall be determined to be unenforceable or invalid by a court such unenforceability or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of the Contract, which shall remain in full force and effect.
4. The rights and obligations of the District as defined by this Contract shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of the District. There shall be no assignment of this Contract by the Manager, without the approval of the District.
5. The Manager agrees to pay, discharge, defend (if required by the District), indemnify and hold the District and its supervisors, agents, employees, representatives, successors and assigns harmless from and against any and all demands, claims, causes of action, proceedings, obligations, settlements, liabilities, damages, injunctions, penalties, liens, losses, charges and expenses of every kind or nature (including, without limitation, reasonable fees of attorneys and other professionals retained by the District in the event Manager fails to retain counsel to represent the District, its supervisors, agents, employees, representatives, successors and assigns, who is reasonably acceptable to the District), incurred by the District or its supervisors, agents, employees, representatives, successors and assigns arising out of or in connection with: (i) any management services to be provided by the Manager pursuant to this Contract; (ii) any failure by Manager to perform any of its obligations under this agreement; (iii) any accident, injury or damage to property or persons, if caused by the acts or omissions of Manager or Managers officers, partners, employees, contractors, subcontractors, invitees, representatives, or agents; (iv) any and all accidents or damage that may occur in connection with Managers or Manager’s officers, employees, contractors, subcontractors, invitees, representatives, or agents use of the District property; (v) any failure of Manager or Manager’s officers, employees, contractors, subcontractors, invitees, representatives, or agents to comply with any applicable codes, laws, ordinances, or governmental requirements, agreements, approvals, or permits affecting District property. The provisions of this paragraph shall survive the expiration or sooner termination of this Contract.
6. Nothing contained in this Contract 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 Contract shall inure to the benefit of any third party for the purpose of allowing any claim which would otherwise be barred under the Doctrine of Sovereign Immunity or by operation of law.

7. Any amendment or change to this Contract shall be in writing and executed by all parties.

NOTICES

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

Cordova Palms Community Development District
475 West Town Place, Suite 114
St. Augustine, Florida 32092
Attn: Chairperson

With a copy to: Wes Haber
Hopping Green & Sams, P.A.
119 South Monroe Street, Suite 300
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

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

Governmental Management Services, LLC
1001 Bradford Way
Kingston, Tennessee 37763
Attn: Darrin Mossing

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

Approved by:

Board of Supervisors
Cordova Palms
Community Development District

Witness

By: _____
Chairman

Governmental Management Services,
LLC.

Witness

James A. Perry, Managing Director

B.

RESOLUTION 2021-03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT APPOINTING DISTRICT COUNSEL FOR THE
DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING ITS COMPENSATION AND
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, Cordova Palms Community Development District (hereinafter the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the St. Johns County, Florida; and

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS OF CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

1. Hopping Green & Sams, P.A., is appointed as District Counsel and shall be compensated for their services in such capacity in the manner prescribed in **Exhibit A**.
2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2ND DAY OF JUNE, 2021.

ATTEST:

**CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman

1.

Hopping Green & Sams

Attorneys and Counselors

June 2, 2021

Cordova Palms Community Development District
Board of Supervisors
475 West Town Place, Suite 114
St. Augustine, Florida 32092

Re: Community Development District Representation

Dear Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of Hopping Green & Sams, P.A., we are pleased to submit this letter regarding our interest in serving as counsel to the Board of Supervisors of the Cordova Palms Community Development District (the "District"). Hopping Green & Sams, P.A. has extensive experience representing community development districts and other special taxing districts throughout the state of Florida. We have been providing clients with advice regarding the operation of community development districts since 1985. Lawyers from our firm presently serve as general counsel to over two hundred (200) community development districts and other special taxing districts throughout Florida and have established a number of others. This is one of the firm's areas of specialty and we presently have eighteen (18) attorneys who personally spend one hundred percent (100%) of their legal practice in this area.

Hopping Green & Sams, P.A., regularly provides advice to districts in contractual matters, bidding, budgeting, and the many other issues with which district boards are confronted on a day-to-day basis. We currently represent several districts in the Northeast Florida area including districts located in Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns Counties. It is extremely important that counsel to the District be familiar with the significant responsibilities and obligations of the members of the Board of Supervisors. It is also critical that counsel function effectively as a part of the District's "staff" or management team to ensure that the operations of the District are effectively and smoothly administered. In that regard, we have worked with a variety of engineers, consultants, and other attorneys and fully understand the importance of functioning as a team.

For services as counsel to the District, we propose to charge an hourly rate for the attorney performing the work plus direct out-of-pocket expenses for travel costs, postage, and copying charges, etc. For matters related to issuance of debt, if any, we will identify a 'not to exceed' flat fee prior to each such issuance or may track our time hourly. Our rates vary depending generally on the experience of that attorney. For example, my proposed hourly rate is \$350. Other work by attorneys and paralegals in the firm would also be performed at their established rates. Our rates are reviewed annually and may be adjusted from time to time in conjunction with such reviews, after providing notice to you. Let me assure you that we will make every effort to keep legal costs as low as possible while providing services consistent with our professional responsibilities. Itemized bills

showing all time spent for services are rendered monthly and are due upon receipt. We have attached a copy of the firm's policy with respect to expenses, although to the extent that Chapter 112, F.S., conflicts with these policies, Chapter 112, F.S., will govern.

With respect to conflicts, it is important to disclose that our firm represents a number of other special districts throughout Florida. Additionally, as further discussed in our Fee Agreement, we presently represent a number of trustees, including U.S. Bank, National Association and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association. Our firm has also assisted Dream Finders Homes, LLC, in its efforts to establish the Cordova Palms Community Development District. However, we are unaware of any ethical conflicts in our representation of the Cordova Palms Community Development District. Please note that acceptance of the Fee Agreement will constitute your waiver of any "conflict."

If we can provide you with any additional information, please feel free to contact us. Thank you for this opportunity, and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Wesley S. Haber

Wesley S. Haber
For the firm

Enclosures

HOPPING GREEN & SAMS, P.A.
CDD EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

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

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

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

Postage. Postage is billed at actual cost.

Overnight Delivery. Overnight delivery is billed at actual cost.

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

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

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

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

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

Word Processing and Secretarial Overtime. No charge is made for word processing. No charge is made for secretarial overtime except in major litigation matters where unusual overtime demands are imposed.

HOPPING GREEN & SAMS, P.A.
FEE AGREEMENT

I. PARTIES

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the following parties:

- A. Cordova Palms Community Development District ("Client")
c/o Governmental Management Services
475 West Town Place, Suite 114
St. Augustine, Florida 32092

and

- B. Hopping Green & Sams, P.A. ("HGS")
119 South Monroe Street, Suite 300
P.O. Box 6526
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

II. SCOPE OF SERVICES

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

- A. The Client agrees to employ and retain HGS as its attorney and legal representative for counseling and representation for the purpose of providing advice and counsel regarding Cordova Palms Community Development District.
- B. HGS accepts such employment and agrees to serve as attorney for and provide legal representation to the Client in connection with those matters referenced above.

III. CLIENT FILES

The files and work product materials ("client file") of the Client generated or received by HGS will be maintained confidentially and in accordance with the Florida Bar rules. At the conclusion of the representation, the client file will be stored by HGS for a minimum of five (5) years. After the five (5) years storage period, the Client hereby acknowledges and consents that HGS may confidentially destroy or shred the client file, unless HGS is provided a written request from the Client requesting return of the client file, to which HGS will return the client file at Client's expense.

IV. FEES

- A. The Client agrees to compensate HGS for services rendered in connection with any matters covered by this Agreement according to the standard hourly billing rates for individual HGS lawyers plus actual expenses incurred by HGS in accordance with the attached standard Expense Reimbursement Policy (Attachment A, incorporated herein by reference). Certain work related to issuance of bonds may be performed under a flat fee to be separately approved.
- B. To the extent practicable and consistent with the requirements of sound legal representation, HGS will attempt to reduce Client's bills by assigning each task to the person best able to perform it at the lowest rate so long as he or she has the requisite knowledge and experience. The standard hourly rate of Wesley S. Haber, the attorney who is initially expected to handle the bulk of Client's work, is \$350. HGS' standard hourly billing rates are reevaluated annually prior to the beginning of the calendar year and are subject to change each year at that time. Client agrees to HGS' annual rate increases to the extent hourly rates are not increased beyond \$15/hour for attorneys working on this matter.
- C. HGS will include costs and expenses (including interest charges on past due statements) on its billing statements for Client reimbursement in accordance with the attached standard Expense Reimbursement Policy.

V. BILLING AND PAYMENT

The Client agrees to pay HGS monthly billings for fees and expenses incurred within thirty (30) days following receipt of a statement from HGS. HGS shall not be obligated to perform further legal services under this Fee Agreement if any such billing statement remains unpaid longer than thirty (30) days after submittal to and receipt by Client. Non-payment of billing statements shall be a basis for HGS to immediately withdraw from the representation without regard to remaining actions necessitating attention by HGS as part of the representation.

VI. DEFAULT

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

VII. CONFLICTS

It is important to disclose that HGS represents a number of special districts, trustees (including U.S. Bank National Association ("U.S. Bank") and Wells Fargo National Association), bondholders, and other entities throughout Florida relating to community development districts and other special districts. HGS understands that Client may enter into an agreement with U.S. Bank or other trustee in connection with the issuance of bonds, and that Client may request that HGS simultaneously represent Client in connection with the issuance of bonds, while HGS is also representing U.S. Bank or other trustee on unrelated matters. By accepting this Agreement Client agrees that (1) Client was provided with an explanation of the implications of the common representation(s) and the advantages and risks involved; (2) HGS will be able to provide competent and diligent representation of Client, regardless of HGS' other representations, and (3) there is not a substantial risk that HGS' representation of Client would be materially limited by HGS' responsibilities to another client, a former client or a third person or by a personal interest. Acceptance of this fee proposal will constitute your waiver of any "conflict" with HGS' representation of various special districts, trustees, bondholders, and other entities relating to community development districts and other special districts in Florida.

VIII. TERMINATION

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

IX. EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

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

X. ENTIRE CONTRACT

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

Accepted and Agreed to:

CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

HOPPING GREEN & SAMS, P.A.

By: _____

By: _____

Date: _____

Its: Vice President

Date: _____

HOPPING GREEN & SAMS, P.A.
CDD EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

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

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

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

Postage. Postage is billed at actual cost.

Overnight Delivery. Overnight delivery is billed at actual cost.

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

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

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

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

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

Word Processing and Secretarial Overtime. No charge is made for word processing. No charge is made for secretarial overtime except in major litigation matters where unusual overtime demands are imposed.

ATTACHMENT A

C.

RESOLUTION 2021-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CORDOVA PALMS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A REGISTERED AGENT
AND REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, Cordova Palms Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within St. Johns County, Florida; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

SECTION 1. _____ is hereby designated as the Registered Agent for the Cordova Palms Community Development District.

SECTION 2. The District’s Registered Office shall be located at _____.

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**CORDOVA PALMS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

D.

RESOLUTION 2021-05

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING THE PRIMARY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AND PRINCIPAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE DISTRICT; DESIGNATING THE LOCATION OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT RECORDS OFFICE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Cordova Palms Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within St. Johns County, Florida; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the District is statutorily required to designate a local district records office location for the purposes of affording citizens the ability to access the District’s records, promoting the disclosure of matters undertaken by the District, and ensuring that the public is informed of the activities of the District in accordance with Chapter 119 and Section 190.006(7), *Florida Statutes*.

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

SECTION 1. The District’s primary administrative office for purposes of Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*, shall be located at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092.

SECTION 2. The District’s principal headquarters for purposes of establishing proper venue shall be located St. Johns County, Florida.

SECTION 3. The District’s local records office shall be located at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

E.

RESOLUTION 2021-06

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

WHEREAS, the Cordova Palms Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely in St. Johns County, Florida; and

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

WHEREAS, Section 286.0114, *Florida Statutes*, requires that members of the public be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a proposition before a board or commission; and

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

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

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

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

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

B. Speakers shall be permitted to address any agenda item during the initial Public Comment Period. Speakers shall be permitted to address any non-agenda matters of

personal or general concern during the Public Comment Period provided after the conclusion of the District's business items.

C. Individuals wishing to make a public comment are limited to three (3) minutes per person. Potential speakers may not assign his/her three (3) minutes to extend another speaker's time.

D. The Presiding Officer may extend or reduce the time periods set forth herein in order to facilitate orderly and efficient District business, provided however that a reasonable opportunity for public comment shall be provided consistent with the requirements of Section 286.0114, *Florida Statutes*. The Presiding Officer may also elect to set and announce additional Public Comment Periods if he or she deems it appropriate.

SECTION 2. DESIGNATING A PROCEDURE TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS SEEKING TO BE HEARD. Unless otherwise directed and declared by the Presiding Officer, individuals seeking to be heard on propositions before the Board shall identify themselves by a show of hands at the beginning of each Public Comment Period, as announced by the Presiding Officer. Alternatively, in the event that public attendance is high, and/or if otherwise in the best interests of the District in order to facilitate efficient and orderly District business, the Presiding Officer may require individuals to complete speaker cards that include the individual's name, address, the proposition on which they wish to be heard, the individual's position on the proposition (i.e., "for," "against," or "undecided"), and if appropriate, to indicate the designation of a representative to speak for the individual or the individual's group. In the event large groups of individuals desire to speak, the Presiding Officer may require each group to designate a representative to speak on behalf of such group. Any attorney hired to represent an individual or company's interests before the Board shall notify the Board of such representation prior to proving any public comment.

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

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

A. Each person addressing the Board shall proceed to the place assigned for speaking, and should state his or her name and address in an audible tone of voice for the public record.

B. All remarks shall be addressed to the Board as a body and not to any member thereof or to any staff member. No person other than a Board Supervisor or District staff member shall be permitted to enter into any discussion with an individual speaker while he or she has the floor, without the permission of the Presiding Officer.

C. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the Presiding Officer from maintaining orderly conduct and proper decorum in a public meeting. Speakers shall refrain from disruptive behavior and from making vulgar or threatening remarks. Speakers shall refrain from launching personal attacks against any Board Supervisor, District staff member, or member of the public. The Presiding Officer shall have the discretion to remove any speaker who disregards these policies from the meeting.

D. In the case that any person is declared out of order by the Presiding Officer and ordered expelled, and does not immediately leave the meeting facilities, the following steps may be taken:

- i. The Presiding Officer may declare a recess;
- ii. The Presiding Officer may contact the local law enforcement authority; or
- iii. In case the person does not remove himself or herself from the meeting, the Presiding Officer may request that he or she be placed under arrest by local law enforcement authorities for violation of Section 871.01, *Florida Statutes*, or other applicable law.

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

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

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

A.

RESOLUTION 2021-07

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
ADOPTING A POLICY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL
EXPENSES; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Cordova Palms Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated in St. Johns County, Florida; and

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

WHEREAS, Section 112.061, *Florida Statutes*, establishes standard travel reimbursement rates, procedures and limitations applicable to all public officers, employees and authorized persons whose travel is authorized and paid for by a public agency; and

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

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the best interests of the District to adopt by resolution the Travel Reimbursement Policy for immediate use and application.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF THE CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

SECTION 1. The District hereby adopts the Travel Reimbursement Policy, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

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

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

EXHIBIT A

CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT POLICY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL EXPENSES

1.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

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

2.0 TRANSPORTATION.

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

Section 112.061, *Florida Statutes*. Should the State of Florida increase the mileage allowance specified in Section 112.061, *Florida Statutes*, the District shall, without further action, be permitted to reimburse travelers at the increased rate. As of July 2020, the mileage rate is 44.5 cents per mile.

- 2.7** All mileage shall be from point of origin to point of destination. When travel commences from a location other than the traveler's official headquarters, mileage shall be calculated on the basis of the distance from the headquarters city to the point of destination, unless the actual distance is shorter. Vicinity mileage necessary for conduct of official business is allowable, but must be identified as a separate item on the claim for reimbursement of expenses.
- 2.8** No traveler shall be allowed either mileage or transportation expense when he/she is gratuitously transported by another person, or when he/she is transported by another traveler who is entitled to mileage or transportation expense. However, a traveler on a private aircraft shall be reimbursed the actual amount charged and paid for his/her fare for such transportation up to the cost of a commercial airline ticket for the same flight if one is available, even though the owner or pilot of the aircraft is also entitled to transportation expense for the same flight.

3.0 INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

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

B.

RESOLUTION 2021-08

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CORDOVA PALMS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING PROMPT PAYMENT POLICIES
AND PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 218, *FLORIDA STATUTES*;
PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Cordova Palms Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within St. Johns County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 218, *Florida Statutes*, requires timely payment to vendors and contractors providing certain goods and/or services to the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (“Board”) accordingly finds that it is in the best interest of the District to establish by resolution the Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures attached hereto as **Exhibit A** for immediate use and application.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

SECTION 1. The Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures attached hereto as **Exhibit A** are hereby adopted pursuant to this Resolution as necessary for the conduct of District business. The Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the Board may amend them; provided, however, that as the provisions of Chapter 218, *Florida Statutes*, are amended from time to time, the attached Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures shall automatically be amended to incorporate the new requirements of law without any further action by the Board.

