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LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District

Board of Supervisors' Meeting

June 23, 2021

District Office:
2806 N. Fifth Street, Unit 403
St. Augustine, Florida 3208184
Phone: 904-436-6270

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
AGENDA
June 23, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.**

Offices of GreenPointe Communities, LLC
864 S.E. Becker Road, Port St. Lucie, FL 34984

Board of Supervisors	Grady Miars	Board Member
	Austin Burr	Board Member
	Ellen Johnson	Board Member
	Robert Nelson	Board Member
	Bo Jahna	Board Member
District Manager	Melissa Dobbins	Rizzetta & Company, Inc.
District Counsel	Jonathan Johnson	Hopping Green & Sams, P.A.
Interim Engineer	Kinan Husainy	Kimley-Horn and Associates

All cellular phones must be placed on mute while in the meeting room.

The first section of the meeting is called Audience Comments, which is the portion of the agenda where individuals may make comments on Agenda Items. The final section of the meeting will provide an additional opportunity for Audience Comments on other matters of concern that were not addressed during the meeting. Individuals are limited to a total of three (3) minutes to make comments during these times.

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June 18, 2021

**Board of Supervisors
LTC Ranch West Residential
Community
Development District**

AGENDA

Dear Board Members:

The **organizational** meeting of the Board of Supervisors' of the LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District will be held on **Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.** to be held at the Office of Greenpointe Communities, LLC located at 864 S.E. Becker Rd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34984. The following is the agenda for the meeting.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
2. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**
3. **Business Administration**
 - A. Oath of Office for Supervisors.....**Tab 1**
 - B. *Review of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes (Under Separate Cover)*
 - C. *Review of Guide to Sunshine Law and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees (Under Separate Cover)*
 - D. Consideration of Resolution 2021-01, Appointing Officers.....**Tab 2**
 - E. Consent Agenda.....**Tab 3**
 - i. Consideration of Resolution 2021-02, Appointing a District Manager
 - a. District Management Agreement
 - ii. Consideration of Resolution 2021-03, Appointing District Counsel
 - a. District Counsel Agreement
 - iii. Consideration of Resolution 2021-04, Adopting a Policy for Public Comment Period
 - iv. Consideration of Resolution 2021-05, Adopting Investment Guidelines
 - v. Consideration of Resolution 2021-06, Adopting Prompt Payment Policies
 - vi. Consideration of Resolution 2021-07 Adopting Internal Controls Policy

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- vii. Consideration of Resolution 2021-08, Adopting a Travel Reimbursement Policy
- viii. Consideration of Resolution 2021-09, Adopting a Policy for Legal Defense of Board Members and Officers
 - a. Discussion of Public Officers Liability Insurance
- ix. Consideration of Resolution 2021-10, Authorizing Recording of Notice of Establishment
- x. Consideration of Resolution 2021-11, Adopting Records Retention Schedule
- xi. Consideration of Resolution 2021-12, Authorizing Chair and Vice Chair to Execute Plats, Permits and Deed
- xii. Consideration of Resolution 2021-13, Selecting District Depository
- xiii. Consideration of Resolution 2021-14, Authorizing Bank Account Signatories
- xiv. Consideration of Resolution 2021-15, Approving Disbursement for Expenses

- F. Administrative Resolutions.....**Tab 4**
 - i. Consideration of Resolution 2021-16, Designating Registered Agent and Registered Office
 - ii. Consideration of Resolution 2021-17, Designating Primary Administrative Office and Local Records Office
 - iii. Consideration of Retention of Interim Engineer
 - a. Consideration of Interim Engineer Agreement
 - b. Authorization for Request for Qualifications for District Engineer and Approval of Evaluation Criteria for Same
- G. Organizational Resolutions.....**Tab 5**
 - i. Consideration of Resolution 2021-18, Designating Date, Time and Location Regular Meetings
 - ii. Consideration of Establishment of Audit Committee and Setting the First Meeting
 - i.) Authorization for Request for Proposals for Auditing Services
 - iii. Consideration of Resolution 2021-19, Approving Proposed FY 20-21 Budget and Setting Public Hearing

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- a. Consideration of FY2020/2021 Budget Funding Agreement
 - iv. Consideration of Resolution 2021-20, Approving Proposed FY 21-22 Budget and Setting Public Hearing
 - v. Consideration of Resolution 2021-21, Setting a Public Hearing and Authorizing Publication of Notice of Public Hearing on Rules of Procedure
 - a. Discussion of Draft Rules of Procedure and Notices
 - vi. Consideration of Resolution 2021-22, Setting a Public Hearing and Authorizing Publication of Notice of Public Hearing on Uniform Method of Collection
 - xii. Consideration of Resolution 2021-23, Setting Landowner's Election
- H. Bond Financing Related Matters.....**Tab 6**
 - i. Bond Financing Team Funding Agreement
 - ii. Appointing Financing Team
 - a) Consideration of Resolution 2021-24, Appointing Investment Banker
 - i.) Investment Banker Agreement
 - b) Consideration of Resolution 2021-25, Appointing Bond Counsel
 - i.) Bond Counsel Agreement
 - c) Consideration of Selection of Trustee
 - iii. *Consideration of Bond Validation District Engineer Report (Under Separate Cover)*
 - iv. *Consideration of Master Special Assessment Allocation Report (Under Separate Cover)*
 - v. Consideration of Resolution 2021-26, Declaring Special Assessments
 - vi. Consideration of Resolution 2021-27, Setting Public Hearing on Special Assessments
 - vii. *Consideration of Resolution 2021-28, Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds, Approving Form of Indenture and Authorizing the Commencement of Validation Proceedings (Under Separate Cover)*
- I. Consideration of Funding Request

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- 4. Staff Reports**
 - A. District Counsel
 - 1.) Update on E-Verify.....**Tab 7**
 - B. Interim Engineer
 - C. District Manager
- 5. Supervisor Requests and Public Comment**
- 6. Adjournment**

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Public Comment Period

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Tab 1

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR
OATH OF OFFICE**

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

Signature

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OATH BEING TAKEN

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF ST. LUCIE

The foregoing oath was administered before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization this _____ day of _____, 2021, by _____, who personally appeared before me, and is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification, and is the person described in and who took the aforementioned oath as a Member of the Board of Supervisors of the LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District and acknowledged to and before me that he/she took said oath for the purposes therein expressed.

(NOTARY SEAL)

Notary Public, State of Florida

Print Name: _____

Commission No.: _____ Expires: _____

**Review of Chapter 190, Florida
Statutes
*(Under Separate Cover)***

**Review of Guide to Sunshine
Amendment and Code of Ethics
for Public Officers and Employees
*(Under Separate Cover)***

Tab 2

RESOLUTION 2021-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LTC RANCH WEST
RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
DESIGNATING A CHAIR, A VICE CHAIR, A SECRETARY,
ASSISTANT SECRETARIES, A TREASURER AND AN
ASSISTANT TREASURER OF THE LTC RANCH WEST
RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
DATE**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District desires to elect the below recited persons to the offices specified.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

1. The following persons are elected to the offices shown:

Chair	_____
Vice Chair	_____
Secretary	_____
Treasurer	_____
Assistant Secretary	_____
Assistant Secretary	_____
Assistant Secretary	_____
Assistant Secretary	_____
Assistant Secretary	_____
Assistant Treasurer	_____

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/ Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Consent Agenda

Tab 3

RESOLUTION 2021-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPOINTING AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER OF THE DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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

WHEREAS, the Board desires to appoint and fix the compensation of the District Manager.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

Section 1. Rizzetta & Company is appointed as District Manager and shall be compensated in the manner prescribed in the agreement incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit "A".

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 23RD DAY OF JUNE, 2021.

**LTC RANCH WEST
RESIDENTIALCOMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT I**

CHAIRMAN / VICE CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SECRETARY / ASSISTANT SECRETARY

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL DISTRICT SERVICES

DATE: June 14th, 2021

BETWEEN: **RIZZETTA & COMPANY, INC.**
3434 Colwell Avenue
Suite 200
Tampa, Florida 33614

(Hereinafter referred to as "**Consultant**")

AND: **LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**
3434 Colwell Ave.
Suite 200
Tampa, Florida 33614

(Hereinafter referred to as "**District**," and together with Consultant, the "**Parties**.")

PURPOSE; SCOPE OF SERVICES:

- I. The purpose of this contract for professional district management services (hereinafter referred to as "**Contract**") is for the Consultant to provide professional district management services to the District pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. A brief description of these services is provided below and a detailed description is provided in **Exhibit A** to this Contract.

A. STANDARD ON-GOING SERVICES. The Consultant shall provide the following Standard On-Going Services to the District pursuant to this Contract:

- i. **Management** - services include the conducting of one (1) three (3) hour board meeting per month, one (1) budget workshop per year, overall administration of District functions, and all required state and local filings, preparation of annual budget, purchasing and risk management;
- ii. **Administrative** - services include support for the District Management function, recording and preparation of meeting minutes, records retention and maintenance in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and the District's adopted Rules of Procedure, preparation and delivery of agenda;



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- iii. **Accounting** - services include the preparation and delivery of the District's financial statements in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards, accounts payable and accounts receivable functions, asset tracking, investment tracking, capital program administration and requisition processing, filing of annual reports required by the State of Florida and monitoring of trust account activity;
- iv. **Financial & Revenue Collection** - services include all functions necessary for the timely billing, collection and reporting of District assessments in order to ensure adequate funds to meet the District's debt service and operations and maintenance obligations. These services include, but are not limited to, assessment roll preparation and certification, direct billings and funding request processing as well as responding to property owner questions regarding District assessments.

B. TIME FRAME. The Standard On-Going Services shall be provided on a monthly basis as detailed in this Contract.

II. ADDITIONAL SERVICES. In addition to the Standard On-Going Services described above, or in any addendum executed between the Parties, the District may, from time to time, require additional services from the Consultant. Any services not specifically provided for in the scope of services above, or necessary to carry out the services as described herein, as well as any changes in the scope requested by the District, will be considered additional services. Such additional services may include, but are not limited to:

- Meetings: Extended meetings (beyond three (3) hours in length), continued meetings, special/additional meetings (not including annual budget workshop);
- Financial Reports: Modifications and certifications to special assessment allocation report; true-up analysis;
- Bond Issuance Services: preparation of the special assessment allocation report, testimony at the required bond validation court hearing, certifications, closing documents and statutorily required mailings
- Electronic communications/e-blasts;
- Special requests;
- Amendment to District boundary;
- Grant Applications;
- Escrow Agent;
- Continuing Disclosure/Representative/Agent;
- Community Mailings, e.g. memos, notifications of rules changes, operations and maintenance assessment notices, etc.;
- Public Records Requests that are extensive in nature, as defined by District's adopted Rules of Procedure.

If any additional services are required or requested, the Consultant will provide a detailed description of these services and fees for such services to the District for approval prior to beginning any additional services. The Consultant shall undertake the additional services after the District has issued its written approval, as evidenced by a vote of the Board of Supervisors, of the description and fees for such services to the Consultant.



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- III. **LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES.** Upon the District's request, the Consultant shall prepare documentation in response to litigation requests and provide necessary expert testimony in connection with litigation involving the subject matter of this Contract. If the District requires or requests any litigation support services, the Consultant will provide a detailed description of the services and fees for such services to the District for approval prior to beginning any litigation support services. The Consultant shall undertake the litigation support services after the District has issued its written approval of the description and fees for such services to the Consultant.
- IV. **ADDITIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED TO THIRD PARTIES.** These are services requested by third parties such as homeowners, realtors, investors or members of the media. Such services may include, but are not limited to, estoppel letters, bond prepayment processing, and litigation support. The third party requesting such services shall be responsible for the payment of any fees charged by Consultant for providing those services to the extent authorized by law and the District's Rules of Procedure.
- V. **TERM.** The Consultant's services as provided in this Contract shall commence upon execution of this Contract. This Contract shall automatically renew annually unless terminated pursuant to its terms. The Consultant acknowledges that the prices of this Contract are firm and that the Consultant may change the prices only with the District's written consent as evidenced by a vote of the Board of Supervisors. All prior agreements between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Contract are terminated upon the execution of this Contract.

VI. **FEES AND EXPENSES; PAYMENT TERMS.**

A. **FEES AND EXPENSES.**

- i. A schedule of fees for the services described in Sections I, II, III, and IV of this Contract is shown in **Exhibit B** to this Contract, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein. The District shall pay the Consultant for the services provided under the terms of this Contract in accordance with the schedule of fees in **Exhibit B**. For purposes of the Consultant's compensation for services provided pursuant to this Contract, the District shall compensate the Consultant only for those services provided under the terms of this Contract. Unless otherwise specified by this Contract, the Consultant will invoice the District for the Consultant's services as soon as may be practicable in advance of each month and in the amounts set forth in **Exhibit B**. The fees for those services which are not being requested at the time this Contract is approved will be provided to the District at such time as those services are required and requested by vote of the Board of Supervisors. Payment shall be made by the District within thirty (30) days of receipt of a correctly submitted invoice.
- ii. Fees for the Standard On-Going Services described in this Contract may be negotiated annually by the Parties. Any amendment to Standard On-Going Services fees must comply with the amendment procedure in this Contract and must be reflected in the adopted General Fund Budget of the District. The District's adoption of the General Fund Budget shall not constitute the District's consent for payment of any expenses or change in



Contract terms.

- iii. In the event the District authorizes a change in the scope of services requested, Consultant shall submit, in writing to the District, a request for a fee amendment corresponding to the change in services being requested, if it has not already done so. Any change in the scope of requested services and the corresponding fee amendment shall comply with the amendment procedure in this Contract. Such amendment must be validly executed by the Parties before Consultant is authorized to begin providing services pursuant to the change in scope and the revised fees are adopted.
- iv. For the purposes of this Contract, an out-of-pocket expense is an unexpected expense that the Consultant or one of its subcontractors, if applicable, incurs during the performance of the Standard On-Going Services, as provided in this Contract. Such out-of-pocket expenses are included in the fees shown in **Exhibit B**. Out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the performance of Additional Services and Litigation Support Services will be subject to reimbursement at cost. These expenses include, but are not limited to, airfare, mileage, transportation/parking, lodging, postage, and copies.

B. PAYMENT TERMS.

- i. **Standard On-Going Services.** Standard-On Going Services will be billed monthly as a fixed fee pursuant to the schedule shown in **Exhibit B**.
- ii. **Additional Services.** Additional Services will either be billed monthly at the Consultant's proposed hourly rate or per occurrence both as authorized by the District and negotiated by the Parties.
- iii. **Litigation Support Services.** Litigation Support Services will be billed monthly on an hourly basis for the hours incurred at the Consultant's proposed hourly rate, as authorized by the District and negotiated by the Parties.
- iv. **Out-of-Pocket expenses.** Out-of-Pocket expenses not included under the Standard-On Going Services of the Consultant will be billed monthly as incurred.

All invoices will be due and payable thirty (30) days from the date of invoice pursuant to the Prompt Payment Act, Chapter 218.70 Florida Statutes.

- VII. SUSPENSION OF SERVICES FOR NON-PAYMENT.** Unless nonpayment is the fault of the Consultant, the Consultant shall have the right to suspend services being provided as outlined in this Contract if the District fails to pay Consultant's invoices in a timely manner, which shall be construed as thirty (30) days from date of the invoice or as otherwise provided by the Prompt Payment Act, Section 218.70 Florida Statutes. Consultant shall notify the District, in writing, at least ten (10) days prior to suspending services.



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VIII. NON-CONTINGENCY. The payment of fees and expenses, as outlined in this Contract, are not contingent upon any circumstance not specifically outlined in this Contract.

IX. AMENDMENT. Amendments to, and waivers of, the provisions contained in this Contract may be made only by an instrument in writing that is executed by both the District and the Consultant.

X. RESPONSIBILITIES.

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

B. LIMITATIONS OF RESPONSIBILITIES. To the extent not referenced herein, and to the extent consistent with Chapter 190.006, Consultant shall not be responsible for the acts or omissions of any other contractor or any of its subcontractors, suppliers, or of any other individual or entity performing services as part of this Contract which are not under the control of the Consultant. Consultant shall not be liable for any damage that occurs from Acts of God, which are defined as those caused by windstorm, hail, fire, flood, hurricane, freezing, or other similar occurrences of nature.

XI. TERMINATION. This Contract may be terminated as follows:

A. By the District for "good cause" immediately which shall include misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance, or dereliction of duties by the Consultant. Termination for "good cause" shall be effected by written notice to Consultant electronically at the address noted herein.

B. By the Consultant for "good cause", immediately which shall include, but is not limited to, failure of the District to timely pay Consultant for services rendered in accordance with the terms set forth in this Contract, malfeasance, nonfeasance, or dereliction of duties by the District, or upon request or demand by the Board, or any member thereof, for Consultant to undertake any action or implement a policy of the Board which Consultant deems unethical, unlawful, or in contradiction of any applicable federal, state, or municipal law or rule. Termination for "good cause" shall be effected by written notice to District electronically at the address noted herein.

C. By the Consultant or District, for any reason, upon provision of a minimum of sixty (60) days written (electronic) notice of termination to the address noted herein.

D. Upon any termination, Consultant will be entitled to the total amount of compensation pursuant to the terms of this Contract, through the termination date, but subject to any off-sets that the District may have for services not performed or not performed in accordance with the Contract. Consultant will make all reasonable effort to provide for an orderly transfer of the books and records of the District to the District or its designee.



XII. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

- A.** All invoices are due and payable within thirty (30) days of a correctly submitted invoice, or as otherwise provided by the Florida Prompt Payment Act, Section 218.70. Florida Statutes. Invoices not paid within thirty (30) days of presentation shall be charged interest on the balance due at the maximum legally permissible rate.
- B.** In the event either party is required to take any action to enforce this Contract, the prevailing party shall be entitled to attorney's fees and costs, including fees and costs incurred in determining entitlement to and reasonableness of such fees and costs.
- C.** This Contract shall be interpreted in accordance with and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Venue for all proceedings shall be in St. Lucie County, Florida.
- D.** In the event that any provision of this Contract shall be determined to be unenforceable or invalid by a Court of Law, such unenforceability or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of the Contract which shall remain in full force and effect.
- E.** The rights and obligations of the District as defined by this Contract shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of the District. There shall be no assignment of this Contract by the Consultant.
- F.** The Consultant and its officers, supervisors, staff, and employees shall use due care to protect the property of the District, its residents, and landowners from damage. The Consultant agrees to take steps to repair any damage resulting from the Consultant's activities and work pursuant to the Contract within twenty-four hours (24) hours.
- G.** Dissolution or court declared invalidity of the District shall not relieve the District of compensation due for services theretofore rendered.

XIII. INDEMNIFICATION.

- A. DISTRICT INDEMNIFICATION.** To the extent the Consultant or its employees are serving as the District's employees, officers, or agents pursuant to the terms, conditions and requirements of this Agreement, and as may be allowable under applicable law (and without waiving the limitations of liability set forth in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes), the District agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Consultant from and against any and all liability, claims, actions, suits, demands, assessments or judgments asserted and any and all losses, liabilities, damages, costs, court costs, and expenses, including attorney's fees, that Consultant may hereafter incur, become responsible for, or be caused to pay out arising out of or relating to the negligent or intentionally wrongful acts or omissions of the District, except to the extent caused by, in whole or in part, the negligence or recklessness and/or willful misconduct of the Consultant. The District's obligation to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Consultant as set forth herein shall not exceed the monetary limits of any endorsement listing the Consultant as an additional insured party pursuant to Section XIV of this Agreement. If there is no such endorsement, the District's defense, indemnity, and



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hold harmless obligations as set forth in this Section shall not exceed the monetary limitations of liability set forth in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*. The indemnification provided for herein shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the Consultant may be entitled and shall continue after the Consultant has ceased to be engaged under this Contract.

CONSULTANT INDEMNIFICATION. The Consultant agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the District and its officers, supervisors, staff, and employees from and against any and all liability, claims, actions, suits, demands, assessments or judgments asserted and any and all losses, liabilities, damages, costs, court costs, and expenses, including attorney's fees, that the District may hereafter incur, become responsible for, or be caused to pay out arising out of or relating to the failure to perform under this Agreement or at law, or negligent, reckless, and/or intentionally wrongful acts or omissions of the Consultant. The indemnification provided for herein shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the District may be entitled and shall continue after the Consultant has ceased to be engaged under this Contract.

