



**SUNDANCE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

**SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JUNE 4, 2024
11:00 A.M.**

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AGENDA
SUNDANCE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
10807 SW Tradition Square
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987
SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
June 4, 2024
11:00 A.M.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
OFSUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Special Organizational Meeting of the Sundance Community Development District will be held at 11:00 a.m. on June 4, 2024, at the offices of Special District Services, Inc. Tradition Management Office located at 10807 SW Tradition Square, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34987. The purpose of the Special Meeting is to organize the District, elect officers, consider engagement of professionals, designate a registered agent and office, adopt certain policies regarding the conduct of meetings and the operations of the District, approving a meeting schedule, consider proposed budgets and funding agreements, and conduct any and all other business coming before the Board or which may be necessary for the organizational meeting. Said meeting may be continued as found necessary to a time and date specified on the record.

A copy of the Agenda for this meeting may be obtained by contacting Special District Services, Inc. at 561-630-4922 and/or toll free at 1-877-737-4922 at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, such person will need a record of the proceeding and such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made at his or her own expense and which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is based.

In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations or an interpreter to participate at this meeting should contact Special District Services, Inc. at 561-630-4922 and/or toll free at 1-877-737-4922 at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the meeting.

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

Sundance Community Development District

Pub: May 24, 2024

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Manager

FROM: Billing, Cochran, Lyles, Mauro & Ramsey, P.A.
District Counsel

DATE: June 6, 2023

RE: Required Ethics Training

On May 24, 2023, the Governor signed CS/HB 199 into law as Chapter 2023-121, Laws of Florida. Section 112.3142, Florida Statutes, requires that specified constitutional officers, elected municipal officers, and commissioners complete four (4) hours of ethics training annually. This requirement is noted on page 1 of the Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests. This legislation provides that beginning January 1, 2024, elected and appointed commissioners of community redevelopment agencies and local officers of independent special districts are now required to complete four (4) hours of ethics training annually. The training must address, at a minimum, s. 8, Art. II of the Florida Constitution (ethics for public officers and financial disclosure), the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, and the Florida Public Records Law and Open Meetings laws. The legislation specifically provides that this training requirement may be satisfied by completing a continuing legal education class or other continuing professional education class or seminar if the required subject matter is covered therein.

For current supervisors and officers, it is recommended that this training requirement be completed by July 1, 2024, so that the supervisor or officer can verify compliance with the required training on his or her Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests (2023). Elected local officers of independent special districts that assume office on or before March 31st must complete annual ethics training by December 31st of the year the term begins; however, if the term starts after March 31st, the officer is not required to complete the required ethics training until December 31st of the following year. The Legislature intends for those elected officers to receive the required training as close as possible to the date that he or she assumes office. The chart below can be used as a reference:

Date elected or appointed	Annual Training Completed By
Current Officer/Supervisor	December 31, 2024 (recommend completion by July 1, 2024)
January 1 – March 31, 2024	December 31, 2024
April 1 – December 31, 2024	December 31, 2025

The legislation also amends Section 112.313(a), Florida Statutes, clarifying the conflicts exception for public officers or employees of water control districts (Chapter 298, Florida Statutes)

or a special tax districts created by general (i.e. community development districts) or special law and which is limited specifically to constructing, maintaining, managing, and financing improvements in the land area over which the district has jurisdiction. Employment with or entering into a contractual relationship with a business entity is not prohibited and is not deemed a conflict per se; however, conduct by such officer or employee that is prohibited by or otherwise frustrates the intent of Section 112.313(7), Florida Statutes, including conduct that violates subsections (6) (misuse of public position) and (8) (disclosure of information not otherwise available to the public for personal benefit) thereof is deemed an impermissible conflict of interest.

For convenience, we have included a copy of the legislation referenced in this memorandum. We request that you include this memorandum as part of the agenda packages for upcoming meetings of the governing boards of those special districts in which you serve as the District Manager and this firm serves as District Counsel. You can expect our traditional legislative memorandum in the coming weeks, where we will summarize other legislation from the 2023 Legislative Session relevant to special districts.

CHAPTER 2023-121

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 199

An act relating to ethics requirements for officers and employees of special tax districts; amending s. 112.313, F.S.; specifying that certain conduct by certain public officers and employees is deemed a conflict of interest; making technical changes; amending s. 112.3142, F.S.; requiring certain ethics training for elected local officers of independent special districts beginning on a specified date; specifying requirements for such training; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 112.313, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

112.313 Standards of conduct for public officers, employees of agencies, and local government attorneys.—

(7) CONFLICTING EMPLOYMENT OR CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP.—

(a) No public officer or employee of an agency shall have or hold any employment or contractual relationship with any business entity or any agency which is subject to the regulation of, or is doing business with, an agency of which he or she is an officer or employee, excluding those organizations and their officers who, when acting in their official capacity, enter into or negotiate a collective bargaining contract with the state or any municipality, county, or other political subdivision of the state; nor shall an officer or employee of an agency have or hold any employment or contractual relationship that will create a continuing or frequently recurring conflict between his or her private interests and the performance of his or her public duties or that would impede the full and faithful discharge of his or her public duties.

1. When the agency referred to is that certain kind of special tax district created by general or special law and is limited specifically to constructing, maintaining, managing, and financing improvements in the land area over which the agency has jurisdiction, or when the agency has been organized pursuant to chapter 298, then employment with, or entering into a contractual relationship with, such business entity by a public officer or employee of such agency ~~is~~ shall not be prohibited by this subsection or be deemed a conflict per se. However, conduct by such officer or employee that is prohibited by, or otherwise frustrates the intent of, this section, including conduct that violates subsections (6) and (8), is shall be deemed a conflict of interest in violation of the standards of conduct set forth by this section.

2. When the agency referred to is a legislative body and the regulatory power over the business entity resides in another agency, or when the regulatory power which the legislative body exercises over the business entity or agency is strictly through the enactment of laws or ordinances, then employment or a contractual relationship with such business entity by a public officer or employee of a legislative body shall not be prohibited by this subsection or be deemed a conflict.

(b) This subsection shall not prohibit a public officer or employee from practicing in a particular profession or occupation when such practice by persons holding such public office or employment is required or permitted by law or ordinance.

Section 2. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subsection (2) of section 112.3142, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (e) and (f), respectively, present paragraph (e) of that subsection is amended, and a new paragraph (d) is added to that subsection, to read:

112.3142 Ethics training for specified constitutional officers, elected municipal officers, and commissioners of community redevelopment agencies, and elected local officers of independent special districts.—

(2)

(d) Beginning January 1, 2024, each elected local officer of an independent special district, as defined in s. 189.012, and each person who is appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term of such elective office must complete 4 hours of ethics training each calendar year which addresses, at a minimum, s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, and the public records and public meetings laws of this state. This requirement may be satisfied by completion of a continuing legal education class or other continuing professional education class, seminar, or presentation, if the required subject matter is covered by such class, seminar, or presentation.

(f)(e) The Legislature intends that a constitutional officer, or elected municipal officer, or elected local officer of an independent special district who is required to complete ethics training pursuant to this section receive the required training as close as possible to the date that he or she assumes office. A constitutional officer, or elected municipal officer, or elected local officer of an independent special district assuming a new office or new term of office on or before March 31 must complete the annual training on or before December 31 of the year in which the term of office began. A constitutional officer, or elected municipal officer, or elected local officer of an independent special district assuming a new office or new term of office after March 31 is not required to complete ethics training for the calendar year in which the term of office began.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

Approved by the Governor May 24, 2023.

Filed in Office Secretary of State May 24, 2023.

RESOLUTION 2024-01

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

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

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

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

SECTION 1. _____ is appointed Chairman.

SECTION 2. _____ is appointed Vice Chairman.

SECTION 3. _____ is appointed Secretary.
_____ is appointed Assistant Secretary.
_____ is appointed Assistant Secretary.
_____ is appointed Assistant Secretary.
_____ is appointed Assistant Secretary.
_____ is appointed Assistant Secretary.

SECTION 4. This Resolution supersedes any prior appointments made by the Board for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Assistant Secretaries; however, prior appointments by the Board for Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer(s) remain unaffected by this Resolution.

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

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

ATTEST:

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2024-02

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ATTEST:

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: District Manager Fee Agreement

Exhibit A

District Manager Fee Agreement



AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES MANAGEMENT AND VALIDATION

This Agreement made and entered this _____ day of _____, 2024 between the Sundance Community Development District (hereinafter called the District) located in St. Lucie County (hereinafter called the County) and Special District Services, Inc. (hereinafter called SDS).

WHEREAS, the primary objective of this Agreement is for SDS to provide management, consulting and validation services to the District acting as an agent of the District as mandated by Chapter 190.007 Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, District proposes to engage SDS to perform the tasks identified herein; and,

WHEREAS, District and SDS desire to reduce their Agreement to writing, setting forth the services to be rendered by SDS to District and the compensation to be paid by District to SDS for services rendered under this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, it is agreed as follows:

SECTION I – RECITALS

The recitals set forth hereinabove are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION II – MANAGEMENT SERVICES

A. WORK PROGRAM – Management

Task 1. SDS will prepare for and organize the initial Board meeting of the District. This will include, but is not limited to, solicitation of proposals from required professionals, preparation of required public notifications, preparation of required resolutions and other necessary documentation for the organization of the District, transcribing the minutes of the organizational meeting and performing such other duties to insure compliance with state law.

Task 2. SDS will serve as general manager to the District and will provide those services necessary for the management and operation of the District including, but not limited to, preparation of agendas, legal advertisements, minutes of meetings, communications and coordination with other governmental agencies and District professionals, general supervision, and day to day management of the operations of the District in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 190 and Chapter 189, Florida Statutes. Management of the maintenance of District facilities or property is not included in this Agreement and is subject to negotiation if required. The fee for this Task is **\$30,000** per year, payable in twelve (12) equal monthly payments. Said fee will be increased annually after the first year based on any increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Task 3. SDS will maintain the District books, accounts, records, purchasing procedures and financial reporting procedures, write all checks and prepare financial reports. There is no additional charge for this Task.

Task 4. SDS will assist the District in the selection of professionals, including counsel, bond counsel, financial advisor and underwriter, or, if directed by the District, SDS, as an officer and general manager of the District will retain such professionals for the District in accordance with terms mutually agreed to by the parties. There is no additional charge for this Task.

Task 5. SDS, as general manager of the District, will provide general consulting services to District on a continuing basis. Consulting services include, but are not limited to, budgeting, public bidding and competitive negotiation requirements for public works projects, governmental accounting and chart of account requirements, policies and procedures, staffing and personnel requirements, and such other special district services that will need to be addressed in the immediate and long term future. There is no additional charge for this Task.

Task 6. SDS, pursuant to Section 189.069, Florida Statutes, will establish/create, manage and maintain an independent website for the District. There is no additional charge for this Task.

Task 7. SDS will prepare the annual assessment roll for the submittal to the County following adoption by the District. The fee for this Task is \$5,000 payable upon the submittal of the final Annual Assessment Roll to the County.

Task 8. SDS will assist the District in the structuring or restructuring of bond issue(s) as necessary and agreed to by the District. Services include, but are not limited to, assistance in the preparation of the Schedule of Events, the financing plan, the Official Statement and other financing documents. A representative of SDS will be available to testify as an expert witness at any bond validation or other legal proceeding. The fee for this Task is \$15,000.

Task 9. SDS, upon request by the District, will prepare Supplemental Special Assessment Methodology Reports, as required. The fee for this Task is \$12,000 per Supplemental Assessment Methodology Report.

Task 10. SDS, upon request by the District, will provide field operations management of service contracts/agreements and/or the administration of construction contracts. The fee for these services will be mutually agreed to by the parties.

Task 11. SDS will provide such other services, including assisting in litigation matters and/or IRS Audits, as mutually agreed to by the parties.

B. WORK PROGRAM – Validation

Task 1. SDS will assist District's counsel, bond counsel, financial advisor and underwriter in reviewing the Engineers Report that is required for Validation. There is no additional charge for this Task.

Task 2. SDS will, upon the request of the District, prepare the Master Special Assessment Methodology Report. The fee for this Task is \$20,000.

Task 3. SDS will, upon the request of the District, assist Bond Counsel and General Counsel in preparing for Validation. There is no additional charge for this Task.

Task 4. SDS will, if applicable, serve as an expert witness for the Validation hearing. There is no additional charge for this Task.

In addition, for its services as general manager to the District, SDS shall be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the performance of the services defined herein (i.e. photocopies, postage, long distance telephone calls, mileage, etc.). SDS will submit monthly invoices to District for work performed under the terms of this Agreement. Payment shall become due and payable within fifteen (15) days of receipt. Compensation for additional services covered under Section II, Tasks 10 and 11 shall be in accordance with the terms mutually agreed to by the parties.

NOTE: There will likely be other costs associated with the management of the District such as the Engineer's report, financial advisory fees, legal fees and legal advertising. These functions will be performed by others and are not a part of this agreement.

SECTION III – DISTRICT CHANGES

From time to time there may need to be changes made to the existing District such as, but not limited to, expansion or contraction of the District boundaries, creation of separate assessment areas, restructuring of bonds, etc. that may involve extensive work beyond the initial scope of this Agreement. Under such circumstances, SDS will be entitled additional compensation as mutually agreed to by the parties prior to commencement of the defined additional work.

SECTION IV – DOCUMENTS

All documents, maps, drawings, data and worksheets prepared by SDS under this Agreement shall be the property of the District, upon payment in full of all fees and costs set forth above.

SECTION V – TERM OF AGREEMENT

A. This Agreement shall be continuous beginning with the date the Agreement is signed. Termination of the Agreement shall be available to each party with written notice given sixty (60) days in advance of the intent to cancel. If termination is by the District and not for cause, District will pay SDS through the end of the sixty (60) day termination notice period for management fees as stated for Tasks 1- 6 of Section II in addition to any other fees or costs due hereunder.

B. If termination is by the District and for cause, this Agreement will terminate immediately without advance written notice. "For cause" termination shall be defined, for purposes of this Agreement, as the breach of any material term of this Agreement.

SECTION VI – AMENDMENTS/ASSIGNMENTS

A. This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the parties.

B. This Agreement is non-transferable and non-assignable without the express written consent of both parties.

C. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, all of which together shall constitute one Agreement,

D. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Laws of the State of Florida.

SECTION VII. INDEMNIFICATION.

A. SDS shall indemnify and hold the District, its officers, directors, supervisors, employees, agents, successors, and assigns harmless from and against any and all damages, losses, settlement payments, deficiencies, liabilities, costs and expenses, including without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees suffered, sustained, incurred or required to be paid by District to the extent arising out of SDS's failure to perform under this Agreement or at law, or by the negligence, reckless, or willful misconduct of SDS. If SDS receives notice of or undertakes the defense or the prosecution of any action, claim, suit, administrative or arbitration proceeding or investigation consistent with SDS's indemnity obligations hereunder, SDS shall give the District prompt notice of such proceedings and shall inform the District in advance of all hearings regarding such action, claim, suit, proceeding, or investigation.

To the extent allowable under applicable law (and only to the extent of the limitations of liability set forth in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes), and except and to the extent caused by the negligence, reckless, or willful misconduct of SDS, the District agrees to indemnify and hold SDS and its respective officers, directors, employees, agents, successors and assigns harmless from and against any and all damages, losses, settlement payments, deficiencies, liabilities, costs, and expenses, including without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees, suffered, sustained, incurred or required to be paid by SDS to the extent arising out of the subject services and/or the engagement of SDS pursuant to this Agreement, the instruction or directions provided to SDS, or the negligence or willful misconduct of the District or any of its duly designated agents (other than SDS) or representatives. If the DISTRICT receives notice of or undertakes the defense or the prosecution of any action, claim, suit, administrative or arbitration proceeding or investigation consistent with District's indemnity obligations hereunder, the District shall give SDS prompt notice of such proceedings and shall inform the MANAGER in advance of all hearings regarding such action, claim, suit, proceeding, or investigation.

B. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained in this Agreement, in no event shall either party be liable, either directly or as an indemnitor, to the other, for any special, punitive, indirect and/or consequential damages, including damages attributable to loss of use, loss of income or loss of profit even if the other party has been advised of the possibility of such damages.

C. In the event that claim(s) raised against SDS because of this Agreement, or because the Services performed hereunder, including claims for indemnification under this section of the Agreement is/are covered under SDS's insurance policies required hereunder, SDS shall not be responsible for any loss, damages or liability beyond the policy limits contractually required hereunder and actually paid pursuant to the limits and conditions of such policies. With respect to any other cause of action and/or claim arising under this Agreement, or otherwise arising because of, or because, the services provided hereunder, SDS's liability shall not exceed an amount equal

to twice the amount of the annual compensation for such services during the Agreement year in which such cause of action and/or claim against SDS arose.

D. SDS agrees that nothing in this Section or this Agreement shall serve or be construed as a waiver of the District's limitations on liability contained in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes or any other laws.

SECTION VIII. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.

A. SDS shall, at its own expense, maintain insurance during the performance of the 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
Property Damage (including contractual)	\$1,000,000
Commercial Crime/Fidelity Insurance	\$1,000,000
Professional Liability Insurance	\$2,000,000
Automobile Liability (if applicable)*	
Bodily Injury and Property Damage	\$1,000,000
Covering owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles	

**Automobile liability insurance is required if SDS will use any vehicles on-site, including owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles.*

B. The District and its agents, staff, consultants, and supervisors shall be named as additional insureds on the General Liability Insurance, Commercial Crime/Fidelity Insurance, and Automobile Liability Insurance. SDS shall furnish the District with the Certificate of Insurance evidencing compliance with this requirement. Coverage for additional insureds shall apply as primary and non-contributing insurance before any other insurance or self-insurance, including any deductible, maintained by or provided to the additional insured. No certificate shall be acceptable to the District unless it provides that any change or termination within the policy periods of the insurance coverages, 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, and such carrier shall have a Best's Insurance Reports rating of at least A-VII.

C. If SDS 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 SDS 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 IX. NOTICES. All notices required under the Agreement shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or express mail with proof of receipt.

If notice is sent to the District, it shall be sent to:
Sundance Community Development District
c/o Kutak Rock, Attorneys at Law
107 W. College Ave
Tallahassee, FL 32301

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

Special District Services, Inc.
2501A Burns Road
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410
Attn: Todd Wodraska, President

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

SECTION X. E-VERIFY. SDS, on behalf of itself and its subcontractors, hereby warrants compliance with all federal immigration laws and regulations applicable to their employees. SDS further agrees that the District is a public employer subject to the E-Verify requirements provided in Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, and such provisions of said statute are applicable to this Agreement, including, but not limited to registration with and use of the E-Verify system. SDS agrees to utilize the E-Verify system to verify work authorization status of all newly hired employees. SDS shall provide sufficient evidence that it is registered with the E-Verify system before commencement of performance under this Agreement. If the District has a good faith belief that SDS is in violation of Section 448.09(1), Florida Statutes, or has knowingly hired, recruited, or referred an alien that is not duly authorized to work by the federal immigration laws or the Attorney General of the United States for employment under this Agreement, the District shall terminate this Agreement. SDS shall require an affidavit from each subcontractor providing that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. SDS shall retain a copy of each such affidavit for the term of this Agreement and all renewals thereof. If the District has a good faith belief that a subcontractor of SDS performing work under this Agreement is in violation of Section 448.09(1), Florida Statutes, or has knowingly hired, recruited, or referred an alien that is not duly authorized to work by the federal immigration laws or the

Attorney General of the United States for employment under this Agreement, the District promptly notify SDS and order SDS to immediately terminate its subcontract with the subcontractor. SDS shall be liable for any additional costs incurred by the District as a result of the termination of any contract, including this Agreement, based on SDS's failure to comply with the E-Verify requirements referenced in this subsection.

SECTION XI. Public Records. SDS shall, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, comply with the public records laws of the State of Florida. Failure of SDS to comply with Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, may subject SDS to penalties pursuant to Section 119.10, Florida Statutes. In the event SDS fails to comply with this section or Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, the District shall be entitled to all remedies at law or in equity. The following statement is required to be included in this Agreement pursuant to Section 119.0701(2), Florida Statutes:

IF DISTRICT HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO SDS'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (561) 630-4922 OR BY EMAIL AT BSAKUMA@SDSINC.ORG OR BY REGULAR MAIL AT:

**SPECIAL DISTRICT SERVICES, INC.
2501A BURNS ROAD
PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA 33410**

SECTION XII – MISCELLANEOUS

If either party to this Agreement shall institute any suit or legal action to enforce any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all costs incurred, including but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees and cost for all matters related to such litigation, and any appeal thereto. Venue for any action arising out of this Agreement shall lie in Palm Beach County, Florida.

The District acknowledges that SDS is an officer and general manager of the District and is not an attorney and may not render legal advice or opinions; nor a financial advisor registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, and is not engaged to give advice with respect to the issuance of bonds or municipal financial products.

Time is of the essence as to this Agreement.

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

**SUNDANCE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**SPECIAL DISTRICT SERVICES,
INC.**

By: _____

By: _____

Printed Name and Title Date

Todd Wodraska, President

Printed Name and Title Date

RESOLUTION 2024-03

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ATTEST:

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Attorney Retainer Agreement

Exhibit A
Attorney Retainer Agreement

RETENTION AND FEE AGREEMENT

I. PARTIES

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

A. Sundance Community Development District (“**Client**”)
c/o Special District Services, Inc
The Oaks Center
2501A Burns Road
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

and

B. Kutak Rock LLP (“**Kutak Rock**”)
107 West College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32302

II. SCOPE OF SERVICES

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

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

III. CLIENT FILES

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

IV. FEES

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

Wesley Haber	\$360.00
Associate Attorneys	\$275.00
Contract Attorneys	\$245.00
Paralegals	\$200.00

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

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

V. BILLING AND PAYMENT

The Client agrees to pay Kutak Rock’s monthly billings for fees and expenses incurred within thirty (30) days following receipt of an invoice, or the time permitted by Florida law, whichever is greater. Kutak Rock shall not be obligated to perform further legal services under this Agreement if any such billing statement remains unpaid longer than thirty (30) days after submittal to and receipt by Client. Non-payment of billing statements shall be a basis for Kutak

Rock to immediately withdraw from the representation without regard to remaining actions necessitating attention by Kutak Rock as part of the representation.