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

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

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

June 2, 2021

Cordova Palms Community Development District
Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

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I. Purpose

In accordance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act (Chapter 218, Part VII, *Florida Statutes*) ("PPA"), the purpose of the Cordova Palms Community Development District ("District") Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures ("Policies & Procedures") is to provide a specific policy to ensure timely payment to Vendors and Contractors (both hereinafter defined) providing goods and/or services to the District and ensure the timely receipt by the District of goods and/or services contemplated at the time of contracting. Please note that the PPA, like any statute or law, may be amended from time to time by legislative action. These Policies & Procedures are based on the statutory requirements as of the date identified on the cover page of this document. By this reference, as applicable statutory provisions subsequently change, these Policies & Procedures shall automatically be amended to incorporate the new requirements of law. These Policies & Procedures are adopted by the District to provide guidance in contracting matters. Failure by the District to comply with these Policies & Procedures shall not expand the rights or remedies of any Provider (hereinafter defined) against the District under the PPA. Nothing contained herein shall be interpreted as more restrictive on the District than what is provided for in the PPA.

II. Scope

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

III. Definitions

A. Agent

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

B. Construction Services

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

C. Contractor or Provider of Construction Services

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

D. Date Stamped

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

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

E. Improper Invoice

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

F. Improper Payment Request

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

G. Non-Construction Goods and Services

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

H. Proper Invoice

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

I. Proper Payment Request

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

J. Provider

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

K. Purchase

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

L. Vendor

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

IV. Proper Invoice/Payment Request Requirements

A. General

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

B. Sales Tax

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

C. Federal Identification and Social Security Numbers

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

Providers should notify the District Manager when changes in data occur (telephone 904-940-5850, email dm@floridacounty.com).

D. Proper Invoice for Non-Construction Goods and Services

All Non-Construction Goods and Services invoiced must be supplied or performed in accordance with the applicable purchase order (including any bid/proposal provided, if applicable) or agreement and such Non-Construction Goods and Services quantity and quality must be equal to or better than what is required by such terms. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable agreement, invoices should contain all of the following minimum information in order to be considered a Proper Invoice:

1. Name of Vendor
2. Remittance address
3. Invoice Date

4. Invoice number
5. The “Bill To” party must be the District or the Board, or other entity approved in writing by the Board of the District Manager
6. Project name (if applicable)
7. In addition to the information required in Section IV.D.1-6 above, invoices involving the *purchase of goods* should also contain:
 - a. A complete item description
 - b. Quantity purchased
 - c. Unit price(s)
 - d. Total price (for each item)
 - e. Total amount of invoice (all items)
 - f. The location and date(s) of delivery of the goods to the District
8. In addition to the information required in Section IV.D.1-6 above, invoices involving the *purchase of services* should also contain:
 - a. Itemized description of services performed
 - b. The location and date of delivery of the services to the District
 - c. Billing method for services performed (i.e., approved hourly rates, percentage of completion, cost plus fixed fee, direct/actual costs, etc.)
 - d. Itemization of other direct, reimbursable costs (including description and amount)
 - e. Copies of invoices for other direct, reimbursable costs (other than incidental costs such as copying) and one (1) of the following:
 - i. Copy of both sides of a cancelled check evidencing payment for costs submitted for reimbursement
 - ii. Paid receipt
 - iii. Waiver/lien release from subcontractor (if applicable)
9. Any applicable discounts
10. Any other information or documentation, which may be required or specified under the terms of the purchase order or agreement

E. Proper Payment Request Requirements for Construction Services

Payment Requests must conform to all requirements of Section IV, A-D above, unless otherwise specified in the terms of the applicable agreement or purchase order between the District and the Provider.

V. Submission of Invoices and Payment Requests

The Provider shall submit all Invoices and Payment Requests for both Construction Services and Non-Construction Goods and Services to the District’s Agent as provided in the purchase order or agreement, as applicable, and to the District Manager as follows:

Submit the invoice and/or payment request, with required additional material and in conformance with these Policies and Procedures, by mail, by hand delivery, or via email (Note: email is the preferred method for receipt of Non-Construction Goods and Services invoices).

1. Mailing and Drop Off Address

Gracewater Sarasota Community Development District
c/o Governmental Management Services
475 West Town Place, Suite 114
St. Augustine, FL 32092

2. Email Address

VI. Calculation of Payment Due Date

A. Non-Construction Goods and Services Invoices

1. Receipt of Proper Invoice

Payment is due from the District forty-five (45) days from the date on which a Proper Invoice is Date Stamped.

2. Receipt of Improper Invoice

If an Improper Invoice is received, a required invoice is not received, or invoicing of a request for payment is not required, the time when payment is due from the District is forty-five (45) days from the latest date of the following:

- a. On which delivery of personal property is fully accepted by the District;
- b. On which services are completed and accepted by the District;
- c. On which the contracted rental period begins (if applicable); or
- d. On which the District and the Vendor agree in a written agreement that provides payment due dates.

3. Rejection of an Improper Invoice

The District may reject an Improper Invoice. Within ten (10) days of receipt of the Improper Invoice by the District, the Vendor must be notified that the invoice is improper and be given an opportunity to correct the deficient or missing information, remedy the faulty work, replace the defective goods, or take other necessary, remedial action.

The District's rejection of an Improper Invoice must:

- a. Be provided in writing;
- b. Specify any and all known deficiencies; and
- c. State actions necessary to correct the Improper Invoice.

If the Vendor submits a corrected invoice, which corrects the deficiencies specified in the District's written rejection, the District must pay the corrected invoice within the later of: (a) ten (10) business days after date

the corrected invoice is Date Stamped; or (b) forty-five (45) days after the date the Improper Invoice was Date Stamped.

If the Vendor submits an invoice in response to the District's written rejection which fails to correct the deficiencies specified or continues to be an Improper Invoice, the District must reject that invoice as stated herein.

4. Payment of Undisputed Portion of Invoice

If the District disputes a portion of an invoice, the undisputed portion shall be paid in a timely manner and in accordance with the due dates for payment as specified in these Policies & Procedures.

B. Payment Requests for Construction Services

1. Receipt of Proper Payment Request

The time at which payment is due for Construction Services from the District is as follows:

- a. If an Agent must approve the payment request before it is submitted to the District Manager, payment (whether full or partial) is due twenty-five (25) business days after the payment request is Date Stamped. The Provider may send the District an overdue notice. If the payment request is not rejected within four (4) business days after Date Stamp of the overdue notice, the payment request shall be deemed accepted, except for any portion of the payment request that is fraudulent, misleading or is the subject of dispute.

The agreement between the District and the Provider shall identify the Agent to which the Provider shall submit its payment request, or shall be provided by the District through a separate written notice no later than ten (10) days after contract award or notice to proceed, whichever is later. Provider's submission of a payment request to the Agent shall be Date Stamped, which shall commence the time periods for payment or rejection of a payment request or invoice as provided in this section.

- b. If, pursuant to contract, an Agent is not required to approve the payment request submitted to the District, payment is due twenty (20) business days after the payment request is Date Stamped unless such payment request includes fraudulent or misleading information or is the subject of dispute.

2. Receipt and Rejection of Improper Payment Request

- a. If an Improper Payment Request is received, the District must reject the Improper Payment Request within twenty (20) business days after the date on which the payment request is Date Stamped.
- b. The District's rejection of the Improper Payment Request must:
 - i. Be provided in writing;
 - ii. Specify any and all known deficiencies; and
 - iii. State actions necessary to correct the Improper Invoice.
- c. If a Provider submits a payment request which corrects the deficiency specified in the District's written rejection, the District must pay or reject the corrected submission no later than ten (10) business days after the date the corrected payment request is Date Stamped.

3. Payment of Undisputed Portion of Payment Request

If the District disputes a portion of a payment request, the undisputed portion shall be paid in a timely manner and in accordance with the due dates for payment as specified in this section.

VII. Resolution of Disputes

If a dispute arises between a Provider and the District concerning payment of an invoice or payment request, the dispute shall be resolved as set forth in §218.735, Fla. Stat., for Construction Services, and §218.76, Fla. Stat. for Non-Construction Goods and Services.

A. Dispute between the District and a Provider

If a dispute between the District and a Provider cannot be resolved following resubmission of a payment request by the Provider, the dispute must be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution procedure prescribed in the construction contract, if any. In the absence of a prescribed procedure in the contract, the dispute must be resolved by the procedures specified below.

B. Dispute Resolution Procedures

1. If an Improper Payment Request or Improper Invoice is submitted, and the Provider refuses or fails to submit a revised payment request or invoice as contemplated by the PPA and these Policies and Procedures, the Provider shall, not later than thirty (30) days after the date on which the last payment request or invoice was Date Stamped, submit a written statement via certified mail to the Agent, copying the District Manager, specifying the basis upon which the Provider contends the last submitted payment request or invoice was proper.

2. Within forty-five (45) days of receipt by the Agent and District Manager of the disputed, last-submitted payment request or invoice, the Agent and/or District Manager shall commence investigation of the dispute and render a final decision on the matter no later than sixty (60) days after the date on which the last-submitted payment request or invoice is Date Stamped.
3. Absent a written agreement to the contrary, if the Provider refuses or fails to provide the written statement required above, the Agent and/or District Manager is not required to contact the Provider in the investigation. In addition, and absent a written agreement to the contrary, if such written statement is not provided, the District may immediately contract with third parties to provide the goods and services subject to the dispute and deduct the costs of such third party purchases from amounts owed to the Provider.
4. The Board shall approve any decision of the District Manager to contract with a third party which would result in: 1) an expenditure above what is budgeted for the Construction Services or Non-Construction Services; or 2) an expenditure which exceeds the original contract amount for the Construction Services or Non-Construction Services by more than ten percent (10%) or Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000).
5. A written explanation of the final decision shall be sent to the Provider, via certified mail, within five (5) business days from the date on which such final decision is made. A copy of the written explanation of the final decision shall be provided to the Chairperson of the Board simultaneously with the certified mailing to the Provider.
6. If a Provider does not accept in writing the final decision within five (5) days after receipt by the Provider, the District may immediately contract with third parties to provide the goods and services subject to the dispute and deduct the costs of such third party purchases from amounts owed to the Provider. If the costs of the third party purchases exceed the amount the District owes to the Provider, the District may seek to recover such excess from the Provider in a court of law or as otherwise provided in an agreement between the District and the Provider. Nothing contained herein shall limit or affect the District's ability to enforce all of its legal and contractual rights and remedies against the Provider.

VIII. Purchases Involving Federal Funds or Bond Funds

When the District intends to pay for a purchase with federal funds or bond funds, the District shall make such purchases only upon reasonable assurances that federal funds or bond funds sufficient to cover the cost will be received. When payment is contingent

upon the receipt of bond funds, federal funds or federal approval, the public procurement documents and any agreement with a Provider shall clearly state such contingency. (§218.77, Fla. Stat.).

IX. Requirements for Construction Services Contracts – Project Completion; Retainage

The District intends to follow the PPA requirements for construction project completion and retainage, including, but not limited to, §218.735 (7) and (8), Fla. Stat.

X. Late Payment Interest Charges

Failure on the part of the District to make timely payments may result in District responsibility for late payment interest charges. No agreement between the District and a Provider may prohibit the collection of late payment interest charges allowable under the PPA as mandatory interest. (§218.75, Fla. Stat.).

A. Related to Non-Construction Goods and Services

All payments due from the District, and not made within the time specified within this policy, will bear interest, from thirty (30) days after the due date, at the rate of one percent (1%) per month on the unpaid balance. The Vendor must submit a Proper Invoice to the District for any interest accrued in order to receive the interest payment. (§218.735(9), Fla. Stat.).

An overdue period of less than one (1) month is considered as one (1) month in computing interest. Unpaid interest is compounded monthly. The term one (1) month means a period beginning on any day of a month and ending on the same day of the following month.

B. Related to Construction Services

All payments for Construction Services that are not made within the time periods specified within the applicable statute, shall bear interest from thirty (30) days after the due date, at the rate of one percent (1%) per month, or the rate specified by agreement, whichever is greater. §218.739(9), Fla. Stat. The Provider must submit a Proper Payment Request to the District for any interest accrued in order to receive the interest payment. An overdue period of less than one (1) month is considered as one (1) month in computing interest. (§218.74 (4), Fla. Stat.).

Unpaid interest is compounded monthly. The term one (1) month means a period beginning on any day of a month and ending on the same day of the following month.

C. Report of Interest

If the total amount of interest paid during the preceding fiscal year exceeds \$250, the District Manager is required to submit a report to the Board during December of each year, stating the number of interest payments made and the total amount of such payments. (§218.78, Fla. Stat.).

C.

RESOLUTION 2021-09

A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE POLICY OF THE CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH REGARD TO THE SUPPORT AND LEGAL DEFENSE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, OFFICERS AND STAFF; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors ("Board") and the officers and staff of the Cordova Palms Community Development District ("District") are constantly presented with the necessity for making decisions regarding various phases of District policy and management; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- A. A copy of the summons, complaint, notice, demand letter or other document or pleading in the action, or a letter setting forth the substance of any claim or complaint, must be delivered to the District Chairman, Vice Chairman, District Manager or District Counsel within fourteen (14) calendar days after actual receipt of any such document together with a specific request in writing that the District defend or provide representation for the Indemnitee; and
- B. The Indemnitee must cooperate continuously and fully with the District in the defense of the action.

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

- A. Consulting or other outside professional or business activities for which the Indemnitee received financial or other material compensation, which are outside the scope of his or her District duties and authority; and
- B. Any independent contractor for whom defense or indemnification is not authorized pursuant to Section 1(b) of this Resolution, unless the Board votes to authorize such indemnification, legal defense, or other protection; and

- C. Any fine, penalty or other punishment imposed as a result of conviction for a criminal offense, and any legal fees and costs incurred to defend criminal prosecution in which a conviction is obtained; and
- D. Claims brought against the Indemnitee by the District's Board of Supervisors; and
- E. Any indemnification or defense prohibited by law.

SECTION 10. In the event legal representation or defense is provided pursuant to this Resolution, the Indemnitee may either:

- A. Retain legal counsel appointed by the District, in which case legal counsel shall be paid directly by the District; or
- B. Retain legal counsel chosen by the Indemnitee, in which case the District shall have the right to:
 - i. Approve, in advance, any agreement for legal fees or disbursements; and
 - ii. Pay all or part of the legal fees, costs and other disbursements and to set a maximum for legal fees, costs and other disbursements; and
 - iii. Direct the defense and settle or compromise the action or claim; and
 - iv. Reduce or offset any monies that may be payable by the District by any court costs or attorney's fees awarded to the Indemnitee.

SECTION 11. The benefits of the policy adopted in this Resolution shall not enlarge the rights that would have been available to any third-party plaintiff or claimant in the absence of this policy.

SECTION 12. To the extent permitted by law, this policy shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, personal representatives and estate of the Board member and/or officer.

SECTION 13. The District reserves the right to change, modify or withdraw this Resolution in its sole discretion, except as to actions, demand or other claims based on acts or omissions that occurred before the effective change, modification or withdrawal of this Resolution.

SECTION 14. This Resolution shall be effective as of its adoption on the date listed below and shall apply to any acts or omissions occurring after that date.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman

1.



Egis Insurance & Risk Advisors

Is pleased to provide a

Proposal of Insurance Coverage for:

Cordova Palms Community Development District

Please review the proposed insurance coverage terms and conditions carefully.

Written request to bind must be received prior to the effective date of coverage.

The brief description of coverage contained in this document is being provided as an accommodation only and is not intended to cover or describe all Coverage Agreement terms. For more complete and detailed information relating to the scope and limits of coverage, please refer directly to the Coverage Agreement documents. Specimen forms are available upon request.

About FIA

Florida Insurance Alliance (“FIA”), authorized and regulated by the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation, is a non-assessable, governmental insurance Trust. FIA was created in September 2011 at a time when a large number of Special Taxing Districts were having difficulty obtaining insurance.

Primarily, this was due to financial stability concerns and a perception that these small to mid-sized Districts had a disproportionate exposure to claims. Even districts that were claims free for years could not obtain coverage. FIA was created to fill this void with the goal of providing affordable insurance coverage to Special Taxing Districts. Today, FIA proudly serves and protects more than 800 public entity members.

Competitive Advantage

FIA allows qualifying Public Entities to achieve broad, tailored coverages with a cost-effective insurance program. Additional program benefits include:

- Insure-to-value property limits with no coinsurance penalties
- First dollar coverage for “alleged” public official ethics violations
- Proactive in-house claims management and loss control department
- Complimentary risk management services including on-site loss control, property schedule verification and contract reviews
- Online Risk Management Education & Training portal
- Online HR & Benefits Support portal
- HR Hotline
- Safety Partners Matching Grant Program

How are FIA Members Protected?

FIA employs a conservative approach to risk management. Liability risk retained by FIA is fully funded prior to the policy term through member premiums. The remainder of the risk is transferred to reinsurers. FIA’s primary reinsurers, Lloyds of London and Hudson Insurance Company, both have AM Best A XV (Excellent) ratings and surplus of \$2Billion or greater.

In the event of catastrophic property losses due to a Named Storm (i.e., hurricane), the program bears no risk as all losses are passed on to the reinsurers. FIA purchases property reinsurance to withstand the 1,000-year storm event (probability of exceedance .1%). This level of protection is statistically 2 to 3 times safer than competitors and industry norms. FIA members’ property claims resulting from Hurricane Irma in 2017 amounted to less than 4% of the per occurrence coverage available.

What Are Members Responsible For?

As a non-assessable Trust, our members are only responsible for two items:

- Annual Premiums
- Individual Member Deductibles

FIA Bylaws prohibit any assessments or other fees.

Additional information regarding FIA and our member services can be found at www.fia360.org.