- B. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY; INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS.** Nothing herein shall be construed to waive or limit the District's sovereign immunity limitations of liability as provided in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or other applicable law. Indemnification obligations under this Contract shall include the payment of all settlements, judgments, damages, liquidated damages, penalties, forfeitures, back pay awards, court costs, arbitration and/or mediation costs, litigation expenses, attorney fees, and paralegal fees (incurred in court, out of court, on appeal, or in bankruptcy proceedings) as ordered.

XIV. INSURANCE.

- A.** The District shall provide and maintain Public Official Liability and General Liability insurance policies, each in an amount not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) throughout the term of this Contract.
- B.** The Consultant shall provide and maintain the following levels of insurance coverage at all times throughout the term of this Contract:
- i.** Worker's Compensation Insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.
 - ii.** General Liability Insurance with the limit of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per each occurrence.
 - iii.** Professional Liability Insurance with limit of no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per each occurrence.
 - iv.** Employment Practices Liability Insurance with limit of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) per each occurrence.



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does not transfer the records to the Public Records Custodian of the District; 4) follow the Records Request Policy attached hereto as **Exhibit D**; and 5) upon completion of the Contract, transfer to the District, at no cost, all public records in Consultant's possession or, alternatively, keep, maintain and meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records pursuant to Florida laws. When such public records are transferred by the Consultant, the Consultant shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District in a format that is compatible with Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats.

IF THE CONSULTANT HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONSULTANT'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (813) 514-0400, OR BY EMAIL AT INFO@RIZZETTA.COM, OR BY REGULAR MAIL AT 3434 COLWELL AVENUE, SUITE 200, TAMPA, FLORIDA 33614.

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

If to the District:	LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District 3434 Colwell Ave., STE 200 Tampa, FL 33614
With a copy to:	Hopping Green & Sams, P.A. 119 South Monroe Street, Suite 300 (32301) P.O. Box 6526 Tallahassee, FL 32314 Attn: District Counsel
If to the Consultant:	Rizzetta & Company, Inc. 3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200 Tampa, FL 33614

Except as otherwise provided in this Contract, any Notice shall be deemed received only upon actual delivery at the address set forth above or delivered electronically with return receipt. 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 Contract 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



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for the Consultant may deliver Notice on behalf of the District and the Consultant, 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.

- XVIII. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Contract shall become effective upon execution by both the District and the Consultant, and shall remain effective until terminated by either the District or the Consultant in accordance with the provisions of this Contract.
- XIX. HEADINGS FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY.** The descriptive headings in this Contract are for convenience only and shall neither control nor affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions of this Contract.
- XX. AGREEMENT; CONFLICTS.** This instrument, together with accompanying **Exhibits A, B, C and D**, shall constitute the final and complete expression of this Contract between the District and the Consultant relating to the subject matter of this Contract. To the extent of any conflict between this instrument and **Exhibits A, B, C, and D**, this instrument shall control.
- XXI. DEFAULT AND PROTECTION AGAINST THIRD PARTY INTERFERENCE.** A default by either the District or the Consultant under this Contract 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. The District shall be solely responsible for enforcing its rights under this Contract against any interfering third party. Nothing contained in this Contract shall limit or impair the District's right to protect its rights from interference by a third party to this Contract.
- XXII. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES.** This Contract is solely for the benefit of the District and the Consultant 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 Contract. Nothing in this Contract, express or implied, is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the District and the Consultant any right, remedy, or claim under or by reason of this Contract or any of the provisions or conditions of this Contract; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants, and conditions contained in this Contract shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the District and the Consultant and their respective representatives, successors, and assigns.
- XXIII. COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION.** The Consultant shall keep, observe, and perform all requirements of applicable local, State, and Federal laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances. If the Consultant fails to notify the District in writing within five (5) days of the receipt of any notice, order, required to comply notice, or a report of a violation or an alleged violation, made by a local, State, or Federal governmental body or agency or subdivision thereof with respect to the services being rendered under this Contract or any action of the Consultant or any of its agents, servants, employees, or materialmen, or with respect to terms, wages, hours, conditions of employment, safety appliances, or any other requirements applicable to provision of services, or fails to comply with any requirement of such agency within five (5) days after receipt of any such notice, order, request to comply notice, or report of a violation of an alleged violation, the District may terminate this Contract, such termination to be effective immediately upon the giving of notice of termination.



- XXIV. ARM'S LENGTH TRANSACTION.** This Contract has been negotiated fully between the District and the Consultant as an arm's length transaction. The District and the Consultant participated fully in the preparation of this Contract with the assistance of their respective counsel. In the case of a dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Contract, the Parties are deemed to have drafted, chosen, and selected the language, and any doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against any party.
- XXV. COUNTERPARTS.** This Contract 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.
- XXVI. E-VERIFICATION.** Pursuant to Section 448.095(2), Florida Statutes,
- A.** Contractor represents that Contractor is eligible to contract with the District and is currently in compliance and will remain in compliance, for as long as it has any obligations under this Agreement, with all requirements of the above statute; this includes, but is not limited to, registering with and using the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all employees hired on or after January 1, 2021.
 - B.** If the District has a good faith belief that the Contractor has knowingly violated Section 448.09(1), Florida Statutes, the District will terminate this Agreement as required by Section 448.095(2)(c), Florida Statutes. If the District has a good faith belief that a subcontractor knowingly violated Section 448.09(1), Florida Statutes, but the Contractor otherwise complied with its obligations thereunder, the District shall promptly notify the Contractor and the Contractor will immediately terminate its contract with the subcontractor.
 - C.** If this Agreement is terminated in accordance with this section, then the Contractor will be liable for any additional costs incurred by the District.

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Therefore, the Consultant and the District each intend to enter this Contract, understand the terms set forth herein, and hereby agree to those terms.

ACCEPTED BY:

RIZZETTA & COMPANY, INC.

BY: _____
PRINTED NAME: William J. Rizzetta
TITLE: President
DATE: _____

LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

BY: _____
PRINTED NAME: _____
TITLE: Chairman/Vice Chairman
DATE: _____

ATTEST:

Vice Chairman/Assistant Secretary
Board of Supervisors

Print Name

- Exhibit A** – Scope of Services
- Exhibit B** – Schedule of Fees
- Exhibit C** – Municipal Advisor Disclaimer
- Exhibit D** – Public Records Request Policy



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EXHIBIT A
Scope of Services

STANDARD ON-GOING SERVICES: These services will be provided on a recurring basis and are commonly referred to as the basic services necessary for the normal and routine functioning of the District.

MANAGEMENT:

- A. Attend and conduct all regularly scheduled and special Board of Supervisors meetings, Landowners' meetings, continued meetings, hearings and workshops. Arrange for time and location and all other necessary logistics for such meetings, hearings, etc.
- B. Ensure compliance with all statutes affecting the district which include but are not limited to:
 - 1. Certify Special District Update Form, submitted to the Special District Information Program, Department of Economic Opportunity each year.
 - 2. Assign and provide Records Management Liaison Officer for reporting to the Department of Library and Archives
 - 3. Provide contact person for the State Commission of Ethics for Financial Disclosure coordination
 - 4. Provide Form 1 Financial Disclosure documents for Board Members
 - 5. Provide Form 1F Financial Disclosure documents for Resigning Board Members.
 - 6. Monitor and supply Form 3A, Interest in Competitive Bid for Public Business as needed
 - 7. Monitor and provide Form 8B, Memorandum of Voting Conflict for the Board.
 - 8. Monitor and provide update on Creation Documents, including Notice of Establishment, to Department of Economic Opportunity and the County.
 - 9. Maintain and file Disclosure of Public Financing and file with Department of Economic Opportunity and each residential developer.
 - 10. Provide for a proposed budget for Board approval on or by June 15 of each fiscal year.
 - 11. Provide copy of approved proposed budget to the County a minimum of 60 days prior to the public hearing on the budget.
 - a. Provide written notice to owners of public hearing on the budget and its related assessments.
 - 12. Provide copy of the initial Public Facilities report to the County to be submitted within one (1) year after the district's creation.
 - 13. Provide copy of an annual notice of any changes to the Public Facilities report to the County if changes are made.
 - 14. Provide copy of the seven (7) year Public Facilities report update, based on reporting period assigned to the County it is located in.



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15. File name and location of the Registered Agent and Office location annually with Department of Economic Opportunity and the County.
 16. Provide for submitting the regular meeting schedule of the Board to County.
 17. Provide District Map and update as provided by the District's Engineer as needed to the Department of Economic Opportunity and the County
 18. Provide legal description and boundary map as provided by District Engineer to the Supervisor of Elections
 19. File request letter to the Supervisor of Election of the County for number of registered voters as of April 15, each year.
 20. Provide for public records announcement and file document of registered voter data each June.
 21. Update Board Member names, positions and contact information to the State Commission on Ethics annually.
 22. Certify and file the Form DR 421, Truth in Millage Document with the Department of Revenue each tax year.
 23. Properly notice all public meetings, in accordance with the appropriate Florida Statutes, including but not limited to, public hearings on assessments, the budget, establishment of rates, fees, or charges, rulemaking, uniform method of collection, and all other required notices of meetings, hearings and workshops.
 - a. Provide for the appropriate ad templates and language for each of the above.
 24. Provide for instruction to Landowners on the Election Process and forms, etc.
 25. Respond to Bond Holders Requests for Information.
 26. Implement the policies established by the Board in connection with the operations of the District.
- C. Assist in the negotiation of contracts, as directed by the Board of Supervisors.
- D. Advise the Board on the status of negotiations as well as contract provisions and their impacts on the District and provide contract administration services.
- E. Make recommendations on contract approval, rejection, amendment, renewal, and cancellation. In advance of expiration of contracts, advise the Board as to need for renewal or additional procurement activities and implement same.
- F. Monitor certificates of insurance as needed per contracts.
- G. Answer Project Status Inquiries from Contractors Bonding Companies.
- H. Provide an office location to handle and respond to written, phone or e-mail inquiries from the public.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

- A. Prepare agendas for transmittal to Board of Supervisors and staff seven (7) days prior to Board of Supervisors' Meeting. Prepare meeting materials for other meetings, hearings, etc., as needed.



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- B. Provide accurate minutes for all meetings and hearings, including landowners' meetings.
- C. Implement and maintain a document management system to create and save documents, and provide for the archiving of District documents.
 - 1. Certify and file annual report to the Department of State, Library and Archive Division, for storage and disposal of public records.
- D. Protect integrity of all public records in accordance with the requirements of State law. Respond to public records requests as required by law and in compliance with the Rules of Procedure and the District's adopted public records policy.
- E. Maintain "Record of Proceedings" for the district within the County which includes meeting minutes, agreements, resolutions and other records required by law.

ACCOUNTING:

A. Financial Statements

- 1. Establish Fund Accounting System in accordance with federal and state law, as well as GASB and the Rules of the Auditor General. This includes the following:
 - a) Chart of Accounts
 - b) Vendor and Customer Master File
 - c) Report creation and set-up.
- 2. Prepare monthly balance sheet, income statement(s) with budget to actual variances, including the following:
 - a) Cash Investment Account Reconciliations per fund
 - b) Balance Sheet Reconciliations per fund
 - c) Expense Variance Analysis
- 3. Prepare and file Annual Public Depositor's Report and distribute to State Department of Insurance and Treasury.
- 4. Prepare and file Public Depositor's and Indemnification Form on new accounts as needed.
- 5. Manage banking relations with the District's Depository and Trustee.
- 6. Prepare all other financial reports as required by applicable law and accounting standards, and bond trust indenture requirements.
- 7. Account for assets constructed by or donated to the District for maintenance.
- 8. On or before October 1st of every year prepare an annual inventory of all District owned tangible personal property and equipment in accordance with all applicable rules and standards.
- 9. Provide Audit support to auditors for the required Annual Audit, as follows:
 - a) Review statutory and bond indenture requirements
 - b) Prepare Audit Confirmation Letters for independent verification of activities.



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- c) Prepare all supporting accounting reports and documents as requested by the auditors
 - d) Respond to auditor questions
 - e) Review and edit draft report
 - f) Prepare year-end adjusting journal entries as required
10. Provide for transmission of the Audit to the County and the Auditor General's Office of the State.
11. Provide and file Annual Financial Statements (FS. 218 report) by June 30th of each year.

B. Budgeting

- 1. Prepare budget and backup material for and present the budget at all budget meetings, hearings and workshops. The budget is to be done in accordance with state law standards, and consistent with applicable GFOA and GASB standards. Budget preparation shall include calculation of operation and maintenance assessments, which may include development of benefit methodology for those assessments.
- 2. File all required documentation to the Department of Revenue, Auditor General, the County, and other governmental agencies with jurisdiction.
- 3. Prepare and cause to be published notices of all budget hearings and workshops.
- 4. Prepare all budget amendments on an ongoing basis. Assist in process to retain an auditor and cooperate and assist in the performance of the audit by the independent auditor.

C. Accounts Payable/Receivable

- 1. Administer the processing, review and approval, and payment of all invoices and purchase orders. Ensure timely payment of vendor invoices and purchase orders.
 - a) Manage Vendor Information per W-9 reports
- 2. Prepare monthly Vendor Payment Report and Invoicing Support for presentation to the Board of Supervisors for approval or ratification.
- 3. Maintain checking accounts with qualified public depository including:
 - a) Reconciliation to reported bank statements for all accounts and funds.
- 4. Prepare year-end 1099 Forms for Vendor payments as applicable.
 - a) File reports with IRS.

D. Capital Program Administration

- 1. Maintain proper capital fund and project fund accounting procedures and records.
- 2. Process Construction requisitions including:
 - a) Vendor Contract completion status
 - b) Verify Change Orders for materials
 - c) Check for duplicate submittals



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d) Verify allowable expenses per Bond Indenture Agreements such as:

- (1) Contract Assignment
- (2) Acquisition Agreement
- (3) Project Construction and Completion Agreement

3. Oversee and implement bond issue related compliance, i.e., coordination of annual arbitrage report, transmittal of annual audit and budget to the trustee, transmittal of annual audit and other information to dissemination agent (if other than manager) or directly to bond holders as required by Continuing Disclosure Agreements, annual/quarterly disclosure reporting, update etc.
4. Provide Asset Tracking for improvements to be transferred and their value for removal from District's Schedule of Property Ownership that are going to another local government.
5. Provide for appropriate bid and or proposal/qualification processes for Capital Project Construction.

E. Purchasing

1. Assist in selection of vendors as needed for services, goods, supplies, materials. Obtain pricing proposals as needed and in accordance with District rules and state law.
2. Prepare RFPs for Administrative Services as needed, such as audit services, legal services, and engineering services.
3. Prepare and process requisitions for capital expenses, in coordination with District Engineer.

F. Risk Management

1. Prepare and follow risk management policies and procedures.
2. Recommend and advise the Board, in consultation with the District Engineer of the appropriate amount and type of insurance and be responsible for procuring all necessary insurance.
3. Process and assist in the investigation of insurance claims, in coordination with Counsel of the District.
4. Review insurance policies and coverage amounts of District vendors.
5. Provide for an update to the Schedule of Values of Assets owned by the District for purposes of procuring adequate coverage.
6. Maintain and monitor Certificates of Insurance for all service and contract vendors.

FINANCIAL AND REVENUE COLLECTION:

A. Administer Prepayment Collection:

1. Provide payoff information and pre-payment amounts as requested by property owners.
2. Monitor, collect and maintain records of prepayment of assessments.



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3. Coordinate with Trustee to confirm semi-annual interest payments and bond call amounts.
 4. Prepare periodic continuing disclosure reports to investment bankers, bond holder and reporting agencies.
- B. Administer Assessment Roll Process:
1. Prepare annual assessment roll for collection of debt service and operations and maintenance assessments.
 2. Update roll to reflect per unit and per parcel assessments based on adopted fiscal year budgets.
 3. Verify assessments on platted lots, commercial properties or other assessable lands.
 4. Convert final assessment roll to County Property Appraiser or Tax Collector format and remit to county.
 5. Execute and issue Certificate of Non-Ad Valorem Assessments to County.
- C. Administer Assessments for Off Tax Roll parcels/lots:
1. Maintain and update current list of owners of property not assessed via the tax roll.
 2. Prepare and issue direct invoices for the annual debt service and operations and maintenance assessments.
 3. Monitor collection of direct invoices and prepare and send delinquent/collection notices as necessary.
- D. True-Up Analysis:
1. Annually compare current and un-platted lots to original development plan to ensure adequate collection of assessment revenue as necessary.
 2. Prepare true-up calculations and invoice property owners for true-up payments as necessary.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

A. One-Time Services:

Website Development - Consultant shall provide all required content to a third party responsible for design and implementation of a website for the District to comply with Florida law, including, but not limited to, Chapter 189.069, Florida Statutes, requiring that special districts operate and maintain an official internet website. Details of the required content are shown in **Exhibit A**. Consultant shall secure and register a domain name in the District's name, which the domain shall be owned by the District, for purposes of establishing the website.

E-mail Set-up - Consultant shall establish and register a domain name in the District's name for purposes of setting up and creating individual e-mail addresses for supervisors, staff or employees as designated by the District. Said domain name shall be owned by the District.

B. Standard On-Going Services:



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1. **Website Compliance and Management** - Consultant shall be responsible for ensuring District's on-going compliance with Florida law, including, but not limited to, Chapter 189.069, Florida Statutes, requiring that special districts operate and maintain an official internet web site throughout the term of this Contract. Consultant shall maintain the domain for the District. Consultant will manage the website maintenance contract provider and ensure they are meeting the requirements of the contract with the District. Consultant will provide the website maintenance provider with documents and updated content as required in accordance with Chapter 189.0069 Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to section 189.016 & 189.069, Florida Statutes, special district web sites are required to include and make available the following information or documents, which requirements may be changed from time to time and which Consultant shall be responsible for ensuring District compliance associated therewith. Changes to the requirements may be subject to additional fees:

1. The full legal name of the special district.
2. The public purpose of the special district.
3. The name, official address, official e-mail address, and, if applicable, term and appointing authority for each member of the governing body of the special district.
4. The fiscal year of the special district.
5. The full text of the special district's charter, the date of establishment, the establishing entity, and the statute or statutes under which the special district operates, if different from the statute or statutes under which the special district was established. Community development districts may reference chapter 190 as the uniform charter but must include information relating to any grant of special powers.
6. The mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number, and website uniform resource locator of the special district.
7. A description of the boundaries or service area of, and the services provided by, the special district.
8. A listing of all taxes, fees, assessments, or charges imposed and collected by the special district, including the rates or amounts for the fiscal year and the statutory authority for the levy of the tax, fee, assessment, or charge. For purposes of this subparagraph, charges do not include patient charges by a hospital or other health care provider.
9. The primary contact information for the special district for purposes of communication from the department.
10. A code of ethics adopted by the special district, if applicable, and a hyperlink to generally applicable ethics provisions.
11. The budget of the special district and any amendments thereto in accordance with s. 189.016.
12. Tentative budgets must be posted at least two (2) days before the budget hearing and now remain on District websites for forty-five (45) days.
13. Final adopted budgets must be posted within thirty (30) days after adoption and now remain on District websites for two (2) years.
14. Budget amendments must be posted within five (5) days after adoption and now remain on District websites for two (2) years.



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15. The final, complete audit report for the most recent completed fiscal year and audit reports required by law or authorized by the governing body of the special district
If the special district has submitted its most recent final, complete audit report to the Auditor General, this requirement may be satisfied by providing a link to the audit report on the Auditor General's website.
16. A listing of its regularly scheduled public meetings as required by s. 189.015(1).
17. The link to the Department of Financial Services' website as set forth in s. 218.32(1)(g).
18. At least seven (7) days before each meeting or workshop, the agenda of the event, The information must remain on the website for at least one (1) year after the event.