VI. DEFAULT; VENUE

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

VII. CONFLICTS

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

VIII. ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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

IX. TERMINATION

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

X. EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

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

XI. ENTIRE CONTRACT

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

Accepted and Agreed to by:

**SUNDANCE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

KUTAK ROCK LLP

By: _____

By: _____

Its: _____

Its: Partner

Date: _____

Date:

ATTACHMENT A

KUTAK ROCK LLP CDD EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

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

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

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

Postage. Postage is billed at actual cost.

Overnight Delivery. Overnight delivery is billed at actual cost.

Local Messenger Service. Local messenger service is billed at 67 cents per mile pursuant to the standard mileage rate for business travel established by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Should the IRS increase the mileage allowance, Kutak Rock shall, without further action, be entitled to reimbursement at the increased rate.

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

Travel. Travel (including air fare, rental cars, taxicabs, hotel, meals, tips, etc.) is billed at actual cost. Where air travel is required, coach class is used wherever feasible. Out-of-town mileage is billed at 67 cents per mile pursuant to the standard mileage rate for business travel established by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Should the IRS increase the mileage allowance, Kutak Rock shall, without further action, be entitled to reimbursement at the increased rate. Reasonable travel-related expenses for meals, lodging, gratuities, taxi fares, tolls, and parking fees shall also be reimbursed.

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

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

RESOLUTION 2024-04

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ATTEST:

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Interim Engineer Agreement

Exhibit A
Interim Engineer Agreement

INTERIM ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into this ___ day of _____, 2024, by and between:

Sundance Community Development District, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and located in _____, Florida, with a mailing address of c/o Special District Services, Inc., 2501A Burns Rd., Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410 (the “**District**”); and

_____, a _____, with a mailing address of _____ (the “**Engineer**” and, together with the District, the “**Parties**”).

RECITALS

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

WHEREAS, the District is authorized to plan, finance, construct, install, acquire and/or maintain improvements, facilities and services in conjunction with the development of the lands within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District intends to employ Engineer on an interim basis to perform engineering planning and/or study activities, as defined by separate work authorization(s); and

WHEREAS, the Engineer shall serve as 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 the 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 the Engineer of the sums of money herein specified, it is mutually covenanted and agreed as follows:

- 1. SCOPE OF SERVICES.** The Engineer will provide general engineering planning and/or study services, as authorized by one or more Work Authorization(s) as defined herein, including:
 - a. Preparation of any necessary reports and attendance at meetings of the District’s Board of Supervisors.
 - 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 of Supervisors.

- 2. REPRESENTATIONS.** The 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 applicable federal, state, and local laws, and codes, including without 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 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 District.
- d. It is adequately financed to meet any financial obligations it may be required to incur under this Agreement.

3. METHOD OF AUTHORIZATION. Each service or project shall be authorized in writing by the District. The written authorization shall be incorporated in a work authorization which shall include the scope of work, compensation, project schedule, and special provisions or conditions specific to the service or project being authorized (“**Work Authorization**”). Authorization of services or projects under this Agreement shall be at the sole option of the District. The Work Authorization #1 attached hereto as **EXHIBIT C** is hereby authorized.

4. 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 contract shall not exceed the lesser of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars or the amounts specifically authorized by 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 for recurring services or other projects where the District desires to use hourly compensation rates, the District and Engineer shall use the hourly compensation rates outlined in **EXHIBIT A** attached hereto. The District and Engineer may agree to a “not to exceed” amount when utilizing hourly personnel rates for a specific Work Authorization.

5. 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 as 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 with the District’s travel policy.
- b. Expense of reproduction, postage and handling of drawings and specifications.

6. TERM OF CONTRACT. It is understood and agreed that this Agreement is for professional engineering services. It is further understood and agreed that the term of this Agreement will be from the time of execution of this Agreement until terminated pursuant the terms herein.

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

8. 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, or such other period as required by law. 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.

9. 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. The 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. If said work product is used by the District for any purpose other than that purpose which is intended by this Agreement, the District shall indemnify Engineer from any and all claims and liabilities which may result from such re-use, in the event Engineer does not consent to such use.
- 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. The 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.

10. 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.

11. 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 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 District are subject to reuse in accordance with Section 287.055(10), *Florida Statutes*.

12. COST ESTIMATES. Since Engineer has no control over the cost of labor, materials or equipment or over a contractor's methods of determining prices, or over competitive bidding or market conditions, his opinions of probable cost provided as a service hereunder are to be made on the basis of his experience and qualifications and represent his 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 him. 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.

13. INSURANCE. Engineer shall, at its own expense, maintain insurance during the performance of its services under this Agreement, with limits of liability not less than the amounts set forth in **EXHIBIT B**. If any such policy of insurance is a "claims made" policy, and not an "occurrence" policy, the Engineer shall, without interruption, maintain the insurance for at least five (5) years after the termination of this Agreement.

The District, its officers, supervisors, agents, staff, and representatives shall be named as additional insured parties on all of the insurance policies listed in **EXHIBIT B** except with respect to the Worker's Compensation Insurance and the Professional Liability for Errors and Omissions Insurance. The Engineer shall furnish the District with the Certificate of Insurance and any applicable endorsements 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 without written notice to the District per the terms of the applicable policy. Insurance coverage shall be from a reputable insurance carrier, licensed to conduct business in the state of Florida.

If the 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, the 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.

14. CONTINGENT FEE. The Engineer warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the 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 the Engineer, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement.

15. AUDIT. The Engineer agrees that the District or any of its duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of three (3) years after expenditure of funds under this Agreement, have access to and the right to examine any books, documents, papers, and records of the Engineer involving transactions related to the Agreement. The Engineer agrees that payment made under the 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 the Agreement.

16. 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 attorney's 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 (A) the insurance limits set forth in **EXHIBIT B** or (B) either, and as applicable, (i) One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence, or (ii) Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) aggregate. Engineer agrees such limitation bears a reasonable commercial relationship to the contract and was part of the project specifications or bid documents.

17. INDIVIDUAL LIABILITY. UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, AND SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 558.0035, FLORIDA STATUTES, WHICH REQUIREMENTS ARE EXPRESSLY INCORPORATED HEREIN, AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE OR AGENT MAY NOT BE HELD INDIVIDUALLY LIABLE FOR NEGLIGENCE.

18. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY. The Engineer agrees and covenants that nothing in this Agreement shall constitute or be construed as a waiver of District's limitations on liability pursuant to Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or any other statute or law.

19. PUBLIC RECORDS. The Engineer agrees and understands that Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*, may be applicable to documents prepared in connection with work provided to the District and agrees to cooperate with public record requests made thereunder. In connection with this Agreement, Engineer agrees to comply with all provisions of Florida's public records laws, including but not limited to Section 119.0701, *Florida Statutes*, the terms of which are incorporated herein. Among other requirements, Engineer must:

- a. Keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service.
- b. Upon request from the District's custodian of public records, provide the District with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes* or as otherwise provided by law.
- c. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the Agreement if the Engineer does not transfer the records to the District.
- d. Upon completion of this Agreement, transfer, at no cost, to the District all public records in possession of the Engineer or keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service. If the Engineer transfers all public records to the District upon

completion of this Agreement, the Engineer shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Engineer keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Agreement, the Engineer shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District, upon request from the District's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the District.

IF THE ENGINEER HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE ENGINEER'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE PUBLIC RECORDS CUSTODIAN AT C/O SPECIAL DISTRICT SERVICES, INC., 2501A BURNS RD., PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA 33410, PHONE (772)345-5119, AND E-MAIL

20. EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION. The 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.

21. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. The Engineer shall bear the responsibility for acting in the District's best interests, shall avoid any conflicts of interest and shall abide by all applicable ethical canons and professional standards relating to conflicts of interest.

22. SUBCONTRACTORS. The Engineer may subcontract portions of the services, subject to the terms of this Agreement and subject to the prior written consent of the District, which may be withheld for any or no reason. Without in any way limiting any terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, all subcontractors of Engineer shall be deemed to have made all of the representations and warranties of Engineer set forth herein and shall be subject to any and all obligations of Engineer hereunder. Prior to any subcontractor providing any services, Engineer shall obtain from each subcontractor its written consent to and acknowledgment of the terms of this Agreement. Engineer shall be responsible for all acts or omissions of any subcontractors.

23. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR. The District and the Engineer agree and acknowledge that the Engineer shall serve as an independent contractor of the District. Neither the Engineer nor employees of the 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. The Engineer agrees to assume all liabilities or obligations by any one or more of such laws with respect to employees of the Engineer, if any, in the performance of this Agreement. The Engineer shall not have any authority to assume or create any obligation, express or implied, on behalf of the District and the 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.

24. ASSIGNMENT. Neither the District nor the 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 the Engineer from employing such independent professional associates and consultants as Engineer deems appropriate, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

25. THIRD PARTIES. Nothing in the Agreement shall inure to the benefit of any third party for the purpose of allowing any claim which would otherwise be barred by operation of law.

26. CONTROLLING LAW; VENUE. The Engineer and the District agree that this Agreement shall be controlled and governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Venue for any action brought relating to this Agreement shall be in St. Lucie County, Florida.

27. TERMINATION. The District may terminate this Agreement for cause immediately upon notice to Engineer. The District or the Engineer may terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice. At such time as the Engineer receives notification of the intent of the District to terminate the contract, the 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, the Engineer shall not be entitled to consequential damages of any kind (including but not limited to lost profits), but instead the Engineer's sole remedy will be to recover payment for services rendered to the date of the notice of termination, subject to any offsets.

28. RECOVERY OF COSTS AND FEES. In the event either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other party all costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees, at all judicial levels.

29. 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.

30. 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 or construction of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

31. NOTICES. All notices, requests, consents and other communications hereunder ("**Notices**") shall be in writing and shall be delivered, mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, or telecopied to the parties, and at the addresses first set forth above. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, any Notice shall be deemed received only upon actual delivery at the address set forth above. Notices delivered after 5:00 p.m. (at the place of delivery) or on a non-business day, shall be deemed received on the next business day. If any time for giving Notice contained in this Agreement would otherwise expire on a non-business day, the Notice period shall be extended to the next succeeding business day. Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays recognized by the United States government shall not be regarded as business days. Counsel for the District and counsel for the Engineer may deliver Notice on behalf of the District and the Engineer. 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) day's written notice to the parties and addressees set forth herein.

32. RECOVERY OF COSTS AND FEES. In the event either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the 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.

33. E-VERIFY. The Engineer shall comply with and perform all applicable provisions of Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*. Accordingly, to the extent required by Florida Statute, Engineer shall register with and use the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. The District may terminate this Agreement immediately for cause if there is a good faith belief that the Engineer has knowingly violated Section 448.091, *Florida Statutes*. By entering into this Agreement, the Engineer represents that no public employer has terminated a contract with the Engineer under Section 448.095(2)(c), *Florida Statutes*, within the year immediately preceding the date of this Agreement.

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

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Its: _____

- EXHIBIT A:** Rate Schedule
- EXHIBIT B:** Insurance Certificate
- EXHIBIT C:** Approved Work Authorization #1

EXHIBIT A
RATE SCHEDULE

EXHIBIT B
INSURANCE CERTIFICATE & ENDORSEMENTS

EXHIBIT C
APPROVED WORK AUTHORIZATION #1

Sundance Community Development District

Subject: **Work Authorization Number 1**

Dear Chairman, Board of Supervisors:

_____ (“**Engineer**”) is pleased to submit this work authorization to provide interim engineering services for the Sundance Community Development District (“**District**”). We will provide these services pursuant to our current agreement dated _____ (“**Engineering Agreement**”) as follows:

I. Scope of Work

The District will engage the services of Engineer on an interim basis to perform those services as necessary for the preparation of a District engineer’s report in connection with the issuance of District Bonds, construction administration, and attendance at meetings and bond validation proceedings regarding the District’s issuance of bonds.

II. Fees

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

This proposal, together with the Engineering 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,

SUNDANCE CDD

By: _____
Authorized Representative

By: _____



May 29, 2024

District Manager
Sundance Community Development District
Special District Services, Inc.
2501A Burns Road
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410
tlascasas@sdsinc.org

(Via E-mail)

**Re: Letter of Engagement
Sundance Community Development District
City of Port St. Lucie, Florida
C&W Project #4371**

District Manager,

Pursuant with your request, we hereby submit for your review and approval the scope of services that we believe are the Community Development District (CDD) requirements for the above referenced project.

Initial CDD Engineering Report **Fee.....\$4,850.00**

All other services will be performed at our enclosed hourly rates.

This scope of services is expected to include the following:

- Attend in-person meetings and/or conference calls with representatives of the District and Developer for the coordination of the CDD Engineering report.
- Prepare required opinion of cost for the CDD’s Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and provide descriptions for each portion of the proposed infrastructure that will be included in the CIP for the District.
- Review permit status for the infrastructure included in the CIP.
- Assist the District's Financial Advisor in the development of a special assessment methodology.
- Prepare final CDD Engineer s Report summarizing the CIP for the District, which will be utilized in conjunction with the levy of special assessments and the financing of the improvements.

Hourly Rates

Principals	\$190.00/hr.
Expert Witness Testimony	\$275.00/hr
Laser Scanning Survey Crew.....	\$250.00/hr.
GPS Survey Crew.....	\$165.00/hr.
Robotic Survey Crew	\$140.00/hr.
Field Survey Crew	\$140.00/hr.
Professional Land Surveyor	\$140.00/hr.
Engineering Design.....	\$140.00/hr.
Landscape Architect/Site Planning.....	\$135.00/hr.
CADD/Technician/Draftsperson	\$100.00/hr.
Office Technician	\$75.00/hr.
Engineering Inspector	\$90.00/hr.
Prints	\$0.30/s.f.
Mylars.....	\$4.50/s.f.
Federal Express/Overnight Deliveries	\$25.00/each
Federal Express First Overnight Deliveries	\$75.00/each
Courier Deliveries	Cost plus 10%

**PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 558.0035, AN
INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE OR AGENT MAY NOT BE
HELD INDIVIDUALLY LIABLE FOR NEGLIGENCE.**

Sincerely,
Caulfield & Wheeler, Inc.

Ryan Wheeler

Ryan D. Wheeler, P.E.
Vice President

Accepted by:
Sundance Community Development District

Signature

Print Name

Title

Date

fmsbonds
Municipal Bond Specialists

20660 W. Dixie Highway
North Miami Beach, FL 33180

May 23, 2024

Sundance Community Development District
c/o Special District Services, Inc.
2501A Burns Road
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410
Attn: Mr. Todd Wodraska

Re: Agreement for Underwriter Services & Rule G-17 Disclosure

Dear Mr. Wodraska:

Thank you for the opportunity to work with the Sundance Community Development District (the "Issuer") regarding the underwriting of the Issuer's Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2024 and future series of bonds (the "Bonds"). The Issuer and FMSbonds, Inc. ("FMS"), solely in its capacity as underwriter, agree to the proposed terms set forth herein in Attachment I. By executing this letter both parties agree to the terms set forth herein.

FMS's role is limited to act as Underwriter within the Scope of Services set forth herein as Attachment I, and not as a financial advisor or municipal advisor. Any information that FMS has previously provided was solely for discussion purposes in anticipation of being retained as your underwriter. Attachment II, attached hereto, contains the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB) Rule G-17 Disclosure, as set forth in the amended and restated MSRB Notice 2019-20 (November 8, 2019)¹ (the "Notice"). We ask that you provide this letter to the appropriate person at the Issuer.

We look forward to working with you.

Yours truly,

FMSbonds, Inc.

By: 

Name: Jon Kessler

Title: Executive Director

Agreed to and accepted as of the date first written above:

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

¹ Interpretive Notice Concerning the Application of MSRB Rule G-17 to underwriters and Underwriters of Municipal Securities (effective March 31, 2021).

ATTACHMENT I

Section 1 **Scope of Services of FMS:** FMS proposes that its duties as Underwriter shall be limited to the following:

1. To provide advice to the Issuer on the structure, timing and terms of the Bonds;
2. To coordinate the financing process;
3. To conduct due diligence;
4. To assist in the preparation of an offering memorandum;
5. To review the assessment methodology and Bond documents;
6. To market and offer Bonds to investors.

Section 2 **Terms and Conditions:**

1. Underwriter Fee (“Underwriting Fee”). FMS shall act as sole lead underwriter. The Underwriting Fee to FMS for acting as Underwriter shall be 2% of the par amount of any Bonds issued. The Underwriting Fee shall be due and payable only upon the closing of the Bonds. The Underwriting Fee may be modified pursuant to a bond delegation or award resolution approved by the Board and consented to by the Underwriter.
2. Price and Interest Rates: The offering price and interest rates are expected to be based on recent comparable transactions in the market, if any. FMS and the Issuer will jointly determine the offering price and interest rates immediately prior to the start of the order period, based on market conditions then prevailing.
3. Bond Purchase Agreement. The obligations of the Underwriter and those of the Issuer would be subject to the satisfactory completion of due diligence and to the customary representations, warranties, covenants, conditions, including provisions respecting its termination contained in the form of a bond purchase agreement FMS will prepare and as generally used in connection with the offering of Bonds for this type of transaction.
4. Costs of Issuance. The Issuer shall be responsible for the payment of all expenses relating to the offering, including but not limited to, attorney fees, consultant fees, costs associated with preparing offering documents, if any, the purchase agreement, regulatory fees and filing fees and expenses for qualification under blue sky laws designated by FMS and approved by the Issuer.
5. Assumptions. The proposed terms and statements of intention set forth in this attachment are based on information currently available to FMS about the Issuer and the market for special assessment bonds similar to the Bonds and the assumptions that:

- a) the financial condition and history of the project shall be substantially as understood, and the financial information for the relevant and appropriate period ended to be included in the final offering memorandum will not vary materially from those set forth in the material furnished to FMS;
 - b) no adverse developments shall occur which materially and adversely affect the underlying security and financial condition of the Issuer and the primary landowner and developer;
 - c) the offering memorandum will comply with all applicable laws and regulations;
 - d) there will not be any unanticipated substantial delays on the part of the Issuer in completing the transaction; and
 - e) all conditions of the Underwriter to purchase Bonds will be included in the bond purchase agreement and conditions shall be satisfied or waived, in the sole discretion of the Underwriter.
6. Information. The Issuer agrees to reasonably and actively assist FMS in achieving an underwriting that is satisfactory to FMS and the Issuer. To assist FMS in the underwriting the Issuer will (a) provide and cause the Issuer's staff and its professionals to provide FMS upon request with all information reasonably deemed necessary by FMS to complete the underwritings, included but not limited to, information and evaluations prepared by the Issuer and its advisors and the primary landowner and developer; and (b) otherwise assist FMS in its underwriting efforts.
7. Term of Engagement. The term of our engagement shall commence as of the date the covering letter is executed by the Issuer and continue in full force and effect unless terminated by either party. In event of termination by the Issuer without cause, FMS shall be entitled to recover its reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred up to the date of termination.
8. No Commitment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall constitute an agreement to provide a firm commitment, underwriting or placement or arrangement of any securities by FMS or its affiliates. Any such commitment, placement or arrangement shall only be made a part of an underwriting agreement or purchase agreement at the time of the sale of the Bonds.

The engagement contemplated hereby is solely for the benefit of the Issuer and FMS and their respective successors, assigns and representatives and no other person or entity shall acquire or have any right under or by virtue hereof.

This engagement contains the entire understanding of the parties relating to the transactions contemplated hereby and supersedes all prior agreements, understandings and negotiations with respect thereto.

9. No Financial Advisor. FMS's role is limited to that of an Underwriter and not a financial advisor or municipal advisor.

ATTACHMENT II

MSRB Rule G-17 Disclosure --- The Issuer recognizes that FMSbonds, Inc. will serve as the underwriter (the "Underwriter") and not as a financial advisor or municipal advisor, in connection with the issuance of the bonds relating to this financing (herein, the "Bonds"). As part of our services as Underwriter, FMSbonds, Inc. may provide advice concerning the structure, timing, terms, and other similar matters concerning the issuance of the Bonds. Any such advice, if given, will be provided by FMSbonds, Inc. as Underwriter and not as your financial advisor or municipal advisor in this transaction. The Issuer may choose to engage the services of a municipal advisor with a fiduciary obligation to represent the Issuer's interest in this transaction.

Pursuant to the Notice, we are required by the MSRB to advise you that:

- MSRB Rule G-17 requires a broker to deal fairly at all times with both municipal issuers and investors.
- The Underwriter's primary role is to purchase the Bonds in an arm's-length commercial transaction with the Issuer. As such, the Underwriter has financial and other interests that differ from those of the Issuer.
- Unlike a municipal advisor, the Underwriter does not have a fiduciary duty to the Issuer under the federal securities laws and is, therefore, not required by federal law to act in the best interests of the Issuer without regard to its own financial or other interests.
- The Underwriter has a duty to purchase the Bonds from the Issuer at a fair and reasonable price, but must balance that duty with its duty to use its best efforts to resell the Bonds with purchases at prices that are fair and reasonable.
- The Bonds may be sold into a trust either at the time of issuance or subsequent to issuance. In such instance FMSbonds, Inc., not in its capacity of Underwriter, may participate in such trust arrangement by performing certain administrative roles. Any compensation paid to FMSbonds, Inc. would not be derived from the proceeds of the Bonds or from the revenues pledged thereunder.

The Underwriter will be compensated in accordance with the terms of a bond purchase contract by and between the Underwriter and Issuer. Payment or receipt of the Underwriter's compensation will be contingent on the closing of the transaction. While this form of compensation is customary in the municipal securities market, it presents a conflict of interest since an Underwriter may have an incentive to recommend a transaction that is unnecessary or to recommend that the size of a transaction be larger than is necessary. The Issuer acknowledges no such recommendation has been made by the Underwriter.

Please note nothing in this letter is an expressed or an implied commitment by us to provide financing or to place or purchase the Bonds. Any such commitment shall only be set forth in a bond purchase contract or other appropriate form of agreement for the type of transaction undertaken by you.