Quotation being provided for:

**Cordova Palms Community Development District
c/o Governmental Management Services NF
475 West Town Place, Suite 114
St. Augustine, FL 32092**

Term: June 2, 2021 to October 1, 2021

Quote Number: 100120796

PROPERTY COVERAGE

SCHEDULE OF COVERAGES AND LIMITS OF COVERAGE

COVERED PROPERTY	
Total Insured Values – Blanket Building and Contents – Per Schedule on file totalling	Not Included
Loss of Business Income	Not Included
Additional Expense	Not Included
Inland Marine	
Scheduled Inland Marine	Not Included

It is agreed to include automatically under this Insurance the interest of mortgagees and loss payees where applicable without advice.

	Valuation	Coinsurance
Property	Replacement Cost	None
Inland Marine	Actual Cash Value	None

DEDUCTIBLES:	Not Applicable	Per Occurrence, All other Perils, Building & Contents and Extensions of Coverage.
	Not Applicable	Total Insured Values per building, including vehicle values, for "Named Storm" at each affected location throughout Florida subject to a minimum of Not Applicable per occurrence, per Named Insured.
	Per Attached Schedule	Inland Marine

Special Property Coverages		
Coverage	Deductibles	Limit
Earth Movement	Not Applicable	Not Included
Flood	Not Applicable	Not Included
Boiler & Machinery		Not Included
TRIA		Not Included

*Except for Zones A & V see page 8 (Terms and Conditions) excess of NFIP, whether purchased or not

TOTAL PROPERTY PREMIUM

Not Included

Extensions of Coverage

If marked with an "X" we will cover the following EXTENSIONS OF COVERAGE under this Agreement, These limits of liability do not increase any other applicable limit of liability.

(X)	Code	Extension of Coverage	Limit of Liability
	A	Accounts Receivable	\$500,000 in any one occurrence
	B	Animals	\$1,000 any one Animal \$5,000 Annual Aggregate in any one agreement period
	C	Buildings Under Construction	As declared on Property Schedule, except new buildings being erected at sites other than a covered location which is limited to \$250,000 estimated final contract value any one construction project.
	D	Debris Removal Expense	\$250,000 per insured or 25% of loss, whichever is greater
	E	Demolition Cost, Operation of Building Laws and Increased Cost of Construction	\$500,000 in any one occurrence
	F	Duty to Defend	\$100,000 any one occurrence
	G	Errors and Omissions	\$250,000 in any one occurrence
	H	Expediting Expenses	\$250,000 in any one occurrence
	I	Fire Department Charges	\$50,000 in any one occurrence
	J	Fungus Cleanup Expense	\$50,000 in the annual aggregate in any one occurrence
	K	Lawns, Plants, Trees and Shrubs	\$50,000 in any one occurrence
	L	Leasehold Interest	Included
	M	Air Conditioning Systems	Included
	N	New locations of current Insureds	\$1,000,000 in any one occurrence for up to 90 days, except 60 days for Dade, Broward, Palm Beach from the date such new location(s) is first purchased, rented or occupied whichever is earlier. Monroe County on prior submit basis only
	O	Personal property of Employees	\$500,000 in any one occurrence
	P	Pollution Cleanup Expense	\$50,000 in any one occurrence
	Q	Professional Fees	\$50,000 in any one occurrence
	R	Recertification of Equipment	Included
	S	Service Interruption Coverage	\$500,000 in any one occurrence
	T	Transit	\$1,000,000 in any one occurrence
	U	Vehicles as Scheduled Property	Included
	V	Preservation of Property	\$250,000 in any one occurrence
	W	Property at Miscellaneous Unnamed Locations	\$250,000 in any one occurrence
	X	Piers, docs and wharves as Scheduled Property	Included on a prior submit basis only

	Y	Glass and Sanitary Fittings Extension	\$25,000 any one occurrence
	Z	Ingress / Egress	45 Consecutive Days
	AA	Lock and Key Replacement	\$2,500 any one occurrence
	BB	Awnings, Gutters and Downspouts	Included
	CC	Civil or Military Authority	45 Consecutive days and one mile
	Section II B1	Business Income	\$1,000,000 in any one occurrence
	Section II B2	Additional Expenses	\$1,000,000 in any one occurrence
	FIA 120	Active Assailant(s)	\$1,000,000 in any one occurrence

CRIME COVERAGE

Description	Limit	Deductible
Forgery and Alteration	Not Included	Not Included
Theft, Disappearance or Destruction	Not Included	Not Included
Computer Fraud including Funds Transfer Fraud	Not Included	Not Included
Employee Dishonesty, including faithful performance, per loss	Not Included	Not Included

AUTOMOBILE COVERAGE

Coverages	Covered Autos	Limit	Premium
Covered Autos Liability	8,9	\$1,000,000	Included
Personal Injury Protection	N/A		Not Included
Auto Medical Payments	N/A		Not Included
Uninsured Motorists including Underinsured Motorists	N/A		Not Included
Physical Damage Comprehensive Coverage	N/A	Actual Cash Value Or Cost Of Repair, Whichever Is Less, Minus Applicable Deductible (See Attached Schedule) For Each Covered Auto, But No Deductible Applies To Loss Caused By Fire or Lightning. See item Four for Hired or Borrowed Autos.	Not Included
Physical Damage Specified Causes of Loss Coverage	N/A	Actual Cash Value Or Cost Of Repair, Whichever Is Less, Minus Applicable Deductible (See Attached Schedule) For Each Covered Auto For Loss Caused By Mischief Or Vandalism See item Four for Hired or Borrowed Autos.	Not Included
Physical Damage Collision Coverage	N/A	Actual Cash Value Or Cost Of Repair, Whichever Is Less, Minus Applicable Deductible (See Attached Schedule) For Each Covered Auto See item Four for Hired or Borrowed Autos.	Not Included
Physical Damage Towing And Labor	N/A	\$0 For Each Disablement Of A Private Passenger Auto	Not Included

GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE (Occurrence Basis)

Bodily Injury and Property Damage Limit	\$1,000,000
Personal Injury and Advertising Injury	Included
Products & Completed Operations Aggregate Limit	Included
Employee Benefits Liability Limit, per person	\$1,000,000
Herbicide & Pesticide Aggregate Limit	\$1,000,000
Medical Payments Limit	\$5,000
Fire Damage Limit	Included
No fault Sewer Backup Limit	\$25,000/\$250,000
General Liability Deductible	\$0

PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY (Claims Made)

Public Officials and Employment Practices Liability Limit	Per Claim	\$1,000,000
	Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Public Officials and Employment Practices Liability Deductible		\$0

Supplemental Payments: Pre-termination \$2,500 per employee - \$5,000 annual aggregate.
Non-Monetary \$100,000 aggregate.

Cyber Liability sublimit included under POL/EPLI

Media Content Services Liability
Network Security Liability
Privacy Liability
First Party Extortion Threat
First Party Crisis Management
First Party Business Interruption
Limit: \$100,000 each claim/annual aggregate



PREMIUM SUMMARY

**Cordova Palms Community Development District
c/o Governmental Management Services NF
475 West Town Place, Suite 114
St. Augustine, FL 32092**

Term: June 2, 2021 to October 1, 2021

Quote Number: 100120796

PREMIUM BREAKDOWN

Property (Including Scheduled Inland Marine)	Not Included
Crime	Not Included
Automobile Liability	Not Included
Hired Non-Owned Auto	Included
Auto Physical Damage	Not Included
General Liability	\$912
Public Officials and Employment Practices Liability	\$746
TOTAL PREMIUM DUE	\$1,658

IMPORTANT NOTE

Defense Cost - Outside of Limit, Does Not Erode the Limit for General Liability, Public Officials Liability, and Employment related Practices Liability.

Deductible does not apply to defense cost. Self-Insured Retention does apply to defense cost.

Additional Notes:

Annual Premium: \$5,000

D.

RESOLUTION 2021-10

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CORDOVA
PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING AN INTERNAL
CONTROLS POLICY CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 218.33, FLORIDA
STATUTES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Cordova Palms Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within St. Johns County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Section 218.33, *Florida Statutes*, the District is statutorily required to establish and maintain internal controls designed to prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse as defined in Section 11.45(1), *Florida Statutes*; promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices; support economical and efficient operations; ensure reliability of financial records and reports; and safeguard assets; and

WHEREAS, to demonstrate compliance with Section 218.33, *Florida Statutes*, the District desires to adopt by resolution the Internal Controls Policy attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
THE CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

SECTION 1. The attached Internal Controls Policy attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby adopted pursuant to this Resolution.

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

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

EXHIBIT "A"

CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT INTERNAL CONTROLS POLICY

1. Purpose.

- 1.1. The purpose of this internal controls policy is to establish and maintain internal controls for the Cordova Palms Community Development District.
- 1.2. Consistent with Section 218.33(3), *Florida Statutes*, the internal controls adopted herein are designed to:
 - 1.2.1. Prevent and detect Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (as hereinafter defined).
 - 1.2.2. Promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices.
 - 1.2.3. Support economical and efficient operations.
 - 1.2.4. Ensure reliability of financial records and reports.
 - 1.2.5. Safeguard Assets (as hereinafter defined).

2. Definitions.

- 2.1. "Abuse" means behavior that is deficient or improper when compared with behavior that a prudent person would consider a reasonable and necessary operational practice given the facts and circumstances. The term includes the misuse of authority or position for personal gain.
- 2.2. "Assets" means District assets such as cash or other financial resources, supplies, inventories, equipment and other fixed assets, real property, intellectual property, or data.
- 2.3. "Auditor" means the independent auditor (and its employees) retained by the District to perform the annual audit required by state law.
- 2.4. "Board" means the Board of Supervisors for the District.
- 2.5. "District Management" means (i) the independent contractor (and its employees) retained by the District to provide professional district management services to the District and (ii) any other independent contractor (and its employees) separately

retained by the District to provide amenity management services, provided said services include a responsibility to safeguard and protect Assets.

- 2.6. "Fraud" means obtaining something of value through willful misrepresentation, including, but not limited to, intentional misstatements or intentional omissions of amounts or disclosures in financial statements to deceive users of financial statements, theft of an entity's assets, bribery, or the use of one's position for personal enrichment through the deliberate misuse or misapplication of an organization's resources.
- 2.7. "Internal Controls" means systems and procedures designed to prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse; promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices; support economical and efficient operations; ensure reliability of financial records and reports; and safeguard assets.
- 2.8. "Risk" means anything that could negatively impact the District's ability to meet its goals and objectives. The term includes strategic, financial, regulatory, reputational, and operational risks.
- 2.9. "Waste" means the act of using or expending resources unreasonably, carelessly, extravagantly, or for no useful purpose.

3. Control Environment.

3.1. Ethical and Honest Behavior.

- 3.1.1. District Management is responsible for maintaining a work environment that promotes ethical and honest behavior on the part of all employees, contractors, vendors and others.
- 3.1.2. Managers at all levels must behave ethically and communicate to employees and others that they are expected to behave ethically.
- 3.1.3. Managers must demonstrate through words and actions that unethical behavior will not be tolerated.

4. Risk Assessment.

- 4.1. Risk Assessment. District Management is responsible for assessing Risk to the District. District Management's Risk assessments shall include, but not be limited to:
 - 4.1.1. Identifying potential hazards.

- 4.1.2. Evaluating the likelihood and extent of harm.
- 4.1.3. Identifying cost-justified precautions and implementing those precautions.

5. Control Activities.

5.1. Minimum Internal Controls. The District hereby establishes the following minimum Internal Controls to prevent and detect Fraud, Waste, and Abuse:

5.1.1. Preventive controls designed to forestall errors or irregularities and thereby avoid the cost of corrections. Preventive control activities shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 5.1.1.1. Identifying and segregating incompatible duties and/or implementing mitigating controls.
- 5.1.1.2. Performing accounting functions in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) standards.
- 5.1.1.3. Requiring proper authorizations to access and/or modify accounting software.
- 5.1.1.4. Implementing computerized accounting techniques (e.g. to help identify coding errors, avoid duplicate invoices, etc.).
- 5.1.1.5. Maintaining a schedule of the District's material fixed Assets.
- 5.1.1.6. Maintaining physical control over the District's material and vulnerable Assets (e.g. lock and key, computer passwords, network firewalls, etc.).
- 5.1.1.7. Retaining and restricting access to sensitive documents.
- 5.1.1.8. Performing regular electronic data backups.

5.1.2. Detective controls designed to measure the effectiveness of preventive controls and to detect errors or irregularities when they occur. Detective control activities shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 5.1.2.1. Preparing financial reports in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) standards.
- 5.1.2.2. Reviewing financial statements and investigating any material variances between budgeted expenses and actual expenses.
- 5.1.2.3. Establishing and implementing periodic reconciliations of bank, trust, and petty cash accounts.
- 5.1.2.4. Establishing an internal protocol for reporting and investigating known or suspected acts of Fraud, Waste, or Abuse.
- 5.1.2.5. Engaging in periodic physical inventory counts and comparisons with inventory records.
- 5.1.2.6. Monitoring all ACH (electronic) transactions and the sequencing of checks.

5.2. Implementation. District Management shall implement the minimum Internal Controls described herein. District Management may also implement additional Internal Controls that it deems advisable or appropriate for the District. The specific ways District Management implements these minimum Internal Controls shall be consistent with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and otherwise conform to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) standards and norms.

6. Information and Communication.

- 6.1. Information and Communication. District Management shall communicate to its employees (needing to know) information relevant to the Internal Controls, including but not limited to any changes to the Internal Controls and/or changes to laws, rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices.
- 6.2. Training. District Management shall regularly train its employees (needing the training) in connection with the Internal Controls described herein and promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices.

7. Monitoring Activities.

- 7.1. Internal Reviews. District Management shall internally review the District's Internal Controls at least once per year. In connection with this internal review, District Management shall:
- 7.1.1.1. Review its operational processes.
 - 7.1.1.2. Consider the potential risk of Fraud, Waste, or Abuse inherent in each process.
 - 7.1.1.3. Identify the controls included in the process, or controls that could be included, that would result in a reduction in the inherent risk.
 - 7.1.1.4. Assess whether there are Internal Controls that need to be improved or added to the process under consideration.
 - 7.1.1.5. Implement new controls or improve existing controls that are determined to be the most efficient and effective for decreasing the risk of Fraud, Waste or Abuse.
 - 7.1.1.6. Train its employees on implemented new controls or improvements to existing controls.
- 7.2. External Audits and Other Reviews. Audits and other reviews may be performed on various components of the District's Internal Controls by the Auditor consistent with Government Auditing Standards (GAS). Audits may identify material deficiencies in the Internal Controls and make recommendations to improve them. District Management shall communicate and cooperate with the Board and the Auditor regarding the potential implementation of Auditor recommendations.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 218.33(3), *Florida Statutes*

Effective date: June 2, 2021

E.

RESOLUTION 2021-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING OR RATIFYING THE RECORDING OF THE NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Cordova Palms Community Development District ("**District**") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within St. Johns County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District was established by Ordinance No. 2021-30, adopted by the County Commission of St. Johns County, Florida, which became effective on May 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Section 190.0485, *Florida Statutes*, requires a "Notice of Establishment" to be filed within 30 days after the effective date of the rule; and

WHEREAS, the organizational meeting of the District's Board of Supervisors was scheduled for June 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Hopping Green & Sams, P.A., has arranged for the recording of the "Notice of Establishment of the Cordova Palms Community Development District" with the St. Johns County Clerk of the Court to ensure compliance with Florida law.

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

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OR RATIFICATION. The actions of Hopping Green & Sams, P.A. in recording the Notice of Establishment, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, of the Cordova Palms Community Development District is hereby authorized or ratified.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of June 2021.

ATTEST:

**CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Notice of Establishment

This space reserved for use by the
Clerk of the Circuit Court

This instrument was prepared by
and upon recording should be returned to:

Wesley S. Haber, Esq.
HOPPING GREEN & SAMS, P.A.
119 South Monroe Street, Suite 300 (32301)
Post Office Box 6526
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

**NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on May 18, 2021, pursuant to a petition filed by Dream Finders Homes, LLC, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida adopted Ordinance No. 2021-30 which became effective on May 20, 2021, establishing the Cordova Palms Community Development District ("District"). The legal description of the lands encompassed within the District is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. The District is a special-purpose form of local government established pursuant to and governed by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. More information on the powers, responsibilities, and duties of the District may be obtained by examining Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, or by contacting the District's registered agent as designated to the Department of Economic Opportunity in accordance with Section 189.014, Florida Statutes.

THE CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MAY IMPOSE AND LEVY TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS, OR BOTH TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, ON THIS PROPERTY. THESE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS PAY THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS OF CERTAIN PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES OF THE DISTRICT AND ARE SET ANNUALLY BY

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE DISTRICT. THESE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS ARE IN ADDITION TO COUNTY AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS AND ALL OTHER TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS PROVIDED FOR BY LAW.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Notice has been executed on this _____ day of June, 2021, and recorded in the Official Records of St. Johns County, Florida.

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Witness

Witness

Print Name

Print Name

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this _____ day of June, 2021, by _____, as Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors for Cordova Palms Community Development District, who appeared before me this day in person, and who is either ☐ personally known to me, or ☐ produced _____ as identification.