2. **E-mail** - Consultant shall provide services including ongoing management of e-mail accounts, hosting and backup in compliance with all applicable laws, including public records law and public records retention.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES:

A. Meetings

1. Extended meetings (beyond three (3) hours in length); continued meetings, special/additional meetings (not including annual budget workshop);

B. Financial Reports

1. Modifications and Certification of Special Assessment Allocation Report;
2. True-Up Analysis;
 - a) Should certain modifications be made to a Special Assessment Allocation Report a review of the current platted and un-platted lots compared to the original development plan maybe be required to ensure adequate collection of assessment revenue.
 - b) Should it be required prepare true-up calculations and invoice property owners for true-up payments as necessary;

C. Bond Issuance Services

1. Special Assessment Allocation Report;
 - a) Prepare benefit analysis based on infrastructure to be funded with bond proceeds.
 - b) Prepare Preliminary Special Assessment Allocation Report and present to District board and staff.
 - c) Present Final Special Assessment Allocation Report to board and staff at noticed public hearing levying special assessments
2. Bond Validation;
 - a) Coordinate the preparation of a Bond Validation Report which states the "Not-to-exceed" par amount of bonds to be issued by the District and present to board as part of the Bond Resolution.



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- b) Provide expert testimony at bond validation hearing in circuit court.
- 3. Certifications and Closing Documents;
 - a) Prepare or provide signatures on all closing documents, certificates or schedules related to the bond issue that are required by District Manager or District Assessment Methodology Consultant.
- D. Electronic communications/e-blasts;
- E. Special requests;
- F. Amendment to District boundary;
- G. Grant Applications;
- H. Escrow Agent;
- I. Continuing Disclosure/Representative/Agent;
- J. Community Mailings e.g. memos, notifications of rules changes, operations and maintenance assessment notices, etc.
- K. Public Records Requests - Refer to **Exhibit D** of this Contract for responsibilities;

LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES:

Prepare documentation in response to litigation requests and provide necessary expert testimony in connection with litigation involving District issues.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED TO THIRD PARTIES:

- A. Issue estoppel letters as needed for property transfers
 - 1. Prepare estoppel letter reflecting current district assessment information as required for sale or transfer of residential or commercial property within the District.
 - 2. Issue lien releases for properties which prepay within in the District.
- B. Bond prepayment processing
 - 1. Collect bond pre-payments, both short term and long term bonds, verify amounts and remit to Trustee with deposit instructions.
 - 2. Maintain collection log showing all parcels that have pre-paid assessments.
 - 3. Prepare, execute and issue release of lien to be recorded in public records.



EXHIBIT B
Schedule of Fees

STANDARD ON-GOING SERVICES:

Standard On-Going Services will be billed monthly pursuant to the following schedule:

(PRIOR TO BOND ISSUANCE)	MONTHLY	ANNUAL
Management:	\$ 1,600	\$19,200
Administrative:	\$ 350	\$ 4,200
Accounting:	\$ 1,250	\$15,000
Financial & Revenue Collections:	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Standard On-Going Services:	\$ 3,200	\$38,400

(AFTER BOND ISSUANCE)	MONTHLY	ANNUAL
Management:	\$ 1,750	\$21,000
Administrative:	\$ 350	\$ 4,200
Accounting:	\$ 1,600	\$19,200
Financial & Revenue Collections:	\$ 300	\$ 3,600
Assessment Roll (1):		\$ 5,000
Total Standard On-Going Services:	\$ 4,000	\$53,000

(1) Assessment Roll is paid in one lump-sum payment at the time the roll is completed.



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One-Time Services will be billed at a fee pursuant to the following schedule:

Website Development:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 750.00
Email Set-up:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$ 500.00
Total One-Time Services:			\$ 750

Standard On-Going Services will be billed in advance monthly pursuant to the following schedule:

	MONTHLY
Website Compliance and Management:	\$ 100.00
Email (50 GB per user) at \$15.00 per month per account:	
Board Supervisor Account <input type="checkbox"/> X \$15.00	\$ <input type="text"/>
Onsite Staff Account <input type="checkbox"/> X \$15.00	\$ <input type="text"/>
Miscellaneous Account <input type="checkbox"/> X \$15.00	\$ <input type="text"/>
Total Standard On-Going Services:	\$ 100

Client Initials: _____



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ADDITIONAL SERVICES:

Extended and Continued Meetings	Hourly	\$ 175
Special/Additional Meetings	Per Occurrence	Upon Request
Modifications and Certifications to Special Assessment Allocation Report	Per Occurrence	Upon Request
True-Up Analysis/Report	Per Occurrence	Upon Request
Re-Financing Analysis	Per Occurrence	Upon Request
Bond Validation Testimony	Per Occurrence	Upon Request
Special Assessment Allocation Report	Per Occurrence	Upon Request
Bond Issue Certifications/Closing Documents	Per Occurrence	Upon Request
Electronic communications/E-blasts	Per Occurrence	Upon Request
Special Information Requests	Hourly	Upon Request
Amendment to District Boundary	Hourly	Upon Request
Grant Applications	Hourly	Upon Request
Escrow Agent	Hourly	Upon Request
Continuing Disclosure/Representative/Agent	Annually	Upon Request
Community Mailings	Per Occurrence	Upon Request
Response to Extensive Public Records Requests	Hourly	Upon Request

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS FEES:

Public Records Requests will be billed hourly to the District pursuant to the current hourly rates shown below:

JOB TITLE:	HOURLY RATE:
Senior Manager	\$ 52.00
District Manager	\$ 40.00
Accounting & Finance Staff	\$ 28.00
Administrative Support Staff	\$ 21.00

LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES:	Hourly	Upon Request
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ADDITIONAL THIRD PARTY SERVICES:

Pre-Payment Collections/Estoppel/Lien Releases:		
Lot/ Home owner	Per Occurrence	Upon Request
Bulk Parcel(s)	Per Occurrence	Upon Request



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EXHIBIT C
Municipal Advisor Disclaimer

Rizzetta & Company, Inc., does not represent the Community Development District as a Municipal Advisor or Securities Broker nor is Rizzetta & Company, Inc., registered to provide such services as described in Section 15B of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Similarly, Rizzetta & Company, Inc., does not provide the Community Development District with financial advisory services or offer investment advice in any form.



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EXHIBIT D

Public Records Request Policy and Fees

Public Officer, Employee and Staff Policy for Processing Requests for Public Records

Policy Generally:

The District supports policies that facilitate the efficient and complete provision of requested public records in a timely manner. This policy only applies to the way District officers, employees and staff (District Manager, District Counsel, District Engineer) (altogether, "District Persons") respond to public records requests within the organization. Chapter 119, F.S., and the District's Rules of Procedure dictate the way in which the District must produce records to the records requester. This policy is established to provide District Persons with a clear understanding of the process that will be utilized in preparing responses to public record requests.

Requests for District Records:

1. The requesting party is not required to identify themselves or the reason for the request. The request may be made in writing (electronic or otherwise) or verbally.
2. Content on District social media sites is subject to the public records law. Communication made through a social networking medium may be subject to public disclosure.
3. There may be responsive records located on personal devices or personal accounts that are not maintained by the District. For this reason, District Persons will be asked to perform searches of personal devices and accounts for any responsive record whenever a request so warrants. District Persons are strongly encouraged to avoid using personal devices or personal accounts for District business.
4. When a request is received, the individual(s) receiving the request shall forward the request to the District Manager who shall then translate the request to the public records request form attached hereto. The form should then be forwarded to the District's Record Custodian (whom is Rizzetta & Company, Inc.). The Records Custodian shall then review the form with the requesting party to ensure that it accurately reflects his/her request so that full compliance can be achieved in a timely and efficient fashion. The Records Custodian will then notify the requesting party of the estimated time and cost to retrieve the records, in compliance with the District's Rules of Procedure, and confirm whether the requesting party agrees to pay the labor and copy charges, if applicable. Payment shall be made to the District prior to commencing the production process. The provisions of the Rules of Procedure and Florida law must be followed consistently and accurately.
5. To the extent applicable, the District, and not the District Manager or Records Custodian as an entity, shall charge the requesting party the special charge, which amount shall be consistent with Florida law. The District Manager may, consistent with and only pursuant to the terms of the Agreement between the District and the District Manager, charge the District the applicable public records response fees as set forth therein and established within the Agreement.



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6. If not clear, the requesting party should be asked to identify whether they wish to simply inspect the records or obtain copies.
7. Florida's public records law does not require the District to answer questions regarding the records produced.

Processing Responsive Records:

1. After the above process is followed, for documents that are readily available, there should not be any charge for the labor in retrieving the requested documents, but any copies purchased by the requesting party will be charged according to the District's adopted fee schedule.
2. Records are only required to be produced in the format(s) in which they exist.
3. All electronic records must be sent by a file transfer method to the Records Custodian. Any record that can be produced for review by District staff electronically must be produced in that medium. Should District Persons elect to provide records that are capable of being produced electronically in hard format, such individual shall not be entitled to reimbursement for copy or printing charges. It is within the Record Custodian's discretion to determine whether a record is capable of being produced electronically. District Persons shall make their best efforts to produce records for review by District staff as economically and efficiently as possible.
4. District Persons shall use their best efforts to electronically store public record e-mail according to the conventions of their e-mail system and retain it electronically pursuant to the District's retention schedule.
5. The technical details and methods of storing, retrieving and printing e-mail depend on the e-mail system in use. Consult with the Records Custodian or District Manager for guidance should questions arise.
6. Public records retention is governed by the Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services, general record schedules and the District's adopted Record Retention schedule. Should District Persons have any questions regarding retention or disposition of records, please contact the Records Custodian or District Counsel.



Exhibit E

Form of Endorsement (to be obtained from Egis)



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RESOLUTION 2021-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPOINTING LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING ITS COMPENSATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the LTC Ranch West Residential 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, pursuant to Section 190.011, *Florida Statutes*, the District’s Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) may contract for the services of consultants to perform planning, engineering, legal or other appropriate services of a professional nature; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. Hopping Green & Sams, P.A., is appointed as District Counsel and shall be compensated for their services in such capacity in the manner prescribed in **Exhibit A**.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: District Counsel Agreement with Hopping Green & Sams, P.A.

Hopping Green & Sams

Attorneys and Counselors

June 23, 2021

LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District
Board of Supervisors
2806 N. Fifth St., Unit # 403
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Re: Community Development District Representation

Dear Board of Supervisors:

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

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

For services as counsel to the District, we propose to charge an hourly rate for the attorney performing the work plus direct out-of-pocket expenses for travel costs, postage, and copying charges, etc. For matters related to issuance of debt, if any, we will identify a 'not to exceed' flat fee prior to each such issuance or may track our time hourly. Our rates vary depending generally on the experience of that attorney. For example, my proposed hourly rate is \$380.00. Other work by attorneys and paralegals in the firm would also be performed at their established rates. Our rates are reviewed annually and may be adjusted from time to time in conjunction with such reviews. Let me assure you that we will make every effort to keep legal costs as low as possible while providing services consistent with our professional responsibilities. Itemized bills showing all time spent for

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

With respect to conflicts, it is important to disclose that our firm represents a number of other special districts throughout Florida. Additionally, our firm represented Midway Glades Developers, LLC, in its efforts to establish the LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District. However, we are unaware of any ethical conflicts in our representation of the District. Please note that acceptance of the Fee Agreement will constitute your waiver of any "conflict."

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Jonathan T. Johnson

Jonathan T. Johnson
For the firm

Enclosures

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

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

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HOPPING GREEN & SAMS, P.A.
FEE AGREEMENT

I. PARTIES

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

- A. LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development
District("Client")
c/o Rizzetta & Company, Inc.
2806 N. Fifth St., Unit # 403
St. Augustine, FL 32084

and

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

II. SCOPE OF SERVICES

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

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

III. CLIENT FILES

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

IV. FEES

- A. The Client agrees to compensate HGS for services rendered in connection with any matters covered by this Agreement according to the standard hourly billing rates for individual HGS lawyers plus actual expenses incurred by HGS in accordance with the attached standard Expense Reimbursement Policy (Attachment A, incorporated herein by reference). Certain work related to issuance of bonds may be performed under a flat fee to be separately approved.
- B. To the extent practicable and consistent with the requirements of sound legal representation, HGS will attempt to reduce Client's bills by assigning each task to the person best able to perform it at the lowest rate so long as he or she has the requisite knowledge and experience. The standard hourly rate of Jonathan T. Johnson, the attorney who is initially expected to handle the bulk of Client's work, is \$380.00. All other attorneys and paralegals will be billed at their standard rates if needed. HGS' standard hourly billing rates are reevaluated annually prior to the beginning of the calendar year and are subject to change each year at that time. Client agrees to HGS' annual rate increases to the extent hourly rates are not increased beyond \$15/hour for attorneys working on this matter.
- C. HGS will include costs and expenses (including interest charges on past due statements) on its billing statements for Client reimbursement in accordance with the attached standard Expense Reimbursement Policy.

V. BILLING AND PAYMENT

The Client agrees to pay HGS monthly billings for fees and expenses incurred within thirty (30) days following receipt of a statement from HGS. HGS shall not be obligated to perform further legal services under this Fee Agreement if any such billing statement remains unpaid longer than thirty (30) days after submittal to and receipt by Client. Non-payment of fees shall be a basis for HGS to withdraw from the representation as permitted by applicable rules.

VI. DEFAULT

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

VII. CONFLICTS

It is important to disclose that HGS represents a number of special districts throughout Florida. HGS also represents various home builder entities who may develop lands within the District but we do not represent any such entities with respect to this District. By accepting this Agreement Client agrees that (1) Client was provided with an explanation of the implications of the common representation(s) and the advantages and risks involved; (2) HGS will be able to provide competent and diligent representation of Client, regardless of HGS' other representations, and (3) there is not a substantial risk that HGS' representation of Client would be materially limited by HGS' responsibilities to another client, a former client or a third person or by a personal interest. Acceptance of this fee proposal will constitute your waiver of any "conflict" with HGS' representation of various special districts, other entities as described above.

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

IX. EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

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

X. ENTIRE CONTRACT

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

Accepted and Agreed to:

LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT

HOPPING GREEN & SAMS, P.A.

By: _____

By: _____

Its: Vice President

Date: _____

Date: _____

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ATTACHMENT A

RESOLUTION 2021-04

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2021-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL 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 LTC Ranch West Residential 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 LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2021-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL 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 LTC Ranch West Residential 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 the Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures attached hereto as **Exhibit A** for immediate use and application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

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

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

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

June 23, 2021

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

II. Scope

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

III. Definitions

A. Agent

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

B. Construction Services

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

C. Contractor or Provider of Construction Services

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

D. Date Stamped

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

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

E. Improper Invoice

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

F. Improper Payment Request

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

G. Non-Construction Goods and Services

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

H. Proper Invoice

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

I. Proper Payment Request

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

J. Provider

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

K. Purchase

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

L. Vendor

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

IV. Proper Invoice/Payment Request Requirements

A. General

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

B. Sales Tax

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

C. Federal Identification and Social Security Numbers

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

Providers should notify the District Manager when changes in data occur (telephone 904-436-6270, email mdobbins@rizzetta.com).

D. Proper Invoice for Non-Construction Goods and Services

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

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

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

E. Proper Payment Request Requirements for Construction Services

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

V. Submission of Invoices and Payment Requests

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

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

1. Mailing and Drop Off Address

LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District
c/o Rizzetta & Company, Inc.
2806 N. Fifth St., Unit # 403
St. Augustine, FL 32084

2. Email Address

mdobbins@rizzetta.com

VI. Calculation of Payment Due Date

A. Non-Construction Goods and Services Invoices

1. Receipt of Proper Invoice

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

2. Receipt of Improper Invoice

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

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

3. Rejection of an Improper Invoice

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

The District's rejection of an Improper Invoice must:

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

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

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

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

4. Payment of Undisputed Portion of Invoice

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

B. Payment Requests for Construction Services

1. Receipt of Proper Payment Request

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

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

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

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

2. Receipt and Rejection of Improper Payment Request

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

3. Payment of Undisputed Portion of Payment Request

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

VII. Resolution of Disputes

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

A. Dispute between the District and a Provider

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

B. Dispute Resolution Procedures

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

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

VIII. Purchases Involving Federal Funds or Bond Funds

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

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

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

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

X. Late Payment Interest Charges

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

A. Related to Non-Construction Goods and Services

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

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

B. Related to Construction Services

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

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

C. Report of Interest

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

RESOLUTION 2021-07

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

WHEREAS, the LTC Ranch West Residential 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, 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 LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

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

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

EXHIBIT "A"

LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL 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 LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District.
- 1.2. Consistent with Section 218.33(3), *Florida Statutes*, the internal controls adopted herein are designed to:
 - 1.2.1. Prevent and detect Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (as hereinafter defined).
 - 1.2.2. Promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices.
 - 1.2.3. Support economical and efficient operations.
 - 1.2.4. Ensure reliability of financial records and reports.
 - 1.2.5. Safeguard Assets (as hereinafter defined).

2. Definitions.

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

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

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

3. Control Environment.

3.1. Ethical and Honest Behavior.

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

4. Risk Assessment.

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

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

5. **Control Activities.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

6. Information and Communication.

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

7. Monitoring Activities.

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

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

Effective date: June 23, 2021

RESOLUTION 2021-08

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

WHEREAS, the LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated in the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida; and

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

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

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

EXHIBIT A

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

2.0 TRANSPORTATION.

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

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

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

3.0 INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

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

RESOLUTION 2021-09

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (“Board”) and the officers and staff of the LTC Ranch West Residential 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 LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

pay any compromise or settlement of any claim or litigation described in this paragraph, provided, however, that the District determines such compromise or settlement to be in the District's best interest.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 10. In the event legal representation or defense is provided pursuant to this Resolution, the Indemnatee 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 Indemnatee, in which case the District shall have the right to:
 - i. Approve, in advance, any agreement for legal fees or disbursements; and
 - ii. Pay all or part of the legal fees, costs and other disbursements and to set a maximum for legal fees, costs and other disbursements; and
 - iii. Direct the defense and settle or compromise the action or claim; and
 - iv. Reduce or offset any monies that may be payable by the District by any court costs or attorney's fees awarded to the Indemnatee.

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

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

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman

Discussion of Public Officers Liability Insurance

RESOLUTION 2021-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING OR RATIFYING THE RECORDING OF THE NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the LTC Ranch West Residential 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 was established by Ordinance No. 21-53, adopted by the City Council of Port St. Lucie, Florida, which became effective on June 14, 2021; and

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

WHEREAS, the organizational meeting of the District's Board of Supervisors was scheduled for June 23 2021; and

WHEREAS, Hopping Green & Sams, P.A., has arranged for the recording of the "Notice of Establishment of the LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District" with the St. Lucie County Clerk of the Court to ensure compliance with Florida law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of June 2021.

ATTEST:

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Notice of Establishment

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

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

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

**NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 14, 2021, pursuant to a petition filed by Midway Glades Developers, LLC, the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida adopted Ordinance No. 21-53 which became effective on June 14, 2021, establishing the LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District ("District"). The legal description of the lands encompassed within the District is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. The District is a special-purpose form of local government established pursuant to and governed by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. More information on the powers, responsibilities, and duties of the District may be obtained by examining Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, or by contacting the District's registered agent as designated to the Department of Economic Opportunity in accordance with Section 189.014, Florida Statutes.

THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MAY IMPOSE AND LEVY TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS, OR BOTH TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, ON THIS PROPERTY. THESE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS PAY THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS OF CERTAIN PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES OF THE DISTRICT AND

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

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

Melissa Dobbins
Rizzetta & Company, Inc.

Witness

Witness

Print Name

Print Name

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEON

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this _____ day of June, 2021, by Melissa Dobbins, as District Manager for LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District, who appeared before me this day in person, and who is either ☐ personally known to me, or ☐ produced _____ as identification.