Further, our participation in any transaction (contemplated herein or otherwise) remains subject to, among other things, the execution of a bond purchase contract (or other appropriate form of agreement), further internal review and approvals, satisfactory completion of our due diligence investigation and market conditions.

FMSbonds, Inc. is acting independently in seeking to act as Underwriter in the transaction contemplated herein and shall not be deemed for any purpose to be acting as an agent, joint venturer or partner of any other principal involved in the proposed financing. FMSbonds, Inc. assumes no responsibility, express or implied, for any actions or omissions of, or the performance of services by, the purchasers or any other brokers in connection with the transactions contemplated herein or otherwise.

If you or any other representative of the Issuer have any questions or concerns about these disclosures, please make those questions or concerns known immediately to the undersigned. In addition, you should consult with your own financial, municipal, legal, accounting, tax and other advisors, as applicable, to the extent deemed appropriate.

The MSRB requires that we seek the Issuer's acknowledgement that it has received this letter. We request that the person at the Issuer who has the authority to bind the Issuer (herein, "Authorized Issuer Representative") acknowledge this letter as soon as practicable and by nature of such acknowledgment that such person is not a party to any conflict of interest relating to the subject transaction. If our understanding is incorrect, please notify the undersigned immediately.

Depending on the structure of the transaction that the Issuer decides to pursue, or if additional actual or perceived material conflicts are identified, we may be required to send you additional disclosures. At that time, we also will seek your acknowledgement of receipt of any such additional disclosures.

We look forward to working with you in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and we appreciate the opportunity to assist you in this transaction. Thank you.

FMSbonds, Inc.

By: 
Name: Jon Kessler
Title: Executive Director



Global Corporate Trust Services
 500 West Cypress Creek Road
 Suite 460
 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309

May 28th, 2024

Sundance Community Development District
 c/o Special District Services, Inc.
 2501A Burns Road
 Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410

Re: Sundance Community Development District
 Capital Improvement/Special Assessment Revenue Bonds, Series

We are pleased to confirm the following fee structure for the above referenced issue:

Acceptance Fee	\$2,125.00
Annual Trustee, Paying Agent and Registrar Fee	\$3,950.00
Closing Expenses (if in person pre closing)	\$150.00 (Estimated)
Ongoing Out-of-Pocket Expenses	7.50% of Annual Fees
<u>Trustee Counsel Fee</u>	<u>\$6,250.00 (Estimated)</u>
	\$12,325.00 (Total-Trustee & Counsel)

This proposal and the fees detailed herein are subject in all aspects to U.S. Bank's review and acceptance of the final financing documents which set forth our duties and responsibilities. Any unexpected or extraordinary services, duties and/or responsibilities will be reasonably billed in addition to the amounts identified herein. Fees are subject to change at our discretion and upon written notice. Fees paid in advance will not be prorated. Finalization of the transaction constitutes agreement to the above fee schedule, including agreement to any subsequent changes upon proper written notice. In the event this transaction is not finalized, any related out-of-pocket expenses may be billed to you directly. Payment of the fees detailed herein constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions set forth.

The above fees and expenses would be paid in advance. Thank you for the opportunity to continue to provide our services to the District. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 954.938.2471 if you have any questions or if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Robert Hedgecock

Robert Hedgecock
 Vice President

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR OPENING A NEW ACCOUNT:

To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, Federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. For a non-individual person such as a business entity, a charity, a Trust or other legal entity we will ask for documentation to verify its formation and existence as a legal entity. We may also ask to see financial statements, licenses, identification and authorization documents from individuals claiming authority to represent the entity or other relevant documentation.

May 24, 2024

Board of Supervisors of the Sundance
Community Development District
c/o Special District Services, Inc.
The Oaks Center
2501A Burns Road
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410
Attn: Frank Sakuma

Re: Sundance Community Development District
Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2024

Dear Board of Supervisors:

This letter sets forth Greenberg Traurig, P.A.'s proposal to serve as Bond Counsel in connection with the issuance by the Sundance Community Development District (the "District") of its planned Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2024 (herein, the "Bonds") to finance the District's public improvement plan.

We have extensive experience serving as Bond Counsel for all types of municipal transactions throughout the State of Florida and is a nationally recognized bond counsel firm. We specialize in community development district financings serving as either bond counsel, disclosure counsel or underwriter's counsel. Our tax department is second to none with specialized expertise in the tax analysis associated with, but not limited to, community development district financings in Florida.

As Bond Counsel we would draft the bond documents and resolutions. We will work closely with Underwriter's counsel, Issuer's counsel and the District Manager on all aspects of this proposed financing, including assisting District counsel in the validation of the Bonds and assisting Underwriter's counsel in the preparation of the offering document. At the closing, we will deliver our approving tax opinion regarding the validity of the Bonds and its tax-exempt status.

If for any reason the District is unable to complete its financing or shall abandon issuing the Bonds utilizing special assessment bonds to finance the costs of the capital improvement plan, our proposed bond counsel fees would be payable in the amounts described below on or before the close of the applicable calendar year. Such amount due would be equal to our normal hourly rates, discounted by 10%, plus our reasonable documented out-of-pocket expenses. In all cases, if we were to be paid under such formula, our total fee for services provided as bond counsel would not

exceed \$60,000 per issue. We presume that under that scenario, where there are no bond proceeds available to pay our fees, payment would be made from general fund moneys of the District or moneys provided by the developer.

If our fee quote is acceptable to you, please indicate by signing below.

Please be assured that we will dedicate the necessary resources of the firm to achieve the District's goals in an expedited manner. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you on this financing.

Very truly yours,

GREENBERG TRAURIG, P.A.



Stephen D. Sanford
Shareholder

Agreed and Accepted:

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

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RESOLUTION 2024-05

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

WHEREAS, Sundance Community Development District ("**District**") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

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

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

1. **DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT.** _____ is hereby designated as Registered Agent for the District.

2. **REGISTERED OFFICE.** The District's Registered Office shall be located at _____.

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

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

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

ATTEST:

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2024-06

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

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

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

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

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

1. PRIMARY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE. The District’s primary administrative office for purposes of Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*, shall be located at the offices of primary administrative office for purposes of Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*, shall be located at c/o Special District Services, Inc., 2501A Burns Rd., Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410.

2. PRINCIPAL HEADQUARTERS. The District’s principal headquarters for purposes of establishing proper venue shall be located at the offices of _____, and within _____ County, Florida.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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

ATTEST:

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2024-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT RATIFYING, CONFIRMING AND APPROVING THE RECORDING OF THE NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.

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

WHEREAS, the District was established by Port St. Lucie City Ordinance No. _____ ("**Ordinance**"); and

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

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

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

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

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

- 1. RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS.** The actions of District Staff in the filing of the Notice of Establishment of the Sundance Community Development District are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.
- 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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

ATTEST:

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2024-08

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

WHEREAS, the Sundance Community Development District (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated within the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida; and

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

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

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

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

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

ATTEST:

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2024-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SUNDANCE 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 Sundance Community Development District ("**District**") is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Immediately following the removal or resignation of a Records Management Liaison Officer, the District's records custodian shall appoint a replacement Records Management Liaison Officer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ATTEST:

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2024-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SUNDANCE 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, Sundance Community Development District ("**District**") is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

- a) An initial Public Comment Period shall be provided at the start of each Board meeting before consideration of any propositions by the Board. In the event there are propositions that come before the Board that are not listed on the agenda, the Presiding Officer shall announce a Public Comment Period on such proposition prior to the Board voting on the matter.
- b) Speakers shall be permitted to address any agenda item or non-agenda matter(s) of personal or general concern, during the initial Public Comment Period.
- c) Individuals wishing to make a public comment are limited to three (3) minutes per person. Potential speakers may not assign his/her three (3) minutes to extend another speaker's time.
- d) The Presiding Officer may extend or reduce the time periods set forth herein in order to facilitate orderly and efficient District business, provided however that a

reasonable opportunity for public comment shall be provided consistent with the requirements of Section 286.0114, Florida Statutes. The Presiding Officer may also elect to set and announce additional Public Comment Periods if he or she deems it appropriate.

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

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

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

- a) Each person addressing the Board shall proceed to the place assigned for speaking, and should state his or her name and address in an audible tone of voice for the public record.
- b) All remarks shall be addressed to the Board as a body and not to any member thereof or to any staff member. No person other than a Board Supervisor or District staff member shall be permitted to enter into any discussion with an individual speaker while he or she has the floor, without the permission of the Presiding Officer.
- c) Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the Presiding Officer from maintaining orderly conduct and proper decorum in a public meeting. Speakers shall refrain from disruptive behavior, and from making vulgar or threatening remarks. Speakers shall refrain from launching personal attacks against any Board Supervisor, District staff member, or member of the public. The Presiding Officer shall have the discretion to remove any speaker who disregards these policies from the meeting.
- d) In the case that any person is declared out of order by the Presiding Officer and ordered expelled, and does not immediately leave the meeting facilities, the following steps may be taken:
 - i. The Presiding Officer may declare a recess.

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

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

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

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

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

ATTEST:

**SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant

Chairperson/Vice, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2024-11

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (“**Board**”) and the officers and staff of the Sundance 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 SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT THAT:

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

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

2. **SCOPE OF ACTIONS.** As set forth in this Resolution and in accordance with Sections 111.07 and 768.28, Florida Statutes, the District hereby agrees to provide legal representation to defend any and all civil actions of any kind arising from a complaint for damages or injuries suffered as a result of any action or omission of action of all Indemnitees, present or former, arising out of and in the scope of his or her employment or function, unless, in the case of a tort action, the Indemnitee acted in bad faith, with malicious purpose, or in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property. Defense of such civil actions includes, but is not limited to, any civil rights lawsuit seeking relief personally against any Indemnitee for an act or omission under color of state law, custom or usage, wherein it is alleged that such Indemnitee has deprived another person of rights secured under the Federal Constitution or laws, including, by way of example, actions under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 or other federal statute. The District hereby further agrees to provide legal representation to defend against any other litigation arising against an Indemnitee from the performance of their official duties while serving a public purpose, including civil, administrative or criminal actions as permitted by law. By these provisions, the District does not waive any immunity from liability or limited waiver of such

immunity as granted under Florida law. Rather, the District is stating that to the extent the State does not through its laws protect the Board and its officers from liability, the District is committed to doing so to the extent described in this Resolution and as permitted by law.

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

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

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

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

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

- a. The actions of the Indemnitee were outside the scope of his or her duties and authority;
or
- b. The acts or omissions of the Indemnitee constituted bad faith, malicious purpose, intentional infliction of harm or were done in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety or property; or

- c. The Indemnitee received financial profit or advantage to which he or she was not legally entitled.

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

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

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

- a. Consulting or other outside professional or business activities for which the Indemnitee received financial or other material compensation, which are outside the scope of his or her District duties and authority; and
- b. Any independent contractor for whom defense or indemnification is not authorized pursuant to Section 1(b) of this Resolution, unless the Board votes to authorize such indemnification, legal defense, or other protection; and
- c. Any fine, penalty or other punishment imposed as a result of conviction for a criminal offense, and any legal fees and costs incurred to defend criminal prosecution in which a conviction is obtained; and
- d. Claims brought against the Indemnitee by the District's Board of Supervisors; and
- e. Any indemnification or defense prohibited by law.

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

- a. Retain legal counsel appointed by the District, in which case legal counsel shall be paid directly by the District; or
- b. Retain legal counsel chosen by the Indemnitee, in which case the District shall have the right to:
 - i. Approve, in advance, any agreement for legal fees or disbursements; and

- ii. Pay all or part of the legal fees, costs and other disbursements and to set a maximum for legal fees, costs and other disbursements; and
- iii. Direct the defense and settle or compromise the action or claim; and
- iv. Reduce or offset any monies that may be payable by the District by any court costs or attorneys' fees awarded to the Indemnitee.

11. **NO ENLARGEMENT OF RIGHTS.** The benefits of the policy adopted in this Resolution shall not enlarge the rights that would have been available to any third-party plaintiff or claimant in the absence of this policy.

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

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

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

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

ATTEST:

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2024-12

[RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN]

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISTRICT'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN, INCLUDING THE CONVEYANCE AND/OR ACQUISITION OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY, EXECUTION OF PLATS, TRANSFER OF PERMITS, EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS AND CHANGE ORDERS, PAYMENT OF REQUISITIONS, AND OTHER ACTIONS AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; APPROVING THE SCOPE AND TERMS OF SUCH AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Sundance Community Development District (the "**District**") is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to construct, install, operate, and/or maintain systems and facilities for certain basic infrastructure, including but not limited to, roadways, stormwater management, utilities (water and sewer), offsite improvements, amenity, hardscaping/landscaping/irrigation/lighting; and

WHEREAS, the District has adopted or intends to adopt an "**Engineer's Report**," which sets forth the scope of the District's capital improvement plan ("**CIP**"); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the implementation of the CIP as described in the Engineer's Report, the District may, from time to time, (i) obtain, execute and/or accept permits, approvals, right-of-way agreements and other similar documents from governmental entities for the construction and/or operation of CIP improvements, (ii) accept, acquire, convey, dedicate and fund certain interests in real and personal property (e.g., roads, utilities, stormwater improvements, and other systems), and, for those purposes, may execute plats, deeds, easements, bills of sale, permit transfer documents, agreements, and other documents necessary for the conveyance and/or operation of CIP improvements, work product and land; (iii) contract for, and/or accept an assignment of contracts for, and/or execute change orders in connection with, site work and other contracts for the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, repair and/or replacement of CIP improvements; (iv) pay requisitions to fund the cost associated with the acquisition and/or construction of CIP improvements; and (v) otherwise take actions necessary to implement the CIP ((i) through (v) together, "**CIP Documents**"); and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the efficient development of the CIP, the District desires to authorize the Chairperson, and other officers in the Chairperson's absence, to approve and execute any CIP Documents, subject to the parameters set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that granting such authority is in the best interests of the District so that the development of the CIP 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 SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

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

2. AUTHORIZATION FOR CIP DOCUMENTS. The Chairperson of the District’s Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign, accept and/or execute CIP Documents as defined above. Any exercise of authority granted hereunder is subject to: (i) review and approval of the District Engineer and District Manager, in consultation with District Counsel, (ii) confirmation from the District Engineer that the action is consistent with the CIP as set forth in the Engineer’s Report, and (iii) confirmation from the District Engineer and District Manager that such action is reasonably necessary to timely implement the CIP. The District Manager shall make reasonable efforts to bring any CIP Documents back to the District’s Board of Supervisors for ratification at the next scheduled Board meeting, but the failure to do so shall not invalidate any exercise of authority granted hereunder.

The Vice Chairperson or Secretary of the District’s Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign, accept and/or execute any such CIP Documents in the Chairperson’s absence. The Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Assistant Secretaries of the District’s Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized to counter-sign such CIP Documents. District Staff is also authorized to take such actions as are necessary to effect the transactions contemplated under any executed CIP Documents.

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

4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed. This Resolution shall also apply to ratify all prior approvals and/or executions of CIP Documents.

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

ATTEST:

**SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson, Board of
Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2024-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SUNDANCE 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 Sundance 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 SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. **ADOPTION OF ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT GUIDELINES.** The District hereby adopts the alternative investment guidelines for the investment of public funds in excess of the amounts needed to meet current operating expenses, in accordance with Section 218.415(17), Florida Statutes. The District may invest in the following instruments and may divest itself of investments, at prevailing prices or rates:

- a. The Local Government Surplus Trust Fund, or any intergovernmental investment pool authorized pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act, as provided in Section 163.01, Florida Statutes.
- b. Securities and Exchange Commission registered money market funds with the highest quality rating from nationally recognized rating agency.
- c. Interest-bearing time deposits or savings accounts in qualified public depositories, as defined in Section 280.02, Florida Statutes.
- d. Direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury.

2. **LIQUIDITY.** Securities listed in paragraphs c. and d. shall be invested to provide sufficient liquidity to pay obligations as they come due.

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

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

ATTEST:

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2024-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SUNDANCE 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 Sundance 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 the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ATTEST:

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

EXHIBIT A

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

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

June 4, 2024

Sundance 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 Sundance 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 _____), email: _____.

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**
Sundance Community Development District
c/o Special District Services, Inc.
2501A Burns Rd.
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410
Attn: District Manager

- 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. With regard to contracts executed on or after July 1, 2021, if the District does not commence the dispute resolution procedure within the time provided herein, a Provider may give written notice via certified mail to the Agent, copying the District Manager, of the District's failure to timely commence its dispute resolution procedure. If the District fails to commence the dispute resolution procedure within 4 business days after receipt of such notice, any amounts resolved in the Provider's favor shall bear mandatory interest, as set forth in section 218.735(9), Florida Statutes, from the date on which the payment request or invoice containing the disputed amounts was Date Stamped. If the dispute resolution procedure is not commenced within 4 business days after receipt of the notice, the objection to the payment request or invoice shall be deemed waived. The waiver of an objection pursuant to this paragraph does not relieve a Provider of its contractual obligations.
4. Absent a written agreement to the contrary, if the Provider refuses or fails to provide the written statement required above, the Agent and/or District Manager is not required to contact the Provider in the investigation. In addition, and absent a written agreement to the contrary, if such written statement is not provided, the District may immediately contract with third parties to provide the goods and services subject to the dispute and deduct the costs of such third party purchases from amounts owed to the Provider.
5. The Board shall approve any decision of the District Manager to contract with a third party which would result in: 1) an expenditure above what is budgeted for the Construction Services or Non-Construction Services; or 2) an expenditure which exceeds the original contract amount for the Construction Services or Non-Construction Services by more than ten percent (10%) or Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000).
6. A written explanation of the final decision shall be sent to the Provider, via certified mail, within five (5) business days from the date on which such final decision is made. A copy of the written explanation of the final decision shall be provided to the Chairperson of the Board simultaneously with the certified mailing to the Provider.

7. If a Provider does not accept in writing the final decision within five (5) days after receipt by the Provider, the District may immediately contract with third parties to provide the goods and services subject to the dispute and deduct the costs of such third party purchases from amounts owed to the Provider. If the costs of the third party purchases exceed the amount the District owes to the Provider, the District may seek to recover such excess from the Provider in a court of law or as otherwise provided in an agreement between the District and the Provider. Nothing contained herein shall limit or affect the District's ability to enforce all of its legal and contractual rights and remedies against the Provider.

VIII. Purchases Involving Federal Funds or Bond Funds

When the District intends to pay for a purchase with federal funds or bond funds, the District shall make such purchases only upon reasonable assurances that federal funds or bond funds sufficient to cover the cost will be received. When payment is contingent upon the receipt of bond funds, federal funds or federal approval, the public procurement documents and any agreement with a Provider shall clearly state such contingency. (§218.77, Fla. Stat.).

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

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

X. Late Payment Interest Charges

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

A. Related to Non-Construction Goods and Services

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

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

B. Related to Construction Services

All payments for Construction Services that are not made within the time periods specified within the applicable statute, shall bear interest from thirty (30) days after the due date, at the rate of one percent (1%) per month for contracts executed on or before June 30, 2021, and at the rate of two percent (2%) per month for contracts executed on or after July 1, 2021, or the rate specified by agreement, whichever is greater. §218.735(9), Fla. Stat. The Provider must submit a Proper Payment Request to the District for any interest accrued in order to receive the interest payment. An overdue period of less than one (1) month is considered as one (1) month in computing interest. (§218.74 (4), Fla. Stat.).

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

C. Report of Interest

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

RESOLUTION 2024-15

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

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

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

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

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

1. **RECITALS.** The foregoing “**WHEREAS**” clauses are true and correct and are hereby ratified and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT.** The execution of the attached Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement is hereby authorized, and the Agreement is hereby approved.
3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

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

ATTEST:

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A
Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement

RESOLUTION 2024-16

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 1. POLICY.** The District hereby adopts the Travel Reimbursement Policy, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- 2. SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this Resolution or the Travel Reimbursement Policy is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
- 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

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

ATTEST:

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

EXHIBIT A

**SUNDANCE 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 Sundance Community Development District (“District”).
- 1.2** Except as otherwise provided, prior authorization for travel is not required, but reimbursable expenses will be limited to those expenses incurred in the performance of official duties undertaken in connection with such public purposes as the District has been authorized by law to perform.
- 1.3** All claims submitted for reimbursement must be accompanied by a written statement that they are true and correct as to every material matter.

2.0 TRANSPORTATION.

- 2.1** All travel must be by a reasonably direct or usually traveled route. In the event a person travels by an indirect route for his/her own convenience, any additional cost shall be borne by the traveler and reimbursement for expenses shall be based on the usually traveled route.
- 2.2** Commercial travel shall be by the most economical method, tourist or coach class. First class rates will be paid only in the event that a statement is attached to the claim certifying that tourist or coach seating was unavailable.
- 2.3** When available without penalty for cancellation, travelers should take advantage of discount fares.
- 2.4** Transportation by common carrier when traveling on official business and paid for by the traveler shall be substantiated by a receipt.
- 2.5** Rental car expenses shall be substantiated by a copy of the rental agreement.
- 2.6** Whenever travel is by a privately-owned vehicle, the traveler shall be entitled to a mileage allowance at the fixed rate per mile as established by the IRS. Should the IRS increase the mileage allowance, the District shall, without further action, be permitted to reimburse travelers at the increased rate. As of January 1, 2023, the mileage rate is 65.5 cents per mile.

2.7 All mileage shall be from point of origin to point of destination. When travel commences from a location other than the traveler's official headquarters, mileage shall be calculated on the basis of the distance from the headquarters city to the point of destination, unless the actual distance is shorter. Vicinity mileage necessary for conduct of official business is allowable, but must be identified as a separate item on the claim for reimbursement of expenses.

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

3.0 INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

3.1 Reasonable travel-related expenses for meals, lodging, gratuities, taxi fares, tolls, parking fees, and business-related telephone, telegraph, and facsimile charges shall also be reimbursed if substantiated by receipts.

3.2 Registration fees and other actual and necessary expenses for conventions, conferences and seminars which will serve a direct public purpose related to District activities will be considered reimbursable if persons attending such meetings receive prior approval. In the event room or meal expenses are included in the registration fee, reimbursement for these expenses will be reduced accordingly.

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES
FOR THE SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

RFQ for Engineering Services

The Sundance Community Development District (“**District**”), located in Port St. Lucie, Florida, announces that professional engineering services will be required on a continuing basis for the District’s stormwater systems, and other public improvements authorized by Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*. The engineering firm selected will act in the general capacity of District Engineer and will provide District engineering services, as required.

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

The District will review all Applicants and will comply with Florida law, including the Consultant’s Competitive Negotiations Act, Chapter 287, *Florida Statutes* (“**CCNA**”). All Applicants interested must submit electronic copies of Standard Form No. 330 and the Qualification Statement by 12:00 p.m. on [REDACTED] to the attention of _____ (by email to: _____) (“**District Manager’s Office**”).

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

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

Any protest regarding the terms of this Notice, or the evaluation criteria on file with the District Manager, must be filed in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours (excluding weekends) after the publication of this Notice. The formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts

and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days after the initial notice of protest was filed. Failure to timely file a notice of protest or failure to timely file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of any right to object or protest with respect to aforesaid Notice or evaluation criteria provisions. Any person who files a notice of protest shall provide to the District, simultaneous with the filing of the notice, a protest bond with a responsible surety to be approved by the District and in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00).

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

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

DISTRICT ENGINEER PROPOSALS

COMPETITIVE SELECTION CRITERIA

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

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

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

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

3) Geographic Location (Weight: 20 Points)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES**

The Sundance Community Development District hereby requests proposals for annual financial auditing services. The proposal must provide for the auditing of the District's financial records for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, with an option for four (4) additional optional annual renewals. The District is a local unit of special-purpose government created under Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, for the purpose of financing, constructing, and maintaining public infrastructure. The District is located in Port St. Lucie, Florida. The final contract will require that, among other things, the audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, be completed no later than June 30, 2025.

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

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

Proposers must provide eight (8) copies of their proposal to _____ (or by email _____) ("**District Manager**"), in an envelope marked on the outside "Auditing Services, Sundance Community Development District." Proposals must be received by _____ .m. on _____, _____, 2024, at the office of the District Manager. Please direct all questions regarding this Notice to the District Manager.

District Manager

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

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

District Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2024

Port St. Lucie, Florida

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

SECTION 1. DUE DATE. Sealed proposals must be received no later than _____, _____, **2024**, at ____m., at the offices of District Manager, located at c/o Special District Services, Inc., 2501A Burns Rd., Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410. Proposals will be publicly opened at that time.

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

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

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

SECTION 5. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL. Submit eight (8) copies of the Proposal Documents, and other requested attachments at the time and place indicated herein, which shall be enclosed in an opaque sealed envelope, marked with the title "Auditing Services – Sundance Community Development District" on the face of it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 13. PROTESTS. In accordance with the District's Rules of Procedure, any protest regarding the Proposal Documents, must be filed in writing, at the offices of the District Manager, within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays) after the receipt of the Proposal Documents. The formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. Failure to timely file a notice of protest or failure to timely file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of any right to object or protest with respect to the aforesaid Proposal Documents.

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

**SUNDANCE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
AUDITOR SELECTION
EVALUATION CRITERIA**

1. Ability of Personnel. (20 Points)

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

2. Proposer’s Experience. (20 Points)

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

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

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

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

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

5. Price. (20 Points)***

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

Total (100 Points)

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

RESOLUTION 2024-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING THE ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 meeting schedule attached as **Exhibit A**.

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

1. **ADOPTING ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE.** The Fiscal Year 2023-2024 annual meeting schedule attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved and shall be published in accordance with the requirements of Florida law and also provided to applicable governing authorities.

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

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

ATTEST:

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Comp. Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Annual Meeting Schedule

EXHIBIT "A"

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING DATES
SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

The Board of Supervisors of the Sundance Community Development District will hold their regular meetings for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 at _____, at _____.m. unless otherwise indicated as follows:

[Insert Meeting Dates]

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 Special District Services, Inc., 2501A Burns Rd., Palm Beach Gardens, Florida or by calling (772) 345-5119.

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 (813) 933-5571 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.

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

District Manager

RESOLUTION 2024-18

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

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

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Supervisors ("**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 the Ordinance creating the District ("**Ordinance**") was _____; 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 THE SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. ELECTION. 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 _____, at _____ .m. at _____.

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

3. ANNOUNCEMENT; DOCUMENTS. Pursuant to Section 190.006(2)(b), *Florida Statutes*, the landowners' meeting and election is hereby announced at the Board's organizational meeting held on _____. 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**. Such documents are available for review and copying during normal business hours at the Office of the District Manager, Special District Services, Inc., 2501A Burns Rd., Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410.

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

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

ATTEST:

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

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

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

Notice is hereby given to the public and all landowners within Sundance Community Development District (“District”) the location of which is generally described as comprising a parcel or parcels of land containing approximately _____ acres, located east of _____, west of _____, south of _____ and north of _____ in St. Lucie County, Florida, advising that a meeting of landowners will be held for the purpose of electing five (5) person/people to the District’s Board of Supervisors (“Board”, and individually, “Supervisor”). Immediately following the landowners’ meeting there will be convened a meeting of the Board for the purpose of considering certain matters of the Board to include election of certain District officers, and other such business which may properly come before the Board.

DATE: _____
TIME: _____
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 Special District Services, Inc., 2501A Burns Rd., Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410 (“District Manager’s Office”). At said meeting each landowner or his or her proxy shall be entitled to nominate persons for the position of Supervisor and cast one vote per acre of land, or fractional portion thereof, owned by him or her and located within the District for each person to be elected to the position of Supervisor. A fraction of an acre shall be treated as one acre, entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Platted lots shall be counted individually and rounded up to the nearest whole acre. The acreage of platted lots shall not be aggregated for determining the number of voting units held by a landowner or a landowner’s proxy. At the landowners’ meeting the landowners shall select a person to serve as the meeting chair and who shall conduct the meeting.

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

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

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

District Manager
Run Date(s): _____ & _____

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

**INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO LANDOWNERS' MEETING OF THE
SUNDANCE 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

**SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
LANDOWNERS' MEETING**

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 District to be held at the offices of _____ on _____ at _____ .m. and at any adjournments thereof, according to the number of acres of unplatted land and/or platted lots owned by the undersigned landowner that the undersigned would be entitled to vote if then personally present, upon any question, proposition, or resolution or any other matter or thing that may be considered at said meeting including, but not limited to, the election of members of the Board of Supervisors. Said Proxy Holder may vote in accordance with his or her discretion on all matters not known or determined at the time of solicitation of this proxy, which may legally be considered at said meeting.

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

Printed Name of Legal Owner

Signature of Legal Owner

Date

<u>Parcel Description</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Authorized Votes</u>
<u>See attached</u>	_____ 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: _____

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
SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
LANDOWNERS' MEETING**

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 each successful candidate 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 District and described as follows:

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

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

or

Attach Proxy.

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

NAME OF CANDIDATE	NUMBER OF VOTES
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

RESOLUTION 2024-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SUNDANCE 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, Sundance Community Development District (“**District**”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

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

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

1. PUBLIC HEARING. A Public Hearing will be held to adopt the District’s Rules of Procedure on _____, 2024, at _____ .m., _____.

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

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

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

ATTEST:

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

**RULES OF PROCEDURE
SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

EFFECTIVE AS OF _____, 2024

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Rule 1.0 General.

- (1) The _____ Community Development District (“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 (“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 (“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 authorized or required by statute or these Rules, at least seven (7) days' public notice shall be given of any public meeting, hearing or workshop of the Board. Public notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. A newspaper is deemed to be a newspaper of "general circulation" within the District and county in which the District is located if such newspaper has been in existence for two (2) years at the time of publication of the applicable notice (unless no newspaper within the county has been published for such length) and satisfies the criteria of section 50.011(1), Florida Statutes, or if such newspaper is a direct successor of a newspaper which has been so published, as such provisions may be amended from time to time by law. The annual meeting notice required to be published by Section 189.015 of the Florida Statutes, shall be published as provided in Chapter 50, Florida Statutes, and such notice published consistent with Chapter 50 shall satisfy the requirement to give at least seven (7) days' public notice stated herein. Each Notice shall state, as applicable:
- (a) The date, time and place of the meeting, hearing or workshop;
 - (b) A brief description of the nature, subjects, and purposes of the meeting, hearing, or workshop;
 - (c) The District office address for the submission of requests for copies of the agenda, as well as a contact name and telephone number for verbal requests for copies of the agenda; and
 - (d) The following or substantially similar language: "Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting/hearing/workshop is asked to advise the District Office at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting/hearing/workshop by contacting the District Manager at (813) 933-5571. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1 (800) 955-8770 or 1 (800) 955-8771, who can aid you in contacting the District Office."
 - (e) The following or substantially similar language: "A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting/hearing/workshop with respect to any matter considered at the meeting/hearing/workshop is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."

- (f) The following or substantially similar language: “The meeting [or hearing or workshop] may be continued in progress without additional notice to a time, date, and location stated on the record.”

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

- (2) Mistake. In the event that a meeting is held under the incorrect assumption that notice required by law and these Rules has been given, the Board at its next properly noticed meeting shall cure such defect by considering the agenda items from the prior meeting individually and anew.
- (3) Agenda. The District Manager, under the guidance of District Counsel and the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, shall prepare an agenda of the meeting/hearing/workshop. The agenda and any meeting materials available in an electronic format, excluding any 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: §§ 50.011, 50.031, 189.015, 189.069(2)(a)15, 190.006, 190.007, 190.008, 286.0105, 286.011, 286.0113, 286.0114, Fla. Stat.

Rule 1.4 Internal Controls to Prevent Fraud, Waste and Abuse

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

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

Rule 2.0 Rulemaking Proceedings.

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

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

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

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

Florida Statutes, may be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located.

- (10) Rulemaking Record. In all rulemaking proceedings, the District shall compile and maintain a rulemaking record. The record shall include, if applicable:
- (a) The texts of the proposed rule and the adopted rule;
 - (b) All notices given for a proposed rule;
 - (c) Any statement of estimated regulatory costs for the rule;
 - (d) A written summary of hearings, if any, on the proposed rule;
 - (e) All written comments received by the District and responses to those written comments; and
 - (f) All notices and findings pertaining to an emergency rule.
- (11) Petitions to Challenge Existing Rules.
- (a) Any person substantially affected by a rule may seek an administrative determination of the invalidity of the rule on the ground that the rule is an invalid exercise of the District's authority.
 - (b) The petition seeking an administrative determination must state with particularity the provisions alleged to be invalid with sufficient explanation of the facts or grounds for the alleged invalidity and facts sufficient to show that the person challenging a rule is substantially affected by it.
 - (c) The petition shall be filed with the District. Within 10 days after receiving the petition, the Chairperson shall, if the petition complies with the requirements of subsection (b) of this section, designate any member of the Board (including the Chairperson), District Manager, District Counsel, or other person as a hearing officer who shall conduct a hearing within 30 days thereafter, unless the petition is withdrawn or a continuance is granted by agreement of the parties. The failure of the District to follow the applicable rulemaking procedures or requirements in this Rule shall be presumed to be material; however, the District may rebut this presumption by showing that the substantial interests of the petitioner and the fairness of the proceedings have not been impaired.
 - (d) Within 30 days after the hearing, the hearing officer shall render a decision and state the reasons therefor in writing.

- (e) Hearings held under this section shall be de novo in nature. The petitioner has a burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the existing rule is an invalid exercise of District authority as to the objections raised. The hearing officer may:
 - (i) Administer oaths and affirmations;
 - (ii) Rule upon offers of proof and receive relevant evidence;
 - (iii) Regulate the course of the hearing, including any pre-hearing matters;
 - (iv) Enter orders; and
 - (v) Make or receive offers of settlement, stipulation, and adjustment.
 - (f) The petitioner and the District shall be adverse parties. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings.
- (12) Variations and Waivers. A “variance” means a decision by the District to grant a modification to all or part of the literal requirements of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule. A “waiver” means a decision by the District not to apply all or part of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule. Variations and waivers from District rules may be granted subject to the following:
- (a) Variations and waivers shall be granted when the person subject to the rule demonstrates that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means by the person, and when application of the rule would create a substantial hardship or would violate principles of fairness. For purposes of this section, "substantial hardship" means a demonstrated economic, technological, legal, or other type of hardship to the person requesting the variance or waiver. For purposes of this section, "principles of fairness" are violated when the literal application of a rule affects a particular person in a manner significantly different from the way it affects other similarly situated persons who are subject to the rule.
 - (b) A person who is subject to regulation by a District Rule may file a petition with the District, requesting a variance or waiver from the District’s Rule. Each petition shall specify:
 - (i) The rule from which a variance or waiver is requested;
 - (ii) The type of action requested;

- (iii) The specific facts that would justify a waiver or variance for the petitioner; and
 - (iv) The reason why the variance or the waiver requested would serve the purposes of the underlying statute.
 - (c) The District shall review the petition and may request only that information needed to clarify the petition or to answer new questions raised by or directly related to the petition. If the petitioner asserts that any request for additional information is not authorized by law or by Rule of the District, the District shall proceed, at the petitioner's written request, to process the petition.
 - (d) The Board shall grant or deny a petition for variance or waiver and shall announce such disposition at a publicly held meeting of the Board, within ninety (90) days after receipt of the original petition, the last item of timely requested additional material, or the petitioner's written request to finish processing the petition. The District's statement granting or denying the petition shall contain a statement of the relevant facts and reasons supporting the District's action.
- (13) Rates, Fees, Rentals and Other Charges. All rates, fees, rentals, or other charges shall be subject to rulemaking proceedings. Policies adopted by the District which do not consist of rates, fees, rentals or other charges may be, but are not required to be, implemented through rulemaking proceedings.

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

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

Rule 3.0 Competitive Purchase.

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

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

hurricanes, accidents, or any circumstances or cause beyond the control of the Board in the normal conduct of its business), where the Board finds that the delay incident to competitive purchase would be detrimental to the interests of the District. This includes, but is not limited to, instances where the time to competitively award the project will jeopardize the funding for the project, will materially increase the cost of the project, or will create an undue hardship on the public health, safety, or welfare.

- (i) "Invitation to Bid" is a written solicitation for sealed bids with the title, date, and hour of the public bid opening designated specifically and defining the commodity or service involved. It includes printed instructions prescribing conditions for bidding, qualification, evaluation criteria, and provides for a manual signature of an authorized representative. It may include one or more bid alternates.
- (j) "Invitation to Negotiate" means a written solicitation for competitive sealed replies to select one or more vendors with which to commence negotiations for the procurement of commodities or services.
- (k) "Negotiate" means to conduct legitimate, arm's length discussions and conferences to reach an agreement on a term or price.
- (l) "Professional Services" means those services within the scope of the practice of architecture, professional engineering, landscape architecture, or registered surveying and mapping, as defined by the laws of Florida, or those services performed by any architect, professional engineer, landscape architect, or registered surveyor and mapper, in connection with the firm's or individual's professional employment or practice.
- (m) "Proposal (or Reply or Response) Most Advantageous to the District" means, as determined in the sole discretion of the Board, the proposal, reply, or response that is:
 - (i) Submitted by a person or firm capable and qualified in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements, who has the integrity and reliability to assure good faith performance;
 - (ii) The most responsive to the Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation as determined by the Board; and
 - (iii) For a cost to the District deemed by the Board to be reasonable.

- (n) "Purchase" means acquisition by sale, rent, lease, lease/purchase, or installment sale. It does not include transfer, sale, or exchange of goods, supplies, or materials between the District and any federal, state, regional or local governmental entity or political subdivision of the State of Florida.
- (o) "Request for Proposals" or "RFP" is a written solicitation for sealed proposals with the title, date, and hour of the public opening designated and requiring the manual signature of an authorized representative. It may provide general information, applicable laws and rules, statement of work, functional or general specifications, qualifications, proposal instructions, work detail analysis, and evaluation criteria as necessary.
- (p) "Responsive and Responsible Bidder" means an entity or individual that has submitted a bid that conforms in all material respects to the Invitation to Bid and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. "Responsive and Responsible Vendor" means an entity or individual that has submitted a proposal, reply, or response that conforms in all material respects to the Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. In determining whether an entity or individual is a Responsive and Responsible Bidder (or Vendor), the District may consider, in addition to factors described in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, the following:
 - (i) The ability and adequacy of the professional personnel employed by the entity/individual;
 - (ii) The past performance of the entity/individual for the District and in other professional employment;
 - (iii) The willingness of the entity/individual to meet time and budget requirements;
 - (iv) The geographic location of the entity's/individual's headquarters or office in relation to the project;
 - (v) The recent, current, and projected workloads of the entity/individual;
 - (vi) The volume of work previously awarded to the entity/individual;

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

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: §§ 190.033, 255.20, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.1 Procedure Under the Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act.

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

- (d) Meet any qualification requirements set forth in the District's Request for Qualifications.

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

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

- (4) Competitive Selection.

- (a) The Board shall review and evaluate the data submitted in response to the notice described in section (3) of this Rule regarding qualifications and performance ability, as well as any statements of qualifications on file. The Board shall conduct discussions with, and may require public presentation by consultants regarding their qualifications, approach to the Project, and ability to furnish the required services. The Board shall then select and list the consultants, in order of preference, deemed to be the most highly capable and qualified to perform the required Professional Services, after considering these and other appropriate criteria:

- (i) The ability and adequacy of the professional personnel employed by each consultant;
- (ii) Whether a consultant is a certified minority business enterprise;
- (iii) Each consultant's past performance;

- (iv) The willingness of each consultant to meet time and budget requirements;
 - (v) The geographic location of each consultant's headquarters, office and personnel in relation to the project;
 - (vi) The recent, current, and projected workloads of each consultant; and
 - (vii) The volume of work previously awarded to each consultant by the District.
- (b) Nothing in these Rules shall prevent the District from evaluating and eventually selecting a consultant if less than three (3) Responsive qualification packages, including packages indicating a desire not to provide Professional Services on a given Project, are received.
 - (c) If the selection process is administered by any person or committee other than the full Board, the selection made will be presented to the full Board with a recommendation that competitive negotiations be instituted with the selected firms in order of preference listed.
 - (d) Notice of the rankings adopted by the Board, including the rejection of some or all qualification packages, shall be provided in writing to all consultants by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's ranking decisions under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

(5) Competitive Negotiation.

- (a) After the Board has authorized the beginning of competitive negotiations, the District may begin such negotiations with the firm listed as most qualified to perform the required Professional Services at a rate or amount of compensation which the Board determines is fair, competitive, and reasonable.
- (b) In negotiating a lump-sum or cost-plus-a-fixed-fee professional contract for more than the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR, the firm receiving the award shall be required to execute a truth-in-negotiation certificate stating that "wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are

accurate, complete and current at the time of contracting." In addition, any professional service contract under which such a certificate is required, shall contain a provision that "the original contract price and any additions thereto, shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the Board determines the contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or noncurrent wage rates and other factual unit costs."

- (c) Should the District be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the firm determined to be the most qualified at a price deemed by the District to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, then negotiations with that firm shall be terminated and the District shall immediately begin negotiations with the second most qualified firm. If a satisfactory agreement with the second firm cannot be reached, those negotiations shall be terminated and negotiations with the third most qualified firm shall be undertaken.
 - (d) Should the District be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with one of the top three (3) ranked consultants, additional firms shall be selected by the District, in order of their competence and qualifications. Negotiations shall continue, beginning with the first-named firm on the list, until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.
- (6) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
 - (7) Continuing Contract. Nothing in this Rule shall prohibit a Continuing Contract between a consultant and the District.
 - (8) Emergency Purchase. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these Rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

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

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

Rule 3.2 Procedure Regarding Auditor Selection.

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

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Auditing Services" means those services within the scope of the practice of a certified public accounting firm licensed under Chapter 473 of the Florida Statutes, and qualified to conduct audits in accordance with government auditing standards as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy.

(b) "Committee" means the auditor selection committee appointed by the Board as described in section (2) of this Rule.

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Evaluation Criteria. The factors established for the evaluation of Auditing Services by the Committee shall include, but are not limited to:

- (i) Ability of personnel;
- (ii) Experience;
- (iii) Ability to furnish the required services; and
- (iv) Such other factors as may be determined by the Committee to be applicable to its particular requirements.

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

(4) Public Announcement. After identifying the factors to be used in evaluating the proposals for Auditing Services as set forth in section (3) of this Rule, the Committee shall publicly announce the opportunity to provide Auditing Services. Such public announcement shall include a brief description of the audit and how interested firms can apply for consideration and obtain the RFP. The notice shall appear in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the District and the

county in which the District is located. The public announcement shall allow for at least seven (7) days for the submission of proposals.

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

- (b) Where compensation was selected as a factor used in evaluating the proposals, the Board shall select the highest-ranked qualified firm or document in its public records the reason for not selecting the highest-ranked qualified firm.
 - (c) In negotiations with firms under this Rule, the Board may allow the District Manager, District Counsel, or other designee to conduct negotiations on its behalf.
 - (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board may reject any or all proposals. The Board shall not consider any proposal, or enter into any contract for Auditing Services, unless the proposed agreed-upon compensation is reasonable to satisfy the requirements of Section 218.39 of the Florida Statutes, and the needs of the District.
- (8) Contract. Any agreement reached under this Rule shall be evidenced by a written contract, which may take the form of an engagement letter signed and executed by both parties. The written contract shall include all provisions and conditions of the procurement of such services and shall include, at a minimum, the following:
- (a) A provision specifying the services to be provided and fees or other compensation for such services;
 - (b) A provision requiring that invoices for fees or other compensation be submitted in sufficient detail to demonstrate compliance with the terms of the contract;
 - (c) A provision setting forth deadlines for the auditor to submit a preliminary draft audit report to the District for review and to submit a final audit report no later than June 30 of the fiscal year that follows the fiscal year for which the audit is being conducted;
 - (d) A provision specifying the contract period, including renewals, and conditions under which the contract may be terminated or renewed. The maximum contract period including renewals shall be five (5) years. A renewal may be done without the use of the auditor selection procedures provided in this Rule but must be in writing.
 - (e) Provisions required by law that require the auditor to comply with public records laws.
- (9) Notice of Award. Once a negotiated agreement with a firm or individual is reached, or the Board authorizes the execution of an agreement with a firm where compensation was a factor in the evaluation of proposals, notice of the intent to

award, including the rejection of some or all proposals, shall be provided in writing to all proposers by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests regarding the award of contracts under this Rule shall be as provided for in Rule 3.11. No proposer shall be entitled to recover any costs of proposal preparation or submittal from the District.

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

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 218.33, 218.391, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.3 Purchase of Insurance.

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

offices in relation to the District, and the ability of the company to guarantee premium stability may be considered. A contract to purchase insurance shall be awarded to that company whose response to the Invitation to Bid best meets the overall needs of the District, its officers, employees, and/or dependents.

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

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

Law Implemented: § 112.08, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.4 Pre-qualification

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

pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies or responses in response to the applicable Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

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

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

- (g) Qualifications shall be presented to the Board, or a committee appointed by the Board, for evaluation in accordance with the Request for Qualifications and this Rule. Minor variations in the qualifications may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature.
- (h) All vendors determined by the District to meet the pre-qualification requirements shall be pre-qualified. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the requirements contained in a Request for Qualifications, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of qualifications. For construction services, any contractor pre-qualified and considered eligible by the Department of Transportation to bid to perform the type of work the project entails shall be presumed to be qualified to perform the project.

(i) The Board shall have the right to reject all qualifications if there are not enough to be competitive or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of qualification preparation or submittal from the District.

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

(3) Suspension, Revocation, or Denial of Qualification

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

- i. One of the circumstances specified under Section 337.16(2), Fla. Stat., has occurred.
- ii. Affiliated contractors submitted more than one proposal for the same work. In this event the pre-qualified status of all of the affiliated bidders will be revoked, suspended, or denied. All bids of affiliated bidders will be rejected.
- iii. The vendor made or submitted false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements, certifications, or materials in any claim for payment or any information required by any District contract.
- iv. The vendor or its affiliate defaulted on any contract or a contract surety assumed control of financial responsibility for any contract of the vendor.

- v. The vendor's qualification to bid is suspended, revoked, or denied by any other public or semi-public entity, or the vendor has been the subject of a civil enforcement proceeding or settlement involving a public or semi-public entity.
- vi. The vendor failed to comply with contract or warranty requirements or failed to follow District direction in the performance of a contract.
- vii. The vendor failed to timely furnish all contract documents required by the contract specifications, special provisions, or by any state or federal statutes or regulations. If the vendor fails to furnish any of the subject contract documents by the expiration of the period of suspension, revocation, or denial set forth above, the vendor's pre-qualified status shall remain suspended, revoked, or denied until the documents are furnished.
- viii. The vendor failed to notify the District within 10 days of the vendor, or any of its affiliates, being declared in default or otherwise not completing work on a contract or being suspended from qualification to bid or denied qualification to bid by any other public or semi-public agency.
- ix. The vendor did not pay its subcontractors or suppliers in a timely manner or in compliance with contract documents.
- x. The vendor has demonstrated instances of poor or unsatisfactory performance, deficient management resulting in project delay, poor quality workmanship, a history of payment of liquidated damages, untimely completion of projects, uncooperative attitude, contract litigation, inflated claims or defaults.
- xi. An affiliate of the vendor has previously been determined by the District to be non-responsible, and the specified period of suspension, revocation, denial, or non-responsibility remains in effect.
- xii. The vendor or affiliate(s) has been convicted of a contract crime.
 - 1. The term "contract crime" means any violation of state or federal antitrust laws with respect to a public contract or any violation of any state or federal law involving fraud, bribery, collusion, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation with respect to a public contract.
 - 2. The term "convicted" or "conviction" means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a contract crime, with or without an

adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record as a result of a jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.

- (b) A denial, suspension, or revocation shall prohibit the vendor from being a subcontractor on District work during the period of denial, suspension, or revocation, except when a prime contractor's bid has used prices of a subcontractor who becomes disqualified after the bid, but before the request for authorization to sublet is presented.
- (c) The District shall inform the vendor in writing of its intent to deny, suspend, or revoke its pre-qualified status and inform the vendor of its right to a hearing, the procedure which must be followed, and the applicable time limits. If a hearing is requested within 10 days after the receipt of the notice of intent, the hearing shall be held within 30 days after receipt by the District of the request for the hearing. The decision shall be issued within 15 days after the hearing.
- (d) Such suspension or revocation shall not affect the vendor's obligations under any preexisting contract.
- (e) In the case of contract crimes, the vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be revoked indefinitely. For all violations of Rule 3.4(3)(a) other than for the vendor's conviction for contract crimes, the revocation, denial, or suspension of a vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be for a specific period of time based on the seriousness of the deficiency.

Examples of factors affecting the seriousness of a deficiency are:

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

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

Rule 3.5 Construction Contracts, Not Design-Build.

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

accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.

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

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

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

- (f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses, or the portions of which that include the price, shall be publicly opened at a meeting noticed in accordance with Rule 1.3, and at which at least one district representative

is present. The name of each bidder and the price submitted in the bid shall be announced at such meeting and shall be made available upon request. Minutes should be taken at the meeting and maintained by the District. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and these Rules. Minor variations in the bids, proposals, replies, or responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.

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

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

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

- (d) The District, after public notice, conducts a public meeting under Section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes, and finds by a majority vote of the Board that it is in the public's best interest to perform the project using its own services, employees, and equipment.

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

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

Rule 3.6 Construction Contracts, Design-Build.

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

(ii) Competitive Proposal-Based Selection. If the competitive proposal selection process is utilized, the Board, in consultation with the Design Criteria Professional, shall establish the criteria, standards and procedures for the evaluation of Design-Build Proposals based on price, technical, and design aspects of the project, weighted for the project. After a Design Criteria Package and the standards and procedures for evaluation of proposals have been developed, competitive proposals from qualified firms shall be solicited pursuant to the design criteria by the following procedure:

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

- d. Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Request for Proposals and Design Criteria Package.

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

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

4. The proposals, or the portions of which that include the price, shall be publicly opened at a meeting noticed in accordance with Rule 1.3, and at which at least one district representative is present. The name of each bidder and the price submitted in the bid shall be announced at such meeting and shall be made available upon request. Minutes should be taken at the meeting and maintained by the District. In consultation with the Design Criteria Professional, the Board shall evaluate the proposals received based on evaluation criteria and procedures established prior to the solicitation of proposals, including but not limited to qualifications, availability, and past work of the firms and the partners and members thereof. The Board shall then select no fewer than three (3) Design-Build Firms as the most qualified.
5. The Board shall have the right to reject all proposals if **the proposals are too high**, or rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of proposal preparation or submittal from the District.
6. If less than three (3) Responsive Proposals are received, the District may purchase design-build services or may reject the proposals for lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive

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

7. Notice of the rankings adopted by the Board, including the rejection of some or all proposals, shall be provided in writing to all consultants by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's rankings under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
8. The Board shall negotiate a contract with the firm ranking the highest based on the evaluation standards and shall establish a price which the Board determines is fair, competitive and reasonable. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the second most qualified firm, based on the ranking by the evaluation standards. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the second most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the third most qualified firm. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the third most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with any of the selected firms, the Board shall select additional firms in order of their rankings based on the evaluation standards and continue negotiations until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.

9. After the Board contracts with a firm, the firm shall bring to the Board for approval, detailed working drawings of the project.
 10. The Design Criteria Professional shall evaluate the compliance of the detailed working drawings and project construction with the Design Criteria Package and shall provide the Board with a report of the same.
- (3) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
 - (4) Emergency Purchase. The Board may, in case of public emergency, declare an emergency and immediately proceed with negotiations with the best qualified Design-Build Firm available at the time. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.
 - (5) Exceptions. This Rule is inapplicable when:
 - (a) The project is undertaken as repair or maintenance of an existing public facility;
 - (b) The funding source of the project will be diminished or lost because the time required to competitively award the project after the funds become available exceeds the time within which the funding source must be spent;
 - (c) The District has competitively awarded a project and the contractor has abandoned the project or the District has terminated the contractor; or
 - (d) The District, after public notice, conducts a public meeting under Section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes, and finds by a majority vote of the Board that it is in the public's best interest to perform the project using its own services, employees, and equipment.

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

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

Rule 3.7 Payment and Performance Bonds.

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

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

Law Implemented: § 255.05, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.8 Goods, Supplies, and Materials.

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

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

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

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

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

Responsive Bid is submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder whose principal place of business is located in a foreign state which does not grant a preference in competitive purchase to businesses whose principal place of business are in that foreign state, the lowest 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 _____, 2024 except that no election of officers required by these Rules shall be required until after the next regular election for the Board.

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

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

RESOLUTION 2024-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A PUBLIC DEPOSITORY FOR FUNDS OF THE SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors (“**Board**”) is statutorily authorized to select a depository as defined in Section 280.02, *Florida Statutes*, which meets all the requirements of Chapter 280 and has been designated by the State Treasurer as a qualified public depository; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to designate a public depository for the District funds.

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

1. DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC DEPOSITORY. Seacoast Bank is hereby designated as the public depository for District funds. In accordance with Section 280.17(4), *Florida Statutes*, the District’s Secretary is directed to furnish to the State Treasurer prior to the deposit of any public funds, the District’s official name, address, federal employer identification number, and the name of the person or persons responsible for establishing accounts. The District’s Treasurer, upon assuming responsibility for handling the District funds, is directed to furnish to the State Treasurer annually the information required in accordance with Section 280.17(3), *Florida Statutes*.

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

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

ATTEST:

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DISTRICT CHECKING/OPERATING ACCOUNT, DESIGNATING DISTRICT OFFICIALS AND/OR AUTHORIZED STAFF TO REVIEW, APPROVE AND ISSUE PAYMENT OF EXPENDITURES, SELECTING THE SIGNATORIES THEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Sundance Community Development District ("District") has established a District checking/operating account in order for the District to expend public funds of the District as authorized and required; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of the District shall designate authorized staff and/or District officials to approve expenditures, via electronic or non-electronic approval processes, from the checking/operating account;

WHEREAS, the Board of the District has selected Todd Wodraska, Jason Pierman, Patricia LasCasas, Frank Sakuma and _____ to serve as the signatories, as required, on the District checking/operating account; and

WHEREAS, all resolutions or parts thereof of the District in conflict with the provisions contained herein are to the extent of any such conflict, hereby superseded and repealed.

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

Section 1. The above recitals are hereby adopted.

Section 2. Each expenditure from the checking/operating account will require a minimum of two (2) approvals and a designated member of the Board, by an electronic approval procedure, will have an opportunity to review the District's expenditure(s) prior to release of payment(s).

Section 3. When necessary to write checks, the signatures of two (2) of the six (6) signatories named herein will be required on all District checks tendered from the District checking/operating account, as approved.

PASSED, ADOPTED and becomes EFFECTIVE this 4th day of June, 2024.

ATTEST:

**SUNDANCE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

By: _____
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

By: _____
Chairperson/Vice Chairperson

RESOLUTION 2024-22

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

WHEREAS, the Sundance Community Development District ("**District**") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida*; and

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

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

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

- 1. POLICY.** The attached Internal Controls Policy attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby adopted pursuant to this Resolution.
- 2. SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
- 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

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

ATTEST:

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

EXHIBIT "A"

**SUNDANCE 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 Sundance 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: _____

RESOLUTION 2024-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF CERTAIN CONTINUING EXPENSES WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF CERTAIN NON-CONTINUING EXPENSES WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; PROVIDING FOR A MONETARY THRESHOLD; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

WHEREAS, section 190.011(5), *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to adopt resolutions that may be necessary for the conduct of District business; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Supervisors (“**Board**”) meets as necessary to conduct the business of the District, including authorizing the payment of District operating and maintenance expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Board may establish monthly, quarterly or other meeting dates not on a monthly basis, or may cancel scheduled meetings from time to time; and

WHEREAS, to conduct the business of the District in an efficient manner, recurring, non-recurring and other disbursements for goods and services must be processed and paid in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the Board determines this Resolution is in the best interest of the District and is necessary for the efficient conduct of District business; the health, safety, and welfare of the residents within the District; and the preservation of District assets or facilities.

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

1. CONTINUING EXPENSES. The Board hereby authorizes the payment of invoices of continuing expenses, which meet the following requirements:

- a) The invoices must be due on or before the next scheduled meeting of the Board.
- b) The invoice must be pursuant to a contract or agreement authorized by the Board.
- c) The total amount paid under such contract or agreement, including the current invoice, must be equal to or less than the amount specified in the contract or agreement.
- d) The invoice amount will not cause payments to exceed the adopted budget of the District.

2. NON-CONTINUING EXPENSES. The Board hereby authorizes the disbursement of funds for payment of invoices of non-continuing expenses which are (i) required to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents within the District; or (ii) required to repair, control, or maintain a District facility or asset beyond the normal, usual, or customary maintenance required for such facility or assets, or (iii) are necessary to avoid an unnecessary expense that may be imposed on the District in connection with a District project; or (iv) are for routine services performed on an annual basis and the amount of

such services is reflected in the District's annual budget, or (v) are otherwise for an emergency circumstance, pursuant to the following schedule:

- a) Non-Continuing Expenses Not Exceeding \$5,000 - with approval of the District Manager; and
- b) Non-Continuing Expenses Exceeding \$5,000 - with approval of the District Manager and Chairperson of the Board (or Vice Chairperson in the Chairperson's absence).

3. BOARD RATIFICATION. Any payment made pursuant to the Resolution shall be submitted to the Board at the next scheduled meeting for approval and ratification.

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

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

ATTEST:

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2024-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPROVING THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Sundance Community Development District (“**District**”) was recently established by the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida effective _____; and

WHEREAS, the District Manager has prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors of the Sundance Community Development District (“**Board**”) the proposed operating budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024; 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 SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. APPROVING PROPOSED BUDGET. The operating budget proposed by the District Manager for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved as the basis for conducting a public hearing to adopt said budget.

2. SETTING HEARING. The public hearing on the approved budget is hereby declared and set for the following date, hour and location:

DATE: _____, 2024
HOUR: _____
LOCATION: _____

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

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

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

ATTEST:

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget

Exhibit A
Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget

Sundance
Community Development District

**Proposed Budget For
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PROPOSED BUDGET
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JUNE 4, 2024 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 BUDGET
REVENUES	
O&M Assessments	0
Developer Contribution	29,475
Debt Assessments	0
Interest Income	0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 29,475
EXPENDITURES	
Administrative Expenditures	
Supervisor Fees	0
Management	7,500
Legal	7,500
Assessment Roll	0
Audit Fees	0
Arbitrage Rebate Fee	0
Insurance	5,000
Legal Advertisements	4,000
Miscellaneous	1,500
Postage	300
Office Supplies	1,500
Dues & Subscriptions	175
Trustee Fees	0
Continuing Disclosure Fee	0
Total Administrative Expenditures	\$ 27,475
Maintenance Expenditures	
Engineering/Inspections	2,000
Miscellaneous Maintenance	0
Total Maintenance Expenditures	\$ 2,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 29,475
REVENUES LESS EXPENDITURES	\$ -
Bond Payments	0
BALANCE	\$ -
County Appraiser & Tax Collector Fee	0
Discounts For Early Payments	0
EXCESS/ (SHORTFALL)	\$ -

DETAILED PROPOSED BUDGET
SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024
JUNE 4, 2024 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 ACTUAL	FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 BUDGET	FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 BUDGET	COMMENTS
REVENUES				
O&M Assessments	0	0	0	
Developer Contribution	0	0	29,475	Developer Contribution
Debt Assessments	0	0	0	
Interest Income	0	0	0	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,475	
EXPENDITURES				
Administrative Expenditures				
Supervisor Fees	0	0	0	
Management	0	0	7,500	\$2,500 X 3 Months
Legal	0	0	7,500	
Assessment Roll	0	0	0	Will Commence In Fiscal Year Following Issuing Of Bond
Audit Fees	0	0	0	Will Commence In Fiscal Year 2024/2025 (For 2023/2024 Audit)
Arbitrage Rebate Fee	0	0	0	Will Commence In Fiscal Year Following Issuing Of Bond
Insurance	0	0	5,000	
Legal Advertisements	0	0	4,000	
Miscellaneous	0	0	1,500	
Postage	0	0	300	
Office Supplies	0	0	1,500	
Dues & Subscriptions	0	0	175	Annual Fee Due Department Of Economic Opportunity
Trustee Fees	0	0	0	Will Commence In Fiscal Year Following Issuing Of Bond
Continuing Disclosure Fee	0	0	0	Will Commence In Fiscal Year Following Issuing Of Bond
Total Administrative Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,475	
Maintenance Expenditures				
Engineering/Inspections	0	0	2,000	Engineers Report To Be Included In Bond Cost Of Issuance
Miscellaneous Maintenance	0	0	0	
Total Maintenance Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,475	
REVENUES LESS EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Bond Payments	0	0	0	
BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
County Appraiser & Tax Collector Fee	0	0	0	
Discounts For Early Payments	0	0	0	
EXCESS/ (SHORTFALL)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

RESOLUTION 2024-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPROVING THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Sundance Community Development District (“**District**”) was recently established by the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida effective _____; and

WHEREAS, the District Manager has prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors of the Sundance Community Development District (“**Board**”) the proposed operating budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025; and

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

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

1. APPROVING PROPOSED BUDGET. The operating budget proposed by the District Manager for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved as the basis for conducting a public hearing to adopt said budget.

2. SETTING HEARING. The public hearing on the approved budget is hereby declared and set for the following date, hour and location:

DATE: _____, 2024
HOUR: _____
LOCATION: _____

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

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

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

ATTEST:

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget

Exhibit A

Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget

Sundance
Community Development District

**Proposed Budget For
Fiscal Year 2024/2025
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	FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 BUDGET
REVENUES	
O&M Assessments	0
Developer Contribution	101,125
Debt Assessments	0
Interest Income	0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 101,125
EXPENDITURES	
Administrative Expenditures	
Supervisor Fees	0
Management	30,000
Legal	30,000
Assessment Roll	5,000
Audit Fees	4,000
Arbitrage Rebate Fee	650
Insurance	6,000
Legal Advertisements	15,000
Miscellaneous	1,500
Postage	300
Office Supplies	1,500
Dues & Subscriptions	175
Trustee Fees	4,000
Continuing Disclosure Fee	1,000
Total Administrative Expenditures	\$ 99,125
Maintenance Expenditures	
Engineering/Inspections	2,000
Miscellaneous Maintenance	0
Total Maintenance Expenditures	\$ 2,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 101,125
REVENUES LESS EXPENDITURES	\$ -
Bond Payments	0
BALANCE	\$ -
County Appraiser & Tax Collector Fee	0
Discounts For Early Payments	0
EXCESS/ (SHORTFALL)	\$ -

DETAILED PROPOSED BUDGET
SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025
OCTOBER 1, 2024 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

	FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 ACTUAL	FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 BUDGET	FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 BUDGET	COMMENTS
REVENUES				
O&M Assessments	0	0	0	
Developer Contribution	0	29,475	101,125	Developer Contribution
Debt Assessments	0	0	0	
Interest Income	0	0	0	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ -	\$ 29,475	\$ 101,125	
EXPENDITURES				
Administrative Expenditures				
Supervisor Fees	0	0	0	
Management	0	7,500	30,000	\$2,500 X 12 Months
Legal	0	7,500	30,000	
Assessment Roll	0	0	5,000	Will Commence In Fiscal Year Following Issuing Of Bond
Audit Fees	0	0	4,000	Will Commence In Fiscal Year 2024/2025 (For 2023/2024 Audit)
Arbitrage Rebate Fee	0	0	650	Will Commence In Fiscal Year Following Issuing Of Bond
Insurance	0	5,000	6,000	
Legal Advertisements	0	4,000	15,000	
Miscellaneous	0	1,500	1,500	
Postage	0	300	300	
Office Supplies	0	1,500	1,500	
Dues & Subscriptions	0	175	175	Annual Fee Due Department Of Economic Opportunity
Trustee Fees	0	0	4,000	Will Commence In Fiscal Year Following Issuing Of Bond
Continuing Disclosure Fee	0	0	1,000	Will Commence In Fiscal Year Following Issuing Of Bond
Total Administrative Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 27,475	\$ 99,125	
Maintenance Expenditures				
Engineering/Inspections	0	2,000	2,000	Engineers Report To Be Included In Bond Cost Of Issuance
Miscellaneous Maintenance	0	0	0	
Total Maintenance Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$ 29,475	\$ 101,125	
REVENUES LESS EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Bond Payments	0	0	0	
BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
County Appraiser & Tax Collector Fee	0	0	0	
Discounts For Early Payments	0	0	0	
EXCESS/ (SHORTFALL)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

**SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 BUDGET FUNDING AGREEMENT**

This Agreement (“**Agreement**”) is made and entered into this ___ day of _____, 2024, by and between:

Sundance Community Development District, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and with an address of c/o Special District Services, Inc., 2501A Burns Rd., Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410 (“**District**”), and

_____, a _____, and the developer of the lands in the District (“**Developer**”) with a mailing address of _____.

RECITALS

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the District is adopting its general fund budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024, which year concludes on September 30, 2024; and

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

WHEREAS, the District has the option of levying non-ad valorem assessments on all land, including the Property owned by the Developer, that will benefit from the activities, operations and services set forth in the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 budget, or utilizing such other revenue sources as may be available to it; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

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

**SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

[DEVELOPER]

By: _____
Its: _____

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2023/2024 General Fund Budget

Exhibit A

Fiscal Year 2023/2024 General Fund Budget

**SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 BUDGET FUNDING AGREEMENT**

This Agreement (“**Agreement**”) is made and entered into this ___ day of _____, 2024, by and between:

Sundance Community Development District, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and with an address of c/o Special District Services, Inc., 2501A Burns Rd., Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410 (“**District**”), and

_____, a _____, and the developer of the lands in the District (“**Developer**”) with a mailing address of _____.

RECITALS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

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

**SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

[DEVELOPER]

By: _____
Its: _____

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2024/2025 General Fund Budget

Exhibit A

Fiscal Year 2024/2025 General Fund Budget

BOND FINANCING TEAM FUNDING AGREEMENT

This Bond Financing Team Funding Agreement ("**Agreement**") is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2024, by and between:

Sundance Community Development District, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and with an address of c/o Special District Services, Inc., 2501A Burns Rd., Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410 ("**District**"), and

_____, a _____, and the developer of the lands in the District ("**Developer**") with a mailing address of _____.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District was established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the District presently expects to issue bonds or other debt instruments ("**Bonds**") to provide for the financing of certain capital improvements, facilities, and services to benefit the lands within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District and the Developer desire to enter into this Agreement to provide funds to enable the District to commence its financing program.

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

1. PROVISION OF FUNDS. The District agrees to authorize District staff, including the District Engineer, District Manager, and District Counsel to proceed with all work ("**Work**") necessary to issue the Bonds, and to retain a Bond Counsel and Financial Advisor and other professional assistance as may be necessary to proceed with the Work. The parties fully expect that all fees, costs and expenses arising from or related to the Work will be funded by the District's issuance of the Bonds, and upon issuance of the Bonds, the parties will take the necessary steps to pay for such fees, costs and expenses from the costs of issuance account(s) established for the Bonds. That said, in the event that Bonds are not issued within one year of the date of this Agreement, or in the event that it becomes reasonably apparent that the District will not issue the Bonds, or in the event that this agreement is otherwise terminated, whichever is earlier, the District shall invoice the Developer for all fees, costs and expenses incurred by the District, and the Developer within 10 days shall remit funds to pay for such fees, costs and expenses.

2. TERMINATION. Either party may terminate this Agreement in writing upon 10 days written notice.

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

4. ENFORCEMENT OF AGREEMENT. In the event that either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the substantially prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all fees and costs incurred, including reasonable attorney's fees, paralegal fees and expert witness fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

5. AGREEMENT. This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of this Agreement between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

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

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

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

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

10. ASSIGNMENT. Neither party may assign this Agreement or any monies to become due hereunder without the prior written approval of the other party.

11. CONTROLLING LAW; VENUE. This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. Venue shall be in St. Lucie County, Florida.

12. EFFECTIVE DATE. The Agreement shall be effective after execution by both parties hereto and shall remain in effect unless terminated by either of the parties hereto.

13. PUBLIC RECORDS. Developer understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District or to District Staff in connection with the work contemplated under this Agreement are public records and are treated as such in accordance with Florida law.

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

**SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

[DEVELOPER]

By: _____
Its: _____

ACQUISITION AGREEMENT

THIS ACQUISITION AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into, by and between:

_____, a _____, with an address of _____
 (“Developer”), and

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, whose address is c/o Special District Services, Inc., 2501A Burns Rd., Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410 (“District”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District was established by ordinance enacted by the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, as amended (“Act”), and is validly existing under the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes the District to issue bonds for the purpose, among others, of planning, financing, constructing, and acquiring certain infrastructure, roadways, stormwater management, utilities (water & sewer), offsite improvements, landscaping/lighting, and other infrastructure within or without the boundaries of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Developer is the owner of lands within the boundaries of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District presently intends to finance the planning, design, acquisition, construction, and installation of certain infrastructure improvements, facilities, and services known as the “Project” and as detailed in the District’s *Engineer’s Report*, dated _____, 2024 (“**Engineer’s Report**”), attached to this Agreement as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the District intends to finance all or a portion of the Project through the use of proceeds from future special assessment bonds (“**Bonds**”); and

WHEREAS, the District has not had sufficient monies on hand to allow the District to contract directly for: (i) the preparation of the surveys, testing, reports, drawings, plans, permits, specifications, and related documents necessary to complete the Project (“**Work Product**”); or (ii) construction and/or installation of the improvements comprising the Project (“**Improvements**”); and

WHEREAS, the District acknowledges the Developer’s need to commence development of the lands within the District in an expeditious and timely manner; and

WHEREAS, in order to avoid a delay in the commencement of the development of the Work Product and/or the Improvements, the Developer has advanced, funded, commenced, and completed and/or will complete certain of the Work Product and/or Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Developer and the District are entering into this Agreement to set forth the process by which the District may acquire the Work Product, the Improvements, and any related real

property interests (“**Real Property**”) and in order to ensure the timely provision of the infrastructure and development.

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

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

2. ADVANCED FUNDING. Prior to the issuance of the Bonds, the Developer may elect to make available to the District such monies as are necessary to enable the District to proceed with, and expedite, the design, engineering, and construction of the Project. The funds (“**Advanced Funds**”) shall be placed in the District's depository as determined by the District, and shall be repaid to the Developer solely from available proceeds of the Bonds, subject to the terms of this Agreement. The District shall individually account for costs incurred and Advanced Funds expended in connection with the Project.

3. WORK PRODUCT AND IMPROVEMENTS. The parties agree to cooperate and use good faith and best efforts to undertake and complete the acquisition process contemplated by this Agreement on such date or dates as the parties may jointly agree upon (each, an “**Acquisition Date**”). Subject to any applicable legal requirements (e.g., but not limited to, those laws governing the use of proceeds from tax exempt bonds), and the requirements of this Agreement, the District agrees to acquire completed Work Product and Improvements that are part of the Project.

- a. ***Request for Conveyance and Supporting Documentation*** – When Work Product or Improvements are ready for conveyance by the Developer to the District, the Developer shall notify the District in writing, describing the nature of the Work Product and/or Improvement and estimated cost. Additionally, Developer agrees to provide, at or prior to the applicable Acquisition Date, the following: (i) documentation of actual costs paid, (ii) instruments of conveyance such as bills of sale or such other instruments as may be requested by the District, and (iii) any other releases, warranties, indemnifications or documentation as may be reasonably requested by the District.
- b. ***Costs*** – Subject to any applicable legal requirements (e.g., but not limited to, those laws governing the use of proceeds from tax exempt bonds), the availability of proceeds from the Bonds, and the requirements of this Agreement, the District shall pay the lesser of (i) the actual cost of creation/construction of the Work Product or Improvements, and (ii) the fair market value of the Work Product or Improvements. The Developer shall provide copies of any and all invoices, bills, receipts, or other evidence of costs incurred by the Developer for any Work Product and/or Improvements. The District Engineer shall review all evidence of cost and shall certify to the District’s Board of Supervisors (“**Board**”) whether the cost being paid is the lesser of (i) the actual cost of creation/construction of the Work Product or Improvements, and (ii) the fair market value of the Work Product or Improvements. The District Engineer’s opinion as to cost shall be set forth in an Engineer’s Certificate which shall accompany the requisition for the funds from the District’s Trustee for the Bonds (“**Trustee**”).

- c. **Conveyances on “As Is” Basis.** Unless otherwise agreed, all conveyances of Work Product and/or Improvements shall be on an “as is” basis. That said, the Developer agrees to assign, transfer and convey to the District any and all rights the Developer may have against any and all firms or entities which may have caused any latent or patent defects, including, but not limited to, any and all warranties and other forms of indemnification.

- d. **Right to Rely on Work Product and Releases** – The Developer agrees to release to the District all right, title, and interest which the Developer may have in and to any Work Product conveyed hereunder, as well as all common law, statutory, and other reserved rights, including all warranties and copyrights in the Work Product and extensions and renewals thereof under United States law and throughout the world, and all publication rights and all subsidiary rights and other rights in and to the Work Product in all forms, mediums, and media, now known or hereinafter devised. To the extent determined necessary by the District, the Developer shall reasonably obtain all releases from any professional providing services in connection with the Work Product to enable the District to use and rely upon the Work Product. The District agrees to allow the Developer access to and use of the Work Product without the payment of any fee by the Developer. However, to the extent the Developer’s access to and use of the Work Product causes the District to incur any cost or expense, such as copying costs, the Developer agrees to pay such cost or expense.

- e. **Transfers to Third Party Governments; Payment for Transferred Property** – If any item acquired is to be conveyed to a third-party governmental body, then the Developer agrees to cooperate and provide such certifications, documents, bonds, warranties, and/or forms of security as may be required by that governmental body, if any. Further, the Developer shall make reasonable efforts to first transfer such Work Product and/or Improvements to the District pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, and prior to the transfer of such Work Product and/or Improvements to the third-party governmental entity. Regardless, and subject to the terms of this Agreement, any transfer, dedication, conveyance or assignment of such Work Product and/or Improvements directly to a third-party governmental entity prior to the District’s acquisition of the Work Product and/or Improvements shall be deemed a transfer to the District of such Work Product and/or Improvements and then a re-transfer to the third party governmental entity.

- f. **Permits** – The Developer agrees to cooperate fully in the transfer of any permits to the District or a governmental entity with maintenance obligations for any Improvements conveyed pursuant to this Agreement.

- g. **Engineer’s Certification** – The District shall accept any completed Work Product and/or Improvements where the District Engineer (or other consulting engineer reasonably acceptable to the District), in his/her professional opinion, is able to certify that, in addition to any other requirements of law: (i) the Work Product and/or Improvements are part of the Project; (ii) the price for such Work Product and/or Improvements did not exceed the lesser of the cost of creating the Work Product and/or Improvements or the fair market value of the Work Product and/or

Improvements; (iii) as to Work Product, the Work Product is capable of being used for the purposes intended by the District, and, as to any Improvements, the Improvements were installed in accordance with their specifications, and are capable of performing the functions for which they were intended; and (iv) as to any Improvements, all known plans, permits and specifications necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Improvements are complete and on file with the District, and have been transferred, or are capable of being transferred, to the District for operations and maintenance responsibilities.

4. CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY. The Developer agrees that it will convey to the District at or prior to the applicable Acquisition Date as determined solely by the District, by a special warranty deed or other instrument acceptable to the Board together with a metes and bounds or other description, the Real Property upon which any Improvements are constructed or which are necessary for the operation and maintenance of, and access to, the Improvements.

- a. **Cost.** The parties agree that all Real Property shall be provided to the District at no cost, unless (i) the costs for the Real Property are expressly included as part of the Project, as described in the Engineer's Report, and (ii) the purchase price for the Real Property is the lesser of the appraised value of the Real Property, based on an appraisal obtained by the District for this purpose, or the cost basis of the Real Property to the Developer.
- b. **Fee Title and Other Interests** – The District may determine in its reasonable discretion that fee title for Real Property is not necessary and in such cases shall accept such other interest in the lands upon which the Improvements are constructed as the District deems acceptable.
- c. **Developer Reservation** – Any conveyance of Real Property hereunder by special warranty deed or other instrument shall be subject to a reservation by Developer of its right and privilege to use the area conveyed to construct any Improvements and any future improvements to such area for any related purposes (including, but not limited to, construction traffic relating to the construction of the Development) not inconsistent with the District's use, occupation or enjoyment thereof.
- d. **Fees, Taxes, Title Insurance** – The Developer shall pay the cost for recording fees and documentary stamps required, if any, for the conveyance of the lands upon which the Improvements are constructed. The Developer shall be responsible for all taxes and assessments levied on the lands upon which the Improvements are constructed until such time as the Developer conveys all said lands to the District. At the time of conveyance, the Developer shall provide, at its expense, an owner's title insurance policy or other evidence of title in a form satisfactory to the District.
- e. **Boundary Adjustments** – Developer and the District agree that reasonable future boundary adjustments may be made as deemed necessary by both parties in order to accurately describe lands conveyed to the District and lands which remain in Developer's ownership. The parties agree that any land transfers made to accommodate such adjustments shall be accomplished by donation. However, the party requesting such adjustment shall pay any transaction costs resulting from the

adjustment, including but not limited to taxes, title insurance, recording fees or other costs. Developer agrees that if a court or other governmental entity determines that a re-platting of the lands within the District is necessary, Developer shall pay all costs and expenses associated with such actions.

5. TAXES, ASSESSMENTS, AND COSTS.

- a. *Taxes and Assessments on Property Being Acquired.*** The District is an exempt governmental unit acquiring property pursuant to this Agreement for use exclusively for public purposes. Accordingly, in accordance with Florida law, the Developer agrees to place in escrow with the County tax collector an amount equal to the current ad valorem taxes and non-ad valorem assessments (with the exception of those ad valorem taxes and non-ad valorem assessments levied by the District) prorated to the date of transfer of title, based upon the expected assessment and millage rates giving effect to the greatest discount available for early payment.
- i.** If and only to the extent the property acquired by the District is subject to ad valorem taxes or non-ad valorem assessments, the Developer agrees to reimburse the District for payment, or pay on its behalf, any and all ad valorem taxes and non-ad valorem assessments imposed during the calendar year in which each parcel of property is conveyed.
 - ii.** Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent the District from asserting any rights to challenge any taxes or assessments imposed, if any, on any property of the District.
- b. *Notice.*** The parties agree to provide notice to the other within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of any notice of potential or actual taxes, assessments, or costs, as a result of any transaction pursuant to this Agreement, or notice of any other taxes, assessments, or costs imposed on the property acquired by the District as described in subsection a. above. The Developer covenants to make any payments due hereunder in a timely manner in accord with Florida law. In the event that the Developer fails to make timely payment of any such taxes, assessments, or costs, the Developer acknowledges the District's right to make such payment. If the District makes such payment, the Developer agrees to reimburse the District within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving notice of such payment, and to include in such reimbursement any fees, costs, penalties, or other expenses which accrued to the District as a result of making such a payment, including interest at the maximum rate allowed by law from the date of the payment made by the District.
- c. *Tax liability not created.*** Nothing herein is intended to create or shall create any new or additional tax liability on behalf of the Developer or the District. Furthermore, the parties reserve all respective rights to challenge, pay under protest, contest or litigate the imposition of any tax, assessment, or cost in good faith they believe is unlawfully or inequitably imposed and agree to cooperate in good faith in the challenge of any such imposition.

6. ACQUISITIONS AND BOND PROCEEDS. The District may in the future, and in its sole discretion, elect to issue Bonds that may be used to finance portions of work acquired hereunder, as well as reimburse Advanced Funds. In the event that the District issues the Bonds and has bond proceeds available to pay for any portion of the Project acquired by the District, or any Advanced Funds, and subject to the terms of the applicable documents relating to the Bonds, then the District shall promptly make payment for any such acquired Work Product, Improvements or Real Property, or reimbursable Advanced Funds, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement; provided, however, that no such obligation shall exist where the Developer is in default on the payment of any debt service assessments due on any property owned by the Developer, or is in default under any agreements between the Developer and the District, or, further, in the event the District's bond counsel determines that any such acquisitions or payments for Advanced Funds are not properly compensable for any reason, including, but not limited to federal tax restrictions imposed on tax-exempt financing. Interest shall not accrue on any amounts owed for any prior acquisitions, or Advanced Funds. Unless otherwise provided in an applicable trust indenture, and in the event the District does not or cannot issue sufficient bonds within five (5) years from the date of this Agreement to pay for all acquisitions hereunder, and reimburse Advanced Funds, and, thus does not make payment to the Developer for any unfunded acquisitions, or any unreimbursed Advanced Funds, then the parties agree that the District shall have no payment or reimbursement obligation whatsoever for those unfunded acquisitions, or unreimbursed Advanced Funds. The Developer acknowledges that the District may convey some or all of the Work Product and/or Improvements described in the Engineer's Report to a general purpose unit of local government (e.g., the County) and consents to the District's conveyance of such Work Product and/or Improvements prior to any payment being made by the District.

7. CONTRIBUTIONS. In connection with the issuance of the Bonds, the District will levy debt service special assessments to secure the repayment of Bonds. As described in more detail in the District's applicable assessment reports ("**Assessment Report**"), and prior to the issuance of the Bonds, the Developer may request that such debt service special assessments be reduced for certain product types. To accomplish any such requested reduction, and pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, the Developer agrees to provide a contribution of Improvements, Work Product and/or Real Property based on appraised value, comprising a portion of the Project and to meet the minimum requirements set forth in the Assessment Report, if any. Any such contributions shall not be eligible for payment by the District hereunder.

8. IMPACT FEE CREDITS. In connection with the District's capital improvement plan, the District may finance certain infrastructure that may generate impact fee credits. As set forth in the District's assessment proceedings, and in recognition of the uncertain market for such credits, and limited value, and as consideration for the District and the Developer undertaking the transactions involved with the District's Project and financing arrangements, the District and the Developer agree that the Developer may retain any such impact fee credits, provided that the Developer contributes a corresponding amount of Improvements, Work Product and/or Real Property based on appraised value as part of the District's capital improvement plan, and/or reduces the cost of such Improvements, Work Product or Real Property to be acquired by the District by a corresponding amount of such impact fee credits, and/or prepays debt assessments on all applicable lands (as determined by the District in coordination with the District's Assessment Consultant) by a corresponding amount of such impact fee credits. Alternatively, the Developer may provide the proceeds of the impact fee credits to the District for deposit into the applicable acquisition and construction account for the Bonds, and for use in acquiring and/or constructing the Project.

9. UTILITY CONNECTION FEES. As part of the Project, the District may elect to fund certain “Utility Connection Fees” for the planned residential units related to the Project. The District will pay such Utility Connection Fees as part of the Project. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Developer in turn will: (i) serve, at no cost to the District, as the District’s administrator with respect to the distribution of any “Utility Connection Fee Credits,” which will be available from the County due to the District’s funding of the Utility Connection Fees for the Project; (ii) collect cash payments (“Builder Credit Payments”) from the builders of the planned residential units, in exchange for providing to such builders a corresponding amount of Utility Connection Fee Credits; and (iii) either remit all Builder Credit Payments to the District for deposit into the District’s applicable Acquisition and Construction Account related to the Project and established in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, or may retain any such Builder Credit Payments, provided that the Developer contributes a corresponding amount of Work Product, Improvements or Real Property (based on appraised value) as part of the District’s Project or reduces the cost of such Improvements, Work Product or Real Property to be acquired by the District by a mutually agreed amount. In order to accomplish the foregoing, the Developer shall be entitled to file applications or other appropriate documentation from time to time with the applicable local general purpose unit of government to obtain Utility Connection Fee Credits associated with the District-funded Utility Connection Fees, without any further action of the District. In the event of any shortfall between the amount of Utility Connection Fees paid by the District, and the amount of Builder Credit Payments collected from builders, the Developer shall make a cash payment to the District in the amount of such shortfall.

10. DEFAULT. A default by either party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which may include, but not be limited to, the right of damages and/or specific performance. Any default under an applicable trust indenture for the Bonds caused by the Developer and/or its affiliates shall be a default hereunder, and the District shall have no obligation to fund the Project in the event of such a default. Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither the District nor the Developer shall be liable for any consequential, special, indirect or punitive damages due to a default hereunder. Prior to commencing any action for a default hereunder, the party seeking to commence such action shall first provide written notice to the defaulting party of the default and an opportunity to cure such default within 30 days.

11. ATTORNEYS’ FEES AND COSTS. In the event that either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the parties agree that the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other all fees and costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

12. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both the District and the Developer.

13. AUTHORIZATION. The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of the District and the Developer; both the District and the Developer have complied with all the requirements of law; and both the District and the Developer have full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

14. NOTICES. All notices, requests, consents and other communications under this Agreement (“Notices”) shall be in writing and shall be delivered, mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, or overnight delivery service, to the parties, at the addresses first set forth above. Except as

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

15. ARM'S LENGTH TRANSACTION. This Agreement has been negotiated fully between the District and the Developer as an arm's length transaction. Both parties participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement and received the advice of counsel. In the case of a dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, both parties are deemed to have drafted, chosen, and selected the language, and the doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against either the District or the Developer.

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

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee, acting at the direction of the Majority Owners of the Bonds, shall have the right to directly enforce the provisions of this Agreement. The Trustee shall not be deemed to have assumed any obligations under this Agreement. This Agreement may not be assigned or materially amended, and the Project may not be materially amended, without the written consent of the Trustee, acting at the direction of the Majority Owners of the Bonds, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

17. ASSIGNMENT. Neither the District nor the Developer may assign this Agreement or any monies to become due hereunder without the prior written approval of the other.

18. APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE. This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. Each party consents that the venue for any litigation arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be in the County in which the District is located.

19. PUBLIC RECORDS. The Developer understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records and treated as such in accordance with Florida law.

20. SEVERABILITY. The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Agreement, or any part of this Agreement not held to be invalid or unenforceable.

21. LIMITATIONS ON GOVERNMENTAL LIABILITY. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed as a waiver of immunity or limits of liability of the District beyond any statutory limited waiver of immunity or limits of liability which may have been adopted by the Florida Legislature in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or other law, and nothing in this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of any third party for the purpose of allowing any claim which would otherwise be barred by sovereign immunity or by other operation of law.

22. HEADINGS FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY. The descriptive headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not control nor affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

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

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WHEREFORE, the parties below execute the *Acquisition Agreement* to be effective as of the ____ day of _____, 2024.

**SUNDANCE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

By: _____
Its: Chairperson

[DEVELOPER]

By: _____
Its: _____

Exhibit A: *Engineer's Report*, dated _____, 2024

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF
ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**TO BE DISTRIBUTED
UNDER SEPARATE COVER**

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MASTER SPECIAL
ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY REPORT**

**TO BE DISTRIBUTED
UNDER SEPARATE COVER**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, TO PAY ALL OR A PORTION OF THE DESIGN, ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF CERTAIN PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL FACILITIES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, RELATED EARTHWORK; PUBLIC ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS; LANDSCAPING AND IRRIGATION IN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY; WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITIES AND ANY APPLICABLE CONNECTION FEES; UNDERGROUNDING DIFFERENTIAL COST OF ELECTRIC UTILITIES; AND ALL RELATED SOFT AND INCIDENTAL COSTS (COLLECTIVELY, THE “PROJECT”), PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 190, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; APPOINTING U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TO SERVE AS TRUSTEE; APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A MASTER TRUST INDENTURE AND A SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST INDENTURE IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORMS ATTACHED HERETO; PROVIDING THAT SUCH BONDS SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE A DEBT, LIABILITY OR OBLIGATION OF SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED HEREIN), THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA, ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, OR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA OR OF ANY OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF, BUT SHALL BE PAYABLE SOLELY FROM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ASSESSED AND LEVIED ON THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT BENEFITED BY THE PROJECT AND SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE JUDICIAL VALIDATION OF SUCH BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the Sundance Community Development District (the “District”), is a local unit of special-purpose government organized and existing in accordance with the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended (the “Act”), created by an Ordinance enacted on May 28, 2024;

WHEREAS, the District was created for the purpose of delivering certain community development services and facilities within and outside its jurisdiction, and the District has decided to undertake the design, acquisition, construction costs of certain public infrastructure improvements to be located in or to benefit of developable lands within the District including, but not limited to, stormwater management and control facilities, including, but not limited to, related earthwork, water and wastewater facilities, including any applicable connection fees; public roadway improvements; undergrounding differential cost of electric utilities, irrigation and

landscaping in public rights-of-way; and related soft and incidental costs, pursuant to the Act (collectively, the “Project”), as referred to on **Schedule “I”** hereto;

WHEREAS, the District desires to authorize the issuance of not to exceed \$60,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its Sundance Community Development District Special Assessment Bonds, in one or more series (collectively, the “Bonds”), in order to pay all or a portion of the design, acquisition and construction costs of the Project;

WHEREAS, the District desires to provide the terms and conditions under which the District will acquire and cause to be constructed the public infrastructure improvements on District lands and certain adjacent lands the improvement of which will specially benefit certain District lands known as Sundance;

WHEREAS, authority is conferred upon the District by the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, specifically including, but not limited to, Sections 190.011(9), 190.011(14), 190.014, 190.016(1), 190.016(2), 190.016(5), 190.016(8), 190.016(11), 190.016(13), 190.022 and 190.023 of the Act, to issue the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to authorize and approve various instruments to be executed and delivered in connection with the Bonds and to provide for the judicial validation of the Bonds pursuant to Section 190.016(12), Florida Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sundance Community Development District, as follows:

Section 1. Authorization of Bonds. The District hereby authorizes the issuance of not to exceed \$60,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Bonds in one or more series to (i) finance all or a portion of the costs of the Project; (ii) fund debt service reserve accounts for each series of bonds so issued; and (iii) pay the costs of issuing the Bonds. Pursuant to Section 190.016(1) of the Act, the Bonds may be issued and delivered by the District in payment of all or a portion of the purchase price of the Project or may be sold at public or private sale.

Section 2. Certain Details of the Bonds. The Bonds and the interest thereon, shall not be deemed to constitute a debt, liability or obligation of the District (except as provided herein), the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, (the “City”), St. Lucie County, Florida (the “County”) or of the State of Florida (the “State”), or of any other political subdivision thereof, but shall be payable solely from the Special Assessments (as defined in the form of Indenture hereinafter referred to) levied by the District on property within the District benefited by the Project and subject to assessment, as set forth in the Indenture, and neither the faith and credit nor any taxing power of the District, the City, the County or the State, or of any other political subdivision thereof, is pledged to the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds, except for Special Assessments to be assessed and levied by the District to secure and pay the Bonds.

The Bonds shall:

(i) be issued in one or more series and may be delivered in payment of the purchase price of the Project or sold at public or private sale, as provided in Section 190.016(1), Florida Statutes, each series in an aggregate principal amount to be determined by subsequent

resolution or resolutions of the District; provided, however, that the total aggregate principal amount of the Bonds issued may not exceed \$60,000,000 unless this Resolution is amended prior to the validation of the Bonds authorized herein;

(ii) be issued in fully registered form in a minimum principal denomination of \$5,000 and any integral multiple of \$5,000 in excess thereof, except as otherwise provided in the herein defined Indenture;

(iii) bear interest at an average annual rate not exceeding the maximum rate as may then be permitted by the laws of the State as more particularly provided in one or more resolutions adopted by the District prior to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds of any series;

(iv) the Bonds of each series shall be payable in not more than 30 annual installments of principal; and

(v) be dated as provided in a resolution adopted by the District prior to the issuance and delivery thereof.

The final maturity date or dates of the Bonds and the interest rate or rates thereon shall be determined, within the foregoing limits, and any optional, mandatory and extraordinary redemption provisions thereof shall be fixed, by the Indenture hereinafter referred to or by one or more resolutions of the District to be adopted prior to the delivery of the Bonds of any series. In other respects, the Bonds shall be in the form, shall be executed and authenticated, shall be subject to replacement and shall be delivered as provided in the Indenture hereinafter referred to, the form of which is set out as composite **Exhibit "A"** attached hereto.

Prior to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds, the District shall have undertaken and, to the extent then required under applicable law, completed all necessary proceedings, including, without limitation, the approval of assessment rolls, the holding of public hearings and the adoption of resolutions in order to levy and collect Special Assessments upon the lands within the District subject to assessment, all as more specifically required and provided for by the Act and Chapters 170, 190 and 197, Florida Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time, or any successor statutes thereto.

Section 3. Designation of Attesting Members. Each Assistant Secretary of the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of the District (each individually a "Designated Member") and the Secretary, or any other appointed Assistant Secretary, are hereby designated and authorized on behalf of the Board to attest to the seal of the Board and to the signature of the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson of the Board as they appear on the Bonds, the Indenture and any other documents which may be necessary or helpful in connection with the issuance and delivery of the Bonds and in connection with the application of the proceeds thereof.

Section 4. Authorization of Execution and Delivery of Master Trust Indenture and Supplemental Trust Indenture. The District does hereby authorize and approve the execution by the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson and any Designated Member and the delivery of a Master Trust Indenture and a Supplemental Trust Indenture (collectively, the "Indenture") for the Bonds, each between the District and the Trustee named in Section 6 of this Resolution. The Indenture shall provide for the security of the Bonds and express the contract between the District

and the owners of such Bonds. The Indenture shall be in substantially the forms thereof attached hereto and marked composite **Exhibit “A”** and hereby approved, with such changes therein as are necessary or desirable to reflect the terms of the sale of the Bonds as shall be approved by the Chairperson (or in his or her absence, the Vice Chairperson) executing the same, with such execution to constitute conclusive evidence of such officer’s approval and the District’s approval of any changes therein from the form of Indenture attached hereto.

Section 5. Sale of Bonds. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 190.016(1) of the Act, the Bonds may be delivered in payment of all or a portion of the purchase price of the Project or may be sold at public or private sale after such advertisement, if any, as the Board may deem advisable but not in any event at less than 90 percent of the par value thereof, together with accrued interest thereon, in conformance with the provisions of the Act.

Section 6. Appointment of Trustee. The District hereby appoints U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association to act as trustee under the Indenture (the “Trustee”). The Trustee shall also serve as the Paying Agent and Registrar under the Indenture.

Section 7. Bond Validation. District Counsel and Bond Counsel to the District are hereby authorized and directed to take appropriate proceedings in the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for St. Lucie County, Florida, for validation and the proceedings incident thereto for the Bonds to the extent required by and in accordance with Section 190.016(12), Florida Statutes. The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson or any Designated Member is authorized to sign any pleadings and to offer testimony in any such proceedings for and on behalf of the District. The other members of the Board, the officers of the District and the agents and employees of the District, including, without limitation, the District Manager, the engineer or engineering firm serving as engineer to the District and the District’s underwriter are hereby also authorized to offer testimony for and on behalf of the District in connection with any such validation proceedings.

Section 8. Further Official Action; Ratification of Prior and Subsequent Acts. The Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson, the Secretary and each Designated Member and any other proper official of the District are each hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents and instruments (including, without limitation, any documents required by the Trustee to evidence its rights and obligations with respect to the Bonds, any documents required in connection with implementation of a book-entry system of registration, any funding agreements, acquisition agreements, true-up agreements and/or completion agreements with the Developer (as such term is defined in the Indenture), and investment agreements relating to the investment of the proceeds of the Bonds and any agreements in connection with maintaining the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income of the holders thereof) and to do and cause to be done any and all acts and things necessary or desirable for carrying out the transactions contemplated by this Resolution. In the event that the Chairperson or the Secretary is unable to execute and deliver the documents herein contemplated, such documents shall be executed and delivered by the respective designee of such officer or official or any other duly authorized officer or official of the District. The Secretary or any Designated Member is hereby authorized and directed to apply and attest the official seal of the District to any agreement or instrument authorized or approved herein that requires such a seal and attestation. All of the acts and doings of such members of the Board, the officers of the District, and the agents and employees of the District, which are in conformity with

the intent and purposes of this resolution, whether heretofore or hereafter taken or done, shall be and are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

Section 9. Bond Anticipation Notes. The District may, if it determines it to be in its best financial interest, issue Bond Anticipation Notes (“BANs”) in order to temporarily finance the costs of all or a portion of the Project. The District shall by proper proceedings authorize the issuance and establish the details of such BANs pursuant to the provisions of Section 190.014, Florida Statutes, as amended other applicable provisions of laws.

Section 10. Subsequent Resolution(s) Required. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, no series of Bonds may be issued or delivered until the District adopts a subsequent resolution and/or supplemental indenture for each such series of Bonds, fixing the details of such series of Bonds remaining to be specified or delegating to the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson or a Designated Member the authority to fix such details.

Section 11. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this resolution shall be held to be invalid or ineffective for any reason, the remainder of this resolution shall continue in full force and effect, it being expressly hereby found and declared that the remainder of this resolution would have been adopted despite the invalidity or ineffectiveness of such section, paragraph, clause or provision.

Section 12. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, and any provisions of any previous resolutions in conflict with the provisions hereof are hereby superseded.

PASSED in Public Session of the Board of Supervisors of the Sundance Community Development District, this 4th day of June, 2024.

**SUNDANCE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Name: Frank Sakuma
Title: Secretary, Board of Supervisors

SCHEDULE I

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

The Project includes, but is not limited to, the following improvements:

- Stormwater management and control facilities, including but not limited to, related earthwork;
- Water and wastewater facilities, including any applicable connection fees;
- Public roadway improvements;
- Undergrounding differential cost of electric utilities;
- Irrigation and landscaping in public rights-of-way; and
- Related soft and incidental costs.

EXHIBIT A
FORM OF MASTER TRUST INDENTURE
AND
SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST INDENTURE

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RESOLUTION 2024-27

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the District to pay for all or a portion of the cost of the Project by the levy of special assessments (“**Assessments**”) using the methodology set forth in that *Master Special Assessment Methodology Report*, dated _____, 2024, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, incorporated herein by reference, and on file with the District Manager at c/o Special District Services, Inc., 2501A Burns Rd., Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410 (“**District Records Office**”);

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

- 1. AUTHORITY FOR THIS RESOLUTION; INCORPORATION OF RECITALS.** This Resolution is adopted pursuant to the provisions of Florida law, including without limitation Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*. The recitals stated above are incorporated herein and are adopted by the Board as true and correct statements.
- 2. DECLARATION OF ASSESSMENTS.** The Board hereby declares that it has determined to undertake the Project and to defray all or a portion of the cost thereof by the Assessments.
- 3. DESIGNATING THE NATURE AND LOCATION OF IMPROVEMENTS.** The nature and general location of, and plans and specifications for, the Project are described in **Exhibit A**, which is on file

at the District Records Office. **Exhibit B** is also on file and available for public inspection at the same location.

4. DECLARING THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS, THE PORTION TO BE PAID BY ASSESSMENTS, AND THE MANNER AND TIMING IN WHICH THE ASSESSMENTS ARE TO BE PAID.

- A. The total estimated cost of the Project is \$_____ (“**Estimated Cost**”).
- B. The Assessments will defray approximately \$_____, which is the anticipated maximum par value of any bonds and which includes all or a portion of the Estimated Cost, as well as other financing-related costs, as set forth in **Exhibit B**, and which is in addition to interest and collection costs. On an annual basis, the Assessments will defray no more than \$_____ per year, again as set forth in **Exhibit B**.
- C. The manner in which the Assessments shall be apportioned and paid is set forth in **Exhibit B**, as may be modified by supplemental assessment resolutions. The Assessments will constitute a “master” lien, which may be imposed without further public hearing in one or more separate liens each securing a series of bonds, and each as determined by supplemental assessment resolution. With respect to each lien securing a series of bonds, the special assessments shall be paid in not more than (30) thirty yearly installments. The special assessments may be payable at the same time and in the same manner as are ad-valorem taxes and collected pursuant to Chapter 197, *Florida Statutes*; provided, however, that in the event the uniform non ad-valorem assessment method of collecting the Assessments is not available to the District in any year, or if determined by the District to be in its best interest, the Assessments may be collected as is otherwise permitted by law, including but not limited to by direct bill. The decision to collect special assessments by any particular method – e.g., on the tax roll or by direct bill – does not mean that such method will be used to collect special assessments in future years, and the District reserves the right in its sole discretion to select collection methods in any given year, regardless of past practices.

5. DESIGNATING THE LANDS UPON WHICH THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEVIED.

The Assessments securing the Project shall be levied on the lands within the District, as described in **Exhibit B**, and as further designated by the assessment plat hereinafter provided for.

6. ASSESSMENT PLAT. Pursuant to Section 170.04, *Florida Statutes*, there is on file, at the District Records Office, an assessment plat showing the area to be assessed certain plans and specifications describing the Project and the estimated cost of the Project, all of which shall be open to inspection by the public.

7. PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL. Pursuant to Section 170.06, *Florida Statutes*, the District Manager has caused to be made a preliminary assessment roll, in accordance with the method of assessment described in **Exhibit B** hereto, which shows the lots and lands assessed, the amount of benefit to and the assessment against each lot or parcel of land and the number of annual installments into which the assessment may be divided, which assessment roll is hereby adopted and approved as the District’s preliminary assessment roll.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS DECLARED; DIRECTION TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE HEARINGS.** Pursuant to Sections 170.07 and 197.3632(4)(b), *Florida Statutes*, among other provisions of Florida law, there are hereby declared two public hearings to be held as follows:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: _____, _____, 2024
TIME: _____
LOCATION: _____

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

Notice of said hearings shall be advertised in accordance with Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*, and the District Manager is hereby authorized and directed to place said notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the County in which the District is located (by two publications one week apart with the first publication at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of the hearing established herein). The District Manager shall file a publisher’s affidavit with the District Secretary verifying such publication of notice. The District Manager is further authorized and directed to give thirty (30) days written notice by mail of the time and place of this hearing to the owners of all property to be assessed and include in such notice the amount of the assessment for each such property owner, a description of the areas to be improved and notice that information concerning all assessments may be ascertained at the District Records Office. The District Manager shall file proof of such mailing by affidavit with the District Secretary.

9. **PUBLICATION OF RESOLUTION.** Pursuant to Section 170.05, *Florida Statutes*, the District Manager is hereby directed to cause this Resolution to be published twice (once a week for two (2) weeks) in a newspaper of general circulation within the County in which the District is located and to provide such other notice as may be required by law or desired in the best interests of the District.

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

11. **SEVERABILITY.** If any section or part of a section of this resolution be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the validity, force, and effect of any other section or part of a section of this resolution shall not thereby be affected or impaired unless it clearly appears that such other section or part of a section of this resolution is wholly or necessarily dependent upon the section or part of a section so held to be invalid or unconstitutional.

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

[SIGNATURES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

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

ATTEST:

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Asst. Secretary

Chairman

Exhibit A: *District Engineer's Report*, dated _____

Exhibit B: *Master Special Assessment Methodology Report*, dated _____

RESOLUTION 2024-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SUNDANCE 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 Sundance Community Development District (“**District**”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

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

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

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

- 1. PUBLIC HEARING.** A Public Hearing will be held on the District’s intent to adopt the Uniform Method on _____, 2024, at _____ .m., at _____.
- 2. PUBLICATION.** The District Secretary is directed to publish notice of the hearing in accordance with Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*.
- 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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

ATTEST:

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

_____, 2024

Sundance Community Development District
c/o Todd Wodraska, District Manager
Special District Services, Inc.
2501A Burns Road
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410

Re: Letter Agreement for Acquisition of Becker Road at Wilson Groves Improvements

Dear Todd,

Pursuant to the **Acquisition Agreement, dated _____, 2024** (“**Acquisition Agreement**”), by and between the Sundance Community Development District (“**District**”) and ACR Acquisition, LLC (“**Developer**”), you are hereby notified that the Developer has completed and wishes to sell (“**Sale**”) to the District certain “**Improvements**” as described in **Exhibit A** attached hereto. Subject to the terms of the Acquisition Agreement, the following terms govern the proposed Sale:

- As consideration for the Sale, and subject to the terms of the Acquisition Agreement, the District agrees to pay from bond proceeds the amount identified in **Exhibit A** attached hereto, which represents the actual cost of constructing and/or creating the Improvements and Work Product. Subject to the terms of the Acquisition Agreement, this amount will be processed by requisition and paid to Developer upon availability of bond proceeds.
- Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, certain amounts, as identified in **Exhibit A**, may still be owed to contractors (balance to finish & retainage) and Developer agrees to timely make payment for all remaining amounts owed under the contract, and to ensure that no liens are placed on the Improvements. Subject to the terms of the Acquisition Agreement, the District may process the remaining amounts owed by requisition and pay the Developer upon availability of bond proceeds and upon proof of payment by the Developer to the Contractor of the remaining amounts.
- The Developer agrees, at the request of the District, to assist with the transfer of any permits or similar approvals, as well as other work product, necessary for the operation of the Improvements, and to post any maintenance bonds or other forms of security required for the turnover of the Improvements to the City.

If the District is in agreement with the terms stated herein, please execute this letter agreement in the space below and proceed with the necessary steps to effect the Sale.

Agreed to by:
**SUNDANCE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Sincerely,
ACR ACQUISITION, LLC

Name: _____
Title: _____

Name: _____
Title: _____

EXHIBIT A

Description of Becker Road at Wilson Groves Improvements

Utilities - All wastewater lines, potable water lines and reclaimed water lines, including but not limited to all pipes, structures, fittings, valves, services, tees, laterals to the point of connection, manholes, lift stations, facilities, equipment and appurtenances thereto, located within or upon the rights-of-way designated as Tract RW (Road Right-of-Way), as identified in the plat known as *Becker Road at Wilson Groves*, as recorded at Plat Book 121, Pages 7 - 13, of the Official Records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

Roadways - All public roads, pavement, curbing and other physical improvements – including but not limited to landscaping elements - within or upon rights-of-way designated as Tract RW (Road Right-of-Way), as identified in the plat known as *Becker Road at Wilson Groves*, as recorded at Plat Book 121, Pages 7 - 13, of the Official Records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

Surface Water Management – All drainage and surface water management systems, including but not limited to sod, surface water control structures, and pipes, located within Tract RW (Road Right-of-Way), as identified in the plat known as *Becker Road at Wilson Groves*, as recorded at Plat Book 121, Pages 7 - 13, of the Official Records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

Landscape and Irrigation Improvements – All landscape, including but not limited to plants, trees, timber, shrubbery, and other landscaping and plantings, and irrigation systems, including but not limited to wells, pumps, pipes, structures, fittings, valves, spray heads and related system components, located within Tract RW (Road Right-of-Way), as identified in the plat known as *Becker Road at Wilson Groves*, as recorded at Plat Book 121, Pages 7 - 13, of the Official Records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

Work Product – Any and all site plans, construction and development drawings, plans and specifications, documents, surveys, engineering and soil reports and studies, licenses, permits, zoning approvals, entitlements, building permits, demolition and excavation permits, curb cut and right-of-way permits, utility permits, drainage rights, bonds, and similar or equivalent private and governmental documents of every kind and character whatsoever pertaining or applicable to or in any way connected with the development, construction, and ownership of the public improvements for Becker Road at Wilson Groves of the project as described in the **Engineer's Report**, dated _____, 2024.

Description	CDD Eligible Amount
Fiber Optics	\$271,706.00
General Conditions	\$255,800.00
Demolition	\$146,585.00
Earthworks	\$632,020.00
Drainage	\$2,890,928.00
Forcemain	\$219,335.00

Water Distribution	\$1,697,850.00
Pavement (including curbs, signage & markings)	\$5,001,389.00
Concrete Works	\$1,448,027.00
Earthworks Change Order	\$45,000.00
Turnlanes at Rangeline Intersection Change Order	\$638,000.00
Landscape Installation Trees, Shrubs & Ground Cover	\$1,250,000.00
Irrigation Installation	\$819,960.00
Seeding	\$3,000.00
Relocating Existing Oak Trees	\$87,450.00
TOTAL:	\$15,407,050.00

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**CORPORATE DECLARATION REGARDING COSTS PAID
[BECKER ROAD AT WILSON GROVES IMPROVEMENTS]**

ACR ACQUISITION, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("**Developer**"), does hereby certify to the Sundance Community Development District ("**District**"), a special purpose unit of local government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*:

1. Developer is the developer of certain lands within District.
2. The **Engineer's Report**, dated _____ ("**Engineer's Report**") describes certain public infrastructure improvements that the District intends to finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate, or maintain pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*.
3. Developer has expended funds to develop and/or acquire certain of the public infrastructure improvements and work product described in the Engineer's Report and more specifically described in **Exhibit A**. The attached **Exhibit A** accurately identifies certain of those improvements and work product that have been completed to date and states the amounts that Developer has spent on those improvements and work product.
4. Except for the balance to finish and/or retainage set forth in **Exhibit A**, no money is owed to any contractors or subcontractors for any work performed on the completed improvements.
5. The Developer acknowledges that the District intends to rely on this Declaration for purposes of acquiring the infrastructure improvements and work product identified in **Exhibit A**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this certificate for and on behalf of the Developer as of the ____ day of _____, 2024.

ACR ACQUISITION, LLC

Name: _____
Title: _____

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was sworn and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization this ____ day of _____, 2024, by _____ as _____ of ACR Acquisition, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and who appeared before me this day in person, and who is either personally known to me, or produced _____ as identification.