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA

(NOTARY SEAL)

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

Exhibit A

November 24, 2020

Work Order No. 20-306.00

File No. 127E-13.00A

SURVEYOR'S DESCRIPTION:

Parcel 9:

A portion of Sections 10 and 15, and a portion of Section 50 of the Pablo Sabate Grant, Township 6 South, Range 29 East, St. Johns County, Florida, also being a portion of those lands described and recorded in Official Records Book 4658, page 1207, of the Public Records of said county, being more particularly described as follows:

For a Point of Reference, commence at the Southwesterly corner of said Section 15; thence North $89^{\circ}47'16''$ East, along the Southerly line of said Section 15, a distance of 1339.93 feet to the Southeasterly corner of those lands described and recorded in Official Records Book 1905, page 268, of said Public Records, and the Point of Beginning.

From said Point of Beginning, thence North $00^{\circ}53'35''$ West, departing said Southerly line of Section 15 and along the Easterly line of said Official Records Book 1905, page 268, a distance of 2672.18 feet to the Northeasterly corner thereof; thence South $89^{\circ}13'09''$ West, along the Northerly line of said Official Records Book 1905, page 268, a distance of 1339.65 feet to a point lying on the Westerly line of said Section 15; thence North $00^{\circ}53'21''$ West, along said Westerly line, 2659.81 feet to the Southwest corner of said Section 10; thence North $01^{\circ}59'46''$ West, along the Westerly line of said Section 10, a distance of 2601.17 feet to the Northerly most corner of said Section 10, said corner lying on the Westerly line of said Section 50 of the Pablo Sabate Grant; thence North $30^{\circ}16'44''$ West, along said Westerly line of Section 50, a distance of 3599.14 feet to its intersection with the Southwesterly right of way line of the Florida East Coast Railroad, a 100 foot right of way as presently established; thence South $37^{\circ}52'52''$ East, departing said Westerly line and along said Southwesterly right of way line, 8823.47 feet to the Northerly most corner of said Official Records Book 4658, page 1203, of said Public Records; thence Southwesterly along the Northwesternly line of said Official Records Book 4658, page 1203 the following 8 courses: Course 1, thence South $40^{\circ}33'16''$ West, departing said Southwesterly right of way line, 841.41 feet; Course 2, thence South $55^{\circ}04'55''$ West, 597.98 feet to a point on a curve concave Northeasterly having a radius of 435.00 feet; Course 3, thence Northwesternly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of $16^{\circ}45'00''$, an arc length of 127.17 feet to a point on said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North $35^{\circ}35'26''$ West, 126.72 feet; Course 4, thence South $67^{\circ}19'37''$ West, 99.25 feet to a point on a curve concave Northeasterly having a radius of 565.00 feet; Course 5, thence Southeasterly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of $18^{\circ}26'58''$, and arc length of 181.93 feet to a point on said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of South $28^{\circ}28'27''$ East, 181.15 feet; Course 6, thence South $21^{\circ}51'34''$ West, 634.69 feet to a point on a curve concave Southeasterly having a radius of 4734.00 feet, Course 7, thence Southwesterly along the arc of said curve through a central angle of $25^{\circ}45'17''$, an arc length of 2127.95 feet to the point of tangency of said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of South $18^{\circ}56'50''$ West, 2110.08 feet; Course 8, thence South $06^{\circ}04'11''$ West,

continuing along said Northwesterly line, 397.92 feet to the Southwesterly corner thereof, said corner lying on said Southerly line of Section 15; thence South 89°47'16" West, along said Southerly line, 10.17 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Less and Except from the lands described above the following:

A portion of Section 10, and a portion of Section 50 of the Pablo Sabate Grant, Township 6 South, Range 29 East, St. Johns County, Florida, being a portion of those lands described and recorded in Official Records Book 4658, page 1207, of the Public Records of said county, being more particularly described as follows:

For a Point of Reference, commence at the Southwest corner of said Section 10; thence North 01°59'46" West, along the Westerly line of said Section 10, a distance of 2509.17 feet to the Point of Beginning.

From said Point of Beginning, thence continue North 01°59'46" West, along said Westerly line, 92.00 feet to the Northerly most corner of said Section 10, said corner lying on the Westerly line of said Section 50 of the Pablo Sabate Grant; thence North 30°16'44" West, along said Westerly line of Section 50, a distance of 3599.14 feet to its intersection with the Southwesterly right of way line of the Florida East Coast Railroad, a 100 foot right of way as presently established; thence South 37°52'52" East, departing said Westerly line and along said Southwesterly right of way line, 3546.38 feet; thence South 41°53'21" West, departing said Southwesterly right of way line, 538.62 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 292.89 acres, more or less.

F.

RESOLUTION 2021-12

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

WHEREAS, the Cordova Palms Community Development District ("District") is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, being situated in St. Johns County, Florida; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 5. This resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman

G.

RESOLUTION 2021-13

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN INTERIM DISTRICT ENGINEER FOR THE CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING ITS COMPENSATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Cordova Palms Community Development District (“**District**”) is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated in St. Johns County, Florida; and

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

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

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

1. The firm of England Thims & Miller is hereby appointed as Interim District Engineer.
2. The Interim District Engineer shall be compensated for its services in the manner prescribed in the Interim Engineer Agreement, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Vice/Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Interim Engineer Agreement

Exhibit A
Interim Engineer Agreement

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May 21, 2021

Cordova Palms Community Development District
c/o Governmental Management Services
475 West Town Place, Suite 114
St. Augustine, FL 32092

**Reference: Cordova Palms Community Development District
Interim District Engineer – Work Authorization No. 1
ETM No. 21-211-99**

Dear Mr. Perry:

England, Thims & Miller, Inc. is pleased to submit this proposal for interim District Engineer services for Cordova Palms Community Development District, located in St. Johns County, Florida. Services shall include, but are not limited to:

1. General Consulting Services
2. Attendance at Meetings of the District's Board of Supervisors
3. Attendance at Meetings as requested for bond issuance, special reports, feasibility studies, cost estimates, or other tasks
4. Any other items requested by the Board of Supervisors

FEE..... HOURLY
(Budget Estimate - \$20,000.00)

Expenses:

Costs such as final printing, delivery service, mileage and travel shall be invoiced at direct cost.

Reference: Interim District Engineer: Work Authorization #1
ETM No.: 21-211-99

ENGLAND-THIMS & MILLER, INC.
HOURLY FEE SCHEDULE – 2021

Principal – CEO/CSO/President.....	\$265.00/Hr.
Principal – Vice President	\$245.00/Hr.
Senior Engineer	\$195.00/Hr.
Engineer	\$157.00/Hr.
Project Manager	\$180.00/Hr.
Assistant Project Manager	\$147.00/Hr.
Senior Planner.....	\$182.00/Hr.
Planner.....	\$149.00/Hr.
CEI Project Manager.....	\$165.00/Hr.
CEI Senior Inspector.....	\$148.00/Hr.
CEI Inspector	\$120.00/Hr.
Senior Landscape Architect.....	\$168.00/Hr.
Landscape Architect.....	\$150.00/Hr.
Senior Graphics Technician.....	\$149.00/Hr.
GIS Programmer.....	\$160.00/Hr.
GIS Analyst	\$133.00/Hr.
Senior Engineering Designer / Senior LA Designer	\$151.00/Hr.
Engineering/Landscape Designer	\$131.00/Hr.
CADD/GIS Technician	\$121.00/Hr.
Administrative Support	\$84.00/Hr.
Accountant.....	\$102.00/Hr.

Work and general conditions shall be in accordance with the Cordova Palms Engineering Services Agreement.

Please indicate your agreement with this proposal by signing in the space provided and return one copy to our office.

If you should have any questions or require additional information, please call. Thank you for this opportunity to be of professional service.

Yours sincerely,

ENGLAND, THIMS & MILLER, INC.

Scott A. Wild, P.E.
Executive Vice President / Shareholder

Accepted this _____ day

of _____, 2021

By: _____

For: _____

England-Thims & Miller, Inc.

INTERIM ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into this 2nd day of June, 2021, by and between:

CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and located in St. Johns County, Florida, with a mailing address of 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, (the “District”); and

ENGLAND-THIMS & MILLER, INC., a Florida corporation, with a mailing address of 14775 Old St. Augustine Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32258 (“Engineer”).

RECITALS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A. Preparation of any necessary reports and attendance at meetings of the District’s Board of Supervisors (“Board”);

B. Assistance in meeting with necessary parties involving bond issues, special reports, feasibility studies, or other tasks;

C. Any other items requested by the Board.

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

A. It has the experience and skill to perform the services required to be performed by this Agreement;

B. It shall design to and comply with limitation, professional registration and licensing requirements (both corporate and individual for all required basic disciplines) in effect during the term of this Agreement, and shall, if requested by the District, provide certification of compliance with all registration and licensing requirements;

C. It shall perform said services in accordance with generally accepted professional standards in the most expeditious and economical manner, and to the extent consistent with the best interests of the District; and

D. It is adequately financed to meet any financial obligations it may be required to incur under this Agreement.

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

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

A. *Lump Sum Amount* - The District and Engineer shall mutually agree to a lump sum amount for the services to be rendered payable monthly in direct proportion to the work accomplished.

B. *Hourly Personnel Rates* - For services or projects where scope of services is not clearly defined, or recurring services or other projects where the District desires the use of the hourly compensation rates, the District and Engineer shall use the hourly compensation rates outlined in **Exhibit B** attached hereto. The District and Engineer may agree to a "not to exceed" amount when utilizing hourly personnel rates for a specific Work Authorization.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 10. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Workers' Compensation	Statutory
General Liability	
Bodily Injury (including Contractual)	\$1,000,000/\$2,000,000
Property Damage	\$1,000,000/\$2,000,000

(including Contractual)

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

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

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

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

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

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

comply notice, or report of a violation or an alleged violation, the District may terminate this Agreement, such termination to be effective upon the giving of notice of termination.

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

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

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

PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 558.0035 (2018), AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE OR AGENT MAY NOT BE HELD INDIVIDUALLY LIABLE FOR NEGLIGENCE.

SECTION 20. PUBLIC RECORDS. Engineer understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and, accordingly, Engineer agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including, but not limited, to Section 119.0701, *Florida Statutes*. Among other requirements and to the extent applicable by law, Engineer shall 1) keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, hereinafter defined, provide the District with the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time period at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*; 3) ensure that public records which are exempt or confidential, and exempt from public records disclosure requirements, are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of this Agreement term and following this

Agreement term if Engineer does not transfer the records to the Public Records Custodian of the District; and 4) upon completion of this Agreement, transfer to the District, at no cost, all public records in Engineer's possession or, alternatively, keep, maintain and meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records pursuant to Florida laws. When such public records are transferred by Engineer, Engineer shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District in a format that is compatible with Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats. Engineer acknowledges that the designated Public Records Custodian for the District is **Daniel Laughlin Wrathell**.

IF THE ENGINEER HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, *FLORIDA STATUTES*, TO ENGINEER'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, 475 WEST TOWN PLACE, SUITE 114, ST. AUGUSTINE, FL 32092, (904) 940-5850, DLAUGHLIN@GMSNF.COM.

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

A. If to the District: Cordova Palms Community Development District
475 West Town Place, Suite 114
St. Augustine, Florida 32092
Attn: District Manager

With a copy to: Hopping Green & Sams, P.A.
119 S. Monroe Street, Suite 300
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Attn: District Counsel

B. If to Engineer: England-Thims & Miller, Inc.
14775 Old St. Augustine Road
Jacksonville, Florida 32258
Attn: _____

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

other person to whom Notices are to be sent or copied may notify the other parties and addressees of any change in name or address to which Notices shall be sent by providing the same on five (5) days written notice to the parties and addressees set forth herein.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 29. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR. The District and Engineer agree and acknowledge that Engineer shall serve as an independent contractor of the District. Neither Engineer nor employees of Engineer, if any, are employees of the District under the meaning or

application of any federal or state unemployment, insurance laws, or any other potentially applicable laws. Engineer agrees to assume all liabilities or obligations by any one or more of such laws with respect to employees of Engineer, if any, in the performance of this Agreement. Engineer shall not have any authority to assume or create any obligation, express or implied, on behalf of the District and Engineer shall have no authority to represent as agent, employee, or in any other capacity the District unless set forth differently herein or authorized by vote of the Board.

SECTION 30. COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall be an original; however, all such counterparts together shall constitute, but one and the same instrument. Signature and acknowledgment pages, if any, may be detached from the counterparts and attached to a single copy of this document to physically form one document.

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

ATTEST:

**CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

WITNESS:

ENGLAND-THIMS & MILLER, INC., a
Florida corporation

Witness

Print Name: _____
Title: _____

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

Exhibit A
June __, 2021

Cordova Palms Community Development District
St. Johns County, Florida

Subject: **Work Authorization Number 1**
 Cordova Palms Community Development District

Dear Chairperson, Board of Supervisors:

England-Thims & Miller, Inc. (the “Engineer”) is pleased to submit this work authorization to provide interim engineering services for Cordova Palms Community Development District (the “District”). We will provide these services pursuant to our current agreement dated June 2, 2021 (“Interim Agreement”) as follows:

I. Scope of Work

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

II. Fees

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

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

Thank you for your consideration.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED

Sincerely,

By: _____
Authorized Representative of Cordova Palms
Community Development District

By: _____
England-Thims & Miller, Inc.

Exhibit B

Schedule of Rates

H.

RESOLUTION 2021-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR DISTRICT ENGINEERING SERVICES AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Cordova Palms Community Development District (“**District**”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated in St. Johns County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 190.033 and 287.055, *Florida Statutes*, the District’s Board of Supervisors (“**Board**”) may contract for the services of consultants to perform planning, engineering, architectural or other professional services; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize a request for qualifications process (“**RFQ**”) to select a District Engineer.

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

1. **AUTHORIZATION FOR RFQ.** The form of “RFQ Project Manual” attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, including the notice and evaluation criteria, is hereby approved in substantial form. District Staff is hereby directed to affect the RFQ and provide any responses to the Board for consideration.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: RFQ Project Manual

EXHIBIT A

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

RFQ for Engineering Services

The Cordova Palms Community Development District (“District”), located in St. Johns County, Florida, announces that professional engineering services will be required on a continuing basis for the District’s anticipated capital improvements which may include work related to transportation facilities, utility facilities and recreational facilities, and all other public improvements authorized by Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*. The engineering firm selected will act in the general capacity of District Engineer and provide District engineering services, as required.

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

The District will review all Applicants and will comply with Florida law, including the Consultant’s Competitive Negotiations Act, Chapter 287, *Florida Statutes* (“CCNA”). All applicants interested must submit one original and one electronic version of Standard Form No. 330 and Qualification Statement by 12:00 p.m. on May 8, 2020 to the attention of Mr. James Perry, c/o Governmental Management Services, LLC, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092 (“District Manager’s Office”).

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

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

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

Publish on _____ (must be published at least 14 days prior to submittal deadline)

**CORDOVA PALMS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

DISTRICT ENGINEER PROPOSALS

COMPETITIVE SELECTION CRITERIA

1) Ability and Adequacy of Professional Personnel (Weight: 35 Points)

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

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

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

3) Geographic Location (Weight: 20 Points)

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

4) Willingness to Meet Time and Budget Requirements (Weight: 10 Points)

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

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

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

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

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

I.

RESOLUTION 2021-15

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

WHEREAS, the Cordova Palms Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and situated within St. Johns County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to construct, install, operate, and/or maintain systems and facilities for certain public infrastructure improvements; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that granting to the Chairman and Vice Chairman the Conveyance Authority is in the best interests of the District so that the

development of the Improvements may proceed expeditiously, subject to the terms and limitations imposed by this Resolution.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF THE CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

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

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

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

B.

RESOLUTION 2021-16

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

WHEREAS, Cordova Palms Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within St. Johns County, Florida; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the effective date of St. Johns County Ordinance 2021-30 creating the District (the "Ordinance") is May 20, 2021; and

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

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

SECTION 1. In accordance with section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*, the initial meeting of the landowners to elect five (5) supervisors of the District, shall be held on the ____ day of _____, 2021, at _____ .m., located at _____.

A sample notice of landowners' meeting and election, instructions, proxy and ballot form were presented at such meeting and are attached hereto as **Composite Exhibit A**.

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

**NOTICE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING AND ELECTION AND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given to the public and all landowners within the Cordova Palms Community Development District (the "District"), the location of which is generally described as comprising a parcel or parcels of land containing approximately 292.89 acres, located west of U.S. Highway 1, south of 9 Mile Road/International Gold Parkway and north of Lafayette Avenue within St. Johns County, Florida, advising that a meeting of landowners will be held for the purpose of electing five (5) persons to the District Board of Supervisors. Immediately following the landowners' meeting and election, there will be convened a meeting of the Board of Supervisors 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: _____
TIME: _____ .m.
PLACE: _____

Each landowner may vote in person or by written proxy. Proxy forms may be obtained upon request at the office of the District Manager, c/o Governmental Management Services, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, (904) 940-5850 ("District Office"). At said meeting each landowner or his or her proxy shall be entitled to nominate persons for the position of Supervisor and cast one vote per acre of land, or fractional portion thereof, owned by him or her and located within the District for each person to be elected to the position of Supervisor. A fraction of an acre shall be treated as one acre, entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Platted lots shall be counted individually and rounded up to the nearest whole acre. The acreage of platted lots shall not be aggregated for determining the number of voting units held by a landowner or a landowner's proxy. At the landowners' meeting the landowners shall select a person to serve as the meeting chair and who shall conduct the meeting.