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA

(NOTARY SEAL)

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

Exhibit A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

A PORTION OF TRACT "D" OF THE PLAT OF LTC RANCH WEST, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 83, PAGES 17 THROUGH 24, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE WESTERLY NORTHWEST CORNER OF TRACT "D" THE PLAT OF LTC RANCH WEST, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 83, PAGE 17, PUBLIC RECORDS OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE S00°21'14"E, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT "D" A DISTANCE OF 1268.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE DEPARTING SAID WEST LINE N77°48'34"E A DISTANCE OF 42.08 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 880.00' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 54° 28' 07" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 627.43 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF N47° 31' 45"E FOR 604.07 FEET; THENCE N20° 17' 41" E FOR 130.56 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 532.00' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 68° 37' 39" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 637.22 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF N54° 38' 31"E FOR 598.80 FEET; THENCE N88° 55' 20" E FOR 1437.84 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 780.00' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 24° 20' 19" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 331.34 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF S78° 54' 30"E FOR 328.85 FEET; THENCE S86° 44' 21" E FOR 365.44 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 2023.00' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 12° 30' 18" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 441.51 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF N32° 13' 43"E FOR 440.83 FEET; THENCE N89° 08' 58"E FOR 2097.23 FEET; THENCE S00° 07' 56"E FOR 1019.33 FEET; THENCE N89° 52' 27"E FOR 1453.84 FEET; THENCE S36° 14' 14"W FOR 138.97 FEET; THENCE S83° 23' 24"W FOR 35.34 FEET; THENCE S01° 50' 18"W FOR 77.18 FEET; THENCE S89° 15' 18"W FOR 122.84 FEET; THENCE S80° 42' 00"W FOR 24.80 FEET; THENCE S55° 01' 47"W FOR 88.22 FEET; THENCE S25° 28' 45"W FOR 175.10 FEET; THENCE N85° 28' 54"W FOR 336.07 FEET; THENCE S28° 55' 06"W FOR 73.41 FEET; THENCE S44° 36' 16"W FOR 154.76 FEET; THENCE S87° 03' 33"W FOR 76.96 FEET; THENCE S59° 22' 10"W FOR 56.07 FEET; THENCE S30° 30' 07"W FOR 67.38 FEET; THENCE S25° 20' 16"W FOR 72.70 FEET; THENCE S16° 25' 14"W FOR 33.83 FEET; THENCE S31° 17' 22"E FOR 63.00 FEET; THENCE S37° 15' 09"W FOR 89.78 FEET; THENCE S44° 59' 28"W FOR 185.44 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 674.78' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 48° 36' 45" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 572.52 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF S28° 43' 23"E FOR 555.50 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1234.45' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 38° 05' 30" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 820.70 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF S23° 09' 41"E FOR 805.66 FEET; THENCE S44° 14' 15"E FOR 153.62 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 275.48' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 52° 59' 25" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 254.78 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF S21° 04' 28"E FOR 245.80 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 878.48' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 21° 55' 39" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 259.66 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF S05° 32' 33"E FOR 258.08 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1031.52' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 18° 48' 00" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 302.78 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF S24° 54' 23"E FOR 301.67 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 582.36' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 31° 01' 37" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 315.36 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF S17° 48' 04"E FOR 311.52 FEET; THENCE S41° 03' 57"E FOR 257.11 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 501.38' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 19° 15' 08" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 168.48 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF S50° 41' 31"E FOR 167.68 FEET; THENCE S58° 35' 14"E FOR 201.68 FEET; THENCE TO THE SOUTHEAST LINE OF SAID TRACT "D" LTC RANCH WEST, S51° 18' 25"E FOR 158.88 FEET; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTHEAST LINE OF SAID TRACT "D" LTC RANCH WEST, S44° 45' 15"W FOR 1264.07 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID SOUTHEAST LINE OF SAID TRACT "D" LTC RANCH WEST, N45° 13' 59"W FOR 87.01 FEET; THENCE S44° 45' 15"W FOR 78.07 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A NON-TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 209.69' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 105° 06' 55" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 384.69 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF N89° 50' 47"W FOR 332.97 FEET; THENCE N45° 36' 11"W FOR 84.22 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 217.85' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 58° 14' 27" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 221.45 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF S40° 40' 57"W FOR 212.03 FEET

LEGAL DESCRIPTION CONTINUED:

TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 25.00' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 108° 21' 42" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 47.28 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF S65° 44' 35"W FOR 40.54 FEET; THENCE N80° 04' 34"W FOR 152.45 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 30.00' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 89° 31' 11" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 48.87 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF S75° 09' 51"W FOR 42.25 FEET; THENCE S30° 24' 15"W FOR 139.82 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1281.14' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 08° 32' 58" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 191.22 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF N73° 22' 25"W FOR 191.04 FEET; THENCE N0° 01' 08"W FOR 112.08 FEET; THENCE N39° 07' 34"E FOR 87.17 FEET; THENCE N74° 25' 35"E FOR 32.04 FEET; THENCE N42° 02' 09"E FOR 46.74 FEET; THENCE N19° 45' 27"E FOR 33.57 FEET; THENCE N23° 47' 39"E FOR 47.51 FEET; THENCE N29° 52' 09"E FOR 69.30 FEET; THENCE N39° 22' 15"E FOR 65.40 FEET; THENCE N80° 33' 00"E FOR 89.63 FEET; THENCE S48° 44' 58"E FOR 10.14 FEET; THENCE N13° 19' 10"E FOR 39.81 FEET; THENCE S48° 44' 58"E FOR 5.11 FEET; THENCE N28° 23' 29"E FOR 66.18 FEET; THENCE N58° 57' 18"E FOR 55.48 FEET; THENCE N69° 29' 29"E FOR 12.25 FEET; THENCE N14° 41' 53"E FOR 28.96 FEET; THENCE N12° 45' 13"E FOR 31.51 FEET; THENCE N10° 47' 41"E FOR 39.36 FEET; THENCE N78° 32' 30"W FOR 18.31 FEET; THENCE N02° 47' 10"W FOR 12.44 FEET; THENCE N80° 00' 00"E FOR 38.97 FEET; THENCE N00° 00' 00"E FOR 285.00 FEET; THENCE N89° 48' 07"E FOR 281.78 FEET; THENCE S87° 29' 22"E FOR 44.34 FEET; THENCE S88° 32' 34"E FOR 124.01 FEET ; THENCE N88° 46' 59"E FOR 173.96 FEET; THENCE N00° 12' 03"E FOR 369.24 FEET; THENCE N57° 31' 19"W FOR 142.71 FEET; THENCE N89° 53' 25"W FOR 554.72 FEET; THENCE N00° 02' 41"W FOR 80.82 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 30.00' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 81° 34' 32" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 42.71 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF N40° 49' 57"W FOR 39.20 FEET; THENCE N81° 37' 14"W FOR 243.48 FEET; THENCE N58° 47' 43"W FOR 120.82 FEET; THENCE S80° 43' 32"W FOR 135.35 FEET; THENCE S88° 31' 18"W FOR 80.02 FEET; THENCE S78° 08' 06"W FOR 14.03 FEET; THENCE S27° 59' 28"E FOR 48.73 FEET; THENCE S25° 46' 17"W FOR 137.61 FEET; THENCE S51° 57' 59"W FOR 72.82 FEET; THENCE S62° 50' 08"W FOR 189.36 FEET; THENCE N86° 34' 13"W FOR 68.43 FEET; THENCE N58° 11' 03"W FOR 78.33 FEET; THENCE N89° 51' 03"W FOR 218.11 FEET; THENCE S07° 25' 51"W FOR 1090.74 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1208.00' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 53° 48' 53" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 1132.73 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF S78° 58' 53"W FOR 1091.55 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1086.00' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 37° 55' 34" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 718.86 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF S71° 02' 13"W FOR 703.81 FEET; THENCE N90° 00' 00"W FOR 755.12 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1088.00' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 62° 55' 31" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 1192.71 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF N58° 32' 14"W FOR 1133.66 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1206.00' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 49° 47' 08" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 1047.91 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF N51° 58' 01"W FOR 1015.25 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT 'D'; THENCE ALONG SAID WEST LINE N00° 21' 14"W FOR 3909.58 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 777.267 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

SAID LANDS SITUATE IN THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS, COVENANTS, AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF RECORD.

RESOLUTION 2021-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL 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 LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District (“District”) is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, being situated in the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

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

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

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

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

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman

RESOLUTION 2021-12

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

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

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

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2021-13

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1. SunTrust is hereby designated as the public depository for District funds.

SECTION 2. In accordance with Section 280.17(4), *Florida Statutes*, the District’s Secretary is directed to furnish to the State Treasurer prior to the deposit of any public funds, the District’s official name, address, federal employer identification number, and the name of the person or persons responsible for establishing accounts.

SECTION 3. The District’s Treasurer, upon assuming responsibility for handling the District funds, is directed to furnish to the State Treasurer annually the information required in accordance with Section 280.17(3), *Florida Statutes*.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2021-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT MANAGER TO ESTABLISH A CHECKING ACCOUNT ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT AND TO DESIGNATE THE AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR THE DISTRICT'S OPERATING BANK ACCOUNT(S); AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District ("District") is a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and located in the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District ("Board") desires to establish a checking account on behalf of the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, the funds of the District shall be disbursed by warrant or check signed by the Treasurer and by such other person as may be authorized by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has pursuant to Resolution 2021-01, elected a Secretary and Treasurer for the District; and

WHEREAS, the District Board desires to authorize signatories for the operating bank accounts(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. The District Manager is hereby authorized to establish a checking account on behalf of the District.
2. The Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer are hereby designated as authorized signatories for the operating bank account(s) of the District.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2021-15

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

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

WHEREAS, Section 190.011(5), *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to adopt resolutions which 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, 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 LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 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.

SECTION 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).

SECTION 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.

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

Passed and adopted this 23rd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**LTC RANCH WEST
RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Administrative Resolutions

Tab 4

RESOLUTION 2021-16

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. William Rizzetta hereby designated as the Registered Agent for the LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District.

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

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2021-17

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District's primary administrative office for purposes of Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*, shall be located at 2806 N. Fifth St., Unit # 403, St. Augustine, Florida 32084.

SECTION 2. The District's principal headquarters for purposes of establishing proper venue shall be located at _____ within St. Lucie County, Florida.

SECTION 3. The District's local records office shall be located at _____.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Consideration of Retention of Interim Engineer

INTERIM ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into this 23rd day of June, 2021, by and between:

LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and located in St. Lucie County, Florida, with a mailing address of 2806 N. Fifth St., Unit # 403, St. Augustine, Florida 32084, (the “District”); and

KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC., a North Carolina corporation, whose mailing address is 1777 Main Street, Suite 200, Sarasota, Florida 34236 (the “Engineer”).

RECITALS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- A. Preparation of any necessary reports and attendance at meetings of the District's Board of Supervisors ("Board");
- B. Assistance in meeting with necessary parties involving bond issues, special reports, feasibility studies, or other tasks;
- C. Any other items requested by the Board.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 10. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(including Contractual)

Automobile Liability
Bodily Injury / Property Damage

Combined Single Limit \$1,000,000

Professional Liability for
Errors and Omissions

\$1,000,000

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IF THE ENGINEER HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, *FLORIDA STATUTES*, TO ENGINEER'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, RIZZETTA & COMPANY, INC., 2806 N. FIFTH ST., UNIT # 403, ST. AUGUSTINE, FL 32084, (904) 436-6270, MDOBBINS@RIZZETTA.COM.

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

A. If to the District: LTC Ranch West Residential Community
Development District
2806 N. Fifth St., Unit # 403
St. Augustine, Florida 32084
Attn: District Manager

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

B. If to Engineer: Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
1777 Main Street, Suite 200
Sarasota, Florida 34236
Attn: _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 29. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR. The District and Engineer agree and acknowledge that Engineer shall serve as an independent contractor of the District. Neither

Engineer nor employees of Engineer, if any, are employees of the District under the meaning or application of any federal or state unemployment, insurance laws, or any other potentially applicable laws. Engineer agrees to assume all liabilities or obligations by any one or more of such laws with respect to employees of Engineer, if any, in the performance of this Agreement. Engineer shall not have any authority to assume or create any obligation, express or implied, on behalf of the District and Engineer shall have no authority to represent as agent, employee, or in any other capacity the District unless set forth differently herein or authorized by vote of the Board.

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

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

ATTEST:

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

WITNESS:

**KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES,
INC.**

Witness

Print Name: _____
Title: _____

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

Exhibit A
June __, 2021

LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District
St. Lucie County, Florida

Subject: **Work Authorization Number 1**
 LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District

Dear Chairperson, Board of Supervisors:

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (the "Engineer") is pleased to submit this work authorization to provide interim engineering services for LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District (the "District"). We will provide these services pursuant to our current agreement dated June 23, 2021 ("Interim Agreement") as follows:

I. Scope of Work

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

II. Fees

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

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

Thank you for your consideration.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED

Sincerely,

By: _____
Authorized Representative of LTC Ranch West
Residential Community Development District

By: _____
Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

Exhibit B



June 18, 2021

LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District
C/O Melissa Dobbins
Regional District Manager
Rizzetta and Company
(904)436-6270

Re: LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District
Professional Services Agreement

Dear Mrs. Dobbins,

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. ("Kimley-Horn" or "Consultant") is pleased to submit this letter agreement (the "Agreement") to the LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District ("Client") for providing engineering consulting services for LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District as outlined below.

Scope of Services

Kimley-Horn will provide consulting services to the LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District at our hourly rates. These services include but are not limited to the following:

- Preparation of the Engineering Report
- Attendance at Board Meetings
- Preparation of additional reports/Updating Reports
- Review of proposed changes to development

Kimley-Horn will attend meetings and prepare reports as required.

Additional Services

Any services not specifically provided for in the above scope will be billed as additional services and performed at our then current hourly rates.

Information Provided By Client

We shall be entitled to rely on the completeness and accuracy of all information provided by the Client or the Client's consultants or representatives. The Client shall provide all information requested by Kimley-Horn during the project, including but not limited to the following:

- A signed copy of this agreement
- A list of required meeting

Fee and Expenses

Kimley-Horn will perform the Services on a labor fee plus expense basis. Labor fee will be billed on an hourly basis according to our then-current rates.

Direct reimbursable expenses such as express delivery services, fees, air travel, and other direct expenses will be billed at 1.15 times cost. A percentage of labor fee will be added to each invoice to cover certain other expenses such as telecommunications, in-house reproduction, postage, supplies, project related computer time, and local mileage. Administrative time related to the project will be billed hourly. All permitting, application, and similar project fees will be paid directly by the Client.

Payment will be due within 25 days of your receipt of the invoice and should include the invoice number and Kimley-Horn project number.

Closure

In addition to the matters set forth herein, our Agreement shall include and be subject to, and only to, the attached Standard Provisions, which are incorporated by reference. As used in the Standard Provisions, "Consultant" shall refer to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., and "Client" shall refer to Hillcrest Community Development District.

Kimley-Horn, in an effort to expedite invoices and reduce paper waste, submits invoices via email in an Adobe PDF format. We can also provide a paper copy via regular mail if requested. include the invoice number and Kimley-Horn project number with all payments. Please provide the following information:

_____ Please email all invoices to _____

_____ Please copy _____

If you concur in all the foregoing and wish to direct us to proceed with the services, please have authorized persons execute both copies of this Agreement in the spaces provided below, retain one copy, and return the other to us. We will commence services only after we have received a fully-executed agreement.

To ensure proper set up of your projects so that we can get started, please complete and return with the signed copy of this Agreement the attached Request for Information. Failure to supply this information could result in delay in starting work on your project.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these services to you. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC.



By: Kinan Husainy, P.E.
Vice President

CLIENT: _____

BY: _____

ITS: _____

ATTEST: _____

(IF CORPORATION, AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL)

Client's Federal Tax ID: _____

Client's Business License No.: _____

Client's Street Address: _____

Attachment – Request for Information

Attachment – Standard Provisions

Request for Information

Please return this information with your signed contract; failure to provide this information could result in delay in starting your project

Client Identification

Full, Legal Name of Client					
Mailing Address for Invoices					
Contact for Billing Inquiries					
Contact's Phone and e-mail					
Client is (check one)	Owner	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agent for Owner	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unrelated to Owner

Property Identification

	Parcel 1	Parcel 2	Parcel 3	Parcel 4
Street Address				
County in which Property is Located				
Tax Assessor's Number(s)				

Property Owner Identification

	Owner 1	Owner 2	Owner 3	Owner 4
Owner(s) Name				
Owner(s) Mailing Address				
Owner's Phone No.				
Owner of Which Parcel #?				

Project Funding Identification – List Funding Sources for the Project

Attach additional sheets if there are more than 4 parcels or more than 4 owners

KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

STANDARD PROVISIONS

(1) **Consultant's Scope of Services and Additional Services.** The Consultant's undertaking to perform professional services extends only to the services specifically described in this Agreement. However, if requested by the Client and agreed to by the Consultant, the Consultant will perform Additional Services, which shall be governed by these provisions. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing, the Client shall pay the Consultant for any Additional Services an amount based upon the Consultant's then-current hourly rates plus an amount to cover certain direct expenses including telecommunications, in-house reproduction, postage, supplies, project related computer time, and local mileage. Other direct expenses will be billed at 1.15 times cost.

(2) **Client's Responsibilities.** In addition to other responsibilities described herein or imposed by law, the Client shall:

- (a) Designate in writing a person to act as its representative with respect to this Agreement, such person having complete authority to transmit instructions, receive information, and make or interpret the Client's decisions.
- (b) Provide all information and criteria as to the Client's requirements, objectives, and expectations for the project including all numerical criteria that are to be met and all standards of development, design, or construction.
- (c) Provide to the Consultant all previous studies, plans, or other documents pertaining to the project and all new data reasonably necessary in the Consultant's opinion, such as site survey and engineering data, environmental impact assessments or statements, upon all of which the Consultant may rely.
- (d) Arrange for access to the site and other private or public property as required for the Consultant to provide its services.
- (e) Review all documents or oral reports presented by the Consultant and render in writing decisions pertaining thereto within a reasonable time so as not to delay the services of the Consultant.
- (f) Furnish approvals and permits from governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the project and approvals and consents from other parties as may be necessary for completion of the Consultant's services.
- (g) Cause to be provided such independent accounting, legal, insurance, cost estimating and overall feasibility services as the Client may require.
- (h) Give prompt written notice to the Consultant whenever the Client becomes aware of any development that affects the scope, timing, or payment of the Consultant's services or any defect or noncompliance in any aspect of the project.
- (i) Bear all costs incidental to the responsibilities of the Client.

(3) **Period of Services.** Unless otherwise stated herein, the Consultant will begin work timely after receipt of a properly executed copy of this Agreement and any required retainer amount. This Agreement is made in anticipation of conditions permitting continuous and orderly progress through completion of the services. Times for performance shall be extended as necessary for delays or suspensions due to circumstances that the Consultant does not control. If such delay or suspension extends for more than six months (cumulatively), Consultant's compensation shall be renegotiated.

(4) **Method of Payment.** Compensation shall be paid to the Consultant in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) Invoices will be submitted periodically for services performed and expenses incurred. Payment of each invoice will be due within 25 days of receipt. The Client shall also pay any applicable sales tax. All retainers will be held by the Consultant for the duration of the project and applied against the final invoice. Interest will be added to accounts not paid within 25 days at the maximum rate allowed by law. If the Client fails to make any payment due to the Consultant under this or any other agreement within 30 days after the Consultant's transmittal of its invoice, the Consultant may, after giving notice to the Client, suspend services and withhold deliverables until all amounts due are paid in full and may commence proceedings, including filing liens, to secure its right to payment under this Agreement.
- (b) If the Client relies on payment or proceeds from a third party to pay Consultant and Client does not pay Consultant's invoice within 60 days of receipt, Consultant may communicate directly with such third party to secure payment.
- (c) If the Client objects to an invoice, it must advise the Consultant in writing giving its reasons within 14 days of receipt of the invoice or the Client's objections will be waived, and the invoice shall conclusively be deemed due and owing. If the Client objects to only a portion of the invoice, payment for all other portions remains due within 25 days of receipt.
- (d) The Client agrees that the payment to the Consultant is not subject to any contingency or condition. The Consultant may negotiate payment of any check tendered by the Client, even if the words "in full satisfaction" or words intended to have similar effect appear on the check without such negotiation being an accord and satisfaction of any disputed debt and without prejudicing any right of the Consultant to collect additional amounts from the Client.

(5) **Use of Documents.** All documents, including but not limited to drawings, specifications, reports, and data or programs stored electronically, prepared by the Consultant are related exclusively to the services described in this Agreement, and may be used only if the Client has satisfied all of its obligations under this Agreement. They are not intended or represented to be suitable for use, partial use or reuse by the Client or others on extensions of this project or on any other project. Any modifications made by the Client to any of the Consultant's documents, or any use, partial use or reuse of the documents without written authorization or adaptation by the Consultant will be at the Client's sole risk and without liability to the Consultant, and the Client shall indemnify, defend and hold the Consultant harmless from

all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, resulting therefrom. The Consultant's electronic files and source code developed in the development of application code remain the property of the Consultant and shall be provided to the Client only if expressly provided for in this Agreement. Any electronic files not containing an electronic seal are provided only for the convenience of the Client, and use of them is at the Client's sole risk. In the case of any defects in the electronic files or any discrepancies between them and the hardcopy of the documents prepared by the Consultant, the hardcopy shall govern. Because data stored in electronic media format can deteriorate or be modified without the Consultant's authorization, the Client has 60 days to perform acceptance tests, after which it shall be deemed to have accepted the data.