(NOTARY SEAL)

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF _____
Name: _____
(Name of Notary Public, Printed, Stamped or
Typed as Commissioned)

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATE
[BECKER ROAD AT WILSON GROVES IMPROVEMENTS]

_____, 2024

Board of Supervisors
Sundance Community Development District

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned is a representative of Caulfield & Wheeler, Inc. ("**District Engineer**"), as District Engineer for the Sundance Community Development District ("**District**") and does hereby make the following certifications in connection with the District's acquisition from ACR Acquisition, LLC ("**Developer**") as to certain public infrastructure "**Improvements**" and "**Work Product**" as further detailed in **Exhibit A**. The undersigned, an authorized representative of the District Engineer, hereby certifies that:

1. I have reviewed the Improvements and Work Product. I have further reviewed certain documentation relating to the same, including but not limited to certain invoices, plans, and other documents.
2. The Improvements and Work Product are within the scope of the District's capital improvement plan as set forth in the District's **Engineer's Report, dated _____, 2024** ("**Engineer's Report**"), and specially benefit property within the District as further described in the Engineer's Report.
3. The Improvements were installed in accordance with their specifications, and, subject to the design specifications, are capable of performing the functions for which they were intended. I am not aware of any defects in the Improvements.
4. The total costs associated with the Improvements and Work Product are as set forth in **Exhibit A**. Such costs are equal to or less than each of the following: (i) what was actually paid by the Developer to create and/or acquire the Improvements and Work Product, and (ii) the reasonable fair market value of the Improvements and Work Product.
5. All known plans, permits and specifications necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Improvements are complete and on file with the District, and have been transferred, or are capable of being transferred, to the District for operations and maintenance responsibilities.

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6. With this document, I hereby certify that it is appropriate at this time for the District to acquire the Improvements and Work Product.

CAULFIELD & WHEELER, INC.

_____, P.E.
Florida Registration No. _____
District Engineer

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of physical presence or online notarization this _____ day of _____, 2024, by _____ as _____ of Caulfield & Wheeler, Inc., and with authority to execute the foregoing on behalf of the entit(ies) identified above, and who appeared before me this day in person, and who is either personally known to me, or produced _____ as identification.

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF _____

(NOTARY SEAL)

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

CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND RELEASE
[BECKER ROAD AT WILSON GROVES IMPROVEMENTS]

THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT & RELEASE (“Release”) is made to be effective the ___ day of _____, 2024, by **MJC Land Development, LLC (“Contractor”)**, with an address of 1127 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite 340, Royal Palm Beach, Florida 33411, in favor of the **Sundance Community Development District (“District”)**, which is a local unit of special-purpose government situated in the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, and having offices at c/o Special District Services, Inc., 2501 Burns Road, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to those certain _____ (“Contract”), dated _____, and between Contractor and ACR Acquisition, LLC, (“Developer”), Contractor has constructed for Developer certain infrastructure improvements, as described in **Exhibit A (“Improvements”)**; and

WHEREAS, Developer may in the future convey the Improvements to the District and for that purpose has requested Contractor to confirm the release of all restrictions on the District’s right to use and rely upon the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, Contractor has agreed to the release of any such restrictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of mutual promises and obligations, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Contractor provides the following acknowledgment and release:

1. **GENERAL.** The recitals so stated above are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated as a material part of this Release.
2. **ACQUISITION OF IMPROVEMENTS.** Contractor acknowledges that the District is acquiring or has acquired the Improvements constructed by Contractor in connection with the Contract, from Developer, and accordingly, the District has the unrestricted right to rely upon the terms of the Contract for same.
3. **WARRANTY.** Contractor hereby expressly acknowledges the District’s right to enforce the terms of the Contract, including but not limited to any warranties and other forms of indemnification provided therein and to rely upon and enforce any other warranties provided under Florida law.
4. **CERTIFICATION.** Except as set forth herein, Contractor hereby acknowledges that it has been fully compensated for its services and work related to completion of the Improvements. Contractor further certifies that, except as set forth herein, no outstanding requests for payment exist related to the Improvements, including any payments to subcontractors, materialmen, suppliers or otherwise, and that there is no disagreement as to the appropriateness of payment made for the Improvements. Except as set forth herein, this

document shall constitute a final waiver and release of lien for any payments due to Contractor by Developer or District for the Improvements.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Contractor is owed \$_____ (including balance to finish and retainage) related to the Improvements and understands that such amounts shall be paid by Developer. The effectiveness of this Acknowledgment and Release is contingent upon such payment being timely made.

MJC LAND DEVELOPMENT, LLC

By: _____
Its: _____

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of physical presence or online notarization this _____ day of _____, 2024, by _____ as _____ of _____, and with authority to execute the foregoing on behalf of the entit(ies) identified above, and who appeared before me this day in person, and who is either personally known to me, or produced _____ as identification.

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF _____

(NOTARY SEAL)

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

CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND RELEASE
[BECKER ROAD AT WILSON GROVES LANDSCAPE & IRRIGATION IMPROVEMENTS]

THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT & RELEASE (“Release”) is made to be effective the ___ day of _____, 2024, by _____ (“**Contractor**”), with an address of _____, in favor of the **Sundance Community Development District (“District”)**, which is a local unit of special-purpose government situated in the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, and having offices at c/o Special District Services, Inc., 2501 Burns Road, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to those certain _____ (“**Contract**”), dated _____, and between Contractor and ACR Acquisition, LLC, (“**Developer**”), Contractor has constructed for Developer certain infrastructure improvements, as described in **Exhibit A (“Improvements”)**; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of mutual promises and obligations, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Contractor provides the following acknowledgment and release:

1. **GENERAL.** The recitals so stated above are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated as a material part of this Release.
2. **ACQUISITION OF IMPROVEMENTS.** Contractor acknowledges that the District is acquiring or has acquired the Improvements constructed by Contractor in connection with the Contract, from Developer, and accordingly, the District has the unrestricted right to rely upon the terms of the Contract for same.
3. **WARRANTY.** Contractor hereby expressly acknowledges the District’s right to enforce the terms of the Contract, including but not limited to any warranties and other forms of indemnification provided therein and to rely upon and enforce any other warranties provided under Florida law.
4. **CERTIFICATION.** Except as set forth herein, Contractor hereby acknowledges that it has been fully compensated for its services and work related to completion of the Improvements. Contractor further certifies that, except as set forth herein, no outstanding requests for payment exist related to the Improvements, including any payments to subcontractors, materialmen, suppliers or otherwise, and that there is no disagreement as to the appropriateness of payment made for the Improvements. Except as set forth herein, this

document shall constitute a final waiver and release of lien for any payments due to Contractor by Developer or District for the Improvements.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Contractor is owed \$_____ (including balance to finish and retainage) related to the Improvements and understands that such amounts shall be paid by Developer. The effectiveness of this Acknowledgment and Release is contingent upon such payment being timely made.

By: _____

Its: _____

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of physical presence or online notarization this _____ day of _____, 2024, by _____ as _____ of _____, and with authority to execute the foregoing on behalf of the entit(ies) identified above, and who appeared before me this day in person, and who is either personally known to me, or produced _____ as identification.

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF _____

(NOTARY SEAL)

Name: _____

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

BILL OF SALE AND LIMITED ASSIGNMENT
[BECKER ROAD AT WILSON GROVES IMPROVEMENTS]

THIS BILL OF SALE AND LIMITED ASSIGNMENT is made to be effective as of the ___ day of _____, 2024, by and between **ACR Acquisition, LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company, with an address of 1127 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite 340, Royal Palm Beach, Florida 33411 ("**Grantor**"), and **Sundance Community Development District**, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes* ("**District**" or "**Grantee**") whose address is c/o Special District Services, Inc., 2501 Burns Road, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410.

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Grantor and Grantee, intending to be legally bound, do hereby agree as follows:

1. Grantor hereby transfers, grants, conveys, and assigns to Grantee all right, title and interest of Grantor, if any, in and to the following property (together, "**Property**") as described below to have and to hold for Grantee's own use and benefit forever:

- a. **Improvements** – All of the right, title, interest, and benefit the Grantor, if any, in, to, and under the improvements identified in **Exhibit A**.
- b. **Work Product** – All of the right, title, interest, and benefit the Grantor, if any, in, to, and under the work product identified in **Exhibit A**.
- c. **Additional Rights** – All of the right, title, interest, and benefit of Grantor, if any, in, to and under any and all contracts, guaranties, affidavits, warranties, bonds, claims, lien waivers, and other forms of indemnification, given heretofore and with respect to the construction, installation, or composition of the foregoing work product and improvements.

2. Grantor hereby covenants that: (i) Grantor is the lawful owner of the Property; (ii) the Property is free from any liens or encumbrances and the Grantor covenants to timely address any such liens or encumbrances if and when filed; (iii) Grantor has good right to sell the Property; and (iv) the Grantor will warrant and defend the sale of the Property hereby made unto the Grantee against the lawful claims and demands of all persons claiming by, through or under the Grantor.

3. Without waiving any of the rights against third parties granted herein, the Property is being conveyed to the District in its as-is condition, without representation or warranty of any kind from Grantor. The District agrees that Grantor shall not be responsible or liable to the District for any defect, errors, or omissions in or relating to the development and/or entitlement of, or construction of improvements on or related to, the Property, latent or otherwise, or on account of any other conditions affecting the Property, as the District is purchasing the Property, "**AS IS, WHERE IS**", AND "**WITH ALL FAULTS**". The District, on its own behalf and on behalf of anyone claiming by, through or under the District and on behalf of it

successors and assigns, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, irrevocably and unconditionally waives, releases, discharges and forever acquits the Grantor from any and all claims, loss, costs, expense or judgments of any nature whatsoever known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, fixed or contingent, which the District may now or hereafter have, own, hold or claim to have, own or hold, or at any time heretofore may have had, owned, held or claimed to have, own or hold, against Grantor, its affiliates, successors and assigns, relating to this letter agreement, the transaction contemplated hereby, and/or the Property, including, without limitation, the physical condition of the Property, the environmental condition of the Property, the entitlements for the Property, any hazardous materials that may be on or within the Property and any other conditions existing, circumstances or events occurring on, in, about or near the Property whether occurring before, after or at the time of transfer of the Property. Grantor shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever, including but not limited to special, direct, indirect, consequential, or other damages resulting or arising from or relating to the ownership, use, condition, location, development, maintenance, repair, or operation of the Property.

4. The Grantor represents that it has no knowledge of any latent or patent defects in the Property, and hereby assigns, transfers and conveys to the Grantee any and all rights against any and all firms or entities which may have caused any latent or patent defects, including, but not limited to, any and all warranties and other forms of indemnification.

5. By execution of this document, the Grantor affirmatively represents that it has the contractual right, consent and lawful authority of any and all forms to take this action in this document and in this form. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of Grantee's limitations on liability as provided in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, and other statutes and law.

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WHEREFORE, the foregoing Bill of Sale and Limited Assignment is hereby executed and delivered on the date first set forth above.

Signed, sealed and delivered by:

WITNESSES

ACR ACQUISITION, LLC

By: _____
Name: _____

Name: _____
Title: _____

By: _____
Name: _____

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of physical presence or online notarization this _____ day of _____, 2024, by _____ as _____ of _____, and with authority to execute the foregoing on behalf of the entit(ies) identified above, and who appeared before me this day in person, and who is either personally known to me, or produced _____ as identification.

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF _____

(NOTARY SEAL)

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

BILL OF SALE
[BECKER ROAD AT WILSON GROVES IMPROVEMENTS]

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (Grantor), in the City of Port St. Lucie, St. Lucie County, State of Florida, for valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby grant, sell, transfer, and deliver unto **THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA** (Grantee) the following:

Utilities - All wastewater lines, potable water lines and reclaimed water lines, including but not limited to all pipes, structures, fittings, valves, services, tees, laterals to the point of connection, manholes, lift stations, facilities, equipment and appurtenances thereto, located within or upon the rights-of-way designated as Tract RW (Road Right-of-Way), as identified in the plat known as *Becker Road at Wilson Groves*, as recorded at Plat Book 121, Pages 7 - 13, of the Official Records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

Roadways - All public roads, pavement, curbing and other physical improvements – including but not limited to landscaping elements - within or upon rights-of-way designated as Tract RW (Road Right-of-Way), as identified in the plat known as *Becker Road at Wilson Groves*, as recorded at Plat Book 121, Pages 7 - 13, of the Official Records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

Surface Water Management – All drainage and surface water management systems, including but not limited to sod, surface water control structures, and pipes, located within Tract RW (Road Right-of-Way), as identified in the plat known as *Becker Road at Wilson Groves*, as recorded at Plat Book 121, Pages 7 - 13, of the Official Records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

To have and to hold the same to the Grantee, and its successors and assigns, to their use forever.

And the Grantor hereby covenants with the Grantee that the Grantor is the lawful owner of the said goods, that they are free from all encumbrances, that the Grantor has good right to sell the same as aforesaid, and that the Grantor will warrant and defend the same against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

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**SIGNATURE PAGE TO BILL OF SALE
[BECKER ROAD AT WILSON GROVES IMPROVEMENTS]**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the SELLER has hereunto set its hand and seal, by and through its duly authorized representatives, this ____ day of _____, 2024.

WITNESSES

**SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

By: _____
Name: _____

Name: _____
Title: _____

By: _____
Name: _____

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this ____ day of _____, 2024, by _____ as _____ of _____, who is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification.

(NOTARY SEAL)

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF _____

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

Upon recording, this instrument should be returned to:

(This space reserved for Clerk)

Jere L. Earlywine
Kutak Rock LLP
107 West College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT

THIS TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT (“Easement Agreement”) is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2024, by and between _____, a _____ with a mailing address of _____ (**“Developer”**) in favor of **SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, whose mailing address is Special District Services, Inc., 2501A Burns Rd., Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410 (**“District”**, together with Developer **“Parties”**).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the District was established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, as amended (**“Act”**), and is validly existing under the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Developer is the owner in fee simple of certain real property located in Port St. Lucie, Florida, lying within the boundaries of the District including those certain parcels of land lying more particularly described in **Exhibit “A”** attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference (**“Easement Area”**); and

WHEREAS, the District has requested that the Developer grant to the District a construction and maintenance easement over the Easement Area for the construction and installation of certain infrastructure improvements (**“Improvements”**) set forth in the District’s improvement plan, and the Developer is agreeable to granting such an easement on the terms and conditions set for herein.

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

1. **RECITALS.** The foregoing recitals are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated as a material part of this Easement Agreement.

2. **EASEMENT; AUTOMATIC TERMINATION.** The Developer hereby grants to District a non-exclusive easement over, upon, under, through, and across the Easement Area for ingress and egress for the construction, installation, maintenance, repair and replacement of the Improvements (“**Easement**”). District shall use all due care to protect the Easement Area and adjoining property from damage resulting from District’s use of the Easement Area. The Easement shall terminate automatically with respect to any lands comprising a portion of the Easement Area: (1) which are platted as residential lots, or (2) conveyed to the District or another governmental entity.

3. **DAMAGE.** In the event that District, its respective employees, agents, assignees, contractors (or their subcontractors, employees or materialmen), or representatives cause damage to the Easement Area or to adjacent property or improvements in the exercise of the easement rights granted herein, District, at District’s sole cost and expense, agrees to promptly commence and diligently pursue the restoration of the same and the improvements so damaged to, as nearly as practical, the original condition and grade, including, without limitation, repair and replacement of any landscaping, hardscaping, plantings, ground cover, roadways, driveways, sidewalks, parking areas, fences, walks, utility lines, stormwater facilities, pumping facilities, pumps and other structures or improvements of any kind.

4. **INSURANCE.** District and/or any contractors performing work for District on the Easement Area shall at all times maintain general public liability insurance to afford protection against any and all claims for personal injury, death or property damage arising directly or indirectly out of the exercise of the rights and privileges granted. Said insurance shall be issued by solvent, reputable insurance companies authorized to do business in the State of Florida, naming Developer, and its employees and representatives, as insureds, as their interests may appear in a combined-single limit of not less than \$1,000,000.00 with respect to bodily injury or death and property damage.

5. **INDEMNITY.** To the extent permitted by law, but without waiving any sovereign immunity protection or other limits on liability afforded by law, District shall indemnify and hold harmless Developer, and its successors, assigns, agents, employees, staff, contractors, officers, supervisors, and representatives (together, “**Indemnitees**”), from any and all liability, loss or damage, whether monetary or otherwise, including reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs and all fees and costs of mediation of alternative dispute resolution, as a result of any claims, liabilities, suits, liens, demands, costs, interest, expenses, damages, penalties, fine, or judgments, against Indemnitees which arise out of any of the activities referred to under the terms of this Easement Agreement or use of the Easement Area by District, its successors, assigns, agents, employees, contractors (including but not limited by subcontractors, materialmen, etc.), officer invitees, or representatives, including by not limited to loss of life, injury to persons or damage to, or destruction of theft of property.

6. **SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY.** District agrees that nothing contained in this Easement Agreement shall constitute or be construed as a waiver of Developer’s limitations on liability set forth in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, and other applicable law.

7. **LIENS.** District shall not permit (and shall promptly satisfy) any construction, mechanic's lien or encumbrance against the Easement Area or other Developer property in connection with the exercise of its rights hereunder.

8. **EXERCISE OF RIGHTS.** The rights and Easement created by this Easement Agreement are subject to the following provisions:

(a) District shall install the Improvements in a sound, professional manner and shall have sole responsibility for obtaining any necessary permits or regulatory approvals for the Improvements installation. Any rights granted hereunder shall be exercised by District only in accordance and compliance with any and all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, permits and approvals, and any future modifications or amendments thereto. District shall not discharge into or within the Easement Area any hazardous or toxic materials or substances, any pollutants, or any other substances or materials prohibited or regulated under any federal, state or local law, ordinance, rule, regulation or permit, except in accordance with such laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and permits.

(b) Developer makes no representation that the Easement Area is suitable for installation of the Improvements. District acknowledges that there are or may be existing facilities located within the Easement Area. District shall not interfere with or cause interruption in the day to day operation of all existing facilities in the Easement Area.

(c) Nothing herein shall be construed to limit in any way Developer's rights to (i) construct and maintain in the Easement Area any structures or other improvements that do not materially interfere with the use or enjoyment of the Easement granted herein for the purposes for which they are created as contemplated herein, or (ii) to use the Easement Area, or allow the use of the Easement Area by others, in common with District, its successors and assigns.

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

10. **ENFORCEMENT.** In the event that either the Grantor or Grantee seeks to enforce this Easement Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all fees and costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

11. **NOTICES.** All notices, requests, consents, and other communications hereunder ("**Notices**") shall be in writing and shall be delivered, mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, or telecopied or hand delivered to the parties, at the addresses first set forth above. Except as otherwise provided herein, any Notice shall be deemed received only upon actual delivery at the address or telecopy number set forth herein. If mailed as provided above, Notices shall be deemed delivered on the third business day unless actually received earlier. Notices hand delivered after 5:00 p.m. (at the place of delivery) or on a non-business day, shall be deemed received on the next business day. If any time for giving Notice contained in this

Agreement would otherwise expire on a non-business day, the Notice period shall be extended to the next succeeding business day. Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays recognized by the United States government shall not be regarded as business days. Counsel for the parties may deliver Notice on behalf of the parties. Any party or other person to whom Notices are to be sent or copied may notify the other parties and addressees of any change in name, address or telecopy number to which Notices shall be sent by providing the same on five (5) days written notice to the parties and addressees set forth herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent Florida law requires notice to enforce the collection of assessments placed on property by the District, then the provision of such notice shall be in lieu of any additional notice required by this Agreement.

12. **THIRD PARTIES.** This Easement Agreement is solely for the benefit of the Developer and District, and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason, to or for the benefit of any third party not a formal party to this Easement Agreement. Nothing in this Easement Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person, corporation, or entity other than the Developer and District any right, remedy, or claim under or by reason of this Easement Agreement or any of the provisions or conditions of this Easement Agreement. The Developer shall be solely responsible for enforcing its rights under this Easement Agreement against any interfering third party. Nothing contained in this Easement Agreement shall limit or impair the Developer's right to protect its rights from interference by a third party.

13. **ASSIGNMENT.** Neither of the Parties hereto may assign, transfer, or license all or any portion of its rights under this Easement Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. Any purported assignment, transfer, or license by one of the Parties absent the written consent of the other party shall be void and unenforceable.

14. **CONTROLLING LAW.** This Easement Agreement shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida.

15. **PUBLIC RECORDS.** All documents of any kind provided in connection with this Easement Agreement are public records and are to be treated as such in accordance with Florida law.

16. **SEVERABILITY.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions or part of a provision of this Easement Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Easement Agreement or any part of this Easement Agreement not held to be invalid or unenforceable.

17. **BINDING EFFECT.** This Easement Agreement and all of the provisions, representations, covenants, and conditions contained herein shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns, transferees, and/or licensees.

18. **AUTHORIZATION.** By execution below, the undersigned represent that they have been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of their respective entity to execute this

Easement Agreement, and that respective Parties have complied with all the requirements of law, and they have full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

19. **AMENDMENTS.** Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Easement Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both the Developer and District.

20. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of the agreement between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Easement Agreement.

21. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The effective date of this Easement Agreement shall be the date first written above.

22. **COUNTERPARTS.** This Easement Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original, but all taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

[signature pages follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Developer and District caused this Easement Agreement to be executed as of the day and year first written above.

WITNESSES:

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Print Name: _____
Address: _____

By: _____
Its: _____

Print Name: _____
Address: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of physical presence or online notarization this ___ day of _____, 2024, by _____ as _____ of Sundance Community Development District, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, who appeared before me this day in person, and who is either personally known to me, or produced _____ as identification.

[notary seal]

(Official Notary Signature)
Name: _____
Personally Known _____
OR Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification _____

[Signature page 1 of 2]

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of:

WITNESSES:

Print Name: _____

By: _____

Its: _____

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 _____, 2024, by _____ as _____ of _____, who appeared before me this day in person, and who is either personally known to me, or produced _____ as identification.

(Official Notary Signature)

Name: _____

Personally Known _____

OR Produced Identification _____

Type of Identification _____

[notary seal]

[Signature page 2 of 2]

EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE EASEMENT AREA