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

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

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

Daniel Laughlin
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 CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR THE ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS**

DATE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING: _____

TIME: _____

LOCATION: _____

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

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

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

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

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

LANDOWNER PROXY

**CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – _____, 2021**

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 Cordova Palms Community Development District to be held at _____, on _____, 2021, 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

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date

Parcel Description

Acreage

Authorized Votes

See attached Exhibit A.

_____ ACRES

_____ 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:

_____ **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. 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
CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – _____, 2021

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

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

Description

Acreage

or

Attach Proxy.

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

NAME OF CANDIDATE

NUMBER OF VOTES

1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

C.

RESOLUTION 2021-17

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
ADOPTING THE ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR
2020-2021; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Cordova Palms Community Development District (“**District**”) is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and situated within St. Johns County, Florida; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt Fiscal Year 2020-2021 annual meeting schedule attached hereto as **Composite Exhibit A**.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF THE CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

1. The Fiscal Year 2020-2021 annual meeting schedule attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as **Composite Exhibit A** is hereby approved and will be published in accordance with the requirements of Florida law and also provided to applicable governing authorities.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Composite Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Meeting Schedule

COMPOSITE EXHIBIT A

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING DATES CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

The Board of Supervisors of the Cordova Palms Community Development District will hold their regular meetings for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 at the offices of Governmental Management Services, LLC, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092 at __:____.m unless otherwise indicated as follows:

The meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provision of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. The meetings may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. A copy of the agenda for these meetings may be obtained from Governmental Management Services, LLC, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092 or by calling (904) 940-5850.

There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors or staff will participate by telephone. Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 940-5850 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Office.

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Daniel Laughlin
District Manager

D.

RESOLUTION 2021-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPROVING THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Cordova Palms Community Development District (the "District") was established by Ordinance No. 2021-30, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, effective as of May 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the District Manager has prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors of the District (the "Board") the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2020/2021, which concludes September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the proposed budget and desires to set the required public hearing thereon.

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

SECTION 1. PROPOSED BUDGET APPROVED. The proposed budget prepared by the District Manager for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved as the basis for conducting a public hearing to adopt said proposed budget.

SECTION 2. SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING. A public hearing on said approved proposed budget is hereby declared and set for the following date, hour and location:

DATE: _____, 2021

HOUR: _____

LOCATION: _____

SECTION 3. TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET TO LOCAL GENERAL PURPOSE GOVERNMENT. The District Manager is hereby directed to submit a copy of the Proposed Budget to St. Johns County at least 60 days prior to the hearing set above.

SECTION 4. POSTING OF PROPOSED BUDGET. In accordance with Section 189.016, *Florida Statutes*, the District's Secretary is further directed to post the approved Proposed Budget on the District's website at least two (2) days before the budget hearing date as set forth in Section 2, and shall remain on the website for at least 45 days.

SECTION 5. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE. Notice of this public hearing shall be published in the manner prescribed in Florida law.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY. The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or any part thereof.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: FY 2020/2021 proposed budget

Exhibit A
FY 2020/2021 proposed budget

[See attached]

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Attorney	\$ 10,417	\$ 25,000
Assessment Administration	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Management Fees	\$ 18,750	\$ 45,000
Website Creation/ADA Compliance	\$ 1,750	\$ -
Website Miantenance	\$ 500	\$ 1,200
Information Technology	\$ 750	\$ 1,800
Telephone	\$ 200	\$ 500
Postage	\$ 500	\$ 1,500
Insurance	\$ 1,675	\$ 5,500
Printing & Binding	\$ 500	\$ 1,200
Legal Advertising	\$ 8,000	\$ 5,000
Other Current Charges	\$ 500	\$ 600
Office Supplies	\$ 400	\$ 1,000
Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions	\$ 150	\$ 175
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 55,474</u>	<u>\$ 118,393</u>
Excess Revenues/(Expenditures)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

⁽¹⁾ All expenses prorated amount represents 5 months of fiscal year.

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REVENUES:

Developer Contributions

The District will enter into a Funding Agreement with the developer to fund the general fund expenditures for the fiscal year.

EXPENDITURES:

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Supervisors Fees

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FICA Expense

Represents the Employer's share of Social Security and Medicare taxes withheld from the Board of Supervisors checks.

Engineering

The District will be providing general engineering services to the District, e.g., attendance and preparation for monthly board meetings, review invoices, etc.

Attorney

The District will contract will be providing general legal services to the District, e.g., attendance and preparation for monthly meetings, preparation and review of agreements, resolutions, etc.

Assessment Administration

The District will contract to levy and administer the collection of non-ad valorem assessments on all assessable property within the District.

Management Fees

The District receives Management, Accounting and Administrative services as part of a Management Agreement with Governmental Management Services.

Website Creation/ADA Compliance

Represents an estimated cost to create the initial District website and ensure District meets ADA compliance guidelines.

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Website Maintenance

Represents the costs associated with monitoring and maintaining the District's website created in accordance with Chapter 189, Florida Statutes. These services include site performance assessments, security and firewall maintenance, updates, document uploads, hosting and domain renewals, website backups, etc.

Information Technology

Represents costs related to the District's information systems, which include but are not limited to video conferencing services, cloud storage services and servers, security, accounting software, etc.

Telephone

Telephone and fax machine.

Postage

Mailing of agenda packages, overnight deliveries, correspondence, etc.

Insurance

The District's general liability, public officials' liability and property insurance coverages.

Printing & Binding

Printing and binding agenda packages for board meetings, printing of computerized checks, stationary, envelopes etc.

Legal Advertising

The District is required to advertise various notices for monthly Board meetings, public hearings, and etc. in a newspaper of general circulation.

Other Current Charges

Bank charges and any other miscellaneous expenses incurred during the year.

Office Supplies

Miscellaneous office supplies.

Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions

The District is required to pay an annual fee to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for \$175. This is the only expense under this category for the District.

E.

**CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 BUDGET FUNDING AGREEMENT**

This Agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered into this 2nd day of June, 2021, by and between:

Cordova Palms Community Development District, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and located in St. Johns County, Florida ("**District**"), and

Dream Finders Homes, LLC, a Florida limited liability company and the developer of the lands in the District ("**Developer**") with a mailing address of 14701 Philips Highway, Suite 300, Jacksonville, Florida 32256.

Recitals

WHEREAS, the District was established by an ordinance adopted by the County Commission of St. Johns County, Florida, for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the District is adopting its general fund budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021, which year commenced on May 20, 2021, and concludes on September 30, 2021 (the "FY 2021 Budget"); and

WHEREAS, the FY 2021 Budget, which both parties recognize may be amended from time to time in the sole discretion of the District, is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the District has the option of levying non-ad valorem assessments on all land, including the Property owned by the Developer, that will benefit from the activities, operations and services set forth in the FY 2021 Budget, or utilizing such other revenue sources as may be available to it; and

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

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

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

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

SECTION 1. The Developer agrees to make available to the District the monies necessary for the operation of the District, as called for in the FY 2021 Budget attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, within fifteen (15) days of written request by the District. Amendments to the FY 2021 Budget as shown on **Exhibit A** adopted by the District at a duly noticed meeting shall have the effect of amending this Agreement without further action of the parties. Funds provided hereunder shall be placed in the District's general checking account. In no way shall the foregoing in any way affect the District's ability to levy special assessments upon the property within the District, including the Property, in accordance with Florida law, to provide funds for any unfunded expenditures whether such expenditures are the result of an amendment to the District's FY 2021 Budget or otherwise. These payments are made by Developer in lieu of operation and maintenance assessments which might otherwise be levied or imposed by the District.

SECTION 2. The District shall have the right to file a continuing lien (the "Lien") upon the Property described in **Exhibit B** for all payments due and owing under the terms of this Agreement and for interest thereon, and for reasonable attorneys' fees, paralegals' fees, expenses and court costs incurred by the District incident to the collection of funds under this Agreement or for enforcement of this Lien, and all sums advanced and paid by the District for taxes and payment on account of superior interests, liens and encumbrances in order to preserve and protect the District's Lien. The Lien shall be effective as of the date and time of the recording of a "Notice of Lien for the FY 2021 Budget" in the public records of St. Johns County, Florida, stating among other things, the description of the real property and the amount due as of the recording of the Notice, and the existence of this Agreement. The District Manager, in its sole discretion, is hereby authorized by the District to file the Notice of Lien for the FY 2021 Budget on behalf of the District, without the need of further Board action authorizing or directing such filing. At the District Manager's direction, the District may also bring an action at law against the record title holders to the Property to pay the amount due under this Agreement, or may foreclose the Lien against the Property in any manner authorized by law. The District may

partially release any filed Lien for portions of the Property subject to a plat if and when the Developers have demonstrated, in the District's sole discretion, such release will not materially impair the ability of the District to enforce the collection of funds hereunder. In the event the Developers sell any of the Property described in **Exhibit B** after the execution of this Agreement, the Developers' rights and obligations under this Agreement shall remain the same, provided however that the District shall only have the right to file a Lien upon the remaining Property owned by the Developers.

SECTION 3. In the event Developer fails to make payments as and when due to the District pursuant to this Agreement, the District shall have the following remedies, in addition to other remedies available at law and equity:

A. At the Board's direction, the District may bring an action at law against the record title holder to the Property to pay the amount due under this Agreement, or may foreclose the Lien against the Property in any manner authorized by law. The District may enforce the collection of funds due under this Agreement by action against Developer in the appropriate judicial forum in and for St. Johns County, Florida. The enforcement of the collection of funds in this manner shall be in the sole discretion of the District Manager on behalf of the District.

B. The District hereby finds that the activities, operations and services set out in **Exhibit A** provide a special and peculiar benefit to the Property, which benefit is initially allocated on an equal developable acreage basis. Developer agrees that the activities, operations and services set forth in **Exhibit A** provide a special and peculiar benefit to the Property equal to or in excess of the costs set out in **Exhibit A**, on an equal developable acreage basis. Therefore, in the alternative, or in addition to the other methods of collection set forth in this Agreement, the District, in its sole discretion, may choose to certify amounts due hereunder as a non ad valorem assessment on all or any part of the Property for collection, either through the Uniform Method of Collection set forth in Chapter 197 or under any method of direct bill and collection authorized by Florida law. Such assessment, if imposed, may be certified on the next available tax roll of the St. Johns County property appraiser. Developer hereby waives and/or relinquishes any rights it may have to challenge or object to such assessments if imposed, as well as the means of collection thereof.

SECTION 4. This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of the agreement between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both of the parties hereto.

SECTION 5. The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of all parties hereto, each party has complied with all the requirements of law, and each party has full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

SECTION 6. This Agreement may be assigned, in whole or in part, by either party only upon the written consent of the other, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. In the event that Developer sells or otherwise disposes of its business or of all or substantially all of its assets relating to the lands within the District, including the Property, Developer will expressly require that the purchaser agree to be bound by the terms of this Agreement. In the event of such sale or disposition, Developer may place into escrow an amount equal to the then unfunded portion of the adopted FY 2021 Budget to fund any budgeted expenses that may arise during the remainder of the fiscal year and provide the District evidence of assignment of this Agreement to the purchaser. Upon confirmation of the deposit of said funds into escrow, and evidence of such assignment to, and assumption by the purchaser, the Developer's obligation under this Agreement shall be deemed fulfilled and this Agreement terminated with respect to Developer's obligations. The parties hereto recognize that Developer is responsible for expenditures of the District in the FY 2021 Budget and that expenditures approved by the Board may exceed the amount adopted in the FY 2021 Budget. Developer shall notify the District in writing ninety (90) days prior to an anticipated sale or disposition of all or substantially all of the Property.

SECTION 7. A default by either party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which shall include, but not be limited to, the right of damages, injunctive relief and specific performance and specifically including the ability of the District to enforce any and all payment obligations under this Agreement in the manner described in Paragraph 3 above.

SECTION 8. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the parties hereto and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason hereof, to or for the benefit of any person or entity not a party hereto. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or entity other than the parties hereto any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any provisions or conditions hereof; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants and conditions herein contained shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective representatives, successors and assigns subject to the terms of Paragraph 6 above.

SECTION 9. This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. Venue shall be in St. Johns County, Florida.

SECTION 10. This Agreement has been negotiated fully between the parties as an arm's length transaction. The parties participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement with the assistance of their respective counsel. In the case of a dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, the parties are each deemed to have drafted, chosen and selected the language, and the doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against any party.

SECTION 11. The Agreement shall be effective after execution by both parties hereto. The enforcement provisions of this Agreement shall survive its termination, until all payments due under this Agreement are paid in full.

SECTION 12. 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 costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees, paralegal fees and expert witness fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

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

ATTEST:

**CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman/Vice Chairman

DREAM FINDERS HOMES, LLC,
a Florida limited liability company

Witness

By: _____
Its: _____

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget

Exhibit B: Description of the Property

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Information Technology

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Telephone

Telephone and fax machine.

Postage

Mailing of agenda packages, overnight deliveries, correspondence, etc.

Insurance

The District's general liability, public officials' liability and property insurance coverages.

Printing & Binding

Printing and binding agenda packages for board meetings, printing of computerized checks, stationary, envelopes etc.

Legal Advertising

The District is required to advertise various notices for monthly Board meetings, public hearings, and etc. in a newspaper of general circulation.

Other Current Charges

Bank charges and any other miscellaneous expenses incurred during the year.

Office Supplies

Miscellaneous office supplies.

Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions

The District is required to pay an annual fee to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for \$175. This is the only expense under this category for the District.

Exhibit B

Description of the Property

November 24, 2020

Work Order No. 20-306.00

File No. 127E-13.00A

SURVEYOR'S DESCRIPTION:

Parcel 9:

A portion of Sections 10 and 15, and a portion of Section 50 of the Pablo Sabate Grant, Township 6 South, Range 29 East, St. Johns County, Florida, also being a portion of those lands described and recorded in Official Records Book 4658, page 1207, of the Public Records of said county, being more particularly described as follows:

For a Point of Reference, commence at the Southwesterly corner of said Section 15; thence North $89^{\circ}47'16''$ East, along the Southerly line of said Section 15, a distance of 1339.93 feet to the Southeasterly corner of those lands described and recorded in Official Records Book 1905, page 268, of said Public Records, and the Point of Beginning.

From said Point of Beginning, thence North $00^{\circ}53'35''$ West, departing said Southerly line of Section 15 and along the Easterly line of said Official Records Book 1905, page 268, a distance of 2672.18 feet to the Northeasterly corner thereof; thence South $89^{\circ}13'09''$ West, along the Northerly line of said Official Records Book 1905, page 268, a distance of 1339.65 feet to a point lying on the Westerly line of said Section 15; thence North $00^{\circ}53'21''$ West, along said Westerly line, 2659.81 feet to the Southwest corner of said Section 10; thence North $01^{\circ}59'46''$ West, along the Westerly line of said Section 10, a distance of 2601.17 feet to the Northerly most corner of said Section 10, said corner lying on the Westerly line of said Section 50 of the Pablo Sabate Grant; thence North $30^{\circ}16'44''$ West, along said Westerly line of Section 50, a distance of 3599.14 feet to its intersection with the Southwesterly right of way line of the Florida East Coast Railroad, a 100 foot right of way as presently established; thence South $37^{\circ}52'52''$ East, departing said Westerly line and along said Southwesterly right of way line, 8823.47 feet to the Northerly most corner of said Official Records Book 4658, page 1203, of said Public Records; thence Southwesterly along the Northwesternly line of said Official Records Book 4658, page 1203 the following 8 courses: Course 1, thence South $40^{\circ}33'16''$ West, departing said Southwesterly right of way line, 841.41 feet; Course 2, thence South $55^{\circ}04'55''$ West, 597.98 feet to a point on a curve concave Northeasterly having a radius of 435.00 feet; Course 3, thence Northwesternly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of $16^{\circ}45'00''$, an arc length of 127.17 feet to a point on said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North $35^{\circ}35'26''$ West, 126.72 feet; Course 4, thence South $67^{\circ}19'37''$ West, 99.25 feet to a point on a curve concave Northeasterly having a radius of 565.00 feet; Course 5, thence Southeasterly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of $18^{\circ}26'58''$, and arc length of 181.93 feet to a point on said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of South $28^{\circ}28'27''$ East, 181.15 feet; Course 6, thence South $21^{\circ}51'34''$ West, 634.69 feet to a point on a curve concave Southeasterly having a radius of 4734.00 feet, Course 7, thence Southwesterly along the arc of said curve through a central angle of $25^{\circ}45'17''$, an arc length of 2127.95 feet to the point of tangency of said curve,

said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of South 18°56'50" West, 2110.08 feet; Course 8, thence South 06°04'11" West, continuing along said Northwesterly line, 397.92 feet to the Southwesterly corner thereof, said corner lying on said Southerly line of Section 15; thence South 89°47'16" West, along said Southerly line, 10.17 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Less and Except from the lands described above the following:

A portion of Section 10, and a portion of Section 50 of the Pablo Sabate Grant, Township 6 South, Range 29 East, St. Johns County, Florida, being a portion of those lands described and recorded in Official Records Book 4658, page 1207, of the Public Records of said county, being more particularly described as follows:

For a Point of Reference, commence at the Southwest corner of said Section 10; thence North 01°59'46" West, along the Westerly line of said Section 10, a distance of 2509.17 feet to the Point of Beginning.