(6) **Opinions of Cost.** Because the Consultant does not control the cost of labor, materials, equipment or services furnished by others, methods of determining prices, or competitive bidding or market conditions, any opinions rendered as to costs, including but not limited to opinions as to the costs of construction and materials, shall be made on the basis of its experience and represent its judgment as an experienced and qualified professional, familiar with the industry. The Consultant cannot and does not guarantee that proposals, bids or actual costs will not vary from its opinions of cost. If the Client wishes greater assurance as to the amount of any cost, it shall employ an independent cost estimator. Consultant's services required to bring costs within any limitation established by the Client will be paid for as Additional Services.

(7) **Termination.** The obligation to provide further services under this Agreement may be terminated by either party upon seven days' written notice in the event of substantial failure by the other party to perform in accordance with the terms hereof through no fault of the terminating party, or upon thirty days' written notice for the convenience of the terminating party. If any change occurs in the ownership of the Client, the Consultant shall have the right to immediately terminate this Agreement. In the event of any termination, the Consultant shall be paid for all services rendered and expenses incurred to the effective date of termination, and other reasonable expenses incurred by the Consultant as a result of such termination. If the Consultant's compensation is a fixed fee, the amount payable for services will be a proportional amount of the total fee based on the ratio of the amount of the services performed, as reasonably determined by the Consultant, to the total amount of services which were to have been performed.

(8) **Insurance.** The Consultant carries Workers' Compensation insurance, professional liability insurance, and general liability insurance. If the Client directs the Consultant to obtain increased insurance coverage, the Consultant will take out such additional insurance, if obtainable, at the Client's expense.

(9) **Standard of Care.** The standard of care applicable to Consultant's services will be the degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised by consultants performing the same or similar services in the same locality at the time the services are provided. No warranty, express or implied, is made or intended by the Consultant's undertaking herein or its performance of services, and it is agreed that the Consultant is not a fiduciary with respect to the Client.

(10) **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.** In recognition of the relative risks and benefits of the Project to the Client and the Consultant, the risks have been allocated such that the Client agrees, to the fullest extent of the law, and notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement or the existence of applicable insurance coverage, that the total liability, in the aggregate, of the Consultant and the Consultant's officers, directors, employees, agents, and subconsultants to the Client or to anyone claiming by, through or under the Client, for any and all claims, losses, costs or damages whatsoever arising out of, resulting from or in any way related to the services under this Agreement from any cause or causes, including but not limited to, the negligence, professional errors or omissions, strict liability or breach of contract or any warranty, express or implied, of the Consultant or the Consultant's officers, directors, employees, agents, and subconsultants, shall not exceed twice the total compensation received by the Consultant under this Agreement or \$50,000, whichever is greater. Higher limits of liability may be negotiated for additional fee. Under no circumstances shall the Consultant be liable for extra costs or other consequences due to changed conditions, or for costs related to the failure of contractors to perform work in accordance with the plans and specifications. This Section 10 is intended solely to limit the remedies available to the Client or those claiming by or through the Client, and nothing in this Section 10 shall require the Client to indemnify the Consultant.

(11) **Mutual Waiver of Consequential Damages.** In no event shall either party be liable to the other for any consequential, incidental, punitive, or indirect damages including but not limited to loss of income or loss of profits.

(12) **Certifications.** The Consultant shall not be required to execute certifications or third-party reliance letters that are inaccurate, that relate to facts of which the Consultant does not have actual knowledge, or that would cause the Consultant to violate applicable rules of professional responsibility.

(13) **Dispute Resolution.** All claims by the Client arising out of this Agreement or its breach shall be submitted first to mediation in accordance with the Construction Industry Mediation Procedures of the American Arbitration Association as a condition precedent to litigation.

(14) **Hazardous Substances and Conditions.** In no event shall Consultant be a custodian, transporter, handler,

arranger, contractor, or remediator with respect to hazardous substances and conditions. Consultant's services will be limited to professional analysis, recommendations, and reporting, including, when agreed to, plans and specifications for isolation, removal, or remediation. The Consultant shall notify the Client of hazardous substances or conditions not contemplated in the scope of services of which the Consultant actually becomes aware. Upon such notice by the Consultant, the Consultant may stop affected portions of its services until the hazardous substance or condition is eliminated.

(15) Construction Phase Services.

(a) If the Consultant's services include the preparation of documents to be used for construction and the Consultant is not retained to make periodic site visits, the Client assumes all responsibility for interpretation of the documents and for construction observation, and the Client waives any claims against the Consultant in any way connected thereto.

(b) If the Consultant provides construction phase services, the Consultant shall have no responsibility for any contractor's means, methods, techniques, equipment choice and usage, sequence, schedule, safety programs, or safety practices, nor shall Consultant have any authority or responsibility to stop or direct the work of any contractor. The Consultant's visits will be for the purpose of endeavoring to provide the Client a greater degree of confidence that the completed work of its contractors will generally conform to the construction documents prepared by the Consultant. Consultant neither guarantees the performance of contractors, nor assumes responsibility for any contractor's failure to perform its work in accordance with the contract documents.

(c) The Consultant is not responsible for any duties assigned to the design professional in the construction contract that are not expressly provided for in this Agreement. The Client agrees that each contract with any contractor shall state that the contractor shall be solely responsible for job site safety and for its means and methods; that the contractor shall indemnify the Client and the Consultant for all claims and liability arising out of job site accidents; and that the Client and the Consultant shall be made additional insureds under the contractor's general liability insurance policy.

(16) No Third-Party Beneficiaries; Assignment and Subcontracting. This Agreement gives no rights or benefits to anyone other than the Client and the Consultant, and all duties and responsibilities undertaken pursuant to this Agreement will be for the sole benefit of the Client and the Consultant. The Client shall not assign or transfer any rights under or interest in this Agreement, or any claim arising out of the performance of services by Consultant, without the written consent of the Consultant. The Consultant reserves the right to augment its staff with subconsultants as it deems appropriate due to project logistics, schedules, or market conditions. If the Consultant exercises this right, the Consultant will maintain the agreed-upon billing rates for services identified in the contract, regardless of whether the services are provided by in-house employees, contract employees, or independent subconsultants.

(17) Confidentiality. The Client consents to the use and dissemination by the Consultant of photographs of the project and to the use by the Consultant of facts, data and information obtained by the Consultant in the performance of its services. If, however, any facts, data or information are specifically identified in writing by the Client as confidential, the Consultant shall use reasonable care to maintain the confidentiality of that material.

(18) Miscellaneous Provisions. This Agreement is to be governed by the law of the State of Florida. This Agreement contains the entire and fully integrated agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous negotiations, representations, agreements or understandings, whether written or oral. Except as provided in Section 1, this Agreement can be supplemented or amended only by a written document executed by both parties. Provided, however, that any conflicting or additional terms on any purchase order issued by the Client shall be void and are hereby expressly rejected by the Consultant. Any provision in this Agreement that is unenforceable shall be ineffective to the extent of such unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions. The non-enforcement of any provision by either party shall not constitute a waiver of that provision.

(19) PURSUANT TO FS 558.0035, EMPLOYEES OF CONSULTANT MAY NOT BE HELD INDIVIDUALLY LIABLE FOR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM NEGLIGENCE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.



BILLING RATE SCHEDULE

(REV 7/24/17)

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Rates</u>
Analyst	\$120
Senior Registered Professional	\$200
Support Staff	\$80
Technical Support CAD	\$100

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES
FOR THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

RFQ for Engineering Services

The LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District (the “District”), located in the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, announces that professional engineering services will be required on a continuing basis for the District’s stormwater management facilities, water and sewer improvements and roadway improvements, 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 St. Lucie County; 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 eight (8) copies of Standard Form No. 330 and the Qualification Statement by 12:00 p.m. on _____, 2021 to the attention of Melissa Dobbins, Rizzetta & Company, Inc., 2806 N. Fifth St., Unit # 403, St. Augustine, Florida 32084 (“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 Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

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

LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL 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.

Exhibit B

Schedule of Rates

Resolutions Relating to Banking

Tab 5

RESOLUTION 2021-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING DATES, TIME AND LOCATION FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Board is statutorily required to file annually, with the local governing authority and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, a schedule of its regular meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District shall be held as provided on the schedule attached as Exhibit "A".

Section 2. In accordance with Section 189.015(1), Florida Statutes, the District's Secretary is hereby directed to file annually, with the City of Port St. Lucie, a schedule of the District's regular meetings.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 23RD DAY OF JUNE, 2021.

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT .
DISTRICT**

CHAIRMAN / VICE CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SECRETARY / ASSISTANT SECRETARY

EXHIBIT “A”

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING DATES
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021**

The Board of Supervisors of the LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District will hold their regular meetings for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 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 provisions 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 2806 North Fifth Street, Unit 403, St. Augustine, Florida 32084 or by calling (904) 436-6270.

There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors or staff will participate by telephone.

Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 436-6270 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

Consideration of Establishment of Audit Committee and Setting the First Meeting

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES**

The LTC Ranch West Residential 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, 2021, with an option for two 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 the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, and has an annual operating budget of approximately \$_____. The final contract will require that, among other things, the audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, be completed no later than April 15, 2022.

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 the District Manager, Rizzetta & Company, Inc., 2806 N. Fifth St., Unit # 403, St. Augustine, Florida 32084, 904-436-6270 in an envelope marked on the outside "Auditing Services, LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District." Proposals must be received by _____ a/p.m. on _____, _____, 2021, at the office of the District Manager. Please direct all questions regarding this Notice to the District Manager.

Melissa Dobbins
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.

LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

District Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2021

City of Port St. Lucie, Florida

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

SECTION 1. DUE DATE. Sealed proposals must be received no later than _____, _____, **2021**, at ____ a/p.m., at the offices of District Manager, Rizzetta & Company, Inc., 2806 N. Fifth St., Unit # 403, St. Augustine, Florida 32084, 904-436-6270. 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 – LTC Ranch West Residential 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 (the "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 for the District's first audit for which there are no special assessment bonds, plus the lump sum cost of two (2) annual renewals, which renewals shall include services related to the District's anticipated issuance of special assessment bonds.

SECTION 13. PROTESTS. In accordance with the District's Rules of Procedure, any protest regarding the Proposal Documents, must be filed in writing, at the offices of the

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

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

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 2021-19

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

WHEREAS, the LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District (the "District") was established by Ordinance No. 21-53, adopted by the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, effective as of June 14, 2021; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

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

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

DATE: _____, 2021

HOUR: _____

LOCATION: _____

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

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

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

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: FY 2020/2021 proposed budget

Exhibit A
FY 2020/2021 proposed budget

(Under Separate Cover)

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 BUDGET FUNDING AGREEMENT**

This Agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered into this 23rd day of June, 2021, by and between:

LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated in the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida with a mailing address of 2806 N. Fifth St., Unit # 403, St. Augustine, Florida 32084 (the "District"), and

MIDWAY GLADES DEVELOPERS, a Delaware limited liability company, the primary developer of certain lands within the boundaries of the District, whose address is 7807 Baymeadows Road East, Suite 205, Jacksonville, Florida 32256 (the "Developer"; and together with the District, the "Parties").

Recitals

WHEREAS, the District was established by an ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the District is adopting its general fund budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021, which year commenced June 14, 2021, and concludes on September 30, 2021 (the "FY 2021 Budget"); and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 12. In the event that either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the parties agree that the substantially prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other all costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees, paralegal fees and expert witness fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

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

ATTEST:

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman/Vice Chairman

MIDWAY GLADES DEVELOPERS, LLC
a Delaware limited liability company

Witness

By: _____
Its: _____

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2020/2021 General Fund Budget
Exhibit B: Description of the Property

Exhibit A

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 General Fund Budget

Exhibit B

Description of the Property

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

A PORTION OF TRACT "D" OF THE PLAT OF LTC RANCH WEST, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 83, PAGES 17 THROUGH 24, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE WESTERLY NORTHWEST CORNER OF TRACT 'D' THE PLAT OF LTC RANCH WEST, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 83, PAGE 17, PUBLIC RECORDS OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE S00°21'14"E, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT 'D' A DISTANCE OF 1268.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE DEPARTING SAID WEST LINE N77°48'34"E A DISTANCE OF 42.08 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 880.00' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 54° 28' 07" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 627.43 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF N47° 31' 45"E FOR 604.07 FEET; THENCE N20° 17' 41" E FOR 130.58 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 532.00' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 68° 37' 39" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 637.22 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF N54° 38' 31"E FOR 588.80 FEET; THENCE N88° 55' 20" E FOR 1437.94 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 780.00' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 24° 20' 19" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 331.34 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF S78° 54' 30"E FOR 328.85 FEET; THENCE S66° 44' 21" E FOR 365.44 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 2023.00' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 12° 30' 18" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 441.51 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF N32° 13' 43"E FOR 440.83 FEET; THENCE N89° 06' 58"E FOR 2097.23 FEET; THENCE S00° 07' 56"E FOR 1019.33 FEET; THENCE N89° 52' 27"E FOR 1453.64 FEET; THENCE S36° 14' 14"W FOR 139.97 FEET; THENCE S03° 23' 24"W FOR 35.34 FEET; THENCE S01° 50' 18"W FOR 77.18 FEET; THENCE S89° 15' 16"W FOR 122.84 FEET; THENCE S80° 42' 00"W FOR 24.80 FEET; THENCE S55° 01' 47"W FOR 88.22 FEET; THENCE S25° 28' 45"W FOR 175.10 FEET; THENCE N85° 28' 54"W FOR 336.07 FEET; THENCE S28° 55' 08"W FOR 73.41 FEET; THENCE S44° 36' 16"W FOR 154.76 FEET; THENCE S87° 03' 33"W FOR 76.86 FEET; THENCE S59° 22' 10"W FOR 56.07 FEET; THENCE S30° 30' 07"W FOR 67.36 FEET; THENCE S25° 20' 16"W FOR 72.70 FEET; THENCE S16° 25' 14"W FOR 33.63 FEET; THENCE S31° 17' 22"E FOR 63.00 FEET; THENCE S37° 15' 09"W FOR 89.78 FEET; THENCE S44° 59' 28"W FOR 185.44 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 674.78' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 48° 36' 43" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 572.52 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF S28° 43' 23"E FOR 555.50 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1234.45' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 38° 05' 30" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 820.70 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF S23° 09' 41"E FOR 805.66 FEET; THENCE S44° 14' 15"E FOR 153.62 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 275.48' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 52° 59' 25" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 254.78 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF S21° 04' 28"E FOR 245.80 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 678.48' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 21° 55' 39" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 259.66 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF S05° 32' 33"E FOR 258.08 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1031.52' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 16° 48' 00" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 302.78 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF S24° 54' 23"E FOR 301.87 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 582.36' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 31° 01' 37" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 315.36 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF S17° 48' 04"E FOR 311.52 FEET; THENCE S41° 03' 57"E FOR 257.11 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 501.38' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 19° 15' 08" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 168.48 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF S50° 41' 31"E FOR 167.88 FEET; THENCE S59° 35' 14"E FOR 201.68 FEET; THENCE TO THE SOUTHEAST LINE OF SAID TRACT 'D' LTC RANCH WEST, S31° 18' 25"E FOR 159.88 FEET; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTHEAST LINE OF SAID TRACT 'D' LTC RANCH WEST, S44° 45' 15"W FOR 1264.07 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID SOUTHEAST LINE OF SAID TRACT 'D' LTC RANCH WEST, N45° 13' 59"W FOR 67.01 FEET; THENCE S44° 45' 15"W FOR 76.07 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A NON-TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 209.69' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 105° 06' 55" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 384.69 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF N89° 50' 47"W FOR 332.97 FEET; THENCE N45° 36' 11"W FOR 84.22 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 217.85' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 58° 14' 27" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 221.45 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF S40° 40' 57"W FOR 212.03 FEET

LEGAL DESCRIPTION CONTINUED:

TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 25.00' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 108° 21' 42" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 47.28 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF S65° 44' 35"W FOR 40.54 FEET; THENCE N80° 04' 34"W FOR 152.45 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 30.00' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 89° 31' 11" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 48.87 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF S75° 09' 51"W FOR 42.25 FEET; THENCE S30° 24' 15"W FOR 139.82 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1281.14' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 08° 32' 58" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 191.22 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF N73° 22' 25"W FOR 181.04 FEET; THENCE N0° 01' 06"W FOR 112.08 FEET; THENCE N39° 07' 34"E FOR 87.17 FEET; THENCE N74° 25' 35"E FOR 32.04 FEET; THENCE N42° 02' 09"E FOR 46.74 FEET; THENCE N19° 45' 27"E FOR 33.57 FEET; THENCE N23° 47' 39"E FOR 47.51 FEET; THENCE N29° 52' 08"E FOR 69.30 FEET; THENCE N39° 22' 15"E FOR 65.40 FEET; THENCE N80° 33' 00"E FOR 69.63 FEET; THENCE S48° 44' 58"E FOR 10.14 FEET; THENCE N13° 19' 10"E FOR 39.81 FEET; THENCE S48° 44' 58"E FOR 5.11 FEET; THENCE N26° 23' 29"E FOR 66.16 FEET; THENCE N58° 57' 16"E FOR 55.48 FEET; THENCE N89° 29' 29"E FOR 12.25 FEET; THENCE N14° 41' 53"E FOR 28.56 FEET; THENCE N12° 45' 13"E FOR 31.51 FEET; THENCE N10° 47' 41"E FOR 39.36 FEET; THENCE N78° 32' 30"W FOR 18.31 FEET; THENCE N02° 47' 10"W FOR 12.44 FEET; THENCE N80° 00' 00"E FOR 38.97 FEET; THENCE N00° 00' 00"E FOR 265.00 FEET; THENCE N89° 48' 07"E FOR 281.76 FEET; THENCE S67° 29' 22"E FOR 44.34 FEET; THENCE S88° 32' 34"E FOR 124.01 FEET ; THENCE N88° 46' 59"E FOR 173.96 FEET; THENCE N00° 12' 03"E FOR 369.24 FEET; THENCE N57° 31' 19"W FOR 142.71 FEET; THENCE N89° 53' 25"W FOR 554.72 FEET; THENCE N00° 02' 41"W FOR 80.82 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 30.00' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 81° 34' 32" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 42.71 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF N40° 49' 57"W FOR 39.20 FEET; THENCE N81° 37' 14"W FOR 243.48 FEET; THENCE N58° 47' 43"W FOR 120.82 FEET; THENCE S80° 43' 32"W FOR 135.35 FEET; THENCE S88° 31' 18"W FOR 80.02 FEET; THENCE S78° 08' 06"W FOR 14.03 FEET; THENCE S27° 59' 28"E FOR 48.73 FEET; THENCE S25° 46' 17"W FOR 137.61 FEET; THENCE S51° 57' 59"W FOR 72.82 FEET; THENCE S62° 50' 08"W FOR 189.36 FEET; THENCE N86° 34' 13"W FOR 68.43 FEET; THENCE N58° 11' 03"W FOR 78.33 FEET; THENCE N89° 51' 03"W FOR 218.11 FEET; THENCE S07° 25' 51"W FOR 1090.74 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1208.00' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 53° 48' 53" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 1132.73 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF S78° 58' 53"W FOR 1091.55 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1086.00' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 37° 55' 34" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 718.86 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF S71° 02' 13"W FOR 705.81 FEET; THENCE N90° 00' 00"W FOR 755.12 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1088.00' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 62° 55' 31" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 1192.71 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF N58° 32' 14"W FOR 1133.66 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1208.00' AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 49° 47' 08" FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 1047.91 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF N51° 58' 01"W FOR 1015.25 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT 'D'; THENCE ALONG SAID WEST LINE N00° 21' 14"W FOR 3908.58 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 777.267 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

SAID LANDS SITUATE IN THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS, COVENANTS, AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF RECORD.

RESOLUTION 2021-20

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

WHEREAS, the LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District (the "District") was established by Ordinance No. 21-53, adopted by the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, effective as of June 14, 2021; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

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

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

DATE: _____, 2021

HOUR: _____

LOCATION: _____

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

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

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

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 23rd DAY OF JUNE, 2021.

ATTEST:

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary

By: _____
Its: _____

Exhibit A: FY 2021/2022 proposed budget

Exhibit A
FY 2021/2022 proposed budget

(Under Separate Cover)

RESOLUTION 2021-21

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

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

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

RULES OF PROCEDURE
LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
EFFECTIVE AS OF _____, 2021

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Rule 1.0 General.

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

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

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

Rule 1.1 Board of Supervisors; Officers and Voting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 1.3 Public Meetings, Hearings, and Workshops.

- (1) Notice. Except in emergencies, or as otherwise required by statute or these Rules, at least seven (7) days, but no more than thirty (30) days public notice shall be given of any public meeting, hearing or workshop of the Board. Public notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. "General circulation" means a publication that is printed and published at least once a week for the preceding year, offering at least 25% of its words in the English language, qualifies as a periodicals material for postal purposes in the county in which the District is located, is for sale to the public generally, is available to the public generally for the publication of official or other notices, and is customarily containing information of a public character or of interest or of value to the residents or owners of property in the county where published, or of interest or of value to the general public. The annual meeting notice required to be published by Section 189.015 of the Florida Statutes, shall be published in a newspaper not of limited subject matter, which is published at least five days a week, unless the only newspaper in the county is published less than five days a week. Each Notice shall state, as applicable:
 - (a) The date, time and place of the meeting, hearing or workshop;
 - (b) A brief description of the nature, subjects, and purposes of the meeting, hearing, or workshop;
 - (c) The District office address for the submission of requests for copies of the agenda, as well as a contact name and telephone number for verbal requests for copies of the agenda; and
 - (d) The following or substantially similar language: "Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting/hearing/workshop is asked to advise the District Office at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting/hearing/workshop by contacting the District Manager at (904) 436-6270. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1 (800) 955-8770 or 1 (800) 955-8771, who can aid you in contacting the District Office."
 - (e) The following or substantially similar language: "A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting/hearing/workshop with respect to any matter considered at the meeting/hearing/workshop is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 1.4 Internal Controls to Prevent Fraud, Waste and Abuse

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

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

Rule 2.0 Rulemaking Proceedings.

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

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

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

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

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

(11) Petitions to Challenge Existing Rules.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.0 Competitive Purchase.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.1 Procedure Under the Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act.

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

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

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

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

(4) Competitive Selection.

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

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

(5) Competitive Negotiation.

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.2 Procedure Regarding Auditor Selection.

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

(1) Definitions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.3 Purchase of Insurance.

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

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

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

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

Law Implemented: § 112.08, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.4 Pre-qualification

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) Suspension, Revocation, or Denial of Qualification

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

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

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

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

Examples of factors affecting the seriousness of a deficiency are:

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

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

Rule 3.5 Construction Contracts, Not Design-Build.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.6 Construction Contracts, Design-Build.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(5) Exceptions. This Rule is inapplicable when:

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

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

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

Rule 3.7 Payment and Performance Bonds.

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

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

Law Implemented: § 255.05, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.8 Goods, Supplies, and Materials.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.9 Maintenance Services.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.10 Contractual Services.

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Filing.

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

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

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

(d) Enter orders; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

Law Implemented: § 190.033, Fla. Stat.

Rule 4.0 Effective Date.

These Rules shall be effective _____, 2021, except that no election of officers required by these Rules shall be required until after the next regular election for the Board.

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

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

RESOLUTION 2021-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL 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 LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated within the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

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

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2021-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION FOR LANDOWNERS MEETING OF THE DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

WHEREAS, the effective date of St. Lucie Ordinance 21-53 creating the District (the "Ordinance") is June 14, 2021; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

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

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

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

**NOTICE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING AND ELECTION AND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given to the public and all landowners within the LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District (the "District"), the location of which is generally described as comprising a parcel or parcels of land containing approximately 777.267 acres, located South of Midway Road, north and west of Glades Cut Off Road and east of I-95 within the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, advising that a meeting of landowners will be held for the purpose of electing five (5) persons to the District Board of Supervisors. Immediately following the landowners' meeting and election, there will be convened a meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the purpose of considering certain matters of the Board to include election of certain District officers, and other such business which may properly come before the Board.

DATE: _____
TIME: _____ .m.
PLACE: _____

Each landowner may vote in person or by written proxy. Proxy forms may be obtained upon request at the office of the District Manager, c/o Rizzetta & Company, Inc., 2806 N. Fifth St., Unit # 403, St. Augustine, Florida 32084, 904-436-6270 ("District Office"). At said meeting each landowner or his or her proxy shall be entitled to nominate persons for the position of Supervisor and cast one vote per acre of land, or fractional portion thereof, owned by him or her and located within the District for each person to be elected to the position of Supervisor. A fraction of an acre shall be treated as one acre, entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Platted lots shall be counted individually and rounded up to the nearest whole acre. The acreage of platted lots shall not be aggregated for determining the number of voting units held by a landowner or a landowner's proxy. At the landowners' meeting the landowners shall select a person to serve as the meeting chair and who shall conduct the meeting.

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

Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in these meetings is asked to contact the District Office at (561) 571-0100, at least forty-eight (48) hours before the hearing. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 7-1-1 or (800) 955-8770 for aid in contacting the District Office.

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

Melissa Dobbins
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 LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL
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

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – _____, 2021**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned, the fee simple owner of the lands described herein, hereby constitutes and appoints _____ (**"Proxy Holder"**) for and on behalf of the undersigned, to vote as proxy at the meeting of the landowners of the LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District to be held at _____, on _____, 2021, and at any adjournments thereof, according to the number of acres of unplatted land and/or platted lots owned by the undersigned landowner that the undersigned would be entitled to vote if then personally present, upon any question, proposition, or resolution or any other matter or thing that may be considered at said meeting including, but not limited to, the election of members of the Board of Supervisors. Said Proxy Holder may vote in accordance with his or her discretion on all matters not known or determined at the time of solicitation of this proxy which may legally be considered at said meeting.

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

Printed Name of Legal Owner

Signature of Legal Owner

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date

Parcel Description

Acreage

Authorized Votes

See attached Exhibit A.

_____ ACRES

_____ VOTES

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

Total Number of Authorized Votes:

_____ **VOTES**

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

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

OFFICIAL BALLOT
LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – _____, 2021

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

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

Description

Acreage

or

Attach Proxy.

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

NAME OF CANDIDATE

NUMBER OF VOTES

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

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

Bond Financing Related Matters

Tab 6

BOND FINANCING TEAM FUNDING AGREEMENT

This Bond Financing Team Funding Agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered into this 23rd day of June, 2021, by and between:

LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated in the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida with a mailing address of 2806 N. Fifth St., Unit # 403, St. Augustine, Florida 32084 (the "District"), and

MIDWAY GLADES DEVELOPERS, a Delaware limited liability company, the primary developer of certain lands within the boundaries of the District, whose address is 7807 Baymeadows Road East, Suite 205, Jacksonville, Florida 32256 (the "Developer"; and together with the District, the "Parties").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District was established by Ordinance 21-53 adopted by the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, effective as of June 14, 2021, for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the District presently expects to access the public bond market to provide for the financing of certain capital improvements, facilities, and services to benefit the lands within the District; and

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

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

SECTION 1. PROVISION OF FUNDS. Developer agrees to make available to the District such monies as are necessary to proceed with the issuance of bonds or other indebtedness to fund the District's improvements, facilities and services.

A. Developer agrees to provide to the District any such monies upon receipt of an invoice from the District requesting such funds. Such funds, and all future funds provided pursuant to this Agreement, may be supplied by check, cash, wire transfer or other form of payment deemed satisfactory in the sole discretion of the District as determined by the District Manager. The District agrees to authorize District staff, including the District Engineer, District Manager, and District Counsel to proceed with the work contemplated by this Agreement, and

to retain a Bond Counsel and Financial Advisor and other professional assistance as may be necessary to proceed with the work contemplated by this Agreement.

B. Developer and the District agree that all fees, costs or other expenses incurred by the District for the services of the District's Engineer, Counsel, Financial Advisor or other professionals, for the work contemplated by this Agreement shall be paid solely from the funds provided by Developer pursuant to this Agreement. Such payments shall be made in accordance with the District's normal invoice and payment procedures. The District agrees that any funds provided by Developer pursuant to this Agreement shall be used solely for fees, costs, and expenses arising from or related to the work contemplated by this Agreement.

C. The District agrees to provide to Developer, on a monthly basis, copies of all invoices, requisitions, or other bills for which payment is to be made from the funds provided by Developer. The District agrees to provide to Developer, monthly, a statement from the District Manager showing funds on deposit prior to payment, payments made, and funds remaining on deposit with the District.

D. Developer agrees to provide funds within fifteen (15) days of receipt of written notification from the District Manager of the need for such funds.

E. In the event that Developer fails to provide any such funds pursuant to this Agreement, Developer and the District agree the work may be halted until such time as sufficient funds are provided by Developer to ensure payment of the costs, fees or expenses which may be incurred in the performance of such work.

SECTION 2. TERMINATION. Developer and District agree that Developer may terminate this Agreement without cause by providing ten (10) days written notice of termination to the District. Any such termination by Developer is contingent upon Developer's provision of sufficient funds to cover any and all fees, costs or expenses incurred by the District in connection with the work to be performed under this Agreement as of the date by when notice of termination is received. Developer and the District agree that the District may terminate this Agreement due to a failure of Developer to provide funds in accordance with Section 1 of this Agreement, by providing ten (10) days written notice of termination to Developer; provided, however, that the Developer shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to cure any such failure.

SECTION 3. CAPITALIZATION. The parties agree that all funds provided by Developer pursuant to this Agreement may be reimbursable from proceeds of District financing for capital improvements, and that within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the proceeds by the District of bonds or notes for the District's capital projects, the District shall reimburse Developer in full, exclusive of interest, for these advances; provided, however, that in the event Bond Counsel determines that any such monies are not properly reimbursable, such funds shall be deemed

paid in lieu of taxes or assessments. In the event that District bonds are not issued within five (5) years of the date of this Agreement, all funds provided by Developer pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed paid in lieu of taxes or assessments.

SECTION 4. DEFAULT. A default by either party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which may include, but not be limited to, the right of damages, injunctive relief and/or specific performance.

SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT OF AGREEMENT. In the event that either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the substantially prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all fees and costs incurred, including reasonable attorney's fees, paralegal fees and expert witness fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

SECTION 6. AGREEMENT. This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of this Agreement between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

SECTION 7. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both of the parties hereto.

SECTION 8. AUTHORIZATION. The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of all parties hereto, each party has complied with all the requirements of law, and each party has full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

SECTION 9. NOTICES. All notices, requests, consents and other communications hereunder ("Notices") shall be in writing and shall be delivered, mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, or overnight delivery service, to the parties, as follows:

A. If to District:	LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District 2806 N. Fifth St., Unit # 403 St. Augustine, FL 32084 Attn: District Manager
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With a copy to:	Hopping Green & Sams, P.A. 119 S. Monroe Street, Suite 300 Tallahassee, Florida 32301 Attn: Jonathan T. Johnson
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B. If to Developer:

Midway Glades Developers, LLC
7807 Baymeadows Road East, Suite 205
Jacksonville, Florida 32256
Attn: _____

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

SECTION 10. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the parties herein and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason hereof, to or for the benefit of any third party not a party hereto. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the parties hereto any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any provisions or conditions hereof; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants and conditions herein contained shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective representatives, successors and assigns.

SECTION 11. ASSIGNMENT. Neither party may assign this Agreement or any monies to become due hereunder without the prior written approval of the other party.

SECTION 12. CONTROLLING LAW; VENUE. This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. Venue shall be in St. Lucie County, Florida.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVE DATE. The Agreement shall be effective after execution by both parties hereto and shall remain in effect unless terminated by either of the parties hereto.

SECTION 14. PUBLIC RECORDS. Developer understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District or to District Staff in connection with the work contemplated under this Agreement are public records and are treated as such in accordance with Florida law.

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

ATTEST:

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

WITNESSES:

MIDWAY GLADES DEVELOPERS, LLC, a
Delaware limited liability company

Print Name: _____

By: _____
Its: _____

Print Name: _____

Appointment of Financing Team

RESOLUTION 2021-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPOINTING AN INVESTMENT BANKER IN CONTEMPLATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BONDS.

WHEREAS, LTC Ranch West Residential 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, the Board of Supervisors of the District (the “Board”) desires to appoint an Investment Banker to advise it regarding the proposed issuance of Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds and other financing methods for District improvements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The Board hereby appoints _____, as the Investment Banker of the District, and shall be compensated for their services in such capacity in the manner prescribed in the agreement incorporated herein as **Exhibit A**.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**LTC RANCH WEST
RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

fmsbonds
Municipal Bond Specialists

20660 W. Dixie Highway
North Miami Beach, FL 33180

June 14, 2021

LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District
c/o Rizzetta & Company, Inc.
2806 N. Fifth Street
St. Augustine, Florida 32084
Attn: Ms. Melissa Dobbins

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

Dear Ms. Dobbins:

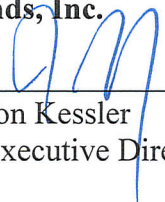
Thank you for the opportunity to work with the LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District (the "Issuer") regarding the underwriting of the Issuer's Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2021 and future series of bonds (the "Bonds"). The Issuer and FMSbonds, Inc. ("FMS"), solely in its capacity 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. FMS is not acting as a municipal advisor for the developer in connection with the subject transaction. 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 if you are not so authorized.

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:

LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL 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 agreement 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;
 - 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 (b) otherwise assist FMS in its underwriting efforts.
7. Term of Engagement. The term of this Agreement shall commence as of the date of this Agreement 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 and this agreement are 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 Agreement contains the entire understanding of the parties relating to the transactions contemplated hereby and this Agreement supersedes all prior agreements, understandings and negotiations with respect thereto. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts each of which shall be an original but all of such counterparts shall constitute one and the same instrument.

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 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 by a fee paid by the borrower or other third parties. Payment or receipt of the Underwriter's compensation will be contingent on the closing of the transaction. The Issuer acknowledges that the fee to be paid to the Underwriter will not be derived from the proceeds of the Bonds. 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 or any other securities. 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.

We request that the person at the Issuer who has the authority to bind the Issuer (herein, "Authorized Issuer Representative") by contract with us acknowledge this letter and 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.

The MSRB requires that we seek the Issuer's acknowledgement that it has received this letter. Accordingly, please cause the attached to be signed by the Authorized Issuer Representative and return the enclosed copy of this letter to the undersigned at the address set forth below as soon as practicable. 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.

RESOLUTION 2021-25

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOND COUNSEL IN
CONTEMPLATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF LTC RANCH
WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT BONDS.**

WHEREAS, LTC Ranch West Residential 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, the District’s Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) desires to appoint Bond Counsel to advise it regarding the proposed validation and issuance of Bonds and other financing methods for District improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board determined that the employment of Bond Counsel is necessary and is in the District’s best interests;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

SECTION 1. All of the above representations, findings, and determinations contained above are recognized as true and accurate, and are expressly incorporated into this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The Board hereby appoints _____, for the District as Bond Counsel and agrees to provide compensation for same in the amount and manner prescribed in the agreement incorporated herein as Exhibit A.

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED the 23rd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors



Akerman LLP
50 North Laura Street
Suite 3100
Jacksonville, FL 32202-3646
Peter. L. Dame

June 18, 2021

LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District
c/o Rizzetta & Company, Inc
2806 N. Fifth St., Unit # 403
St. Augustine, FL 32084
Attn: Melissa Dobbins

Re: **LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District – Bond Counsel**

Dear Melissa:

Thank you for the opportunity to present this engagement letter to serve as bond counsel to LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District (the “District”) in connection with the issuance by the District of special assessment revenue bonds. It is our understanding that the proposed bonds will be issued to fund public infrastructure and other public facilities to benefit the assessable lands in the District. It is our understanding that the bonds will be sold through a public offering with FMSbonds, Inc., as the underwriter. The following is our proposal to serve as bond counsel to the District. This letter sets forth generally our understanding of what legal services we will perform and the basis for our compensation to provide such bond counsel services.

As Bond Counsel we agree to:

Attend as requested all meetings related to the issuance of the Bonds.

Prepare appropriate resolutions authorizing the issuance of the Bonds.

Prepare the master and supplemental trust indenture, and other documents necessary, related or incidental to the issuance of the Bonds.

Assist general counsel to the District in the validation of the Bonds through appropriate judicial proceedings.

Prepare (or review when prepared by others) closing papers necessary in connection with the sale and issuance of the Bonds, including but not limited to, certified copies of all minutes, ordinances, resolutions and orders; certificates such as officer’s seal, incumbency, signatures, no prior pledge, arbitrage and others; and verifications, consents and opinions from accountants, engineers, special consultants and attorneys.

Prepare and file the necessary forms with the Internal Revenue Service (Form 8038-G) and the Florida Division of Bond Finance.

Prepare and deliver a 10(b)(5) opinion regarding certain sections of the offering document for the Bonds describing the Bonds (including the tax status of the interest thereon) and the security therefor.

Prepare and deliver at closing a standard, comprehensive approving legal opinion which will, among other things, contain opinions as to the validity and enforceability of the Bonds and the trust indenture, the security for the Bonds and the excludability from gross income of the interest on the Bonds for federal income tax purposes (subject to certain exceptions generally accepted in the industry). In rendering the tax opinion, we will provide general instructions for compliance with the federal rebate laws.

Supervise and coordinate the closing of the Bonds and render other legal services incidental or required in connection with the matters listed above.

We will negotiate with the District a fixed fee connection with each bond issue or other financing. As is customary in the bond practice area, such fees are generally contingent upon closing. For performing the above-described services for the initial series of Bonds our fee would be \$44,000, inclusive of out of pocket costs. All such fees and costs would be payable in full at the time of delivery of such Bonds.

From time to time there may arise matters involving a conflict of interest, which could arise if there is a transaction or a lawsuit involving the District and one of Akerman's other clients. Conflicts will be handled as described on the attached addendum.

The District has the right to terminate our representation for any reason at any time and assign this agreement to another law firm. We reserve the same right to terminate upon giving reasonable notice. Among the reasons which might lead us to conclude that we should terminate our representation are (1) a failure to be forthright, cooperative or supportive of our effort; (2) the misrepresentation of, or failure or refusal to, disclose materials facts to us; (3) the failure or refusal to accept our advice; (4) the discovery of a conflict of interest with another client; or (5) any other reason permitted or required under the rules of professional conduct governing the legal profession. Upon any termination of our representation, we will submit a statement for services rendered and costs incurred to the date of termination, payable in full upon receipt. This statement will be based on the pro rata amount of work done by us to the point of termination to the total work required to be done to close the issue.

We believe that the above provisions outline in reasonable detail our agreement as to this representation. We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to submit this proposal.

Very truly yours,

AKERMAN LLP



By: Peter L. Dame, Partner

ACCEPTED:
LTC Ranch West Residential
Community Development District

By: _____
Title: _____

ADDENDUM

The following terms and conditions are part of the representation letter agreement between Akerman LLP ("Akerman") and LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District ("District").

Conflicts of Interest

From time to time there may arise matters involving a conflict of interest, which could arise if there is a transaction or a lawsuit involving the District and one of Akerman's other clients. Conflicts will be handled as follows:

(a) If there is no on-going representation being provided to the District, the District will not be deemed to be a client of Akerman and no conflicts will be deemed to have arisen. Thus, Akerman could represent other clients in regard to matters involving the District, provided, however, those matters do not relate to the matters on which Akerman has provided representation to the District.

(b) Akerman may immediately terminate its representation of District. In the event of such termination, Akerman will be paid in full for services rendered to that date and, as a result of the termination of said representation, Akerman will be entitled to represent other parties in matters adverse to District, as if subparagraph (a) above was applicable; subject, however, to the condition that said matters do not involve the matters on which Akerman has provided representation to the District.

(c) To the extent a conflict is a "direct conflict" (as defined below), Akerman will meet and discuss the nature of the conflict and see if the matter can be resolved. If the District is unwilling to waive the conflict, Akerman reserves the right under (b) above to terminate its representation of the District. Also, as set forth in subparagraph (a) above, if there is no on-going representation at that time, there will be no direct conflict. A "direct conflict" is a matter in which the District and another Akerman client are actively and directly involved with one another in an adverse way; for example, the District is being sued by another Akerman client seeking recovery of a money judgment. An example of an indirect conflict would be where the District holds a judgment against Company A and one of our lender/clients seeks to foreclose a mortgage which encumbers property owned by Company A. The District would be joined as a necessary party in the foreclosure because it holds a subordinate judgment lien encumbering Company A's property. That would, as set forth in subparagraph (d) below, be an indirect or incidental conflict.

(d) In regard to "indirect or incidental conflicts", the District hereby waives any such conflict, and Akerman would be entitled to represent the other client in such matters. Indirect or incidental conflicts would be those transactions which do not involve the District or in which the District no actual monetary relief is sought against District. As set forth in subparagraph (c) above, for example, an incidental or indirect conflict would arise if Akerman represents a lender and in seeking to foreclose a mortgage, the District would be joined as a defendant because it has a second mortgage or a judgment against the owner of the property being foreclosed.

Consent to Representation of Law Firms.

Akerman represents other law firms in various matters. During the time we are representing client, we may represent other law firms in matters unrelated to this matter, including the representations of other law firms that represent present or future parties in disputes or transactions adverse to District. Such representation by Akerman of other law firms could be viewed as creating a material limitation on Akerman's ability to represent District. (A material limitation arises if there is a significant risk that a lawyer's ability to consider, recommend, or carry out an appropriate course of action for a client will be materially limited as a result of the other responsibilities or interests of the lawyer or of other lawyers in the lawyer's firm).

When Akerman represents other law firms in matters unrelated to District's matter(s), we do not believe that such a significant risk exists in such situations. In addition, we do not believe that the exercise of Akerman's independent judgment as counsel to each party generally will be affected by our representation of District in its matter(s) and our representation of law firms in unrelated matters.

District acknowledges that we have disclosed the potential material limitation conflict of interest identified herein, and specifically consents to Akerman's representation of District and our representation of law firms in unrelated matters including law firms that represent present or future parties in disputes or transactions adverse to District. District waives any conflict of interest with respect to those representations.

Execution of this Letter Constitutes a Waiver

With respect to any conflict waivers, to the extent the District has agreed to waive any future conflict as set forth herein, the execution of this letter constitutes a waiver of that conflict. If requested by Akerman, the District will further execute a specific waiver letter.



*U.S. Bank National Association
Global Corporate Trust
225 E. Robinson Street, Suite 250
Orlando, Florida 32801*

June 17, 2021

Rizzetta and Company, Inc
Attn: Scott Brizendine
3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200
Tampa, FL 33351

**Re: Proposal to serve as Trustee, Paying Agent and Registrar for LTC Ranch West Residential
Community Development District**

Dear Scott,

On behalf of U.S. Bank National Association, we are pleased to submit our fees to serve as Trustee, Paying Agent & Registrar for the LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District.

Recognized as a premier global provider of corporate trust services, U.S. Bank Global Corporate Trust provides expert trust services to both corporate and municipal clients. We have established a solid position as a responsive specialist that promises and delivers premium performance and service over the life of your bond programs - coupled with a steadfast commitment to integrity.

U.S. Bank has made a long-term commitment to remain in the corporate trust business and to expand its services through acquisitions and establishing new offices in key areas. We have southeast regional corporate trust offices in Orlando, Fort Lauderdale, Miami and Jacksonville, Florida, to meet the needs of the bank's growing line of business in this area. The following are just a few of the many advantages that make U.S. Bank Global Corporate Trust Services an excellent choice for corporate trust services:

- Trust officers with extensive experience in working with all parties of the financing team.
- Local presence through to ensure responsiveness for you and the bondholders.

We appreciate your business and look forward to this opportunity to serve as your trustee as well as any future banking or corporate trust needs.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (407)835-3805.

Best regards,

Stacey L. Johnson
Vice President
Relationship Manager | Southeast Region

Agreed and Accepted:



Fee Schedule -LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District

Acceptance Fee

\$1,975 One Time, Per Series, Payable in Advance

Covers review of documents, participation in document conferences, establishing records/accounts, authentication/delivery of bonds, receipt of funds, establishment of procedures and ticklers necessary to perform our duties and monitor the various terms and covenants in the financing documents.

Annual Administration Fee

**\$3,750 Per Series, Payable in Advance
\$2,750 Per Series, if any, issued at closing**

Maintenance of records in connection with the control of the bonds outstanding; review and compliance of document provisions; receive, pay out and control the movement of funds; pay periodic interest and principal; and prepare periodic accountings and reports. Bond Registrar and Paying Agent services are included. Standard Trustee disclosure information is provided in our services.

Trustee Counsel Fees

Not to exceed \$6,000

Any additional ongoing legal fees and expenses would be billed at cost.

Investment Administration

***\$500 Per Contract**

The investment fee includes the activities associated with establishing the account, manual processing of transactions, reconciliation of balances, wiring of funds, etc. Payable at time of initial investment and annually in advance. *Does not include U.S. Bank investment products.

Out of Pocket Expenses

Billed at Cost

Includes, but are not limited to, travel expenses to attend closing.

Incidental Expenses

7.75% of Annual Admin. Fee

Incidental expenses, such as wires, postage, copies, mailings, courier expenses, etc.

Extraordinary Expenses / Other Services

Billed at Cost

Extraordinary services are responses to requests, inquiries or developments, or the carrying out of duties or responsibilities of an unusual nature, including termination, which may or may not be provided for in the governing documents, are not routine or undertaken in the ordinary course of business. Payment of fees for extraordinary services is appropriate where particular requests, inquiries or developments are unexpected, even if the possibility of such things could have been foreseen at the inception of the transaction. This would include but is not limited to document amendments and substitutions, mandatory tenders, optional redemptions, UCC filings, investment agreements, outside held money market funds, default administration, travel expense (if any outside the city), etc. A reasonable charge will be assessed and collected by the trustee based on the nature of the extraordinary service. At our option, these charges will be billed at a flat fee or at our hourly rate then in effect.

** The quoted fee does not include services as Disclosure/Dissemination Agent pursuant to Securities & Exchange commission Rule 15c12-12, as amended. U.S. Bank will discuss this service with the Obligor if applicable pursuant to the terms of the bond issue.*

Account approval is subject to review and qualification. Fees are subject to change at our discretion and upon written notice. Fees paid in advance will not be prorated. The fees set forth above and any subsequent modifications thereof are part of your agreement. Finalization of the transaction constitutes agreement to the above fee schedule, including agreement to any subsequent changes upon proper written notice. In the event your transaction is not finalized, any related out-of-pocket expenses will be billed to the client directly. Absent your written instructions to sweep or otherwise invest, all sums in your account will remain uninvested and no accrued interest or other compensation will be credited to the account. Payment of fees constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions set forth.

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 nonindividual person such as a business entity, a charity, a trust or other legal entity, we 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.

*Consideration of Bond Validation
District Engineer Report
(Under Separate Cover*

*Consideration of Master Special
Assessment Allocation Report
(Under Separate Cover)*

RESOLUTION 2021-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DECLARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; INDICATING THE LOCATION, NATURE AND ESTIMATED COST OF THOSE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS WHOSE COST IS TO BE DEFRAID BY THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THE PORTION OF THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE DEFRAID BY THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THE MANNER IN WHICH SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE MADE; PROVIDING WHEN SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE PAID; DESIGNATING LANDS UPON WHICH THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEVIED; PROVIDING FOR AN ASSESSMENT PLAT; ADOPTING A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of the LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District (the "District") hereby determines to undertake, install, plan, establish, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, acquire, operate, and/or maintain the infrastructure improvements (the "Improvements") described in the District's *Engineer's Report*, dated _____, 2021, attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the District to pay the cost of the Improvements by special assessments pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes (the "Assessments"); and

WHEREAS, the District is empowered by Chapter 190, the Uniform Community Development District Act, Chapter 170, Supplemental and Alternative Method of Making Local Municipal Improvements, and Chapter 197, the Uniform Method for the Levy, Collection and Enforcement of Non-Ad Valorem Assessments, Florida Statutes, to finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate, and maintain the Improvements and to impose, levy and collect the Assessments; and

WHEREAS, the District hereby determines that benefits will accrue to the property improved, the amount of those benefits, and that special assessments will be made in proportion to the benefits received as set forth in the *Master Assessment Methodology Report*, dated _____, 2021, attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated herein by reference and on file at 2806 N. Fifth St., Unit # 403, St. Augustine, Florida 32084 (the "District Records Office"); and

WHEREAS, the District hereby determines that the Assessments to be levied will not exceed the benefit to the property improved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

1. Assessments shall be levied to defray a portion of the cost of the Improvements.
2. The nature and general location of, and plans and specifications for, the Improvements are described in **Exhibit A**, which is on file at the District Records Office. **Exhibit B** is also on file and available for public inspection at the same location.
3. The total estimated cost of the Improvements is \$_____ (the "Estimated Cost").
4. The Assessments will defray approximately \$_____, which amounts include the Estimated Costs, plus financing-related costs, capitalized interest and a debt service reserve.
5. The manner in which the Assessments shall be apportioned and paid is set forth in **Exhibit B**, including provisions for supplemental assessment resolutions.
6. The Assessments shall be levied, within the District, on all lots and lands adjoining and contiguous or bounding and abutting upon the Improvements or specially benefitted thereby and further designated by the assessment plat hereinafter provided for.
7. There is on file, at the District Records Office, an assessment plat showing the area to be assessed, with certain plans and specifications describing the Improvements and the estimated cost of the Improvements, all of which shall be open to inspection by the public.
8. Commencing with the year in which the Assessments are levied and confirmed, the Assessments shall be paid in not more than (30) thirty annual installments. The Assessments may be payable at the same time and in the same manner as are ad-valorem taxes and collected pursuant to Chapter 197, Florida Statutes; provided, however, that in the event the uniform non ad-valorem assessment method of collecting the Assessments is not available to the District in any year, or if determined by the District to be in its best interest, the Assessments may be collected as is otherwise permitted by law.
9. The District Manager has caused to be made a preliminary assessment roll, in accordance with the method of assessment described in **Exhibit B** hereto, which shows the lots and lands assessed, the amount of benefit to and the assessment against each lot or parcel of land and the number of annual installments into which the assessment may be divided, which assessment roll is hereby adopted and approved as the District's preliminary assessment roll.

10. The Board shall adopt a subsequent resolution to fix a time and place at which the owners of property to be assessed or any other persons interested therein may appear before the Board and be heard as to the propriety and advisability of the assessments or the making of the Improvements, the cost thereof, the manner of payment therefore, or the amount thereof to be assessed against each property as improved.

11. The District Manager is hereby directed to cause this Resolution to be published twice (once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks) in a newspaper of general circulation within St. Lucie County and to provide such other notice as may be required by law or desired in the best interests of the District.

12. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Engineer's Report, dated _____, 2021

Exhibit B: Master Assessment Methodology Report, dated _____, 2021

RESOLUTION 2021-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON _____, 2021, AT _____ .M. AT _____, FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING PUBLIC COMMENT ON IMPOSING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTERS 170, 190 AND 197, FLORIDA STATUTES.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District (the "Board") has previously adopted Resolution 2021-26 entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DECLARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; INDICATING THE LOCATION, NATURE AND ESTIMATED COST OF THOSE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS WHOSE COST IS TO BE DEFRAID BY THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THE PORTION OF THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE DEFRAID BY THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THE MANNER IN WHICH SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE MADE; PROVIDING WHEN SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE PAID; DESIGNATING LANDS UPON WHICH THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEVIED; PROVIDING FOR AN ASSESSMENT PLAT; ADOPTING A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution 2021-26, a Preliminary Special Assessment Roll has been prepared and all other conditions precedent set forth in Chapters 170, 190 and 197, Florida Statutes, to the holding of the aforementioned public hearing have been satisfied, and the roll and related documents are available for public inspection at 2806 N. Fifth St., Unit # 403, St. Augustine, Florida 32084 (the "District Records Office").

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. There is hereby declared a public hearing to be held at _____ .m. on _____, 2021, at _____, for the purpose of hearing comment and objections to the proposed special assessment program for District improvements as identified in the Preliminary Special Assessment Roll, a copy of which is on file. Affected parties may appear at that hearing or submit their comments in writing prior to the hearing to the office of the District Manager at 2806 N. Fifth St., Unit # 403, St. Augustine, Florida 32084.

2. Notice of said hearing shall be advertised in accordance with Chapters 170, 190 and 197, Florida Statutes, and the District Manager is hereby authorized and directed to place said notice in a newspaper(s) of general circulation within St. Lucie County (by two publications one week apart with the first publication at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of the hearing established herein). The District Manager shall file a publisher's affidavit with the District Secretary verifying such publication of notice. The District Manager is further authorized and directed to give thirty (30) days written notice by mail of the time and place of this hearing to the owners of all property to be assessed and include in such notice the amount of the assessment for each such property owner, a description of the areas to be improved and notice that information concerning all assessments may be ascertained at the District Records Office. The District Manager shall file proof of such mailing by affidavit with the District Secretary.

3. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

**LTC RANCH WEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman

*Consideration of Resolution
2021-28, Authorizing the Issuance
of Bonds, Approving Form of
Indenture and Authorizing the
Commencement of Validation
Proceedings
(Under Separate Cover)*

LTC Ranch West Residential CDD

3434 Colwell Ave Suite 200
Tampa, Florida 33614

INVOICE

DATE: June 17, 2021

Bill To:
GreenPointe Holdings
7807 Baymeadows Road East, Suite 205
Jacksonville, FL 32256

INVOICE: DF061721

DUE DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Upon Receipt	Initial Funding Request	\$25,000.00
TOTAL		\$25,000.00

Make all checks payable to LTC Ranch West Residential Community Development District
LTC Ranch West Residential CDD
c/o Rizzetta & Company, Inc
3434 Colwell Ave. Suite 200
Tampa, FL 33614

If you have any questions concerning this invoice,
contact Melissa Dobbins at mdobbins@rizzetta.com

STAFF REPORTS

District Counsel

Tab 7



Company ID Number: _____

THE E-VERIFY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR EMPLOYERS

ARTICLE I PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

The parties to this agreement are the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the _____ (Employer). The purpose of this agreement is to set forth terms and conditions which the Employer will follow while participating in E-Verify.

E-Verify is a program that electronically confirms an employee's eligibility to work in the United States after completion of Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I-9). This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) explains certain features of the E-Verify program and describes specific responsibilities of the Employer, the Social Security Administration (SSA), and DHS.

Authority for the E-Verify program is found in Title IV, Subtitle A, of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA), Pub. L. 104-208, 110 Stat. 3009, as amended (8 U.S.C. § 1324a note). The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 22.18, "Employment Eligibility Verification" and Executive Order 12989, as amended, provide authority for Federal contractors and subcontractors (Federal contractor) to use E-Verify to verify the employment eligibility of certain employees working on Federal contracts.

ARTICLE II RESPONSIBILITIES

A. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EMPLOYER

1. The Employer agrees to display the following notices supplied by DHS in a prominent place that is clearly visible to prospective employees and all employees who are to be verified through the system:
 - a. Notice of E-Verify Participation
 - b. Notice of Right to Work
2. The Employer agrees to provide to the SSA and DHS the names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of the Employer representatives to be contacted about E-Verify. The Employer also agrees to keep such information current by providing updated information to SSA and DHS whenever the representatives' contact information changes.
3. The Employer agrees to grant E-Verify access only to current employees who need E-Verify access. Employers must promptly terminate an employee's E-Verify access if the

employee is separated from the company or no longer needs access to E-Verify.

4. The Employer agrees to become familiar with and comply with the most recent version of the E-Verify User Manual.

5. The Employer agrees that any Employer Representative who will create E-Verify cases will complete the E-Verify Tutorial before that individual creates any cases.

a. The Employer agrees that all Employer representatives will take the refresher tutorials when prompted by E-Verify in order to continue using E-Verify. Failure to complete a refresher tutorial will prevent the Employer Representative from continued use of E-Verify.

6. The Employer agrees to comply with current Form I-9 procedures, with two exceptions:

a. If an employee presents a "List B" identity document, the Employer agrees to only accept "List B" documents that contain a photo. (List B documents identified in 8 C.F.R. § 274a.2(b)(1)(B)) can be presented during the Form I-9 process to establish identity.) If an employee objects to the photo requirement for religious reasons, the Employer should contact E-Verify at 888-464-4218.

b. If an employee presents a DHS Form I-551 (Permanent Resident Card), Form I-766 (Employment Authorization Document), or U.S. Passport or Passport Card to complete Form I-9, the Employer agrees to make a photocopy of the document and to retain the photocopy with the employee's Form I-9. The Employer will use the photocopy to verify the photo and to assist DHS with its review of photo mismatches that employees contest. DHS may in the future designate other documents that activate the photo screening tool.

Note: Subject only to the exceptions noted previously in this paragraph, employees still retain the right to present any List A, or List B and List C, document(s) to complete the Form I-9.

7. The Employer agrees to record the case verification number on the employee's Form I-9 or to print the screen containing the case verification number and attach it to the employee's Form I-9.

8. The Employer agrees that, although it participates in E-Verify, the Employer has a responsibility to complete, retain, and make available for inspection Forms I-9 that relate to its employees, or from other requirements of applicable regulations or laws, including the obligation to comply with the antidiscrimination requirements of section 274B of the INA with respect to Form I-9 procedures.

a. The following modified requirements are the only exceptions to an Employer's obligation to not employ unauthorized workers and comply with the anti-discrimination provision of the INA: (1) List B identity documents must have photos, as described in paragraph 6 above; (2) When an Employer confirms the identity and employment eligibility of newly hired employee using E-Verify procedures, the Employer establishes a rebuttable presumption that it has not violated section 274A(a)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) with respect to the hiring of that employee; (3) If the Employer receives a final nonconfirmation for an employee, but continues to employ that person, the Employer must notify DHS and the Employer is subject to a civil money penalty between \$550 and \$1,100 for each failure to notify DHS of continued employment

following a final nonconfirmation; (4) If the Employer continues to employ an employee after receiving a final nonconfirmation, then the Employer is subject to a rebuttable presumption that it has knowingly employed an unauthorized alien in violation of section 274A(a)(1)(A); and (5) no E-Verify participant is civilly or criminally liable under any law for any action taken in good faith based on information provided through the E-Verify.

b. DHS reserves the right to conduct Form I-9 compliance inspections, as well as any other enforcement or compliance activity authorized by law, including site visits, to ensure proper use of E-Verify.

9. The Employer is strictly prohibited from creating an E-Verify case before the employee has been hired, meaning that a firm offer of employment was extended and accepted and Form I-9 was completed. The Employer agrees to create an E-Verify case for new employees within three Employer business days after each employee has been hired (after both Sections 1 and 2 of Form I-9 have been completed), and to complete as many steps of the E-Verify process as are necessary according to the E-Verify User Manual. If E-Verify is temporarily unavailable, the three-day time period will be extended until it is again operational in order to accommodate the Employer's attempting, in good faith, to make inquiries during the period of unavailability.

10. The Employer agrees not to use E-Verify for pre-employment screening of job applicants, in support of any unlawful employment practice, or for any other use that this MOU or the E-Verify User Manual does not authorize.

11. The Employer must use E-Verify for all new employees. The Employer will not verify selectively and will not verify employees hired before the effective date of this MOU. Employers who are Federal contractors may qualify for exceptions to this requirement as described in Article II.B of this MOU.

12. The Employer agrees to follow appropriate procedures (see Article III below) regarding tentative nonconfirmations. The Employer must promptly notify employees in private of the finding and provide them with the notice and letter containing information specific to the employee's E-Verify case. The Employer agrees to provide both the English and the translated notice and letter for employees with limited English proficiency to employees. The Employer agrees to provide written referral instructions to employees and instruct affected employees to bring the English copy of the letter to the SSA. The Employer must allow employees to contest the finding, and not take adverse action against employees if they choose to contest the finding, while their case is still pending. Further, when employees contest a tentative nonconfirmation based upon a photo mismatch, the Employer must take additional steps (see Article III.B. below) to contact DHS with information necessary to resolve the challenge.

13. The Employer agrees not to take any adverse action against an employee based upon the employee's perceived employment eligibility status while SSA or DHS is processing the verification request unless the Employer obtains knowledge (as defined in 8 C.F.R. § 274a.1(l)) that the employee is not work authorized. The Employer understands that an initial inability of the SSA or DHS automated verification system to verify work authorization, a tentative nonconfirmation, a case in continuance (indicating the need for additional time for the government to resolve a case), or the finding of a photo mismatch, does not establish, and should not be interpreted as, evidence that the employee is not work authorized. In any of such cases, the employee must be provided a full and fair opportunity to contest the finding, and if he or she does so, the employee

may not be terminated or suffer any adverse employment consequences based upon the employee's perceived employment eligibility status (including denying, reducing, or extending work hours, delaying or preventing training, requiring an employee to work in poorer conditions, withholding pay, refusing to assign the employee to a Federal contract or other assignment, or otherwise assuming that he or she is unauthorized to work) until and unless secondary verification by SSA or DHS has been completed and a final nonconfirmation has been issued. If the employee does not choose to contest a tentative nonconfirmation or a photo mismatch or if a secondary verification is completed and a final nonconfirmation is issued, then the Employer can find the employee is not work authorized and terminate the employee's employment. Employers or employees with questions about a final nonconfirmation may call E-Verify at 1-888-464-4218 (customer service) or 1-888-897-7781 (worker hotline).

14. The Employer agrees to comply with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and section 274B of the INA as applicable by not discriminating unlawfully against any individual in hiring, firing, employment eligibility verification, or recruitment or referral practices because of his or her national origin or citizenship status, or by committing discriminatory documentary practices. The Employer understands that such illegal practices can include selective verification or use of E-Verify except as provided in part D below, or discharging or refusing to hire employees because they appear or sound "foreign" or have received tentative nonconfirmations. The Employer further understands that any violation of the immigration-related unfair employment practices provisions in section 274B of the INA could subject the Employer to civil penalties, back pay awards, and other sanctions, and violations of Title VII could subject the Employer to back pay awards, compensatory and punitive damages. Violations of either section 274B of the INA or Title VII may also lead to the termination of its participation in E-Verify. If the Employer has any questions relating to the anti-discrimination provision, it should contact the Immigrant and Employee Rights Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice at 1-800-255-8155 or 1-800-237-2515 (TTY) or go to <https://www.justice.gov/ier>.

15. The Employer agrees that it will use the information it receives from E-Verify only to confirm the employment eligibility of employees as authorized by this MOU. The Employer agrees that it will safeguard this information, and means of access to it (such as PINS and passwords), to ensure that it is not used for any other purpose and as necessary to protect its confidentiality, including ensuring that it is not disseminated to any person other than employees of the Employer who are authorized to perform the Employer's responsibilities under this MOU, except for such dissemination as may be authorized in advance by SSA or DHS for legitimate purposes.

16. The Employer agrees to notify DHS immediately in the event of a breach of personal information. Breaches are defined as loss of control or unauthorized access to E-Verify personal data. All suspected or confirmed breaches should be reported by calling 1-888-464-4218 or via email at E-Verify@dhs.gov. Please use "Privacy Incident – Password" in the subject line of your email when sending a breach report to E-Verify.

17. The Employer acknowledges that the information it receives from SSA is governed by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a(i)(1) and (3)) and the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306(a)). Any person who obtains this information under false pretenses or uses it for any purpose other than as provided for in this MOU may be subject to criminal penalties.

18. The Employer agrees to cooperate with DHS and SSA in their compliance monitoring and evaluation of E-Verify, which includes permitting DHS, SSA, their contractors and

other agents, upon reasonable notice, to review Forms I-9 and other employment records and to interview it and its employees regarding the Employer's use of E-Verify, and to respond in a prompt and accurate manner to DHS requests for information relating to their participation in E-Verify.

19. The Employer shall not make any false or unauthorized claims or references about its participation in E-Verify on its website, in advertising materials, or other media. The Employer shall not describe its services as federally-approved, federally-certified, or federally-recognized, or use language with a similar intent on its website or other materials provided to the public. Entering into this MOU does not mean that E-Verify endorses or authorizes your E-Verify services and any claim to that effect is false.

20. The Employer shall not state in its website or other public documents that any language used therein has been provided or approved by DHS, USCIS or the Verification Division, without first obtaining the prior written consent of DHS.

21. The Employer agrees that E-Verify trademarks and logos may be used only under license by DHS/USCIS (see [M-795 \(Web\)](#)) and, other than pursuant to the specific terms of such license, may not be used in any manner that might imply that the Employer's services, products, websites, or publications are sponsored by, endorsed by, licensed by, or affiliated with DHS, USCIS, or E-Verify.

22. The Employer understands that if it uses E-Verify procedures for any purpose other than as authorized by this MOU, the Employer may be subject to appropriate legal action and termination of its participation in E-Verify according to this MOU.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES OF FEDERAL CONTRACTORS

1. If the Employer is a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause subject to the employment verification terms in Subpart 22.18 of the FAR, it will become familiar with and comply with the most current version of the E-Verify User Manual for Federal Contractors as well as the E-Verify Supplemental Guide for Federal Contractors.

2. In addition to the responsibilities of every employer outlined in this MOU, the Employer understands that if it is a Federal contractor subject to the employment verification terms in Subpart 22.18 of the FAR it must verify the employment eligibility of any "employee assigned to the contract" (as defined in FAR 22.1801). Once an employee has been verified through E-Verify by the Employer, the Employer may not create a second case for the employee through E-Verify.

a. An Employer that is not enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor at the time of a contract award must enroll as a Federal contractor in the E-Verify program within 30 calendar days of contract award and, within 90 days of enrollment, begin to verify employment eligibility of new hires using E-Verify. The Employer must verify those employees who are working in the United States, whether or not they are assigned to the contract. Once the Employer begins verifying new hires, such verification of new hires must be initiated within three business days after the hire date. Once enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor, the Employer must begin verification of employees assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days after the date of enrollment or within 30 days of an employee's assignment to the contract, whichever date is later.

b. Employers enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor for 90 days or more at the time of a contract award must use E-Verify to begin verification of employment

eligibility for new hires of the Employer who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three business days after the date of hire. If the Employer is enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor for 90 calendar days or less at the time of contract award, the Employer must, within 90 days of enrollment, begin to use E-Verify to initiate verification of new hires of the contractor who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract. Such verification of new hires must be initiated within three business days after the date of hire. An Employer enrolled as a Federal contractor in E-Verify must begin verification of each employee assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days after date of contract award or within 30 days after assignment to the contract, whichever is later.

c. Federal contractors that are institutions of higher education (as defined at 20 U.S.C. 1001(a)), state or local governments, governments of Federally recognized Indian tribes, or sureties performing under a takeover agreement entered into with a Federal agency under a performance bond may choose to only verify new and existing employees assigned to the Federal contract. Such Federal contractors may, however, elect to verify all new hires, and/or all existing employees hired after November 6, 1986. Employers in this category must begin verification of employees assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days after the date of enrollment or within 30 days of an employee's assignment to the contract, whichever date is later.

d. Upon enrollment, Employers who are Federal contractors may elect to verify employment eligibility of all existing employees working in the United States who were hired after November 6, 1986, instead of verifying only those employees assigned to a covered Federal contract. After enrollment, Employers must elect to verify existing staff following DHS procedures and begin E-Verify verification of all existing employees within 180 days after the election.

e. The Employer may use a previously completed Form I-9 as the basis for creating an E-Verify case for an employee assigned to a contract as long as:

- i. That Form I-9 is complete (including the SSN) and complies with Article II.A.6,
- ii. The employee's work authorization has not expired, and
- iii. The Employer has reviewed the Form I-9 information either in person or in communications with the employee to ensure that the employee's Section 1, Form I-9 attestation has not changed (including, but not limited to, a lawful permanent resident alien having become a naturalized U.S. citizen).

f. The Employer shall complete a new Form I-9 consistent with Article II.A.6 or update the previous Form I-9 to provide the necessary information if:

- i. The Employer cannot determine that Form I-9 complies with Article II.A.6,
- ii. The employee's basis for work authorization as attested in Section 1 has expired or changed, or
- iii. The Form I-9 contains no SSN or is otherwise incomplete.

Note: If Section 1 of Form I-9 is otherwise valid and up-to-date and the form otherwise complies with Article II.C.5, but reflects documentation (such as a U.S. passport or Form I-551) that expired after completing Form I-9, the Employer shall

not require the production of additional documentation, or use the photo screening tool described in Article II.A.5, subject to any additional or superseding instructions that may be provided on this subject in the E-Verify User Manual.

g. The Employer agrees not to require a second verification using E-Verify of any assigned employee who has previously been verified as a newly hired employee under this MOU or to authorize verification of any existing employee by any Employer that is not a Federal contractor based on this Article.

3. The Employer understands that if it is a Federal contractor, its compliance with this MOU is a performance requirement under the terms of the Federal contract or subcontract, and the Employer consents to the release of information relating to compliance with its verification responsibilities under this MOU to contracting officers or other officials authorized to review the Employer's compliance with Federal contracting requirements.

C. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SSA

1. SSA agrees to allow DHS to compare data provided by the Employer against SSA's database. SSA sends DHS confirmation that the data sent either matches or does not match the information in SSA's database.

2. SSA agrees to safeguard the information the Employer provides through E-Verify procedures. SSA also agrees to limit access to such information, as is appropriate by law, to individuals responsible for the verification of Social Security numbers or responsible for evaluation of E-Verify or such other persons or entities who may be authorized by SSA as governed by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a), the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306(a)), and SSA regulations (20 CFR Part 401).

3. SSA agrees to provide case results from its database within three Federal Government work days of the initial inquiry. E-Verify provides the information to the Employer.

4. SSA agrees to update SSA records as necessary if the employee who contests the SSA tentative nonconfirmation visits an SSA field office and provides the required evidence. If the employee visits an SSA field office within the eight Federal Government work days from the date of referral to SSA, SSA agrees to update SSA records, if appropriate, within the eight-day period unless SSA determines that more than eight days may be necessary. In such cases, SSA will provide additional instructions to the employee. If the employee does not visit SSA in the time allowed, E-Verify may provide a final nonconfirmation to the employer.

Note: If an Employer experiences technical problems, or has a policy question, the employer should contact E-Verify at 1-888-464-4218.

D. RESPONSIBILITIES OF DHS

1. DHS agrees to provide the Employer with selected data from DHS databases to enable the Employer to conduct, to the extent authorized by this MOU:

- a. Automated verification checks on alien employees by electronic means, and
- b. Photo verification checks (when available) on employees.

2. DHS agrees to assist the Employer with operational problems associated with the Employer's participation in E-Verify. DHS agrees to provide the Employer names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of DHS representatives to be contacted during the E-Verify process.
3. DHS agrees to provide to the Employer with access to E-Verify training materials as well as an E-Verify User Manual that contain instructions on E-Verify policies, procedures, and requirements for both SSA and DHS, including restrictions on the use of E-Verify.
4. DHS agrees to train Employers on all important changes made to E-Verify through the use of mandatory refresher tutorials and updates to the E-Verify User Manual. Even without changes to E-Verify, DHS reserves the right to require employers to take mandatory refresher tutorials.
5. DHS agrees to provide to the Employer a notice, which indicates the Employer's participation in E-Verify. DHS also agrees to provide to the Employer anti-discrimination notices issued by the Immigrant and Employee Rights Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice.
6. DHS agrees to issue each of the Employer's E-Verify users a unique user identification number and password that permits them to log in to E-Verify.
7. DHS agrees to safeguard the information the Employer provides, and to limit access to such information to individuals responsible for the verification process, for evaluation of E-Verify, or to such other persons or entities as may be authorized by applicable law. Information will be used only to verify the accuracy of Social Security numbers and employment eligibility, to enforce the INA and Federal criminal laws, and to administer Federal contracting requirements.
8. DHS agrees to provide a means of automated verification that provides (in conjunction with SSA verification procedures) confirmation or tentative nonconfirmation of employees' employment eligibility within three Federal Government work days of the initial inquiry.
9. DHS agrees to provide a means of secondary verification (including updating DHS records) for employees who contest DHS tentative nonconfirmations and photo mismatch tentative nonconfirmations. This provides final confirmation or nonconfirmation of the employees' employment eligibility within 10 Federal Government work days of the date of referral to DHS, unless DHS determines that more than 10 days may be necessary. In such cases, DHS will provide additional verification instructions.

ARTICLE III REFERRAL OF INDIVIDUALS TO SSA AND DHS

A. REFERRAL TO SSA

1. If the Employer receives a tentative nonconfirmation issued by SSA, the Employer must print the notice as directed by E-Verify. The Employer must promptly notify employees in private of the finding and provide them with the notice and letter containing information specific to the employee's E-Verify case. The Employer also agrees to provide both the English and the translated notice and letter for employees with limited English proficiency to employees. The Employer agrees to provide written referral instructions to employees and instruct affected employees to bring the English copy of

the letter to the SSA. The Employer must allow employees to contest the finding, and not take adverse action against employees if they choose to contest the finding, while their case is still pending.

2. The Employer agrees to obtain the employee's response about whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation as soon as possible after the Employer receives the tentative nonconfirmation. Only the employee may determine whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation.

3. After a tentative nonconfirmation, the Employer will refer employees to SSA field offices only as directed by E-Verify. The Employer must record the case verification number, review the employee information submitted to E-Verify to identify any errors, and find out whether the employee contests the tentative nonconfirmation. The Employer will transmit the Social Security number, or any other corrected employee information that SSA requests, to SSA for verification again if this review indicates a need to do so.

4. The Employer will instruct the employee to visit an SSA office within eight Federal Government work days. SSA will electronically transmit the result of the referral to the Employer within 10 Federal Government work days of the referral unless it determines that more than 10 days is necessary.

5. While waiting for case results, the Employer agrees to check the E-Verify system regularly for case updates.

6. The Employer agrees not to ask the employee to obtain a printout from the Social Security Administration number database (the Numident) or other written verification of the SSN from the SSA.

B. REFERRAL TO DHS

1. If the Employer receives a tentative nonconfirmation issued by DHS, the Employer must promptly notify employees in private of the finding and provide them with the notice and letter containing information specific to the employee's E-Verify case. The Employer also agrees to provide both the English and the translated notice and letter for employees with limited English proficiency to employees. The Employer must allow employees to contest the finding, and not take adverse action against employees if they choose to contest the finding, while their case is still pending.

2. The Employer agrees to obtain the employee's response about whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation as soon as possible after the Employer receives the tentative nonconfirmation. Only the employee may determine whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation.

3. The Employer agrees to refer individuals to DHS only when the employee chooses to contest a tentative nonconfirmation.

4. If the employee contests a tentative nonconfirmation issued by DHS, the Employer will instruct the employee to contact DHS through its toll-free hotline (as found on the referral letter) within eight Federal Government work days.

5. If the Employer finds a photo mismatch, the Employer must provide the photo mismatch tentative nonconfirmation notice and follow the instructions outlined in paragraph 1 of this section for tentative nonconfirmations, generally.

6. The Employer agrees that if an employee contests a tentative nonconfirmation based upon a photo mismatch, the Employer will send a copy of the employee's Form I-551, Form I-766, U.S. Passport, or passport card to DHS for review by:

- a. Scanning and uploading the document, or
- b. Sending a photocopy of the document by express mail (furnished and paid for by the employer).

7. The Employer understands that if it cannot determine whether there is a photo match/mismatch, the Employer must forward the employee's documentation to DHS as described in the preceding paragraph. The Employer agrees to resolve the case as specified by the DHS representative who will determine the photo match or mismatch.

8. DHS will electronically transmit the result of the referral to the Employer within 10 Federal Government work days of the referral unless it determines that more than 10 days is necessary.

9. While waiting for case results, the Employer agrees to check the E-Verify system regularly for case updates.

ARTICLE IV SERVICE PROVISIONS

A. NO SERVICE FEES

1. SSA and DHS will not charge the Employer for verification services performed under this MOU. The Employer is responsible for providing equipment needed to make inquiries. To access E-Verify, an Employer will need a personal computer with Internet access.

ARTICLE V MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION

A. MODIFICATION

1. This MOU is effective upon the signature of all parties and shall continue in effect for as long as the SSA and DHS operates the E-Verify program unless modified in writing by the mutual consent of all parties.

2. Any and all E-Verify system enhancements by DHS or SSA, including but not limited to E-Verify checking against additional data sources and instituting new verification policies or procedures, will be covered under this MOU and will not cause the need for a supplemental MOU that outlines these changes.

B. TERMINATION

1. The Employer may terminate this MOU and its participation in E-Verify at any time upon 30 days prior written notice to the other parties.

2. Notwithstanding Article V, part A of this MOU, DHS may terminate this MOU, and thereby the Employer's participation in E-Verify, with or without notice at any time if deemed necessary because of the requirements of law or policy, or upon a determination by SSA or DHS that there has been a breach of system integrity or security by the Employer, or a failure on the part of the Employer to comply with established E-Verify procedures and/or legal requirements. The Employer understands that if it is a Federal contractor, termination of this MOU by any party for any reason may negatively affect the

performance of its contractual responsibilities. Similarly, the Employer understands that if it is in a state where E-Verify is mandatory, termination of this by any party MOU may negatively affect the Employer's business.

3. An Employer that is a Federal contractor may terminate this MOU when the Federal contract that requires its participation in E-Verify is terminated or completed. In such cases, the Federal contractor must provide written notice to DHS. If an Employer that is a Federal contractor fails to provide such notice, then that Employer will remain an E-Verify participant, will remain bound by the terms of this MOU that apply to non-Federal contractor participants, and will be required to use the E-Verify procedures to verify the employment eligibility of all newly hired employees.

4. The Employer agrees that E-Verify is not liable for any losses, financial or otherwise, if the Employer is terminated from E-Verify.

ARTICLE VI PARTIES

A. Some or all SSA and DHS responsibilities under this MOU may be performed by contractor(s), and SSA and DHS may adjust verification responsibilities between each other as necessary. By separate agreement with DHS, SSA has agreed to perform its responsibilities as described in this MOU.

B. Nothing in this MOU is intended, or should be construed, to create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by any third party against the United States, its agencies, officers, or employees, or against the Employer, its agents, officers, or employees.

C. The Employer may not assign, directly or indirectly, whether by operation of law, change of control or merger, all or any part of its rights or obligations under this MOU without the prior written consent of DHS, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Any attempt to sublicense, assign, or transfer any of the rights, duties, or obligations herein is void.

D. Each party shall be solely responsible for defending any claim or action against it arising out of or related to E-Verify or this MOU, whether civil or criminal, and for any liability wherefrom, including (but not limited to) any dispute between the Employer and any other person or entity regarding the applicability of Section 403(d) of IIRIRA to any action taken or allegedly taken by the Employer.

E. The Employer understands that its participation in E-Verify is not confidential information and may be disclosed as authorized or required by law and DHS or SSA policy, including but not limited to, Congressional oversight, E-Verify publicity and media inquiries, determinations of compliance with Federal contractual requirements, and responses to inquiries under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

F. The individuals whose signatures appear below represent that they are authorized to enter into this MOU on behalf of the Employer and DHS respectively. The Employer understands that any inaccurate statement, representation, data or other information provided to DHS may subject the Employer, its subcontractors, its employees, or its representatives to: (1) prosecution for false statements pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001 and/or; (2) immediate termination of its MOU and/or; (3) possible debarment or suspension.

G. The foregoing constitutes the full agreement on this subject between DHS and the

Employer.

To be accepted as an E-Verify participant, you should only sign the Employer's Section of the signature page. If you have any questions, contact E-Verify at 1-888-464-4218.

Approved by:

E-Verify Employer	
Name (Please Type or Print)	Title
Signature	Date
Department of Homeland Security – Verification Division	
Name (Please Type or Print)	Title
Signature	Date

Information Required for E-Verify	
Information relating to your Company:	
Company Name:	
Company Facility Address:	
Company Alternate Address:	
County or Parish:	

Interim Engineer

District Manager

SUPERVISOR REQUESTS

ADJOURNMENT