From said Point of Beginning, thence continue North 01°59'46" West, along said Westerly line, 92.00 feet to the Northerly most corner of said Section 10, said corner lying on the Westerly line of said Section 50 of the Pablo Sabate Grant; thence North 30°16'44" West, along said Westerly line of Section 50, a distance of 3599.14 feet to its intersection with the Southwesterly right of way line of the Florida East Coast Railroad, a 100 foot right of way as presently established; thence South 37°52'52" East, departing said Westerly line and along said Southwesterly right of way line, 3546.38 feet; thence South 41°53'21" West, departing said Southwesterly right of way line, 538.62 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 292.89 acres, more or less.

F.

RESOLUTION 2021-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPROVING A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW; ADDRESSING TRANSMITTAL, POSTING AND PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS; ADDRESSING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the District Manager has heretofore prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors ("**Board**") of the Cordova Palms Community Development District ("**District**") prior to June 15, 2021, a proposed budget ("**Proposed Budget**") for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022 ("**Fiscal Year 2021/2022**"); and

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

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

1. **PROPOSED BUDGET APPROVED.** The Proposed Budget prepared by the District Manager for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved as the basis for conducting a public hearing to adopt said Proposed Budget.

2. **SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING.** A public hearing on said approved Proposed Budget is hereby declared and set for the following date, hour and location:

DATE: _____, 2021

HOUR: _____

LOCATION: _____

3. **TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET TO LOCAL GENERAL PURPOSE GOVERNMENT.** The District Manager is hereby directed to submit a copy of the Proposed Budget to St. Johns County at least 60 days prior to the hearing set above.

4. **POSTING OF PROPOSED BUDGET.** In accordance with Section 189.016, *Florida Statutes*, the District's Secretary is further directed to post the approved Proposed Budget on the District's website at least two days before the budget hearing date as set forth in Section 2, and shall remain on the website for at least 45 days.

5. **PUBLICATION OF NOTICE.** Notice of this public hearing shall be published in the manner prescribed in Florida law.

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF JUNE, 2021.

ATTEST:

**CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary

By: _____
Its: _____

Cordova Palms

Community Development District

Proposed Budget
FY 2021 and FY 2022



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	Proposed Budget FY 2021 ⁽¹⁾	Proposed Budget FY 2022
<u>Revenues</u>		
Developer Contributions	\$ 55,474	\$ 118,393
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 55,474</u>	<u>\$ 118,393</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>		
<u>Administrative</u>		
Supervisors Fees	\$ 5,000	\$ 12,000
FICA Expense	\$ 383	\$ 918
Engineering	\$ 6,000	\$ 12,000
Attorney	\$ 10,417	\$ 25,000
Assessment Administration	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Management Fees	\$ 18,750	\$ 45,000
Website Creation/ADA Compliance	\$ 1,750	\$ -
Website Miantenance	\$ 500	\$ 1,200
Information Technology	\$ 750	\$ 1,800
Telephone	\$ 200	\$ 500
Postage	\$ 500	\$ 1,500
Insurance	\$ 1,675	\$ 5,500
Printing & Binding	\$ 500	\$ 1,200
Legal Advertising	\$ 8,000	\$ 5,000
Other Current Charges	\$ 500	\$ 600
Office Supplies	\$ 400	\$ 1,000
Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions	\$ 150	\$ 175
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 55,474</u>	<u>\$ 118,393</u>
Excess Revenues/(Expenditures)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

⁽¹⁾ All expenses prorated amount represents 5 months of fiscal year.

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General Fund Budget

REVENUES:

Developer Contributions

The District will enter into a Funding Agreement with the developer to fund the general fund expenditures for the fiscal year.

EXPENDITURES:

Administrative:

Supervisors Fees

Chapter 190, The Florida Statutes, allows each Board member to receive \$200 per meeting not to exceed \$4,800 per year per supervisor for the time devoted to District business and meetings.

FICA Expense

Represents the Employer's share of Social Security and Medicare taxes withheld from the Board of Supervisors checks.

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G.

RESOLUTION 2021-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING THE ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT GUIDELINES FOR INVESTING PUBLIC FUNDS IN EXCESS OF AMOUNTS NEEDED TO MEET CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 218.415(17), FLORIDA STATUTES

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (“**Board**”) of the Cordova Palms Community Development District (“**District**”) is required to adopt an investment policy in accordance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt the alternative investment guidelines for the investment of public funds in excess of amounts needed to meet current operating expenses, in accordance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes.

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

1. The District hereby adopts the alternative investment guidelines for the investment of public funds in excess of the amounts needed to meet current operating expenses, in accordance with Section 218.415(17), Florida Statutes. The District may invest in the following instruments and may divest itself of investments, at prevailing prices or rates:
 - a. The Local Government Surplus Trust Fund, or any intergovernmental investment pool authorized pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act, as provided in Section 163.01, Florida Statutes.
 - b. Securities and Exchange Commission registered money market funds with the highest quality rating from nationally recognized rating agency.
 - c. Interest-bearing time deposits or savings accounts in qualified public depositories, as defined in Section 280.02, Florida Statutes.
 - d. Direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury.
2. Securities listed in paragraphs c. and d. shall be invested to provide sufficient liquidity to pay obligations as they come due.
3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Vice/Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

H.

RESOLUTION 2021-21

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

WHEREAS, the Cordova Palms Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within St. Johns County, Florida; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

SECTION 1. A Public Hearing will be held to adopt Rules of Procedure on _____,
2021, at _____ .m., at
_____.

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

1.

**RULES OF PROCEDURE
CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

EFFECTIVE AS OF _____, 2021

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Rule 1.0 General.

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

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

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

Rule 1.1 Board of Supervisors; Officers and Voting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 1.3 Public Meetings, Hearings, and Workshops.

- (1) Notice. Except in emergencies, or as otherwise required by statute or these Rules, at least seven (7) days, but no more than thirty (30) days public notice shall be given of any public meeting, hearing or workshop of the Board. Public notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. "General circulation" means a publication that is printed and published at least once a week for the preceding year, offering at least 25% of its words in the English language, qualifies as a periodicals material for postal purposes in the county in which the District is located, is for sale to the public generally, is available to the public generally for the publication of official or other notices, and is customarily containing information of a public character or of interest or of value to the residents or owners of property in the county where published, or of interest or of value to the general public. The annual meeting notice required to be published by Section 189.015 of the Florida Statutes, shall be published in a newspaper not of limited subject matter, which is published at least five days a week, unless the only newspaper in the county is published less than five days a week. Each Notice shall state, as applicable:
 - (a) The date, time and place of the meeting, hearing or workshop;
 - (b) A brief description of the nature, subjects, and purposes of the meeting, hearing, or workshop;
 - (c) The District office address for the submission of requests for copies of the agenda, as well as a contact name and telephone number for verbal requests for copies of the agenda; and
 - (d) The following or substantially similar language: "Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting/hearing/workshop is asked to advise the District Office at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting/hearing/workshop by contacting the District Manager at (904) 940-5850. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1 (800) 955-8770 or 1 (800) 955-8771, who can aid you in contacting the District Office."
 - (e) The following or substantially similar language: "A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting/hearing/workshop with respect to any matter considered at the meeting/hearing/workshop is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 1.4 Internal Controls to Prevent Fraud, Waste and Abuse

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

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

Rule 2.0 Rulemaking Proceedings.

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

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

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

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

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

(11) Petitions to Challenge Existing Rules.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.0 Competitive Purchase.

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

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

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

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

- (o) “Request for Proposals” or “RFP” is a written solicitation for sealed proposals with the title, date, and hour of the public opening designated and requiring the manual signature of an authorized representative. It may provide general information, applicable laws and rules, statement of work, functional or general specifications, qualifications, proposal instructions, work detail analysis, and evaluation criteria as necessary.
- (p) “Responsive and Responsible Bidder” means an entity or individual that has submitted a bid that conforms in all material respects to the Invitation to Bid and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. “Responsive and Responsible Vendor” means an entity or individual that has submitted a proposal, reply, or response that conforms in all material respects to the Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. In determining whether an entity or individual is a Responsive and Responsible Bidder (or Vendor), the District may consider, in addition to factors described in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, the following:
 - (i) The ability and adequacy of the professional personnel employed by the entity/individual;
 - (ii) The past performance of the entity/individual for the District and in other professional employment;
 - (iii) The willingness of the entity/individual to meet time and budget requirements;
 - (iv) The geographic location of the entity’s/individual’s headquarters or office in relation to the project;
 - (v) The recent, current, and projected workloads of the entity/individual;
 - (vi) The volume of work previously awarded to the entity/individual;
 - (vii) Whether the cost components of the bid or proposal are appropriately balanced; and
 - (viii) Whether the entity/individual is a certified minority business enterprise.

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

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

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

Rule 3.1 Procedure Under the Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act.

- (1) Scope. The following procedures are adopted for the selection of firms or individuals to provide Professional Services exceeding the thresholds herein described, for the negotiation of such contracts, and to provide for protest of actions of the Board under this Rule. As used in this Rule, "Project" means that fixed capital outlay study or planning activity when basic construction cost is estimated by the District to exceed the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FIVE, or for a planning study activity when the fee for Professional Services is estimated by the District to exceed the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO, as such categories may be amended or adjusted from time to time.
- (2) Qualifying Procedures. In order to be eligible to provide Professional Services to the District, a consultant must, at the time of receipt of the firm's qualification submittal:
 - (a) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (b) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - (c) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the consultant is a corporation; and
 - (d) Meet any qualification requirements set forth in the District's Request for Qualifications.

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

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

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

(4) Competitive Selection.

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

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

(5) Competitive Negotiation.

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.2 Procedure Regarding Auditor Selection.

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

(1) Definitions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.3 Purchase of Insurance.

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

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

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

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

Law Implemented: § 112.08, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.4 Pre-qualification

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) Suspension, Revocation, or Denial of Qualification

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

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

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

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

Examples of factors affecting the seriousness of a deficiency are:

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

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

Law Implemented: §§ 190.033, 255.0525, 255.20, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.5 Construction Contracts, Not Design-Build.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.6 Construction Contracts, Design-Build.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(5) Exceptions. This Rule is inapplicable when:

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

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

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

Rule 3.7 Payment and Performance Bonds.

- (1) Scope. This Rule shall apply to contracts for the construction of a public building, for the prosecution and completion of a public work, or for repairs upon a public building or public work and shall be construed in addition to terms prescribed by any other Rule that may also apply to such contracts.
- (2) Required Bond. Upon entering into a contract for any of the services described in section (1) of this Rule in excess of \$200,000, the Board should require that the contractor, before commencing the work, execute and record a payment and performance bond in an amount equal to the contract price. Notwithstanding the terms of the contract or any other law, the District may not make payment to the contractor until the contractor has provided to the District a certified copy of the recorded bond.
- (3) Discretionary Bond. At the discretion of the Board, upon entering into a contract for any of the services described in section (1) of this Rule for an amount not exceeding \$200,000, the contractor may be exempted from executing a payment and performance bond.

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

Law Implemented: § 255.05, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.8 Goods, Supplies, and Materials.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.9 Maintenance Services.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.10 Contractual Services.

- (1) Exemption from Competitive Purchase. Pursuant to Section 190.033(3) of the Florida Statutes, Contractual Services shall not be subject to competitive purchasing requirements. If an agreement is predominantly for Contractual Services, but also includes maintenance services or the purchase of goods and services, the contract shall not be subject to competitive purchasing requirements. Regardless of whether an advertisement or solicitation for Contractual Services is identified as an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, no rights or remedies under these Rules, including but not limited to protest rights, are conferred on persons, firms, or vendors proposing to provide Contractual Services to the District.
- (2) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract for Contractual Services shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.

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

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

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

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

(1) Filing.

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

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

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

(d) Enter orders; and

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

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

(5) Intervenors. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings.

(6) Rejection of all Qualifications, Bids, Proposals, Replies and Responses after Receipt of Notice of Protest. If the Board determines there was a violation of law, defect, or an irregularity in the competitive solicitation process, the Bids, Proposals, Replies, and Responses are too high, or if the Board determines it is otherwise in the District's best interest, the Board may reject all qualifications, bids, proposals, replies, and responses and start the competitive solicitation process anew. If the Board decides to reject all qualifications, bids, proposals, replies, and responses and start the competitive solicitation process anew, any pending protests shall automatically terminate.

(7) Settlement. Nothing herein shall preclude the settlement of any protest under this Rule at any time.

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

Law Implemented: § 190.033, Fla. Stat.

Rule 4.0 Effective Date.

These Rules shall be effective _____, 2021, 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.

I.

RESOLUTION 2021-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE DISTRICT'S INTENT TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD FOR THE LEVY, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 197.3632, *FLORIDA STATUTES*; AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF SUCH HEARING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

WHEREAS, the District pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, is authorized to levy, collect, and enforce certain special assessments, which include benefit and maintenance assessments and further authorizes the District's Board of Supervisors (the "Board") to levy, collect, and enforce special assessments pursuant to Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to use the Uniform Method for the levy, collection and enforcement of non-ad valorem special assessments authorized by Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*, (the "Uniform Method").

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

SECTION 1. A Public Hearing will be held to adopt the Uniform Method on _____, 2021 at _____.m., at _____.

SECTION 2. The District Secretary is directed to publish notice of the hearing in accordance with Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

A.

RESOLUTION 2021-23

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
DESIGNATING A PUBLIC DEPOSITORY FOR FUNDS OF THE
CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Cordova Palms Community Development District (“**District**”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and situated within St. Johns County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors (“**Board**”) is statutorily authorized to select a depository as defined in Section 280.02, *Florida Statutes*, which meets all the requirements of Chapter 280 and has been designated by the State Treasurer as a qualified public depository; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to designate a public depository for the District funds.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF THE CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT THAT:**

SECTION 1. _____ is hereby designated as the public depository for District funds.

SECTION 2. In accordance with Section 280.17(4), *Florida Statutes*, the District’s Secretary is directed to furnish to the State Treasurer prior to the deposit of any public funds, the District’s official name, address, federal employer identification number, and the name of the person or persons responsible for establishing accounts.

SECTION 3. The District’s Treasurer, upon assuming responsibility for handling the District funds, is directed to furnish to the State Treasurer annually the information required in accordance with Section 280.17(3), *Florida Statutes*.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Vice/Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

B.

RESOLUTION 2021-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT MANAGER TO ESTABLISH A CHECKING ACCOUNT ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT AND TO DESIGNATE THE AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR THE DISTRICT'S OPERATING BANK ACCOUNT(S); AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Cordova Palms Community Development District (“**District**”) is a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and located in St. Johns County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (“**Board**”) desires to establish a checking account on behalf of the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, the funds of the District shall be disbursed by warrant or check signed by the Treasurer and by such other person as may be authorized by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has pursuant to Resolution 2021-01, elected a Secretary and Treasurer for the District; and

WHEREAS, the District Board desires to authorize signatories for the operating bank accounts(s).

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

1. The District Manager is hereby authorized to establish a checking account on behalf of the District.
2. The Chair, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer are hereby designated as authorized signatories for the operating bank account(s) of the District.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Vice/Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

A.

Cordova Palms

Community Development District

FY 21 Funding Request #1

May 21, 2021

PAYEE		GENERAL FUND
1	Working Capital	\$ 10,000.00
2	Insurance - Fiscal Year 2021	\$ 2,000.00
3	Legal/Advertising	\$ 6,000.00
		Total: \$ 18,000.00

Please make check payable to:

Cordova Palms CDD

475 W Town Place Suite 114

Saint Augustine, FL 32092

Signature: _____
Chairman/Vice Chairman

Signature: _____
Secretary/Asst. Secretary

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

A.

1.

BOND FINANCING TEAM FUNDING AGREEMENT

This Bond Financing Team Funding Agreement (the “Agreement”) is made and entered into this 2nd day of June, 2021, by and between:

CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated in St. Johns County, Florida with a mailing address of 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 (the “District”), and

DREAM FINDERS HOMES, LLC, a Florida limited liability company and the developer of the lands in the District with a mailing address of 14701 Philips Highway, Suite 300, Jacksonville, Florida 32256 (the “Developer”; and together with the District, the “Parties”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District was established by Ordinance 2021-30 adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, effective as of May 20, 2021, for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the District presently expects to access the public bond market to provide for the financing of certain capital improvements, facilities, and services to benefit the lands within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District and the Developer desire to enter into this Agreement to provide funds to enable the District to commence its financing program.

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

SECTION 1. PROVISION OF FUNDS. Developer agrees to make available to the District such monies as are necessary to proceed with the issuance of bonds or other indebtedness to fund the District’s improvements, facilities and services.

A. Developer agrees to provide to the District any such monies upon receipt of an invoice from the District requesting such funds. Such funds, and all future funds provided pursuant to this Agreement, may be supplied by check, cash, wire transfer or other form of payment deemed satisfactory in the sole discretion of the District as determined by the District Manager. The District agrees to authorize District staff, including the District Engineer, District

Manager, and District Counsel to proceed with the work contemplated by this Agreement, and to retain a Bond Counsel and Financial Advisor and other professional assistance as may be necessary to proceed with the work contemplated by this Agreement.

B. Developer and the District agree that all fees, costs or other expenses incurred by the District for the services of the District's Engineer, Counsel, Financial Advisor or other professionals, for the work contemplated by this Agreement shall be paid solely from the funds provided by Developer pursuant to this Agreement. Such payments shall be made in accordance with the District's normal invoice and payment procedures. The District agrees that any funds provided by Developer pursuant to this Agreement shall be used solely for fees, costs, and expenses arising from or related to the work contemplated by this Agreement.

C. The District agrees to provide to Developer, on a monthly basis, copies of all invoices, requisitions, or other bills for which payment is to be made from the funds provided by Developer. The District agrees to provide to Developer, monthly, a statement from the District Manager showing funds on deposit prior to payment, payments made, and funds remaining on deposit with the District.

D. Developer agrees to provide funds within fifteen (15) days of receipt of written notification from the District Manager of the need for such funds.

E. In the event that Developer fails to provide any such funds pursuant to this Agreement, Developer and the District agree the work may be halted until such time as sufficient funds are provided by Developer to ensure payment of the costs, fees or expenses which may be incurred in the performance of such work.

SECTION 2. TERMINATION. Developer and District agree that Developer may terminate this Agreement without cause by providing ten (10) days written notice of termination to the District. Any such termination by Developer is contingent upon Developer's provision of sufficient funds to cover any and all fees, costs or expenses incurred by the District in connection with the work to be performed under this Agreement as of the date by when notice of termination is received. Developer and the District agree that the District may terminate this Agreement due to a failure of Developer to provide funds in accordance with Section 1 of this Agreement, by providing ten (10) days written notice of termination to Developer; provided, however, that the Developer shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to cure any such failure.

SECTION 3. CAPITALIZATION. The parties agree that all funds provided by Developer pursuant to this Agreement may be reimbursable from proceeds of District financing for capital improvements, and that within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the proceeds by the District of bonds or notes for the District's capital projects, the District shall reimburse Developer in full, exclusive of interest, for these advances; provided, however, that in the event Bond Counsel

determines that any such monies are not properly reimbursable, such funds shall be deemed paid in lieu of taxes or assessments. In the event that District bonds are not issued within five (5) years of the date of this Agreement, all funds provided by Developer pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed paid in lieu of taxes or assessments.

SECTION 4. DEFAULT. A default by either party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which may include, but not be limited to, the right of damages, injunctive relief and/or specific performance.

SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT OF AGREEMENT. In the event that either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the substantially prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all fees and costs incurred, including reasonable attorney's fees, paralegal fees and expert witness fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

SECTION 6. AGREEMENT. This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of this Agreement between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

SECTION 7. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both of the parties hereto.

SECTION 8. AUTHORIZATION. The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of all parties hereto, each party has complied with all the requirements of law, and each party has full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

SECTION 9. NOTICES. All notices, requests, consents and other communications hereunder ("Notices") shall be in writing and shall be delivered, mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, or overnight delivery service, to the parties, as follows:

A. If to District:	Cordova Palms Community Development District 475 West Town Place, Suite 114 St. Augustine, Florida 32092 Attn: District Manager
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With a copy to:	Hopping Green & Sams, P.A. 119 S. Monroe Street, Suite 300 Tallahassee, Florida 32301 Attn: Wesley S. Haber
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B. If to Developer:

Attn: _____

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

SECTION 10. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the parties herein and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason hereof, to or for the benefit of any third party not a party hereto. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the parties hereto any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any provisions or conditions hereof; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants and conditions herein contained shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective representatives, successors and assigns.

SECTION 11. ASSIGNMENT. Neither party may assign this Agreement or any monies to become due hereunder without the prior written approval of the other party.

SECTION 12. CONTROLLING LAW; VENUE. This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. Venue shall be in St. Johns County, Florida.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVE DATE. The Agreement shall be effective after execution by both parties hereto and shall remain in effect unless terminated by either of the parties hereto.

SECTION 14. PUBLIC RECORDS. Developer understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District or to District Staff in connection with the work contemplated under this Agreement are public records and are treated as such in accordance with Florida law.

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

ATTEST:

**CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

DREAM FINDERS HOMES, LLC, a Florida
limited liability company

WITNESSES:

Print Name: _____

By: _____
Its: _____

Print Name: _____

2.



MBS CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC

AGREEMENT FOR UNDERWRITING SERVICES CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (St. Johns County, Florida)

June 2, 2021

Board of Supervisors
Cordova Palms Community Development District

Dear Supervisors:

MBS Capital Markets, LLC (the "Underwriter") offers to enter into this agreement (the "Agreement") with the Cordova Palms Community Development District (the "District") which, upon your acceptance of this offer, will be binding upon the District and the Underwriter. The District is proposing to issue one or more series of bonds (the "Bonds") including its Series 2021 Bonds (if the Bonds are issued in a subsequent year, then such year designation) to acquire and/or construct the initial phase of public infrastructure for the District that may include, without limitation, roads, water, sewer and storm water management improvements. This Agreement will cover the engagement for the Series 2021 Bonds and will be supplemented for future bond issuances.

1. **Scope of Services:** The scope of services to be provided in a non-fiduciary capacity by the Underwriter for this transaction will include those listed below.

- Advice regarding the structure, timing, terms, and other similar matters concerning the particular of municipal securities described above.
- Preparation of rating strategies and presentations related to the issue being underwritten.
- Preparations for and assistance with investor "road shows," if any, and investor discussions related to the issue being underwritten.
- Advice regarding retail order periods and institutional marketing if the District decides to engage in a negotiated sale.
- Assistance in the preparation of the Preliminary Official Statement, if any, and the Final Official Statement.
- Assistance with the closing of the issue, including negotiation and discussion with respect to all documents, certificates, and opinions needed for the closing.

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- Coordination with respect to obtaining CUSIP numbers and the registration with the Depository Trust Company.
 - Preparation of post-sale reports for the issue, if any.
 - Structuring of refunding escrow cash flow requirements, but not the recommendation of and brokerage of particular municipal escrow investments.
2. **Fees:** The Underwriter will be responsible for its own out-of-pocket expenses other than the fees and disbursements of underwriter's or disclosure counsel which fees shall be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds. Any fees payable to the Underwriter will be contingent upon the successful sale and delivery or placement of the Bonds. The underwriting fee for the sale or placement of the Bonds will be 2% of the par amount of Bonds issued.
 3. **Termination:** Both the District and the Underwriter will have the right to terminate this Agreement without cause upon 90 days written notice to the non-terminating party.
 4. **Purchase Contract:** At or before such time as the District gives its final authorization for the Bonds, the Underwriter and its counsel will deliver to the District a purchase or placement contract (the "Purchase Contract") detailing the terms of the Bonds.
 5. **Notice of Meetings:** The District shall provide timely notice to the Underwriter for all regular and special meetings of the District. The District will provide, in writing, to the Underwriter, at least one week prior to any meeting, except in the case of an emergency meeting for which the notice time shall be the same as that required by law for the meeting itself, of matters and items for which it desires the Underwriter's input.
 6. **Disclosures Concerning the Underwriter's Role Required by MSRB Rule G-17.** The Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's Rule G-17 requires underwriters to make certain disclosures to issuers in connection with the issuance of municipal securities. Those disclosures are attached hereto as "Exhibit A." By execution of this Agreement, you are acknowledging receipt of the same.



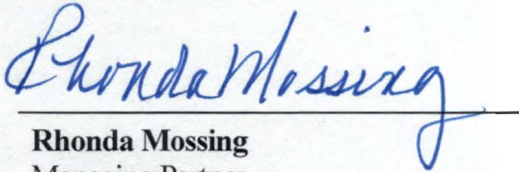
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This Agreement shall be effective upon your acceptance hereof and shall remain effective until such time as the Agreement has been terminated in accordance with Section 3 hereof.

By execution of this Agreement, you are acknowledging receipt of the MSRB Rule G-17 required disclosures attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Sincerely,
MBS Capital Markets, LLC


Rhonda Mossing
Managing Partner

Approved and Accepted By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____



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EXHIBIT A

Disclosures Concerning the Underwriter's Role

- (i) Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board Rule G-17 requires an underwriter to deal fairly at all times with both municipal issuers and investors;
- (ii) The Underwriter's primary role is to purchase securities with a view to distribution in an arm's-length commercial transaction with the District and it has financial and other interests that differ from those of the District;
- (iii) Unlike a municipal advisor, the Underwriter does not have a fiduciary duty to the District under the federal securities laws and is, therefore, not required by federal law to act in the best interests of the District without regard to its own financial or other interests;
- (iv) The Underwriter has a duty to purchase securities from the District at a fair and reasonable price, but must balance that duty with its duty to sell municipal securities to investors at prices that are fair and reasonable; and
- (v) The Underwriter will review the official statement for the District's securities in accordance with, and as part of, its responsibilities to investors under the federal securities laws, as applied to the facts and circumstances of the transaction.

Disclosure Concerning the Underwriter's Compensation

Underwriter's compensation that is contingent on the closing of a transaction or the size of a transaction presents a conflict of interest, because it may cause the Underwriter to recommend a transaction that it is unnecessary or to recommend that the size of the transaction be larger than is necessary.

Conflicts of Interest

Payments to or from Third Parties. There are no undisclosed payments, values, or credits to be received by the Underwriter in connection with its underwriting of this new issue from parties other than the District, and there are no undisclosed payments to be made by the Underwriter in connection with this new issue to parties other than

the District (in either case including payments, values, or credits that relate directly or indirectly to collateral transactions integrally related to the issue being underwritten). In addition, there are no third-party arrangements for the marketing of the District's securities.



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Profit-Sharing with Investors. There are no arrangements between the Underwriter and an investor purchasing new issue securities from the Underwriter (including purchases that are contingent upon the delivery by the District to the Underwriter of the securities) according to which profits realized from the resale by such investor of the securities are directly or indirectly split or otherwise shared with the Underwriter.

Credit Default Swaps. There will be no issuance or purchase by the Underwriter of credit default swaps for which the reference is the District for which the Underwriter is serving as underwriter, or an obligation of that District.

Retail Order Periods. For new issues in which there is a retail order period, the Underwriter will honor such agreement to provide the retail order period. No allocation of securities in a manner that is inconsistent with a District's requirements will be made without the District's consent. In addition, when the Underwriter has agreed to underwrite a transaction with a retail order period, it will take reasonable measures to ensure that retail clients are bona fide.

Dealer Payments to District Personnel. Reimbursements, if any, made to personnel of the District will be made in compliance with MSRB Rule G-20, on gifts, gratuities, and non-cash compensation, and Rule G-17, in connection with certain payments made to, and expenses reimbursed for, District personnel during the municipal bond issuance process.

3.

BOND COUNSEL AGREEMENT

This Bond Counsel Agreement is entered into this 2nd day of June, 2021, by and between **CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**, a community development district organized and existing under the provisions of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended (the "District"), and **BRYANT MILLER OLIVE P.A.**, a Florida professional service corporation ("BMO").

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the District plans to issue its revenue bonds (the "Bonds") to finance or refinance the acquisition, construction and equipping of certain assessable improvements benefiting residents of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to engage BMO as bond counsel in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds, on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, BMO desires to accept engagement as bond counsel for the District in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds, on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, which shall be deemed an integral part of this Agreement, and of the covenants and agreements herein contained, the District and BMO, both intending to be legally bound hereby, agree as follows:

1. BOND COUNSEL

1.1. Duties of Bond Counsel. BMO shall serve as bond counsel to the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. It is anticipated that such Bonds will be sold through a negotiated sale or private placement. The duties of BMO as bond counsel shall include the following:

1.1.1. Prepare all indentures (including a Master Indenture and Supplemental Indenture) with respect to the Bonds, and other documents relating to the Bonds, said duty to be performed in cooperation with the financial advisors and/or underwriters/placement agents engaged by the District.

1.1.2. Review all disclosure documents, including official statements, prepared or authorized by the District insofar as such documents contain descriptions of the Bonds and summaries of contracts or other documents relevant to the Bonds; provided, however, that BMO shall have no responsibility for the disclosure documents insofar as such documents describe the financial circumstances of the offering or any other statistical projects or data, and provided further, that BMO shall have no responsibility to the purchasers of the Bonds for state or federal securities law compliance in connection with the offering of the Bonds.

1.1.3. Review all underwriters' proposals as requested by the District, prepare all closing documents, and attend and be responsible for the closing, as well as attending drafting and informational meetings regarding the Bonds.

1.1.4. Render opinions in written form at the time the Bonds are to be authenticated and delivered, which opinions shall cover the legality of the Bonds and the exemption of the interest to be paid with respect to the Bonds from federal income taxation.

1.2 *Duties of Bond Counsel under this engagement are limited to those expressly set forth above. Among other things, Bond Counsel's duties do not include:*

1.2.1 Assisting in the preparation or review of an official statement or any other disclosure document with respect to the public offering of tax exempt debt obligations, or performing an independent investigation to determine the accuracy, completeness or sufficiency of any such document or rendering advice that the official statement or other disclosure document does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements contained therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

1.2.2 Preparing blue sky or investment surveys with respect to the debt instrument.

1.2.3 Drafting state constitutional or legislative amendments.

1.2.4 Pursuing test cases or other litigation (such as validation proceedings).

1.2.5 Making an investigation or expressing any view as to the creditworthiness of the District, any credit enhancement provider, liquidity provider or the debt instrument.

1.2.6 Assisting in the preparation of, or opining on, a continuing disclosure undertaking pertaining to any publicly offered debt or, after Closing, providing advice concerning any actions necessary to assure compliance with any continuing disclosure undertaking.

1.2.7 Representing the District in Internal Revenue Service examinations or inquiries, or Securities and Exchange Commission investigations.

1.2.8 After Closing, providing continuing advice to the District or any other party concerning any actions necessary to assure that interest paid on any tax exempt debt instrument will continue to be excludable from gross income for federal income tax

purposes (e.g., this engagement does not include rebate calculations for any tax exempt debt).

1.2.9 Providing any advice or opinions on bankruptcy matters.

1.2.10 Providing advice or opinions on interest rate swap agreements.

1.2.11 Addressing any other matter not specifically set forth above that is not required to render BMO's legal opinions.

1.3. Fees and Expenses for Services Rendered as Bond Counsel. Based upon (i) our understanding of the terms, structure, size and schedule of the financing represented by each Series of Bonds; (ii) the duties we will undertake pursuant to this agreement; (iii) the time we anticipate devoting to the financing; and (iv) the responsibilities we will assume in connection therewith, we will submit a fee for your approval prior to the issuance of each series of Bonds. Our fee may vary: (a) if the principal amount of Bonds actually issued differs significantly from the amount originally anticipated; (b) if material changes in the structure or schedule of the financing occur; or (c) if unusual or unforeseen circumstances arise which require a significant increase in our time or responsibility. If, at any time, we believe that circumstances require an adjustment of our original fee, we will advise you and request your prior approval. All fees will be inclusive of expenses incurred and expenses will not be separately billed. Our fee is usually paid at the closing for a Bond issue, and we customarily do not submit any statement until the closing unless there is a substantial delay in completing the financing.

If for any reason the financing represented by an issue of Bonds is not consummated or is completed without the delivery of our bond opinion as Bond Counsel, or our services are otherwise terminated, we will expect to be compensated at our normal hourly rates (currently ranging from \$150 to \$350, depending on personnel) for time actually spent on your behalf plus client charges, as described above.

1.4 Limitations on Engagement: Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, it is understood and agreed that the District is not relying upon Bond Counsel for investment or accounting advice or decisions, or to investigate the character or credit of any persons with whom you are or may be dealing in connection with this matter.

1.5 Waiver of Future Conflicts: It is a condition of BMO's acceptance of this engagement that the District understand and agree that BMO may continue to represent, or may undertake in the future to represent, any existing or future client(s) in any matter which is not substantially related to the particular matter that BMO is handling for the District in this engagement.

1.6 Applicability to Future Engagements: Unless a different engagement letter is executed in the future, the terms of this engagement letter will also be applicable to and govern our professional relationship on all subsequent matters on or in which we may become involved or engaged on the District's behalf.

2. TERMINATION. This Agreement may be terminated by the District, or by BMO, with or without cause, upon fifteen (15) days prior written notice to the other. If the District terminates BMO for reasonable cause related to the District's dissatisfaction with the quality of the services rendered by BMO (such as, for example, BMO's failure to meet reasonable deadlines imposed by the District, BMO's neglect of its duties hereunder, or BMO's improper performance of its duties hereunder), then no compensation shall be paid to BMO for any services theretofore rendered pursuant to Section 1 of this Agreement. If the District terminates BMO for any other reason, but nevertheless sells the Bonds, then compensation to be paid by the District shall be an amount equal to the number of hours devoted by BMO to its services as bond counsel pursuant to Section 1 above through the termination date multiplied by \$350.00.

3. CONSTRUCTION. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Florida.

4. CONFLICTS. The rules regulating The Florida Bar provide that common representation of multiple parties is permissible where the clients are generally aligned in interest, even though there is some difference in interest among them. BMO is disclosing to the District that it has, and may in the future, serve as bond or disclosure counsel to other local governments or otherwise act as underwriter's counsel or trustee's counsel on public finance matters in Florida. From time to time, BMO may represent the firms which may underwrite the District's bonds, notes or other obligations (and other financial institutions hired by the District) on financings for other governmental entities in Florida on unrelated matters. In either case, such representations are standard and customary within the industry and BMO can effectively represent the District and the discharge of BMO's professional responsibilities to the District will not be prejudiced as a result, either because such engagements will be sufficiently different or because the potential for such prejudice is remote and minor and outweighed by consideration that it is unlikely that advice given to the other client will be relevant in any respect to the subject matter, and the District expressly consents to such other representations consistent with the circumstances herein described. The District acknowledges and agrees that BMO's role as bond counsel, disclosure counsel, or counsel to any local governmental entity or financial institution or in conjunction with public finance transactions is not likely to create or cause any actual conflict, and service as disclosure, bond, or counsel to other clients of BMO will not per se be construed as a conflict or be objectionable to the District.

Please understand that while we cannot, and do not, guarantee the outcome or success of this or any other engagement or professional undertaking, we will earnestly strive to represent and serve the District's interests in this engagement effectively, efficiently and responsively while endeavoring to accomplish its objectives in this engagement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the District and BMO have executed this Agreement as of the 2nd day of June, 2021.

**CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

By: _____

Name: _____

Its: Chairman, Board of Supervisors

BRYANT MILLER OLIVE P.A.



By: _____

Name: Misty W. Taylor, Shareholder

4.



Cordova Palms Community Development District Series 2021

Date: May 24, 2021

Presented By:

BNY Mellon Corporate Trust

Fee Schedule for the following:

- **Trustee**
- **Paying Agent**
- **Registrar**

Fee Schedule

Subject to the Terms and Disclosures below, upon appointment of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (“BNYM” or “us” or “affiliates” or “subsidiaries”) in the roles as outlined within this Fee Schedule (this “Fee Schedule”), Cordova Palms Community Development District (“Client”) shall be responsible for the payment of the fees, expenses and charges as set forth herein. Fees are payable or accrue at the time of the execution of the governing documents (the “Transaction Documents”) in connection with the closing of the transaction (the “Transaction”) which is the subject of this Fee Schedule.

General Fees

Acceptance Fee

\$2,000 Per Series

The Transaction Acceptance Fee is payable at the time of the execution of the governing documents in connection with the closing of the transaction which is the subject of this Agreement (the “Transaction”), and compensates BNYM for the following: review of all supporting documents, initial establishment of the required accounts and Know Your Client checks.

Annual Trustee Fee

**\$4,000 First Series
\$2,000 Each Additional Series**

An annual fee covering the duties and responsibilities related to account administration, which may include maintenance of accounts on various systems and the monitoring of issuer compliance. This fee is payable in advance for the year and shall not be prorated.

Annual Construction Fund Administration Fee

\$2,000 Per Series

A charge covering the duties and responsibilities associated with the administration of a construction fund. This fee is payable annually, in advance, during the construction period only.

Activity Fees

OTHER SERVICES/ACTIVITY CHARGES WILL BE CHARGED, IF APPLICABLE

Audit Confirmation	\$50 per audit
Trustee Reports/Statement	Included
Disbursements (checks sent via overnight mail only)	\$25 per check

Investment Compensation

With respect to investments in money market mutual funds for which BNYM provides shareholder services, BNYM (or its affiliates) may receive fees from the mutual funds (or their affiliates) for shareholder services as set forth in the Authorization and Direction to Invest Cash Balances in Money Market Mutual Funds or other similar fees described in the fund prospectus.

Investment Agreement/Repurchase/Forward Purchase Agreement – Annual Fee, per agreement (if applicable)

\$1,000

An annual fee for ongoing administration of each Investment Agreement, Repurchase Agreement or Forward Purchase Agreement. BNYM will assess a setup fee of \$500 covering the review and negotiation of each agreement. The fees and expenses incurred by BNYM’s Counsel in connection with its review and negotiation of each agreement will additionally be billed at the actual amount of fees and expenses charged by Counsel.

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Counsel Fees - Internal

***Waived**

*If a legal opinion is to be provided by BNYM internal counsel, Client will be charged the amount of \$1,500, and such amount will be payable upon the closing of the Transaction. In the event that the Transaction is terminated prior to closing, Client will remain responsible for charges for BNYM counsel time incurred up to and including the termination date.

Extraordinary Services/Miscellaneous Fees

At Cost

The charges may be hourly or fixed for performing extraordinary or other services not contemplated at the time of the execution of the Transaction Documents or not specifically covered elsewhere in this schedule will be commensurate with the service to be provided and may be charged in BNY Mellon's sole discretion. If it is contemplated that BNY Mellon hold/and or value collateral, additional acceptance, administration and counsel review fees will be applicable to the agreement governing such services. If the bonds are converted to certificated form, additional annual fees will be charged for any applicable tender agent and/or registrar/paying agent services. Additional information will be provided at such time. If all outstanding bonds of a series are defeased or redeemed, or BNY Mellon is removed as paying agent prior to the maturity of the bonds, a termination fee may be assessed at that time.

Miscellaneous fees and expenses may include, but are not necessarily limited to supplemental agreements, tender processing, the preparation and distribution of sinking fund redemption notices, optional redemptions, failed remarketing processing, preparation of special or interim reports, UCC filing fees, auditor confirmation fees, wire transfer fees, Letter of Credit drawdown fees, transaction fees to settle third-party trades, and reconciliation fees to balance trust account balances to third-party investment provider statements. Counsel, accountants, special agents and others will be charged at the actual amount of fees and expenses billed. FDIC or other governmental charges will be passed along as incurred. Reimbursement will be required for any out-of-pocket expenses and will be invoiced to the Client at cost.

Client agrees to reimburse BNYM for extraordinary expenses incurred by it in connection with the Transaction to the extent permitted by law.

Unless specifically listed in this Fee Schedule, the fees, expenses and disbursements of BNYM legal counsel are not included in the charges listed above.

Default Administration

If a default occurs under the Transaction Documents, the services of each employee of BNYM administering such default will be charged at the prevailing hourly rate for default administration services as set out from time to time. In addition, all of BNYM's costs and expenses "including but not limited to any legal costs, travel costs and applicable taxes" shall be charged to Client.

Negative Interest Rates – Charges

With respect to any funds invested or deposited by BNYM in connection with the Transaction, if: (i) any recognized overnight benchmark rate or any official overnight interest rate set by a central bank or other monetary authority is negative or zero; or (ii) any market counterparty or other institution applies a negative interest rate or any related charge to any account or balance of BNYM or any account or balance opened for You by BNYM, BNYM may apply a charge to any of Your accounts or balances. BNYM will give you prompt written notice of the application of any such charges. You acknowledge and agree that the application of such a charge by BNYM may cause the effective interest rate applicable to your account or balance to be negative, notwithstanding that one or more of the rates set by third parties specified in clauses (i) and (ii) above may be positive.

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Terms and Disclosures

General

BNYM's final acceptance of its appointment pursuant to the Transaction Documents is subject to the full review and approval of all related documentation and standard Know Your Client procedures. In the event that this Transaction does not proceed with BNYM in the roles contemplated by this Fee Schedule and the Transaction Documents, Client will be responsible for payment of any external counsel fees and expenses and out-of-pocket expenses which BNYM may have incurred up to and including the termination date.

Client shall be responsible for filing any applicable information returns with the U.S. Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service in connection with payments made by BNYM to vendors who have not performed services for BNYM's benefit under the various bond or note issuances or other undertakings contemplated by this Fee Schedule.

The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation is a global financial organization that operates in and provides services and products to clients through its affiliates and subsidiaries located in multiple jurisdictions (the "BNY Mellon Group"). The BNY Mellon Group may (i) centralize in one or more affiliates and subsidiaries certain activities (the "Centralized Functions"), including audit, accounting, administration, risk management, legal, compliance, sales, product communication, relationship management, and the compilation and analysis of information and data regarding Client (which, for purposes of this provision, includes the name and business contact information for Client employees and representatives) and the accounts established pursuant to the Transaction Documents ("Client Information") and (ii) use third party service providers to store, maintain and process Client Information ("Outsourced Functions"). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained elsewhere in this Fee Schedule or the Transaction Documents and solely in connection with the Centralized Functions and/or Outsourced Functions, Client consents to the disclosure of, and authorizes BNY Mellon to disclose, Client Information to (i) other members of the BNY Mellon Group (and their respective officers, directors and employees) and to (ii) third-party service providers (but solely in connection with Outsourced Functions) who are required to maintain the confidentiality of Client Information. In addition, the BNY Mellon Group may aggregate Client Information with other data collected and/or calculated by the BNY Mellon Group, and the BNY Mellon Group will own all such aggregated data, provided that the BNY Mellon Group shall not distribute the aggregated data in a format that identifies Client Information with Client specifically. Client represents that it is authorized to consent to the foregoing and that the disclosure of Client Information in connection with the Centralized Functions and/or Outsourced Functions does not violate any relevant data protection legislation. Client also consents to the disclosure of Client Information to governmental and regulatory authorities in jurisdictions where the BNY Mellon Group operates and otherwise as required by law.

Please note the fees quoted in this Fee Schedule are based upon the information available at the present time. Further quotes may be provided once the structure of the deal has been finalized. Annual Fees cover a period of one year and any portion thereof and are not subject to pro-rata. Fees may be subject to adjustment during the life of the engagement.

Advance Fees

BNYM requires that Client agree to the fees quoted in this Fee Schedule prior to the commencement of any work or the provision of any services by BNYM in relation to the Transaction. In the event that BNYM provides any services to Client prior to your agreement to the fees quoted herein, the commencement of such work or the provision of such services shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of the fees listed in this Fee Schedule. BNYM reserves the right to cease providing services until such time as Client agrees to the fees quoted herein. BNYM reserves the right to request that any and all fees due and payable pursuant to this Fee Schedule and related in any way to the Transaction are paid in advance (either in whole or in part) prior to the provision of any services.

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OFAC Sanctions

You covenant and represent that neither You nor any of Your affiliates, subsidiaries, directors or officers are the target or subject of any sanctions enforced by the US Government, (including, the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the US Department of the Treasury ("OFAC")), the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, HM Treasury, or other relevant sanctions authority (collectively "Sanctions"). You covenant and represent that neither You nor any of Your affiliates, subsidiaries, directors or officers will use any payments made pursuant to the Transaction: (i) to fund or facilitate any activities of or business with any person who, at the time of such funding or facilitation, is the subject or target of Sanctions, (ii) to fund or facilitate any activities of or business with any country or territory that is the target or subject of Sanctions, or (iii) in any other manner that will result in a violation of Sanctions by any person.

Acceptance/Revocation of Offer

You may agree to the fees quoted herein by (i) executing this Fee Schedule and returning it to us, (ii) closing the Transaction, or (iii) instructing us or continuing to instruct us after receipt of this Fee Schedule. Upon the earlier to occur of (i), (ii) and (iii), the fees quoted herein shall be deemed accepted by you. If you agree to the fees quoted herein, the terms of this Fee Schedule shall supersede any prior fees quoted with respect to the Transaction. BNYM may revoke the terms of this Fee Schedule if the Transaction does not close within three months from the date of this Fee Schedule. Should the Transaction fail to close for any reason, a termination fee equal to BNYM's Acceptance Fee, any external counsel fees, expenses and disbursements and all out-of-pocket expenses will apply.

Confidential Information

Except as otherwise provided by law, all information provided to Client by BNYM must remain confidential and may not be intentionally disclosed, reproduced, copied, published, or displayed in any form to any third party without BNYM's prior written approval.

Client Notice Required By the USA Patriot Act

To help the U.S. government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, US Federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each person (whether an individual or organization) for which a relationship is established. When Client establishes a relationship with BNYM, we will ask Client to provide certain information (and documents) that will help us to identify Client. We will ask for your organization's name, physical address, tax identification or other government registration number and other information that will help us identify Client. We may also ask for a Certificate of Incorporation or similar document or other pertinent identifying documentation for your type of organization.

Cordova Palms Community Development District hereby accepts and agrees to the fees and the terms and conditions set forth in this Fee Schedule.

By: _____

Name: _____ *(Print name in full)*

Title: _____

Date: _____

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D.

RESOLUTION 2021-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DECLARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; INDICATING THE LOCATION, NATURE AND ESTIMATED COST OF THOSE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS WHOSE COST IS TO BE DEFRAID BY THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THE PORTION OF THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE DEFRAID BY THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THE MANNER IN WHICH SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE MADE; PROVIDING WHEN SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE PAID; DESIGNATING LANDS UPON WHICH THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEVIED; PROVIDING FOR AN ASSESSMENT PLAT; ADOPTING A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) of the Cordova Palms Community Development District (the “District”) hereby determines to undertake, install, plan, establish, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, acquire, operate, and/or maintain the infrastructure improvements (the “Improvements”) described in the District’s *Engineer’s Report*, dated _____, 2021, attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the District to pay the cost of the Improvements by special assessments pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes (the “Assessments”); and

WHEREAS, the District is empowered by Chapter 190, the Uniform Community Development District Act, Chapter 170, Supplemental and Alternative Method of Making Local Municipal Improvements, and Chapter 197, the Uniform Method for the Levy, Collection and Enforcement of Non-Ad Valorem Assessments, Florida Statutes, to finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate, and maintain the Improvements and to impose, levy and collect the Assessments; and

WHEREAS, the District hereby determines that benefits will accrue to the property improved, the amount of those benefits, and that special assessments will be made in proportion to the benefits received as set forth in the *Master Assessment Methodology Report*, dated _____, 2021, attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated herein by reference and on file at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, (the “District Records Office”); and

WHEREAS, the District hereby determines that the Assessments to be levied will not exceed the benefit to the property improved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF THE CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

1. Assessments shall be levied to defray a portion of the cost of the Improvements.
2. The nature and general location of, and plans and specifications for, the Improvements are described in **Exhibit A**, which is on file at the District Records Office. **Exhibit B** is also on file and available for public inspection at the same location.
3. The total estimated cost of the Improvements is \$_____ (the "Estimated Cost").
4. The Assessments will defray approximately \$_____, which amounts include the Estimated Costs, plus financing-related costs, capitalized interest and a debt service reserve.
5. The manner in which the Assessments shall be apportioned and paid is set forth in **Exhibit B**, including provisions for supplemental assessment resolutions.
6. The Assessments shall be levied, within the District, on all lots and lands adjoining and contiguous or bounding and abutting upon the Improvements or specially benefitted thereby and further designated by the assessment plat hereinafter provided for.
7. There is on file, at the District Records Office, an assessment plat showing the area to be assessed, with certain plans and specifications describing the Improvements and the estimated cost of the Improvements, all of which shall be open to inspection by the public.
8. Commencing with the year in which the Assessments are levied and confirmed, the Assessments shall be paid in not more than (30) thirty annual installments. The Assessments may be payable at the same time and in the same manner as are ad-valorem taxes and collected pursuant to Chapter 197, Florida Statutes; provided, however, that in the event the uniform non ad-valorem assessment method of collecting the Assessments is not available to the District in any year, or if determined by the District to be in its best interest, the Assessments may be collected as is otherwise permitted by law.
9. The District Manager has caused to be made a preliminary assessment roll, in accordance with the method of assessment described in **Exhibit B** hereto, which shows the lots and lands assessed, the amount of benefit to and the assessment against each lot or parcel of land and the number of annual installments into which the assessment may be divided, which assessment roll is hereby adopted and approved as the District's preliminary assessment roll.

10. The Board shall adopt a subsequent resolution to fix a time and place at which the owners of property to be assessed or any other persons interested therein may appear before the Board and be heard as to the propriety and advisability of the assessments or the making of the Improvements, the cost thereof, the manner of payment therefore, or the amount thereof to be assessed against each property as improved.

11. The District Manager is hereby directed to cause this Resolution to be published twice (once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks) in a newspaper of general circulation within St. Johns County and to provide such other notice as may be required by law or desired in the best interests of the District.

12. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Engineer's Report, dated _____, 2021

Exhibit B: Master Assessment Methodology Report, dated _____, 2021

E.

RESOLUTION 2021-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON _____, 2021, AT _____ .M. AT _____, FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING PUBLIC COMMENT ON IMPOSING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS THE CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTERS 170, 190 AND 197, FLORIDA STATUTES.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Cordova Palms Community Development District (the "Board") has previously adopted Resolution 2021-25 entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DECLARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; INDICATING THE LOCATION, NATURE AND ESTIMATED COST OF THOSE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS WHOSE COST IS TO BE DEFRAID BY THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THE PORTION OF THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE DEFRAID BY THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THE MANNER IN WHICH SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE MADE; PROVIDING WHEN SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE PAID; DESIGNATING LANDS UPON WHICH THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEVIED; PROVIDING FOR AN ASSESSMENT PLAT; ADOPTING A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution 2021-25, a Preliminary Special Assessment Roll has been prepared and all other conditions precedent set forth in Chapters 170, 190 and 197, Florida Statutes, to the holding of the aforementioned public hearing have been satisfied, and the roll and related documents are available for public inspection 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, 904-940-5850 (the "District Records Office").

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. There is hereby declared a public hearing to be held at _____ .m. on _____, 2021, at _____, for the purpose of hearing comment and objections to the proposed special assessment program for District improvements as identified in the Preliminary Special Assessment Roll, a copy of which is on file. Affected parties may appear at that hearing or submit their comments in writing prior to the hearing to the office of the District Manager at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, FL 32092, 904-940-5850.

2. Notice of said hearing shall be advertised in accordance with Chapters 170, 190 and 197, Florida Statutes, and the District Manager is hereby authorized and directed to place said notice in a newspaper(s) of general circulation within St. Johns County (by two publications one week apart with the first publication at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of the hearing established herein). The District Manager shall file a publisher's affidavit with the District Secretary verifying such publication of notice. The District Manager is further authorized and directed to give thirty (30) days written notice by mail of the time and place of this hearing to the owners of all property to be assessed and include in such notice the amount of the assessment for each such property owner, a description of the areas to be improved and notice that information concerning all assessments may be ascertained at the District Records Office. The District Manager shall file proof of such mailing by affidavit with the District Secretary.

3. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**CORDOVA PALMS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman