

North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District

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The following is the proposed agenda for the organizational meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District, scheduled to be held **Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at 8141 Lakewood Main Street, Bradenton, FL 34202**. Questions or comments on the Board Meeting or proposed agenda may be addressed to Vivian Carvalho at carvalhov@pfm.com or (407) 723-5900. A quorum (consisting of at least three of the five Board Members) will be confirmed prior to the start of the Board Meeting.

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PROPOSED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING AGENDA

- Roll Call to Confirm Quorum
- Public Comment Period
- 1. Administration of the Oath of Office to New Members of the Board of Supervisors
- 2. Overview of the Florida "Government in the Sunshine" Regulations and other Board Member Responsibilities
 - Statement of Financial Interest, Form 1
 - Board Member Compensation
- 3. Review of District Contact List

Administrative Matters

- 4. Consideration of the Minutes of the September 1, 2020 Initial Landowners' Election Meeting
- 5. Consideration of **Resolution 2021-01**, Canvassing and Certifying the Landowner Election Results
- 6. Consideration of **Resolution 2021-02**, Resolution Regarding Merger Agreements
- 7. Consideration of **Resolution 2021-03**, Authorizing the District Chair and Vice Chair to Approve Conveyance Documents
- 8. Consideration of **Resolution 2021-04**, Adopting Internal Controls Policy
- 9. Consideration of **Resolution 2021-05**, Appointing District Officers
- 10. Consideration of **Resolution 2021-06**, Designating Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer
- 11. Consideration of **Resolution 2021-07**, Appointing District Manager, Assessment Consultant, and Investment Representative
 - District Management Agreement
 - Financial Advisory Agreement
- 12. Consideration of **Resolution 2021-08**, Designating the Primary Administrative Office and Principal Headquarters & Local District Office
- 13. Consideration of **Resolution 2021-09**, Appointing District Counsel
 - District Counsel Retainer Letter
 - District Counsel Agreement



14. Consideration of **Resolution 2021-10**, Designating Registered Agent & Office
15. Consideration of **Resolution 2021-11**, Appointing Interim District Engineer
 - Interim District Engineer Agreement
16. Authorization of RFQ for District Engineering Services under the CCNA

Designation of Meetings and Hearing Dates

17. Consideration of **Resolution 2021-12**, Annual Meeting Schedule for Fiscal Year 2020-2021
18. Consideration of **Resolution 2021-13**, Approving Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Proposed Annual Budgets and Setting a Public Hearing Date for Final Adoption
19. Consideration of FY 2020-2021 Budget Funding Agreement
 - Consideration of Establishment of Auditor Selection Committee
20. Consideration of **Resolution 2021-14**, Setting a Public Hearing on Adoption of Rules of Procedure
 - Rules of Procedure
 - Notice of Rule Development
 - Notice of Rulemaking
21. Consideration of **Resolution 2021-15**, Expressing the Intent of the District to Utilize the Uniform Method of Levy, Collection and Enforcement of Non Ad-Valorem Assessments and Setting a Public Hearing Date Thereon

Other Organizational Matters

22. Consideration of **Resolution 2021-16**, Setting Forth the Policy of the District with Regard to the Support and Legal Defense of the Board of Supervisors and District Staff
 - Authorization to Obtain General Liability and Public Officers Insurance
23. Consideration of **Resolution 2021-17**, Providing for the Public's Opportunity to be Heard Addressing Public Meetings and Public Comment Period
24. Consideration of **Resolution 2021-18**, Adoption of Records Retention Policy; and Providing for Severability and Effective Date
25. Consideration of **Resolution 2021-19**, Adoption of Reimbursement Policy
26. Consideration of **Resolution 2021-20**, Adoption of Prompt Payment Act Policies and Procedures
27. Consideration of **Resolution 2021-21**, Ratifying the Filing of Notice of Establishment
28. Consideration of District Website Proposal
29. Consideration of **Resolution 2021-22**, Authorizing the District Manager or Treasurer to Execute the Public Depositors Report
30. Consideration of **Resolution 2021-23**, Authorization to Establish Checking Account and Designation of Authorized Signatories for Operating Account(s)
31. Consideration of **Resolution 2021-24**, Adopting Alternative Investment Guidelines

Financing Matters

32. Consideration of Bond Financing Team Funding Agreement
33. Consideration of Underwriter Agreement
34. Consideration of Bond Counsel Agreement
35. Consideration of Trustee Proposal
36. Consideration of Funding Request No. 1



Other Business

Staff Reports

District Counsel
Interim Engineer
District Manager

Supervisor Requests and Audience Comments

Adjournment



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**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

Oath of Office

**NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

OATH OF OFFICE

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

Board Supervisor

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OATH BEING TAKEN

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MAN TEE

The foregoing oath was administered before me 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 North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship 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: _____

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

**Florida “Government in the Sunshine” Regulations
and other Board Member Responsibilities**

FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS



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

2020

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I. HISTORY OF FLORIDA'S ETHICS LAWS

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

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

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

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

In 2018, Florida's Constitutional Revision Commission proposed, and the voters adopted, changes to Article II, Section 8. The earliest of the changes will take effect December 31, 2020, and will prohibit officials from abusing their position to obtain a disproportionate benefit for themselves or their spouse, child, or employer, or for a business with which the official contracts or is an officer, partner, director, sole proprietor, or in which the official owns an interest. Other changes made to the Constitution place restrictions on lobbying by certain officeholders and employees, and put additional limits on lobbying by former public officers and employees. These changes will become effective December 31, 2022.

II. ROLE OF THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS

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

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

III. THE ETHICS LAWS

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

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

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

A. PROHIBITED ACTIONS OR CONDUCT

1. *Solicitation and Acceptance of Gifts*

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

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

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

However, notwithstanding Sec. 112.3148, Fla. Stat., no Executive Branch lobbyist or principal shall make, directly or indirectly, and no Executive Branch agency official who files FORM 1 or FORM 6 shall knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, **any expenditure** made for the purpose of lobbying. [Sec. 112.3215, Fla. Stat.] Typically, this would include gifts valued at less than \$100 that formerly were permitted under Section 112.3148, Fla. Stat. Similar rules apply to members and employees of the Legislature. However, these laws are not administered by the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 11.045, Fla. Stat.]

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

2. *Unauthorized Compensation*

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

3. *Misuse of Public Position*

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

4. *Disclosure or Use of Certain Information*

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

5. *Solicitation or Acceptance of Honoraria*

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

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

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

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

B. PROHIBITED EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS

1. Doing Business With One's Agency

(a) A public employee acting as a purchasing agent, or public officer acting in an official capacity, is prohibited from purchasing, renting, or leasing any realty, goods, or services for his or her agency from a business entity in which the officer or employee or his or her spouse or child owns more than a 5% interest. [Sec. 112.313(3), Fla. Stat.]

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

2. Conflicting Employment or Contractual Relationship

(a) A public officer or employee is prohibited from holding any employment or contract with any business entity or agency regulated by or doing business with his or her public agency. [Sec. 112.313(7), Fla. Stat.]

(b) A public officer or employee also is prohibited from holding any employment or having a contractual relationship which will pose a frequently recurring conflict between the official's private interests and public duties or which will impede the full and faithful discharge of the official's public duties. [Sec. 112.313(7), Fla. Stat.]

(c) Limited exceptions to this prohibition have been created in the law for legislative bodies, certain special tax districts, drainage districts, and persons whose professions or occupations qualify them to hold their public positions. [Sec. 112.313(7)(a) and (b), Fla. Stat.]

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

(a) When the business is rotated among all qualified suppliers in a city or county.

(b) When the business is awarded by sealed, competitive bidding and neither the official nor his or her spouse or child have attempted to persuade agency personnel to enter the contract. NOTE: Disclosure of the interest of the official, spouse, or child and the nature of the business must be filed prior to or at the time of submission of the bid on Commission FORM 3A with the Commission on Ethics or Supervisor of Elections, depending on whether the official serves at the state or local level.

(c) When the purchase or sale is for legal advertising, utilities service, or for passage on a common carrier.

(d) When an emergency purchase must be made to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.

(e) When the business entity is the only source of supply within the political subdivision and there is full disclosure of the official's interest to the governing body on Commission FORM 4A.

(f) When the aggregate of any such transactions does not exceed \$500 in a calendar year.

(g) When the business transacted is the deposit of agency funds in a bank of which a county, city, or district official is an officer, director, or stockholder, so long as agency records show that the governing body has determined that the member did not favor his or her bank over other qualified banks.

(h) When the prohibitions are waived in the case of ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS by the appointing person or by a two-thirds vote of the appointing body (after disclosure on Commission FORM 4A).

(i) When the public officer or employee purchases in a private capacity goods or services, at a price and upon terms available to similarly situated members of the general public, from a business entity which is doing business with his or her agency.

(j) When the public officer or employee in a private capacity purchases goods or services from a business entity which is subject to the regulation of his or her agency where the price and terms of the transaction are available to similarly situated members of the general public and the officer or employee makes full disclosure of the relationship to the agency head or governing body prior to the transaction.

4. Additional Exemptions

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

5. Legislators Lobbying State Agencies

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

6. Employees Holding Office

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

7. Professional and Occupational Licensing Board Members

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

8. Contractual Services: Prohibited Employment

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

9. Local Government Attorneys

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

10. Dual Public Employment

Candidates and elected officers are prohibited from accepting public employment if they know or should know it is being offered for the purpose of influence. Further, public employment may not be accepted unless the position was already in existence or was created without the anticipation of the official's interest, was publicly advertised, and the officer had to meet the same qualifications and go through the same hiring process as other applicants. For elected public officers already holding public

employment, no promotion given for the purpose of influence may be accepted, nor may promotions that are inconsistent with those given other similarly situated employees. [Sec. 112.3125, Fla. Stat.]

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

1. Anti-Nepotism Law

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

2. Additional Restrictions

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

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

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

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

2. Lobbying by Former State Employees

Certain employees of the executive and legislative branches of state government are prohibited from personally representing another person or entity for compensation before the agency with which

they were employed for a period of two years after leaving their positions, unless employed by another agency of state government. [Sec. 112.313(9), Fla. Stat.] These employees include the following:

(a) Executive and legislative branch employees serving in the Senior Management Service and Selected Exempt Service, as well as any person employed by the Department of the Lottery having authority over policy or procurement.

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

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

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

3. Additional Restrictions on Former State Employees

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

A former executive or judicial branch employee or PSC employee who has retired or terminated employment is prohibited from having any employment or contractual relationship for two years with

any business entity (other than a public agency) in connection with a contract for services which was within his or her responsibility while serving as a state employee. [Sec.112.3185(4), Fla. Stat.]

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

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

4. Lobbying by Former Local Government Officers and Employees

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

E. VOTING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

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

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

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

F. DISCLOSURES

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

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

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

1. FORM 1 - Limited Financial Disclosure

Who Must File:

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

STATE OFFICERS include:

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

LOCAL OFFICERS include:

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

4) Persons holding any of these positions in local government: mayor; county or city manager; chief administrative employee or finance director of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision; county or municipal attorney; chief county or municipal building inspector; county or municipal water resources coordinator; county or municipal pollution control director; county or municipal environmental control director; county or municipal administrator with power to grant or deny a land development permit; chief of police; fire chief; municipal clerk; appointed district school superintendent; community college president; district medical examiner; purchasing agent (regardless of title) having the authority to make any purchase exceeding \$35,000 for the local governmental unit.

5) Members of governing boards of charter schools operated by a city or other public entity.

6) The officers, directors, and chief executive officer of a corporation, partnership, or other business entity that is serving as the chief administrative or executive officer or employee of a political subdivision, and any business entity employee who is acting as the chief administrative or executive officer or employee of the political subdivision. [Sec. 112.3136, Fla. Stat.]

SPECIFIED STATE EMPLOYEE includes:

1) Employees in the Office of the Governor or of a Cabinet member who are exempt from the Career Service System, excluding secretarial, clerical, and similar positions.

2) The following positions in each state department, commission, board, or council: secretary or state surgeon general, assistant or deputy secretary, executive director, assistant or deputy executive director, and anyone having the power normally conferred upon such persons, regardless of title.

3) The following positions in each state department or division: director, assistant or deputy director, bureau chief, assistant bureau chief, and any person having the power normally conferred upon such persons, regardless of title.

4) Assistant state attorneys, assistant public defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, public counsel, full-time state employees serving as counsel or assistant counsel to a state agency, judges of compensation claims, administrative law judges, and hearing officers.

5) The superintendent or director of a state mental health institute established for training and research in the mental health field, or any major state institution or facility established for corrections, training, treatment, or rehabilitation.

6) State agency business managers, finance and accounting directors, personnel officers, grant coordinators, and purchasing agents (regardless of title) with power to make a purchase exceeding \$35,000.

7) The following positions in legislative branch agencies: each employee (other than those employed in maintenance, clerical, secretarial, or similar positions and legislative assistants exempted by the presiding officer of their house); and each employee of the Commission on Ethics.

What Must Be Disclosed:

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

When to File:

CANDIDATES for elected local office must file FORM 1 together with and at the same time they file their qualifying papers.

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

Where to File:

Each LOCAL OFFICER files FORM 1 with the Supervisor of Elections in the county in which he or she permanently resides.

A STATE OFFICER or SPECIFIED STATE EMPLOYEE files with the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 112.3145, Fla. Stat.]

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

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

3. *FORM 2 - Quarterly Client Disclosure*

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

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

When to File:

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

Where To File:

LOCAL OFFICERS file with the Supervisor of Elections of the county in which they permanently reside.

STATE OFFICERS and SPECIFIED STATE EMPLOYEES file with the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 112.3145(4), Fla. Stat.]

4. *FORM 6 - Full and Public Disclosure*

Who Must File:

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

What Must be Disclosed:

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

When and Where To File:

Incumbent officials must file FORM 6 annually by July 1 with the Commission on Ethics. CANDIDATES must file with the officer before whom they qualify at the time of qualifying. [Art. II, Sec. 8(a) and (i), Fla. Const., and Sec. 112.3144, Fla. Stat.]

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

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

6. FORM 9 - Quarterly Gift Disclosure

Each person required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6, and each state procurement employee, must file a FORM 9, Quarterly Gift Disclosure, with the Commission on Ethics on the last day of any calendar quarter following the calendar quarter in which he or she received a gift worth more than \$100, other than gifts from relatives, gifts prohibited from being accepted, gifts primarily associated with his or her business or employment, and gifts otherwise required to be disclosed. FORM 9 NEED NOT BE FILED if no such gift was received during the calendar quarter.

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

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

State government entities, airport authorities, counties, municipalities, school boards, water management districts, and the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, may give a gift worth more than \$100 to a person required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6, and to state procurement employees, if a public purpose can be shown for the gift. Also, a direct-support organization for a governmental entity

may give such a gift to a person who is an officer or employee of that entity. These gifts are to be reported on FORM 10, to be filed by July 1.

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

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

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

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

8. *FORM 30 - Donor's Quarterly Gift Disclosure*

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

organization), the gift should be reported on FORM 30. The donor also must notify the recipient at the time the gift is made that it will be reported.

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

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

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

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

IV. AVAILABILITY OF FORMS

LOCAL OFFICERS and EMPLOYEES who must file FORM 1 annually will be sent the form by mail from the Supervisor of Elections in the county in which they permanently reside not later than JUNE 1 of each year. Newly elected and appointed officials or employees should contact the heads of their agencies for copies of the form or download it from www.ethics.state.fl.us, as should those persons who are required to file their final disclosure statements within 60 days of leaving office or employment.

ELECTED CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS, OTHER STATE OFFICERS, and SPECIFIED STATE EMPLOYEES who must file annually FORM 1 or 6 will be sent these forms by mail from the Commission on Ethics by JUNE 1 of each year. Newly elected and appointed officers and employees should contact the heads of their agencies or the Commission on Ethics for copies of the form or download it from www.ethics.state.fl.us, as should those persons who are required to file their final disclosure statements within 60 days of leaving office or employment.

Any person needing one or more of the other forms described here may also obtain them from a Supervisor of Elections or from the Commission on Ethics, P.O. Drawer 15709, Tallahassee, Florida 32317-5709. They are also available on the Commission's website: www.ethics.state.fl.us.

V. PENALTIES

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

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

B. Penalties for Candidates

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

C. Penalties for Former Officers and Employees

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

D. Penalties for Lobbyists and Others

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

acting on behalf of a political committee giving a prohibited gift is personally liable for a civil penalty of up to triple the value of the gift.

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

E. Felony Convictions: Forfeiture of Retirement Benefits

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

F. Automatic Penalties for Failure to File Annual Disclosure

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

VI. ADVISORY OPINIONS

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

A. Who Can Request an Opinion

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

B. How to Request an Opinion

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

public record, made available to the Commission and to members of the public in advance of the Commission's consideration of the question.

C. How to Obtain Published Opinions

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

VII. COMPLAINTS

A. Citizen Involvement

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

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

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

B. Referrals

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

C. Confidentiality

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

documents or to comment on a complaint or referral to members of the public or press, so long as the complaint or referral remains in a confidential stage.

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

D. How the Complaint Process Works

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

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

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

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

When the Commission determines that a person has filed a complaint with knowledge that the complaint contains one or more false allegations or with reckless disregard for whether the complaint contains false allegations, the complainant will be liable for costs plus reasonable attorney's fees

incurred by the person complained against. The Department of Legal Affairs may bring a civil action to recover such fees and costs, if they are not paid voluntarily within 30 days.

E. Dismissal of Complaints At Any Stage of Disposition

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

F. Statute of Limitations

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

VIII. EXECUTIVE BRANCH LOBBYING

Any person who, for compensation and on behalf of another, lobbies an agency of the executive branch of state government with respect to a decision in the area of policy or procurement may be required to register as an executive branch lobbyist. Registration is required before lobbying an agency and is renewable annually. In addition, each lobbying firm must file a compensation report with the Commission for each calendar quarter during any portion of which one or more of the firm's lobbyists were registered to represent a principal. As noted above, no executive branch lobbyist or principal can make, directly or indirectly, and no executive branch agency official or employee who files FORM 1 or FORM 6 can knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, **any expenditure** made for the purpose of lobbying. [Sec. 112.3215, Fla. Stat.]

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

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

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

Executive Branch Lobbyist Registration
Room G-68, Claude Pepper Building
111 W. Madison Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1425
Phone: 850/922-4987

IX. WHISTLE-BLOWER'S ACT

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

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

X. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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

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

XI. TRAINING

Constitutional officers, elected municipal officers, and commissioners of community redevelopment agencies (CRAs) are required to receive a total of four hours training, per calendar year, in the area of ethics, public records, and open meetings. The Commission on Ethics does not track compliance or certify providers.

Visit the training page on the Commission's website for up-to-date rules, opinions, audio/video training, and opportunities for live training conducted by Commission staff. A comprehensive online training course addressing Florida's Code of Ethics, as well as Sunshine Law, and Public Records Act is available via a link on the Commission's homepage.

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

Statement of Financial Interest, Form 1

FORM 1

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS

2020

Please print or type your name, mailing address, agency name, and position below:

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

LAST NAME -- FIRST NAME -- MIDDLE NAME :

MAILING ADDRESS :

CITY : ZIP : COUNTY :

NAME OF AGENCY :

NAME OF OFFICE OR POSITION HELD OR SOUGHT :

CHECK ONLY IF CANDIDATE OR NEW EMPLOYEE OR APPOINTEE

****** THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED ******

DISCLOSURE PERIOD:

THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS YOUR FINANCIAL INTERESTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020.

MANNER OF CALCULATING REPORTABLE INTERESTS:

FILERS HAVE THE OPTION OF USING REPORTING THRESHOLDS THAT ARE ABSOLUTE DOLLAR VALUES, WHICH REQUIRES FEWER CALCULATIONS, OR USING COMPARATIVE THRESHOLDS, WHICH ARE USUALLY BASED ON PERCENTAGE VALUES (see instructions for further details). CHECK THE ONE YOU ARE USING (**must check one**):

COMPARATIVE (PERCENTAGE) THRESHOLDS OR **DOLLAR VALUE THRESHOLDS**

PART A -- PRIMARY SOURCES OF INCOME [Major sources of income to the reporting person - See instructions]
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME	SOURCE'S ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION OF THE SOURCE'S PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY

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

NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY	NAME OF MAJOR SOURCES OF BUSINESS' INCOME	ADDRESS OF SOURCE	PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY OF SOURCE

PART C -- REAL PROPERTY [Land, buildings owned by the reporting person - See instructions]
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

You are not limited to the space on the lines on this form. Attach additional sheets, if necessary.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS for when and where to file this form are located at the bottom of page 2.

INSTRUCTIONS on who must file this form and how to fill it out begin on page 3.

PART D — INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY [Stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc. - See instructions]
 (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

TYPE OF INTANGIBLE	BUSINESS ENTITY TO WHICH THE PROPERTY RELATES

PART E — LIABILITIES [Major debts - See instructions]
 (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

NAME OF CREDITOR	ADDRESS OF CREDITOR

PART F — INTERESTS IN SPECIFIED BUSINESSES [Ownership or positions in certain types of businesses - See instructions]
 (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY	BUSINESS ENTITY # 1	BUSINESS ENTITY # 2
ADDRESS OF BUSINESS ENTITY		
PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY		
POSITION HELD WITH ENTITY		
I OWN MORE THAN A 5% INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS		
NATURE OF MY OWNERSHIP INTEREST		

PART G — TRAINING For elected municipal officers, appointed school superintendents, and commissioners of a community redevelopment agency created under Part III, Chapter 163 required to complete annual ethics training pursuant to section 112.3142, F.S.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE COMPLETED THE REQUIRED TRAINING.

IF ANY OF PARTS A THROUGH G ARE CONTINUED ON A SEPARATE SHEET, PLEASE CHECK HERE

SIGNATURE OF FILER:

Signature:

Date Signed:

CPA or ATTORNEY SIGNATURE ONLY

If a certified public accountant licensed under Chapter 473, or attorney in good standing with the Florida Bar prepared this form for you, he or she must complete the following statement:

I, _____, prepared the CE Form 1 in accordance with Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes, and the instructions to the form. Upon my reasonable knowledge and belief, the disclosure herein is true and correct.

CPA/Attorney Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

If you were mailed the form by the Commission on Ethics or a County Supervisor of Elections for your annual disclosure filing, return the form to that location. To determine what category your position falls under, see page 3 of instructions.

Local officers/employees file with the Supervisor of Elections of the county in which they permanently reside. (If you do not permanently reside in Florida, file with the Supervisor of the county where your agency has its headquarters.) Form 1 filers who file with the Supervisor of Elections may file by mail or email. Contact your Supervisor of Elections for the mailing address or email address to use. Do not email your form to the Commission on Ethics, it will be returned.

State officers or specified state employees who file with the Commission on Ethics may file by mail or email. To file by mail, send the completed form to P.O. Drawer 15709, Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709; physical address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, FL 32303. To file with the Commission by email, scan your completed form and any attachments as a pdf (do not use any other format), send it to CEForm1@leg.state.fl.us and retain a copy for your records. Do not file by both mail and email. Choose only one filing method. Form 6s will not be accepted via email.

Candidates file this form together with their filing papers.

MULTIPLE FILING UNNECESSARY: A candidate who files a Form 1 with a qualifying officer is not required to file with the Commission or Supervisor of Elections.

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

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

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

Finally, file a final disclosure form (Form 1F) within 60 days of leaving office or employment. Filing a CE Form 1F (Final Statement of Financial Interests) does not relieve the filer of filing a CE Form 1 if the filer was in his or her position on December 31, 2020.

NOTICE

Annual Statements of Financial Interests are due July 1. If the annual form is not filed or postmarked by September 1, an automatic fine of \$25 for each day late will be imposed, up to a maximum penalty of \$1,500. Failure to file also can result in removal from public office or employment. [s. 112.3145, F.S.]

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

WHO MUST FILE FORM 1:

1) Elected public officials not serving in a political subdivision of the state and any person appointed to fill a vacancy in such office, unless required to file full disclosure on Form 6.

2) Appointed members of each board, commission, authority, or council having statewide jurisdiction, excluding members of solely advisory bodies, but including judicial nominating commission members; Directors of Enterprise Florida, Scripps Florida Funding Corporation, and Career Source Florida; and members of the Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys; the Executive Director, Governors, and senior managers of Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; Governors and senior managers of Florida Workers' Compensation Joint Underwriting Association; board members of the Northeast Fla. Regional Transportation Commission; board members of Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc; board members of Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.; and members of the Technology Advisory Council within the Agency for State Technology.

3) The Commissioner of Education, members of the State Board of Education, the Board of Governors, the local Boards of Trustees and Presidents of state universities, and the Florida Prepaid College Board.

4) Persons elected to office in any political subdivision (such as municipalities, counties, and special districts) and any person appointed to fill a vacancy in such office, unless required to file Form 6.

5) Appointed members of the following boards, councils, commissions, authorities, or other bodies of county, municipality, school district, independent special district, or other political subdivision: the governing body of the subdivision; community college or junior college district boards of trustees; boards having the power to enforce local code provisions; boards of adjustment; community redevelopment agencies; planning or zoning boards having the power to recommend, create, or modify land planning or zoning within a political subdivision, except for citizen advisory committees, technical coordinating committees, and similar groups who only have the power to make recommendations to planning or zoning boards, and except for representatives of a military installation acting on behalf of all military installations within that jurisdiction; pension or retirement boards empowered to invest pension or retirement funds or determine entitlement to or amount of pensions or other retirement benefits, and the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board.

6) Any appointed member of a local government board who is required to file a statement of financial interests by the appointing authority or the enabling legislation, ordinance, or resolution creating the board.

7) Persons holding any of these positions in local government: mayor; county or city manager; chief administrative employee or finance

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

8) Officers and employees of entities serving as chief administrative officer of a political subdivision.

9) Members of governing boards of charter schools operated by a city or other public entity.

10) Employees in the office of the Governor or of a Cabinet member who are exempt from the Career Service System, excluding secretarial, clerical, and similar positions.

11) The following positions in each state department, commission, board, or council: Secretary, Assistant or Deputy Secretary, Executive Director, Assistant or Deputy Executive Director, and anyone having the power normally conferred upon such persons, regardless of title.

12) The following positions in each state department or division: Director, Assistant or Deputy Director, Bureau Chief, and any person having the power normally conferred upon such persons, regardless of title.

13) Assistant State Attorneys, Assistant Public Defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, Public Counsel, full-time state employees serving as counsel or assistant counsel to a state agency, administrative law judges, and hearing officers.

14) The Superintendent or Director of a state mental health institute established for training and research in the mental health field, or any major state institution or facility established for corrections, training, treatment, or rehabilitation.

15) State agency Business Managers, Finance and Accounting Directors, Personnel Officers, Grant Coordinators, and purchasing agents (regardless of title) with power to make a purchase exceeding \$35,000.

16) The following positions in legislative branch agencies: each employee (other than those employed in maintenance, clerical, secretarial, or similar positions and legislative assistants exempted by the presiding officer of their house); and each employee of the Commission on Ethics.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM 1:

INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION (Top of Form): If your name, mailing address, public agency, and position are already printed on the form, you do not need to provide this information unless it should be changed. To change any of this information, write the correct information on the form, and contact your agency's financial disclosure coordinator. You can find your coordinator on the Commission on Ethics website: www.ethics.state.fl.us.

NAME OF AGENCY: The name of the governmental unit which you serve or served, by which you are or were employed, or for which you are a candidate.

DISCLOSURE PERIOD: The "disclosure period" for your report is the calendar year ending December 31, 2020.

OFFICE OR POSITION HELD OR SOUGHT: The title of the office or position you hold, are seeking, or held during the disclosure period even if you have since left that position. If you are a candidate for office or are a new employee or appointee, check the appropriate box.

PUBLIC RECORD: The disclosure form and everything attached to it is a public record. Your Social Security Number is not required and you should redact it from any documents you file. If you are an active or former officer or employee listed in Section 119.071, F.S., whose home address is exempt from disclosure, the Commission will maintain that confidentiality if you submit a written request.

MANNER OF CALCULATING REPORTABLE INTEREST

Filers have the option of reporting based on either thresholds that are comparative (usually, based on percentage values) or thresholds that are based on absolute dollar values. The instructions on the following pages specifically describe the different thresholds. Check the box that reflects the choice you have made. You must use the type of threshold you have chosen for each part of the form. In other words, if you choose to report based on absolute dollar value thresholds, you cannot use a percentage threshold on any part of the form.

IF YOU HAVE CHOSEN DOLLAR VALUE THRESHOLDS THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

PART A — PRIMARY SOURCES OF INCOME

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

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

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

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

Examples:

— If you were employed by a company that manufactures computers and received more than \$2,500, list the name of the company, its address, and its principal business activity (computer manufacturing).

— If you were a partner in a law firm and your distributive share of partnership gross income exceeded \$2,500, list the name of the firm, its address, and its principal business activity (practice of law).

— If you were the sole proprietor of a retail gift business and your gross income from the business exceeded \$2,500, list the name of the business, its address, and its principal business activity (retail gift sales).

— If you received income from investments in stocks and bonds, list each individual company from which you derived more than \$2,500. Do not aggregate all of your investment income.

— If more than \$2,500 of your gross income was gain from the sale of property (not just the selling price), list as a source of income the purchaser's name, address and principal business activity. If the purchaser's identity is unknown, such as where securities listed on an exchange are sold through a brokerage firm, the source of income should be listed as "sale of (name of company) stock," for example.

— If more than \$2,500 of your gross income was in the form of interest from one particular financial institution (aggregating interest from all CD's, accounts, etc., at that institution), list the name of the institution, its address, and its principal business activity.

PART B — SECONDARY SOURCES OF INCOME

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

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

(1) You owned (either directly or indirectly in the form of an equitable or beneficial interest) more than 5% of the total assets or capital

stock of a business entity (a corporation, partnership, LLC, limited partnership, proprietorship, joint venture, trust, firm, etc., doing business in Florida); **and,**

(2) You received more than \$5,000 of your gross income during the disclosure period from that business entity.

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

Examples:

— You are the sole proprietor of a dry cleaning business, from which you received more than \$5,000. If only one customer, a uniform rental company, provided more than 10% of your dry cleaning business, you must list the name of the uniform rental company, its address, and its principal business activity (uniform rentals).

— You are a 20% partner in a partnership that owns a shopping mall and your partnership income exceeded the above thresholds. List each tenant of the mall that provided more than 10% of the partnership's gross income and the tenant's address and principal business activity.

PART C — REAL PROPERTY

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

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

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

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

PART D — INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY

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

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

PART E — LIABILITIES

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

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

PART F — INTERESTS IN SPECIFIED BUSINESSES

[Required by s. 112.3145(6), F.S.]

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

Disclose in this part the fact that you owned during the disclosure

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

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

PART G — TRAINING CERTIFICATION

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

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

IF YOU HAVE CHOSEN COMPARATIVE (PERCENTAGE) THRESHOLDS THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

PART A — PRIMARY SOURCES OF INCOME

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

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

Please list in this part of the form the name, address, and principal business activity of each source of your income which exceeded 5% of the gross income received by you in your own name or by any other person for your benefit or use during the disclosure period.

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

Examples:

— If you were employed by a company that manufactures computers and received more than 5% of your gross income from the company, list the name of the company, its address, and its principal business activity (computer manufacturing).

— If you were a partner in a law firm and your distributive share of partnership gross income exceeded 5% of your gross income, then list the name of the firm, its address, and its principal business activity (practice of law).

— If you were the sole proprietor of a retail gift business and your gross income from the business exceeded 5% of your total gross income, list the name of the business, its address, and its principal business activity (retail gift sales).

— If you received income from investments in stocks and bonds, list each individual company from which you derived

more than 5% of your gross income. Do not aggregate all of your investment income.

— If more than 5% of your gross income was gain from the sale of property (not just the selling price), list as a source of income the purchaser's name, address, and principal business activity. If the purchaser's identity is unknown, such as where securities listed on an exchange are sold through a brokerage firm, the source of income should be listed as "sale of (name of company) stock," for example.

— If more than 5% of your gross income was in the form of interest from one particular financial institution (aggregating interest from all CD's, accounts, etc., at that institution), list the name of the institution, its address, and its principal business activity.

PART B — SECONDARY SOURCES OF INCOME

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

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

(1) You owned (either directly or indirectly in the form of an equitable or beneficial interest) more than 5% of the total assets or capital stock of a business entity (a corporation, partnership, LLC, limited partnership, proprietorship, joint venture, trust, firm, etc., doing business in Florida); **and,**

(2) You received more than 10% of your gross income from that business entity; **and,**

(3) You received more than \$1,500 in gross income from that business entity.

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

Examples:

— You are the sole proprietor of a dry cleaning business, from which you received more than 10% of your gross income—an amount that was more than \$1,500. If only one customer, a uniform rental company, provided more than 10% of your dry cleaning business, you must list the name of the uniform rental company, its address, and its principal business activity (uniform rentals).

— You are a 20% partner in a partnership that owns a shopping mall and your partnership income exceeded the thresholds listed above. You should list each tenant of the mall that provided more than 10% of the partnership's gross income, and the tenant's address and principal business activity.

PART C — REAL PROPERTY

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

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

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

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

PART D — INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY

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

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

Calculations: To determine whether the intangible property exceeds 10% of your total assets, total the fair market value of all of your assets (including real property, intangible property, and tangible personal property such as jewelry, furniture, etc.). When making this calculation, do not subtract any liabilities (debts) that may relate to the property. Multiply the total figure by 10% to arrive at the disclosure threshold. List only the intangibles that exceed this threshold amount. The value of a leased vehicle is the vehicle's present value minus the lease residual (a number which can be found on the lease document). Property that is only jointly owned property should be valued according to the percentage of your joint ownership. Property owned as tenants by the entirety or as joint tenants with right of survivorship, including bank accounts owned in such a manner, should be valued at 100%. None of your calculations or the value of the property have to be disclosed on the form.

Example: You own 50% of the stock of a small corporation that is worth \$100,000, the estimated fair market value of your home and other property (bank accounts, automobile, furniture, etc.) is \$200,000. As your total assets are worth \$250,000, you must disclose intangibles worth over \$25,000. Since the value of the stock exceeds this threshold, you should list "stock" and the name of the corporation. If your accounts with a particular bank exceed \$25,000, you should list "bank accounts" and bank's name.

PART E — LIABILITIES

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

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

Calculations: To determine whether the debt exceeds your net worth, total all of your liabilities (including promissory notes, mortgages, credit card debts, judgments against you, etc.). The amount of the liability of a vehicle lease is the sum of any past-due payments and all unpaid prospective lease payments. Subtract the sum total of your liabilities from the value of all your assets as calculated above for Part D. This is your "net worth." List each creditor to whom your debt exceeded this amount unless it is one of the types of indebtedness listed in the paragraph above (credit card and retail installment accounts, etc.). Joint liabilities with others for which you are "jointly and severally liable," meaning that you may be liable for either your part or the whole of the obligation, should be included in your calculations at 100% of the amount owed.

Example: You owe \$15,000 to a bank for student loans, \$5,000 for credit card debts, and \$60,000 (with spouse) to a savings and loan for a home mortgage. Your home (owned by you and your spouse) is worth \$80,000 and your other property is worth \$20,000. Since your net worth is \$20,000 (\$100,000 minus \$80,000), you must report only the name and address of the savings and loan.

PART F — INTERESTS IN SPECIFIED BUSINESSES

[Required by s. 112.3145, F.S.]

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

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

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

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

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

Board Member Compensation

By signing the filled-out form, you:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting*, later, for further information.

Note: If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien;
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;
- An estate (other than a foreign estate); or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States.

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust; and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Pub. 515, *Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities*).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items.

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

Backup Withholding

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 24% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the instructions for Part II for details),
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee code*, later, and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

What is FATCA Reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code*, later, and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account; for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; **do not** leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account (other than an account maintained by a foreign financial institution (FFI)), list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9. If you are providing Form W-9 to an FFI to document a joint account, each holder of the account that is a U.S. person must provide a Form W-9.

a. **Individual.** Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

Note: ITIN applicant: Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040/1040A/1040EZ you filed with your application.

b. **Sole proprietor or single-member LLC.** Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or “doing business as” (DBA) name on line 2.

c. **Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C corporation, or S corporation.** Enter the entity’s name as shown on the entity’s tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

d. **Other entities.** Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

e. **Disregarded entity.** For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a “disregarded entity.” See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner’s name on line 1. The name of the entity entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner’s name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity’s name on line 2, “Business name/disregarded entity name.” If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

Line 2

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, you may enter it on line 2.

Line 3

Check the appropriate box on line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box on line 3.

IF the entity/person on line 1 is a(n) . . .	THEN check the box for . . .
• Corporation	Corporation
• Individual • Sole proprietorship, or • Single-member limited liability company (LLC) owned by an individual and disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC
• LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, • LLC that has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, or • LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner but the owner is another LLC that is not disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Limited liability company and enter the appropriate tax classification. (P= Partnership; C= C corporation; or S= S corporation)
• Partnership	Partnership
• Trust/estate	Trust/estate

Line 4, Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space on line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

Exempt payee code.

- Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys’ fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space in line 4.

- 1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)
- 2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- 3—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- 4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
- 5—A corporation
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- 8—A real estate investment trust
- 9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- 10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)
- 11—A financial institution
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian
- 13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 ²
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney reportable under section 6045(f), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Exemption from FATCA reporting code. The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) written or printed on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)

B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities

C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state

G—A real estate investment trust

H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)

J—A bank as defined in section 581

K—A broker

L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)

M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

Note: You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

Line 5

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns. If this address differs from the one the requester already has on file, write NEW at the top. If a new address is provided, there is still a chance the old address will be used until the payor changes your address in their records.

Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note: See *What Name and Number To Give the Requester*, later, for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at www.SSA.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/Businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. Go to www.irs.gov/Forms to view, download, or print Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4. Or, you can go to www.irs.gov/OrderForms to place an order and have Form W-7 and/or SS-4 mailed to you within 10 business days.

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note: Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

Caution: A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if item 1, 4, or 5 below indicates otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code*, earlier.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983.

You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983.

You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions.

You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), ABLE accounts (under section 529A), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account) other than an account maintained by an FFI	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Two or more U.S. persons (joint account maintained by an FFI)	Each holder of the account
4. Custodial account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
5. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee ¹
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner ¹
6. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
7. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor*
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
8. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
9. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
10. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
11. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
12. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
13. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee

For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
14. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
15. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

¹ List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

*Note: The grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

Note: If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Secure Your Tax Records From Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, SSN, or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Pub. 5027, Identity Theft Information for Taxpayers.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a systemic problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes.

Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at spam@uce.gov or report them at www.ftc.gov/complaint. You can contact the FTC at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 877-IDTHEFT (877-438-4338). If you have been the victim of identity theft, see www.IdentityTheft.gov and Pub. 5027.

Visit www.irs.gov/IdentityTheft to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District

District Contact List

NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

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**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

**Minutes of the September 1, 2020
Initial Landowners' Election Meeting**

**Minutes of Landowners' Meeting
North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District**

A Landowners' Meeting of the North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District was held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 2:00 p.m., at 8141 Lakewood Main Street, Bradenton, Florida 34202.

Present at the meeting were:

Jim Schier	Landowners' Proxy
Pamela Curran (via telephone)	Neal Communities
Jonathan Johnson (via telephone)	Hopping, Green & Sams, P.A.
Karen Jusevitch (via telephone)	Hopping, Green & Sams, P.A.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Johnson noted for the record that the meeting was properly noticed, and the affidavit of publication would be included as part of the record for this meeting.

II. Determination of Number of Voting Units Represented

Mr. Johnson stated that pursuant to the Landowner Proxy documents provided by the Proxyholder, Mr. Schier, he had a proxy from Moccasin Wallo Associates, LLC listing 130-plus acres for 131 votes, a proxy from North Manatee Investment, LLC in excess of 182 acres for 183 votes and a proxy from Haval Farms, LLC for over 1,123 acres rounding up to 1,124 votes. Mr. Johnson asked if there were any additional landowners in attendance that were not represented by the proxies. Mr. Schier replied there were none. Mr. Johnson noted for the record that the Act does not require any certain percentage of ownership and stated that all interested landowners were in attendance.

III. Election of Chairman for the Purpose of Conducting the Landowners Election

Mr. Schier agreed to Mr. Johnson serving as Chair to conduct the Landowner's Meeting.

IV. Nominations for the Position of Supervisors (5)

Mr. Johnson noted that the nominations for Supervisors were consistent across the three ballots provided. They named Dale Weidemiller, Janice Snow, Priscilla Heim, John Blakley and Pete Williams.

V. Casting of Ballots

Moccasin Wallo Associates, LLC cast the following votes

Dale Weidemiller	50 Votes
Janice Snow	40 Votes
Priscilla Heim	40 Votes
John Blakley	50 Votes
Pete Williams	50 Votes

North Manatee Investment, LLC cast the following votes

Dale Weidemiller	50 Votes
Janice Snow	40 Votes
Priscilla Heim	40 Votes
John Blakley	50 Votes
Pete Williams	50 Votes

Haval Farms, LLC cast the following votes

Dale Weidemiller	500 Votes
Janice Snow	400 Votes
Priscilla Heim	400 Votes
John Blakley	500 Votes
Pete Williams	500 Votes

VI. Tabulation of Ballots

Mr. Johnson announced the following ballot tabulation results and the term for each:

Dale Weidemiller	600 Votes	Term expires November 17, 2024
Janice Snow	480 Votes	Term expires November 20, 2022
Priscilla Heim	480 Votes	Term expires November 20, 2022
John Blakley	600 Votes	Term expires November 17, 2024
Pete Williams	600 Votes	Term expires November 17, 2024

VII. Landowners Questions and Comments

There being no Landowners' questions or comments, the next item followed.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

**Resolution 2021-01,
Canvassing and Certifying the Landowner Election
Results**

RESOLUTION 2021-01

A RESOLUTION CANVASSING AND CERTIFYING THE RESULTS OF THE LANDOWNERS ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT HELD PURSUANT TO SECTION 190.006(2), FLORIDA STATUTES

WHEREAS, following proper publication of notice thereof, such landowners meeting was held September 1, 2020 at which the below recited persons were duly elected by virtue of the votes cast in their respective favor; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution canvasses the votes and declares and certifies the results of said election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LANDOWNERS AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT;

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

_____	Votes	_____
_____	Votes	_____
_____	Votes	_____
_____	Votes	_____
_____	Votes	_____

2. In accordance with said statute, and by virtue of the number of votes cast for the respective Supervisors, they are declared to have been elected for the following terms of office:

_____ Four (4)
Year Term

_____ Four (4)
Year Term

_____ Four (4)
Year Term

_____ Two (2)
Year Term

_____ Two (2)
Year Term

3. Said terms of office shall commence immediately upon the adoption of this Resolution PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021.

Chairperson
NORTH RIVER RANCH
IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP
DISTRICT

ATTEST:

Secretary

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

**Resolution 2021-02,
Resolution Regarding Merger Agreements**

RESOLUTION 2021-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT APPROVING MERGER AGREEMENTS WITH THE NORTH RIVER RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND FIELDSTONE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; AUTHORIZING SUCH OTHER ACTIONS AS ARE NECESSARY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE MERGER PROCESS; SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING; LIMITING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ANTICIPATED MERGER; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District (“NRR ISD”) is a local unit of special-purpose government established by the Florida Legislature pursuant to Chapter 2020-191 Laws of Florida (“Act”), for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating, and/or maintaining public infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, North River Ranch Community Development District (“NRR CDD”) is a local unit of special-purpose government pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and established by Manatee County, Florida pursuant to Ordinance No. 18-08 (“Ordinance”), for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating, and/or maintaining public infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, Fieldstone Community Development District (“Fieldstone CDD”) is a local unit of special-purpose government pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and established by Manatee County, Florida pursuant to Ordinance No. 15-16 (“Ordinance”), for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating, and/or maintaining public infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of NRR ISD has determined that a merger with the NRR CDD and Fieldstone CDD (together the “Districts”) is in the best interests of the Districts because, among other reasons, the Merger would:

- (a) Eliminate redundant overhead costs and other expenses;
- (b) Promote greater efficiency in the Districts’ maintenance and operation of existing projects benefitting both Districts; and
- (c) Better achieve the original public infrastructure delivery and maintenance plans for the Districts; and
- (d) Provide greater access to recreational improvements.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 190.046, Florida Statutes, and the Act, agreements have been prepared in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (“Merger Agreements”), which agreements set forth the terms for effecting the Merger including,

among other things, making provision for the filing of merger requests, for the proper allocation of the indebtedness so assumed, and for the manner in which said debt shall be retired; and

WHEREAS, Section 190.046(3) of the Florida Statutes authorizes the merger of community development districts as follows, with emphasis added:

A community development district may also merge with another type of special district created by special act pursuant to the terms of that special act. . . . The government formed by a merger involving a community development district pursuant to this section shall assume all indebtedness of, and receive title to, all property owned by the preexisting special districts. . . . the districts desiring to merge shall enter into a merger agreement and shall provide for the proper allocation of the indebtedness so assumed and the manner in which such debt shall be retired. The approval of the merger agreement and the petition by the board of supervisors of the district shall constitute consent of the landowners within the district. A community development district merging with another type of district may also enter into a merger agreement to address issues of transition, including the allocation of indebtedness and retirement of debt.; and

WHEREAS, Section (6)(27) of the Act also authorizes the merger of one or more community development districts with NNR ISD as follows, with emphasis added:

The District may merge with one or more community development districts situated wholly within its boundaries. The District shall be the surviving entity of the merger. Any merger shall commence upon each such community development district filing a written request for merger with the district. A copy of the written request shall also be filed with Manatee County. The District, subject to the direction of its board of supervisors, shall enter into a merger agreement which shall provide for the proper allocation of debt, the manner in which such debt shall be retired, the transition of the community development district board, and the transfer of all financial obligations and operating and maintenance responsibilities to the District. The execution of the merger agreement by the District and each community development district constitutes consent of the landowners within each district.

WHEREAS, the Merger Agreements provide that, as the surviving district, NNR ISD will assume all indebtedness of, and receive title to, all property owned by NNR CDD and Fieldstone CDD; and

WHEREAS, the Merger Agreements provide that all existing bond indebtedness continue to be secured by, and allocated in the same manner as, the existing debt assessment liens; and

WHEREAS, the Merger Agreements provide that the Merger will not adversely affect the rights of creditors of any of the Districts or other parties with whom any of the Districts have entered into a contractual relationship; and

WHEREAS, as with the existing Districts, the area of land within the surviving district will continue to be of sufficient size, sufficiently compact, and sufficiently contiguous to be developable as one functionally related community; and

WHEREAS, as with the existing Districts, the surviving district is the best alternative available for delivering community development services and facilities; and

WHEREAS, as with the existing Districts, the area of land that will lie in the amended boundaries of the surviving district is amenable to separate special district government; and

WHEREAS, in order to seek the Merger pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and the Act, the NNR ISD must authorize its staff, including but not limited to legal, engineering, and managerial staff, to provide such services as are necessary throughout the pendency of the merger process; and

WHEREAS, the retention of any necessary consultants and the work to be performed by the NNR ISD staff may require the expenditure of certain fees, costs, and other expenses as authorized by the NNR ISD Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, NNR ISD desires to approve the Merger Agreements and hereby authorize NNR ISD staff to effect the Merger consistent with the Merger Agreements and the procedures and processes described in Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, which processes include the consideration of written requests by NNR CDD and Fieldstone CDD, setting the public hearing thereon, and such other actions as are necessary in furtherance of the merger process.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT:**

1. **Recitals.** The recitals as stated above are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated into and form a material part of this Resolution.

2. **Approval of Merger Agreements.** The Board hereby approves for execution the Merger Agreements in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A.**

3. **Authorization for Merger.** The Board hereby directs the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and all other officers of the District, and District Staff, to proceed as necessary in the consideration of merger requests and related materials to seek the merger of NNR CDD, Fieldstone CDD and NNR ISD consistent with the terms of the Merger Agreements, Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, and further authorizes the prosecution of the procedural requirements detailed in Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, for the Merger.

4. **Setting the Public Hearing on Merger.** A public hearing will be held to provide information and take public comment on the proposed merger and Merger Agreement on _____, 2021 at _____ .m. at _____ . Notice shall be published in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2020-191(6)(27), Laws of Florida.

5. **Effective Date of Merger.** Pursuant to the Merger Agreements, the effective date of the Merger shall be upon dissolution of the NNR CDD and Fieldstone CDD by Manatee County.

6. **Severability.** If any section or part of a section of this Resolution be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the validity, force and effect of any other section or part of a section of this Resolution shall not thereby be affected or impaired unless it clearly appears that such other section or part of a section of this Resolution is wholly or necessarily dependent upon the section or part of a section so held to be invalid or unconstitutional.

7. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021

ATTEST:

**NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Proposed Merger Agreement

**MERGER AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN
FIELDSTONE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND NORTH RIVER
RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

This Merger Agreement (the “Agreement”) is made and entered into by and between the following:

Fieldstone Community Development District, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and located in Manatee County, Florida (hereinafter “CDD,”); and

North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 2020-191, *Laws of Florida Statutes*, and located in Manatee County, Florida (hereinafter “ISD” and together with the CDD, the “Districts”).

Recitals

WHEREAS, the CDD was established as of April 2, 2015, by Ordinance No. 15-16 adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida for the purposes of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining public infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, the ISD was established as of June 9, 2020, by Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, for the purposes of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining public infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, the CDD is currently located within that portion of the boundaries of the recently established ISD located within Manatee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Section 190.046(3), *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the merger of community development districts and other types of special districts, and;

WHEREAS, Chapter 2020-191(6)(27), *Laws of Florida*, authorizes the merger of one or more community development districts situated wholly within the boundaries of the ISD and provides that, the districts desiring to merge enter into a merger agreement which provides for the proper allocation of the indebtedness assumed by the merged district and the manner in which such debt shall be retired; and

WHEREAS, Section 190.046(3), *Florida Statutes*, and Chapter 2020-191(6)(27), *Laws of Florida*, provide that the approval and execution of the merger agreement by the board of supervisors of the district shall constitute the consent of the landowners within such district with respect to the merger; and

WHEREAS, because the CDD is located within the boundaries of the ISD, a merger of the Districts (hereinafter the “Merger”) is in the best interests of the Districts because, among

other reasons, the Merger would promote greater efficiency in the Districts' operations, eliminate redundant overhead costs and other expenses, and reduce future operations and maintenance assessments in the aggregate; and

WHEREAS, on _____, and _____, the Board of Supervisors (the "Board(s)") of the CDD and ISD adopted Resolutions _____ and _____, respectively, evidencing the Districts' intent to effectuate the Merger between the Districts, directing the Districts' staff to take all actions necessary in effectuating same, and approving the form of an agreement between the Districts related to the merger and of the request requesting the Merger (collectively, the "Merger Approval Resolutions"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 190.046(3), *Florida Statutes*, and Chapter 2020-191(6)(27), *Laws of Florida*, the CDD and ISD accordingly desire to set forth their mutual understanding, rights and obligations with respect to the Merger.

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

1. Recitals and Authority. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated as a material part of this Agreement. This Agreement is entered into pursuant to the provisions of Florida law, including, but not limited to, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and Chapter 2020-191, *Laws of Florida*.

2. The Merger. Pursuant to the Merger Approval Resolutions, the CDD shall cause to be filed with ISD a written request ("Merger Request") requesting that the CDD merge into the ISD that would effectuate the Merger of the CDD into and with the ISD as the surviving entity. In addition, the CDD shall file a copy of the Merger Request with Manatee County. The Merger shall become effective upon dissolution of the CDD by Manatee County (the "Merger Effective Date"). On the Merger Effective Date, the CDD shall be merged into and with the ISD as the surviving entity, and the CDD shall thereafter cease to exist. It is the intent of the Districts that the transfer, assignment, vesting, and assumption of all rights, property, assets, assessments, contracts, agreements, insurance, debts, and liabilities from the CDD into the ISD shall automatically occur on the Merger Effective Date, by virtue of the Merger pursuant to Section 190.046(3), *Florida Statutes*, and Chapter 2020-191(6)(27), *Laws of Florida*.

3. Delegation of Authority; Cooperation. This Agreement supplements, as necessary, the authorization, direction and delegation of authority to the Districts' Chairpersons, Vice Chairpersons, and District officers and/or staff (collectively, "District Staff") as provided in the Merger Approval Resolutions to further authorize and delegate to District Staff the authority to effectuate the transfer of powers, duties, liabilities, claims and assets, etc. as may be necessary to effectuate the Merger. The Districts agree to continue to cooperate and take all actions reasonably necessary and in a timely manner to permit a prompt response in all proceedings relating to the Merger.

4. **Funding.** The Districts recognize that in order to seek a Merger pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and Chapter 2020-191, *Laws of Florida*, District Staff, including but not limited to legal, engineering, financial and managerial staff, among others, must provide certain services necessary to the effectuate the same. The Districts are authorized to enter into such funding agreements as are necessary to accomplish the Merger.

5. **Legal Opinions.** The Districts shall cause to be provided, or otherwise obtain, any legal opinions necessary to effectuate the Merger.

6. **District Boundaries.** Upon the Merger, the surviving District shall be the ISD and the CDD shall cease to exist. As of the Merger Effective Date, the boundaries of Merged District shall be as set forth in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

7. **Board Members.** Upon the Merger Effective Date, the Board of the CDD shall cease to exist and the Board of ISD shall continue to operate as the Board of the Merged District.

8. **Property & Assets.** Effective as of the Merger Effective Date, the CDD passes all title, rights, ownership of property, moneys, uncollected taxes and/or assessments, dues, receivables, claims, and judgments held and owned by the CDD (the “CDD Assets”) to the ISD. By execution of this Agreement, and as of the Merger Effective Date, the ISD accepts and is hereby vested with the authority necessary to effect such transfer from or on behalf of the CDD, and receive such title, rights, ownership of property, moneys, uncollected taxes and/or assessments, dues, receivables, claims and judgments.

9. **Assessments.** Effective as of the Merger Effective Date, all non-ad valorem or special assessments levied by the CDD against property in the CDD (the “CDD Assessments”) shall be payable when due to the ISD. By execution of this Agreement, and as of the Merger Effective Date, the CDD delegates, and the ISD accepts, the authority to collect upon and enforce any such assessment liens, whether under the Uniform Method of Collection or any other method under Florida law. Following the Merger Effective Date, there shall be no change in the assessment liens on the specific lands securing the outstanding Fieldstone Community Development District (Manatee County, Florida), Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2019A-1 and Series 2019A-2 (the “Series 2019 Bonds”) issued by the CDD by virtue of the Merger contemplated herein, except that the liens shall be in favor of the ISD.

10. **Contracts.** Effective as of the Merger Effective Date, the ISD shall be responsible for, and bound by, all contracts to which the CDD is presently a party and which are not terminated as of the Merger Effective Date (the “CDD Contracts”). The ISD shall assume the liabilities arising from the CDD Contracts and be entitled to the benefits of the same by operation of law. In addition, this Agreement shall affect the assignment, if needed, of the CDD Contracts to the ISD as of the Merger Effective Date with no further action required on behalf of the Districts unless consent by assignment is required by a third party. If such consent is required by a third party, the CDD shall obtain such consent to assignment or terminate the contract in accordance with its terms. By execution of this Agreement, the CDD delegates, and the ISD accepts, the authority to enforce and/or effect the disposition of all CDD Contracts, including but not limited to the assignment, amendment, and/or termination of the same.

11. Other Interlocal Agreements. Effective as of the Merger Effective Date, the ISD shall be responsible for, and be bound by, all other interlocal agreements to which the CDD is a party, including any with Manatee County (“Other Interlocal Agreements”). The ISD shall assume the liabilities arising from such interlocal agreements and be entitled to the benefit of the same by operation of law. In addition, this Agreement shall affect the assignment, if needed, of the Other Interlocal Agreements by the CDD to the ISD as of the Merger Effective Date with no further action required by the Districts. To the extent necessary, if any, the CDD delegates, and the ISD accepts, the authority to enforce and/or effect the disposition of all such interlocal agreements, including but not limited to the assignment, amendment and/or termination of the same.

12. Debts & Liabilities. Effective as of the Merger Effective Date, the ISD shall be responsible for and have the obligation of all debts and liabilities of the CDD (the “CDD Debts & Liabilities”) by operation of law. The Districts agree that, pursuant to Section 190.046, *Florida Statutes*, the Merger shall not impair the rights of creditors and liens upon the CDD’s property, if any. Moreover, the ISD may be substituted for the CDD in any claim existing, or action or proceeding pending by or against the CDD. To the extent necessary, the CDD delegates, and the ISD accepts, the authority to satisfy, fulfill, and pay all CDD Debts & Liabilities and defend against any claim or action proceeding by or against the CDD.

13. Insurance. The CDD shall terminate its insurance coverage effective thirty (30) days from the Merger Effective Date. The ISD shall ensure that payment of the premium for that coverage is made so as to prevent any lapse in coverage, and shall be entitled to receive any refund of any overpayment for such insurance due to the cancellation.

14. Audits. Effective as of the Merger Effective Date, the CDD hereby authorizes the ISD to conduct, approve, and submit to appropriate authorities a final audit of the CDD’s financial records pursuant to Section 190.007(2), *Florida Statutes*, and the submittal of any additional financial reports or statements required by law. By execution of this Agreement, ISD agrees to conduct, approve, and submit to appropriate authorities a final audit of CDD’s records pursuant to Section 190.007(2), *Florida Statutes*, and to submit all required additional financial reports or statements required by law. The Districts agree that the preparation of the above-referenced audit shall not commence until after the Merger Effective Date.

15. Accounts. Effective as of the Merger Effective Date, the CDD authorizes ISD to assume control of all bank accounts held in the name of the CDD (the “Bank Accounts”), and to take any actions necessary to utilize such funds to pay obligations of the CDD which may become due after the Merger Effective Date or to transfer any funds remaining in such accounts into ISD accounts. Such actions may include, but are not limited to, the expenditure of funds from the Bank Accounts for payment of services rendered to the CDD prior to the Merger Effective Date, the transfer of such funds from the CDD to ISD, and the closing of such Bank Accounts which shall occur within forty-five (45) days of the Merger Effective Date. By execution of this Agreement, and as of the Merger Effective Date, the ISD accepts such control over the Bank Accounts.

16. Budgets. By execution of this Agreement, and effective as of the Merger Effective Date, the CDD delegates to ISD the authority to consolidate the CDD's budget with the ISD budget for the then-current fiscal year, and ISD agrees to take any and all such actions with respect to the consolidation of the Districts' budgets. As the Districts acknowledge that the necessary amendments to ISD's budget to reflect the Merger must occur after the closing of the financial accounts and records of the CDD, ISD agrees to amend the ISD budget to reflect the Merger, including amendments to both revenues and expenses, within sixty (60) days of the Merger Effective Date.

17. Rules and Policies. At the time of this Agreement, the Districts have their own Rules of Procedure. Any additional rules, rates, or policies adopted by ISD shall remain in place upon the Merger unless and until ISD finds, in its sole discretion, that it is in its best interests to amend such rules, rates, or policies.

18. Powers. At the time of this Agreement, the CDD shall continue to have all of its existing general and special powers. Effective as of the Merger Effective Date, ISD shall be additionally vested with any and all of the general and special powers of the CDD.

19. Default and Protection Against Third Party Interference. A default by either party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which may include, but not be limited to, the right of damages and/or specific performance. Each party shall be solely responsible for enforcing its rights under this Agreement against any interfering third party. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall limit or impair a party's right to protect its rights from interference by a third party to this Agreement.

20. Amendments. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing approved by the Boards of Supervisors of each of the Districts.

21. Authorization. The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the Boards of Supervisors for the CDD and ISD, all parties have complied with all the requirements of law, and all parties have full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

22. Arm's Length Transaction. This Agreement has been negotiated fully between the parties as an arm's length transaction. All parties participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement and received the advice of counsel of their choosing. In the case of a dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, all parties are deemed to have drafted, chosen, and selected the language, and the doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against any party.

23. Third Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the parties and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason, to or for the benefit of any third party not a formal party to this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or entity other than the

parties any right, remedy, or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any of the provisions or conditions of this Agreement.

24. **Assignment.** The parties may not assign any part of this Agreement without the prior written approval of the other. Any purported assignment without such written consent shall be void.

25. **Controlling Law; Venue.** This Agreement and the provisions contained in this Agreement shall be construed, interpreted, and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. Venue shall be in Manatee County, Florida.

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

27. **Sovereign Immunity.** Nothing in this Agreement shall constitute or be construed as a waiver of either party's limitations on liability, as set forth in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or other applicable statute or law.

28. **Enforcement of Agreement.** In the event that either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, the parties agree that the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the non-prevailing party all fees and costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys fees, paralegal fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

29. **Headings for Convenience Only.** The descriptive headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not control nor affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

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 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.

31. **Effective Date; Merger Effective Date and Termination.** This Agreement shall be effective upon the execution by a majority of the Board of Supervisors of the CDD and ISD, and upon the recordation of a fully-executed copy of the Agreement in the Official Records of Manatee County, Florida. The Agreement shall continue to be effective until the earlier of either: (a) the date following the Merger Effective Date upon which all obligations and requirements set forth under this Agreement have been satisfied; or (b) termination of this Agreement upon sixty (60) days written notice by the terminating party. The terminating party shall record a Notice of Termination of this Agreement immediately after the effective date of termination.

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned executed this Agreement as of the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Attest:

**FIELDSTONE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Secretary

By: _____
Its Chairman

Witness:

By: _____
Its Vice-Chairman

Printed Name

By: _____
Its Assistant Secretary

Witness:

By: _____
Its Assistant Secretary

Printed Name

By: _____
Its Assistant Treasurer

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF _____)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this ____ day of _____, 20__ by the Board of Supervisors of the Fieldstone Community Development District.

[Notary Seal]

Each Personally Known _____
OR Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification _____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned executed this Agreement as of the _____ day of _____, 20__.

Attest:

**NORTH RIVER RANCH
IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP
DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Secretary

By: _____
Its Chairman

Witness:

By: _____
Its Vice-Chairman

Printed Name

By: _____
Its Assistant Secretary

Witness:

By: _____
Its Assistant Secretary

Printed Name

By: _____
Its Assistant Secretary

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF _____)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this ____ day of _____, 20__ by the Board of Supervisors of the North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District.

[Notary Seal]

Each Personally Known _____
OR Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification _____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned as District Manager of Fieldstone Community Development District accepts the authority delegated by this Agreement as of the ____ day of _____, 20__.

Attest:

PFM GROUP CONSULTING, LLC

Secretary

By: _____
Its Director

Witness:

Printed Name

Witness:

Printed Name

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF _____)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this ____ day of _____, 20__ by _____ as District Manager of Fieldstone Community Development District.

[Notary Seal]

Personally Known _____
OR Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification _____

Exhibit A: ISD Boundaries as of Merger Effective Date

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**MERGER AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN
NORTH RIVER RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND NORTH
RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

This Merger Agreement (the “Agreement”) is made and entered into by and between the following:

North River Ranch Community Development District, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and located in Manatee County, Florida (hereinafter “CDD,”); and

North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 2020-191, *Laws of Florida Statutes*, and located in Manatee County, Florida (hereinafter “ISD” and together with the CDD, the “Districts”).

Recitals

WHEREAS, the CDD was established as of April 5, 2018, by Ordinance No. 18-08 adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida for the purposes of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining public infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, the ISD was established as of June 9, 2020, by Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, for the purposes of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining public infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, the CDD is currently located within that portion of the boundaries of the recently established ISD located within Manatee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Section 190.046(3), *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the merger of community development districts and other types of special districts, and;

WHEREAS, Chapter 2020-191(6)(27), *Laws of Florida*, authorizes the merger of one or more community development districts situated wholly within the boundaries of the ISD and provides that, the districts desiring to merge enter into a merger agreement which provides for the proper allocation of the indebtedness assumed by the merged district and the manner in which such debt shall be retired; and

WHEREAS, Section 190.046(3), *Florida Statutes*, and Chapter 2020-191(6)(27), *Laws of Florida*, provide that the approval and execution of the merger agreement by the board of supervisors of the district shall constitute the consent of the landowners within such district with respect to the merger; and

WHEREAS, because the CDD is located within the boundaries of the ISD, a merger of the Districts (hereinafter the “Merger”) is in the best interests of the Districts because, among

other reasons, the Merger would promote greater efficiency in the Districts' operations, eliminate redundant overhead costs and other expenses, and reduce future operations and maintenance assessments in the aggregate; and

WHEREAS, on _____, and _____, the Board of Supervisors (the "Board(s)") of the CDD and ISD adopted Resolutions _____ and _____, respectively, evidencing the Districts' intent to effectuate the Merger between the Districts, directing the Districts' staff to take all actions necessary in effectuating same, and approving the form of an agreement between the Districts related to the merger and of the request requesting the Merger (collectively, the "Merger Approval Resolutions"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 190.046(3), *Florida Statutes*, and Chapter 2020-191(6)(27), *Laws of Florida*, the CDD and ISD accordingly desire to set forth their mutual understanding, rights and obligations with respect to the Merger.

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

1. Recitals and Authority. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated as a material part of this Agreement. This Agreement is entered into pursuant to the provisions of Florida law, including, but not limited to, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and Chapter 2020-191, *Laws of Florida*.

2. The Merger. Pursuant to the Merger Approval Resolutions, the CDD shall cause to be filed with ISD a written request ("Merger Request") requesting that the CDD merge into the ISD that would effectuate the Merger of the CDD into and with the ISD as the surviving entity. In addition, the CDD shall file a copy of the Merger Request with Manatee County. The Merger shall become effective upon dissolution of the CDD by Manatee County (the "Merger Effective Date"). On the Merger Effective Date, the CDD shall be merged into and with the ISD as the surviving entity, and the CDD shall thereafter cease to exist. It is the intent of the Districts that the transfer, assignment, vesting, and assumption of all rights, property, assets, assessments, contracts, agreements, insurance, debts, and liabilities from the CDD into the ISD shall automatically occur on the Merger Effective Date, by virtue of the Merger pursuant to Section 190.046(3), *Florida Statutes*, and Chapter 2020-191(6)(27), *Laws of Florida*.

3. Delegation of Authority; Cooperation. This Agreement supplements, as necessary, the authorization, direction and delegation of authority to the Districts' Chairpersons, Vice Chairpersons, and District officers and/or staff (collectively, "District Staff") as provided in the Merger Approval Resolutions to further authorize and delegate to District Staff the authority to effectuate the transfer of powers, duties, liabilities, claims and assets, etc. as may be necessary to effectuate the Merger. The Districts agree to continue to cooperate and take all actions reasonably necessary and in a timely manner to permit a prompt response in all proceedings relating to the Merger.

4. **Funding.** The Districts recognize that in order to seek a Merger pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and Chapter 2020-191, *Laws of Florida* District Staff, including but not limited to legal, engineering, financial and managerial staff, among others, must provide certain services necessary to the effectuate the same. The Districts are authorized to enter into such funding agreements as are necessary to accomplish the Merger.

5. **Legal Opinions.** The Districts shall cause to be provided, or otherwise obtain, any legal opinions necessary to effectuate the Merger.

6. **District Boundaries.** Upon the Merger, the surviving District shall be the ISD and the CDD shall cease to exist. As of the Merger Effective Date, the boundaries of Merged District shall be as set forth in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

7. **Board Members.** Upon the Merger Effective Date, the Board of the CDD shall cease to exist and the Board of ISD shall continue to operate as the Board of the Merged District.

8. **Property & Assets.** Effective as of the Merger Effective Date, the CDD passes all title, rights, ownership of property, moneys, uncollected taxes and/or assessments, dues, receivables, claims, and judgments held and owned by the CDD (the “CDD Assets”) to the ISD. By execution of this Agreement, and as of the Merger Effective Date, the ISD accepts and is hereby vested with the authority necessary to effect such transfer from or on behalf of the CDD, and receive such title, rights, ownership of property, moneys, uncollected taxes and/or assessments, dues, receivables, claims and judgments.

9. **Assessments.** Effective as of the Merger Effective Date, all non-ad valorem or special assessments levied by the CDD against property in the CDD (the “CDD Assessments”) shall be payable when due to the ISD. By execution of this Agreement, and as of the Merger Effective Date, the CDD delegates, and the ISD accepts, the authority to collect upon and enforce any such assessment liens, whether under the Uniform Method of Collection or any other method under Florida law. Following the Merger Effective Date, there shall be no change in the assessment liens on the specific lands securing the outstanding North River Ranch Community Development District (Manatee County, Florida), Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2020A-1, Series 2020A-2, and Series 2020A-3 (the “Series 2020 Bonds”) issued by the CDD by virtue of the Merger contemplated herein, except that the liens shall be in favor of the ISD.

10. **Contracts.** Effective as of the Merger Effective Date, the ISD shall be responsible for, and bound by, all contracts to which the CDD is presently a party and which are not terminated as of the Merger Effective Date (the “CDD Contracts”). The ISD shall assume the liabilities arising from the CDD Contracts and be entitled to the benefits of the same by operation of law. In addition, this Agreement shall affect the assignment, if needed, of the CDD Contracts to the ISD as of the Merger Effective Date with no further action required on behalf of the Districts unless consent by assignment is required by a third party. If such consent is required by a third party, the CDD shall obtain such consent to assignment or terminate the contract in accordance with its terms. By execution of this Agreement, the CDD delegates, and the ISD accepts, the authority to enforce and/or effect the disposition of all CDD Contracts, including but not limited to the assignment, amendment, and/or termination of the same.

11. Other Interlocal Agreements. Effective as of the Merger Effective Date, the ISD shall be responsible for, and be bound by, all other interlocal agreements to which the CDD is a party, including any with Manatee County (“Other Interlocal Agreements”). The ISD shall assume the liabilities arising from such interlocal agreements and be entitled to the benefit of the same by operation of law. In addition, this Agreement shall affect the assignment, if needed, of the Other Interlocal Agreements by the CDD to the ISD as of the Merger Effective Date with no further action required by the Districts. To the extent necessary, if any, the CDD delegates, and the ISD accepts, the authority to enforce and/or effect the disposition of all such interlocal agreements, including but not limited to the assignment, amendment and/or termination of the same.

12. Debts & Liabilities. Effective as of the Merger Effective Date, the ISD shall be responsible for and have the obligation of all debts and liabilities of the CDD (the “CDD Debts & Liabilities”) by operation of law. The Districts agree that, pursuant to Section 190.046, *Florida Statutes*, the Merger shall not impair the rights of creditors and liens upon the CDD’s property, if any. Moreover, the ISD may be substituted for the CDD in any claim existing, or action or proceeding pending by or against the CDD. To the extent necessary, the CDD delegates, and the ISD accepts, the authority to satisfy, fulfill, and pay all CDD Debts & Liabilities and defend against any claim or action proceeding by or against the CDD.

13. Insurance. The CDD shall terminate its insurance coverage effective thirty (30) days from the Merger Effective Date. The ISD shall ensure that payment of the premium for that coverage is made so as to prevent any lapse in coverage, and shall be entitled to receive any refund of any overpayment for such insurance due to the cancellation.

14. Audits. Effective as of the Merger Effective Date, the CDD hereby authorizes the ISD to conduct, approve, and submit to appropriate authorities a final audit of the CDD’s financial records pursuant to Section 190.007(2), *Florida Statutes*, and the submittal of any additional financial reports or statements required by law. By execution of this Agreement, ISD agrees to conduct, approve, and submit to appropriate authorities a final audit of CDD’s records pursuant to Section 190.007(2), *Florida Statutes*, and to submit all required additional financial reports or statements required by law. The Districts agree that the preparation of the above-referenced audit shall not commence until after the Merger Effective Date.

15. Accounts. Effective as of the Merger Effective Date, the CDD authorizes ISD to assume control of all bank accounts held in the name of the CDD (the “Bank Accounts”), and to take any actions necessary to utilize such funds to pay obligations of the CDD which may become due after the Merger Effective Date or to transfer any funds remaining in such accounts into ISD accounts. Such actions may include, but are not limited to, the expenditure of funds from the Bank Accounts for payment of services rendered to the CDD prior to the Merger Effective Date, the transfer of such funds from the CDD to ISD, and the closing of such Bank Accounts which shall occur within forty-five (45) days of the Merger Effective Date. By execution of this Agreement, and as of the Merger Effective Date, the ISD accepts such control over the Bank Accounts.

16. Budgets. By execution of this Agreement, and effective as of the Merger Effective Date, the CDD delegates to ISD the authority to consolidate the CDD's budget with the ISD budget for the then-current fiscal year, and ISD agrees to take any and all such actions with respect to the consolidation of the Districts' budgets. As the Districts acknowledge that the necessary amendments to ISD's budget to reflect the Merger must occur after the closing of the financial accounts and records of the CDD, ISD agrees to amend the ISD budget to reflect the Merger, including amendments to both revenues and expenses, within sixty (60) days of the Merger Effective Date.

17. Rules and Policies. At the time of this Agreement, the Districts have their own Rules of Procedure. Any additional rules, rates, or policies adopted by ISD shall remain in place upon the Merger unless and until ISD finds, in its sole discretion, that it is in its best interests to amend such rules, rates, or policies.

18. Powers. At the time of this Agreement, the CDD shall continue to have all of its existing general and special powers. Effective as of the Merger Effective Date, ISD shall be additionally vested with any and all of the general and special powers of the CDD.

19. Default and Protection Against Third Party Interference. A default by either party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which may include, but not be limited to, the right of damages and/or specific performance. Each party shall be solely responsible for enforcing its rights under this Agreement against any interfering third party. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall limit or impair a party's right to protect its rights from interference by a third party to this Agreement.

20. Amendments. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing approved by the Boards of Supervisors of each of the Districts.

21. Authorization. The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the Boards of Supervisors for the CDD and ISD, all parties have complied with all the requirements of law, and all parties have full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

22. Arm's Length Transaction. This Agreement has been negotiated fully between the parties as an arm's length transaction. All parties participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement and received the advice of counsel of their choosing. In the case of a dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, all parties are deemed to have drafted, chosen, and selected the language, and the doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against any party.

23. Third Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the parties and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason, to or for the benefit of any third party not a formal party to this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or entity other than the

parties any right, remedy, or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any of the provisions or conditions of this Agreement.

24. **Assignment.** The parties may not assign any part of this Agreement without the prior written approval of the other. Any purported assignment without such written consent shall be void.

25. **Controlling Law; Venue.** This Agreement and the provisions contained in this Agreement shall be construed, interpreted, and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. Venue shall be in Manatee County, Florida.

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

27. **Sovereign Immunity.** Nothing in this Agreement shall constitute or be construed as a waiver of either party's limitations on liability, as set forth in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or other applicable statute or law.

28. **Enforcement of Agreement.** In the event that either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, the parties agree that the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the non-prevailing party all fees and costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys fees, paralegal fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

29. **Headings for Convenience Only.** The descriptive headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not control nor affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

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 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.

31. **Effective Date; Merger Effective Date and Termination.** This Agreement shall be effective upon the execution by a majority of the Board of Supervisors of the CDD and ISD, and upon the recordation of a fully-executed copy of the Agreement in the Official Records of Manatee County, Florida. The Agreement shall continue to be effective until the earlier of either: (a) the date following the Merger Effective Date upon which all obligations and requirements set forth under this Agreement have been satisfied; or (b) termination of this Agreement upon sixty (60) days written notice by the terminating party. The terminating party shall record a Notice of Termination of this Agreement immediately after the effective date of termination.

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned executed this Agreement as of the _____ day of _____, 2021.

Attest:

**NORTH RIVER RANCH COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Secretary

By: _____
Its Chairman

Witness:

By: _____
Its Vice-Chairman

Printed Name

By: _____
Its Assistant Secretary

Witness:

By: _____
Its Assistant Secretary

Printed Name

By: _____
Its Assistant Treasurer

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF _____)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this ____ day of _____, 2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the North River Ranch Community Development District.

[Notary Seal]

Each Personally Known _____
OR Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification _____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned executed this Agreement as of the _____ day of _____, 2021.

Attest:

**NORTH RIVER RANCH
IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP
DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Secretary

By: _____
Its Chairman

Witness:

By: _____
Its Vice-Chairman

Printed Name

By: _____
Its Assistant Secretary

Witness:

By: _____
Its Assistant Secretary

Printed Name

By: _____
Its Assistant Secretary

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF _____)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this ____ day of _____, 2021_ by the Board of Supervisors of the North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District.

[Notary Seal]

Each Personally Known _____
OR Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification _____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned as District Manager of North River Ranch Community Development District accepts the authority delegated by this Agreement as of the ____ day of _____, 2021.

Attest:

PFM GROUP CONSULTING, LLC

Secretary

By: _____
Its Director

Witness:

Printed Name

Witness:

Printed Name

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF _____)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this ____ day of _____, 2021 by _____ as District Manager of North River Ranch Community Development District.

[Notary Seal]

Personally Known _____
OR Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification _____

Exhibit A: ISD Boundaries as of Merger Effective Date

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

**Resolution 2021-03,
Authorizing the District Chair and Vice Chair to
Approve Conveyance Documents**

RESOLUTION 2021-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT GRANTING THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY CONVEYANCE AND DEDICATION DOCUMENTS, PLATS, SITE PLANS 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 North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District (the "District") is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, and situated within Manatee County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, 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, site plans, 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 NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP 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 10th day of February, 2021.

ATTEST:

NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

**Resolution 2021-04,
Adopting Internal Controls Policy**

RESOLUTION 2021-04

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT ADOPTING AN INTERNAL CONTROLS POLICY CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 218.33, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, being situated within Manatee County, Florida; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP 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 10th day of February, 2021.

ATTEST:

NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

EXHIBIT "A"

NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT INTERNAL CONTROLS POLICY

1. Purpose.

- 1.1. The purpose of this internal controls policy is to establish and maintain internal controls for the North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship 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.

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

**Resolution 2021-05,
Appointing District Officers**

RESOLUTION 2021-05

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A CHAIRMAN, A VICE CHAIRMAN, A SECRETARY, AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida , and situated within Manatee County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District desires to appoint the below-recited persons to the offices specified.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT:

1. _____ is appointed Chairman.
2. _____ is appointed Vice Chairman.
3. _____ is appointed Secretary.
4. _____ is appointed Assistant Secretary.
5. _____ is appointed Assistant Secretary.
6. _____ is appointed Assistant Secretary.
7. _____ is appointed Assistant Secretary.
8. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 10TH day of February, 2021.

ATTEST:

NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

**Resolution 2021-06,
Designating Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer**

RESOLUTION 2021-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT DESIGNATING A TREASURER AND ASSISTANT TREASURER OF THE DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District (hereinafter the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, and situated within Manatee County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District desires to appoint a Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District desires to appoint an Assistant Treasurer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT:

Section 1. _____ is appointed Treasurer.

Section 2. _____ is appointed Assistant Treasurer.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021.

**NORTH RIVER RANCH
IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP
DISTRICT**

CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

SECRETARY/ ASSISTANT SECRETARY

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

**Resolution 2021-07,
Appointing District Manager, Assessment
Consultant, and Investment**

RESOLUTION 2021-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT APPOINTING AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER; APPOINTING A FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE COORDINATOR; APPOINTING A REGISTERED FINANCIAL ADVISOR IN CONTEMPLATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS; APPOINTING A DESIGNATED INVESTMENT REPRESENTATIVE TO ADMINISTER INVESTMENT DIRECTION WITH REGARD TO DISTRICT FUNDS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, and Chapter 189, *Florida Statutes*, being situated within Manatee County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 190.007(1), *Florida Statutes*, the Board of Supervisors of the District (the “Board”) desires to employ and fix compensation of a District Manager; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to appoint a Financial Disclosure Coordinator to 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, the Board of Supervisors and other persons required by Florida law to file a statement of financial interest due to his or her affiliation with the District; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the appointment of a Financial Disclosure Coordinator, Registered Financial Advisor and Investment Representative is necessary; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. PFM Group Consulting LLC, is appointed as District Manager, and shall be

compensated for their services in such capacity in the manner prescribed in the agreement incorporated herein by reference as **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 2. PFM Financial Advisors LLC, is appointed as Financial Disclosure Coordinator, Registered Financial Advisor, and Designated Investment Representative and shall be compensated for their services in such capacity in the manner prescribed in the agreement incorporated herein by reference as **Exhibit B**.

SECTION 3. This authorization shall be continuing in nature until revoked by the District.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10TH day of February, 2021.

ATTEST:

**NORTH RIVER RANCH
IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: District Manager Fee Agreement

Exhibit B: Financial Advisor Fee Agreement

District Management Agreement

DISTRICT MANAGEMENT

This District Management Agreement (this "Agreement"), made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2021 (the "Effective Date") by and between **North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District** ("DISTRICT") and **PFM Group Consulting LLC** (hereinafter called the "MANAGER") sets forth the terms and conditions under which MANAGER shall provide services.

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT desires to obtain the services of a MANAGER to provide District Management Services; and

WHEREAS, MANAGER is capable of providing the necessary services.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above mentioned premises and intending to be legally bound hereby, the DISTRICT and MANAGER agree as follows:

I. SCOPE OF SERVICES

MANAGER shall provide District Management Services as set forth in Exhibit A to this Agreement. Any material changes in or additions to the scope of services described in Exhibit A shall be promptly reflected in a written supplement or amendment to this Agreement. Services provided by MANAGER which are not specifically referenced in the scope of services set forth in Exhibit A of this Agreement shall be completed as agreed in writing in advance between the DISTRICT and MANAGER. Upon request of DISTRICT, MANAGER or an affiliate of MANAGER may agree to additional services to be provided by MANAGER or an affiliate of MANAGER, by a separate agreement between the DISTRICT and MANAGER or its respective affiliate.

II. WORK SCHEDULE

The services of MANAGER are to commence as soon as practicable after the execution of this Agreement and a request by the DISTRICT for such service.

III. COMPENSATION

For the services provided under this Agreement, MANAGER's professional fees shall be paid as provided in Exhibit B to this Agreement and DISTRICT shall pay expenses and fees for other services not set forth in Exhibit A as provided below.

1. Reimbursable Expenses

In addition to fees for services, MANAGER will be reimbursed for necessary, reasonable, and documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred, including travel, meals, lodging, telephone, mail, and other ordinary cost and any actual extraordinary cost for graphics, printing, data processing and computer time which are incurred by MANAGER only as authorized by the DISTRICT's approved budget. Documentation of such expenses will be provided to the DISTRICT upon request.

2. Other Services

Any services which are not included in the scope of services set forth in Exhibit A of this Agreement will be subject to separate, mutually acceptable fee structures.

IV. TERM AND TERMINATION

This Agreement shall be effective from the Effective Date and shall continue until terminated by either party as provided herein. The DISTRICT has the right to terminate this Agreement for "good cause" which shall include misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance or dereliction of duties by the MANAGER which, in each case, the MANAGER fails to cure within 10 days of notice thereof. Termination for "good cause" shall be effected immediately by provision of written notice to MANAGER. Either party hereto shall have the right to terminate this Agreement, at any time and for any reason whatsoever, upon (i) the DISTRICT providing to the MANAGER a minimum of thirty (30) days advance written notice of its intention to terminate or (ii) the MANAGER providing to the DISTRICT a minimum of sixty (60) days advance written notice of its intention to terminate. All notices shall be mailed to the person and address specified for use in the giving of notice, in paragraph 10, hereof. Should the relationship be terminated, MANAGER will be paid for all services performed and costs and expenses incurred up to the termination date.

V. ASSIGNMENT

Neither party may assign this Agreement or its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the other; provided, however, that MANAGER may, upon notice to the DISTRICT, assign MANAGER's rights and obligations under this Agreement to any subsidiary or affiliate of MANAGER or a successor of MANAGER in connection with the sale of all or substantially all of MANAGER's assets. Subject to the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding on the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

VI. OWNERSHIP OF INFORMATION, REPORTS, AND DATA

All information, data, reports, and records in the possession of the DISTRICT or any third party necessary for carrying out any services to be performed under this Agreement ("Data") shall be furnished to MANAGER. DISTRICT may rely on the Data in connection with its provision of the services under this Agreement and the provider thereof shall remain solely responsible for the adequacy, accuracy or completeness of such Data.

VII. NOTICES

All notices given under this Agreement shall be in writing, sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by nationally recognized courier, with written verification of receipt. Notices shall be addressed to the party for whom it is intended, at the designated addresses below. The parties designate the following as the respective places for giving notice, to-wit:

DISTRICT:
North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District
12051 Corporate Boulevard
Orlando, FL 32817
Attention: District Manager

With A Copy To:

[District Counsel]

[Address]

[City, State Zip]

Attention: _____

MANAGER:

PFM Group Consulting LLC

12051 Corporate Boulevard

Orlando, FL 32817

Attention: Jennifer Walden

VIII. TITLE TRANSFER

All materials, except functioning or dynamic financial models, prepared by MANAGER pursuant exclusively to this Agreement shall be the property of the DISTRICT. Subject to the foregoing exception, upon termination of this Agreement, at DISTRICT's reasonable request no later than three (3) years after the termination of this Agreement MANAGER shall deliver to the DISTRICT copies of any and all materials or documents prepared, kept or maintained in accordance with this Agreement.

IX. MANAGER'S REPRESENTATIVES

1. Assignment of Named Individuals

The professional employees of MANAGER set forth below will provide the services set forth in this Agreement; provided that MANAGER may, from time to time, supplement or otherwise amend the team members set forth below.

- Vivian Carvalho
- Venessa Ripoll

2. Changes in Staff Requested by the DISTRICT

The DISTRICT has the right to request, for any reason, MANAGER to replace any member of the MANAGER staff. Should the DISTRICT make such a request, MANAGER shall promptly suggest a substitute for approval by the DISTRICT.

X. INSURANCE

MANAGER shall maintain insurance coverage with policy limits not less than as stated in Exhibit C.

XI. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. MANAGER Not to Participate as Underwriter

The MANAGER is precluded from being an underwriter of any debt obligations issued by the DISTRICT and shall not participate, in any manner, in the initial offering for the issuance of any of the DISTRICT's debt obligations.

2. Limitation of Liability; Indemnification

To the extent not referenced herein, MANAGER 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 which are not under the control or supervision of the MANAGER.

DISTRICT INDEMNIFICATION. To the extent allowable under applicable law (and only to the extent of the limitations of liability set forth in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes), and except and to the extent caused by the negligence or reckless and/or willful misconduct of the MANAGER, the DISTRICT agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the MANAGER 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 MANAGER 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. The indemnification provided for herein shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the MANAGER may be entitled and shall continue after the MANAGER has ceased to be engaged under this Agreement.

MANAGER INDEMNIFICATION. The MANAGER 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 MANAGER. 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 MANAGER has ceased to be engaged under this Agreement.

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 Agreement 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.

3. Disclaimer of MANAGER

The DISTRICT acknowledges that the MANAGER is not an attorney and may not render legal advice or opinions. Although the MANAGER may participate in accumulating information necessary for documents required by the DISTRICT to finalize any particular financing, such information shall be verified by the DISTRICT as to its correctness; provided, however, that the DISTRICT shall not be required to verify the correctness of any information originated by the MANAGER or the correctness of any information originated by the MANAGER which the MANAGER has used to formulate its opinions and advice given to the DISTRICT.

4. Attorney Fees and Governing Law

MANAGER and the DISTRICT agree that, should a disagreement arise as to the terms or enforcement of any provision of this Agreement, each party will in good faith attempt to resolve said disagreement prior to pursuing other action. This Agreement shall be construed, enforced, and administered in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. In the event either party is required to take any action to enforce this Agreement, the substantially 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.

5. Time of the Essence

The DISTRICT and the MANAGER agree that time is of the essence and that the services of the MANAGER shall be performed expeditiously.

6. Entire Agreement

This Agreement represents the entire agreement between DISTRICT and MANAGER for District Management Services contemplated hereby and supersedes all prior agreements, contracts, arrangements, or communications between the parties with respect to the subject matter addressed herein, whether oral or written. This Agreement may not be amended or modified except in writing signed by both parties. For the sake of clarity, any separate agreement between DISTRICT and MANAGER or any affiliate of MANAGER shall not in any way be deemed an amendment or modification of this Agreement. The invalidity in whole or in part of any provision of this Agreement shall not void or affect the validity of any other provision.

7. Authority to Execute and Counterparts

Each party to this Agreement represents, warrants, and covenants to the other that the person or persons signing this Agreement on behalf of such party is authorized and empowered to sign and deliver this Agreement for such party, that such party has the lawful authority to enter into this relationship, and that the governing or managing body of each party has approved this relationship and has similarly authorized the execution of this Agreement. This Agreement may be signed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which when taken together shall constitute one and the same document.

8. Public Records Disclosure

MANAGER understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the DISTRICT in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and, accordingly, MANAGER agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including but not limited to Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes. Consultant acknowledges that the designated public records custodian for the DISTRICT is PFM Group Consulting LLC ("Public Records Custodian"). Among other requirements and to the extent applicable by law, the MANAGER shall 1) keep and maintain public records required by the DISTRICT to perform the service; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, 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 the Agreement term and following the Agreement term if the MANAGER does not transfer the records to the Public Records Custodian of the DISTRICT; and 4) upon completion of the Agreement, transfer to the DISTRICT, at no cost, all public records

in MANAGER'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 MANAGER, the MANAGER 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 CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (407) 723-5900, MARTINEZV@PFM.COM, OR 12051 CORPORATE BLVD., ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32817.

9. Independent Contractor

MANAGER, its employees, officers and representatives at all times shall be independent contractors and shall not be deemed to be employees, agents, partners, servants and/or joint venturers of DISTRICT by virtue of this Agreement or any actions or services rendered under this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to give any person, other than the Parties hereto, their successors and permitted assigns, any legal or equitable rights, remedy or claim under or in respect of this Agreement or any provisions contained herein. In no event will MANAGER be liable for any act or omission of any third party or for any circumstances beyond MANAGER's reasonable control including, but not limited to, fire, flood, or other natural disaster, war, riot, strike, act of terrorism, act of civil or military authority, software and/or equipment failure, computer virus, or failure or interruption of electrical, telecommunications or other utility services.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement, in duplicate, as of the Effective Date above written.

North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District

Sign: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

PFM Group Consulting LLC

Stan Geberer, Senior Managing Consultant

EXHIBIT A

SCOPE OF SERVICES

I. General Management Services

General Consultation, Meetings, and DISTRICT Representation

The Manager shall organize the DISTRICT meetings. This includes, but is not limited to, providing the agenda and Board packages, scheduling, notification, publication and related matters. The service to be provided shall also include, but not be limited to planning, scheduling, production and quality control, coordination, and administration of various professional service elements.

The manager shall prepare and submit to the DISTRICT's Board of Supervisors a proposed annual budget and administer the adopted budget of the DISTRICT.

As the DISTRICT's Manager, we will consult with the DISTRICT Board of Supervisors and its designated representatives, and when necessary, participate in such meetings, discussions, project site visits, workshops, and hearings as may pertain to the administration, accomplishment and fulfillment of the professional services with regard to the projects and general interest of the DISTRICT.

The Manager shall consult with and advise the DISTRICT on matters related to the operation and maintenance of the DISTRICT and assist the DISTRICT to ensure compliance with all statutes and applicable law affecting the DISTRICT. The Manager will maintain the DISTRICT's website in compliance with applicable law and ensure an e-mail system is in place which provides a separate "CDD e-mail address" for all Board members with an archiving system which will allow the Manager to respond to public records requests and maintain e-mails in compliance with applicable records retention law.

II. Accounting Services

The Manager shall define and implement an integrated management reporting system which will allow the DISTRICT to represent fairly and with full disclosure the financial position of the DISTRICT. Monthly financial statements will be provided in addition to a year-end audited financial statement to be prepared by a certified public accounting firm selected by the DISTRICT. These services will be coordinated with the DISTRICT's auditors to assure a smooth and efficient audit of the DISTRICT's books.

III. Minutes and Records

The Manager shall define and implement a system of record management for the DISTRICT, including a concise and accurate record of the official actions of the Board of Supervisors and any appointed boards or committees, and shall oversee the maintenance and disclosure of DISTRICT's records pursuant to Florida law.

IV. Annual Assessments, Lien Book Maintenance and Dissemination Agent

The Manager will maintain the tax roll for the DISTRICT and coordinate and report to the Tax Assessor and Tax Collector for the jurisdiction in which the DISTRICT exists.

The Manager will administer the DISTRICT's assessment methodology during platting and maintain the DISTRICT's lien book and release of liens at closings.

The Manager will provide continuing disclosure filing coordination and assistance for DISTRICT debt issues on EMMA as required by the MSRB and other regulatory agencies.

EXHIBIT B
COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES

The table below outlines the minimum management fees. The fees depend upon the type of district, the website selected, and the number of debt issues outstanding for the DISTRICT. Fees are reviewed and adjusted annually pursuant to the DISTRICT's budget process. Our fees include the provision of the services described in Exhibit A, as well as the reimbursable *expenses* set forth in Section III(1).

<i>Type of District*</i>	<i>Management Fee</i>
Tier 1	\$20,000
Tier 2	\$50,000
Tier 3	\$70,000
Tier 4	\$100,000

<i>Debt Issue Services</i>	<i>Annual Fee (per series)</i>
Assessment Administration	\$7,500
Dissemination Agent	\$5,000

<i>Additional Services**</i>	<i>Cost of Issuance (per series)</i>
District Management Services Cost of Issuance	\$10,000
Dissemination Agent Cost of Issuance	\$1,000

*Type of District is designated by the stage of life the District is in.

Tier 1- District has been established but the District will not proceed with development and will remain inactive until such time development commence. District only holds minimally required meetings per year.

Tier 2- District has been established and the District will commence the process of issuing bond/debt for the infrastructure of the development project. District meets on a more regular basis.

Tier 3- District has issued debt for the infrastructure of the development project and is very active with the day to day operations.

Tier 4- District is mature and at least 3 Board of Supervisors who are residents of the District have been elected to serve.

**Additional Services – District Management Services Cost of Issuance. This fee is applicable for any bond issue and subsequent issue at closing as part of the Cost of Issuance Cost. This fee is not related to the Operating & Maintenance Budget for the District.

The fees outlined above may be increased or otherwise amended annually as reflected in the adopted Operations & Maintenance Budget for the District. New fees will become effective on October 1 of the applicable budget year.

EXHIBIT C

INSURANCE

PFM Group Consulting LLC (“PFM”) acting as MANAGER shall provide and maintain the following levels of insurance coverage at all times subsequent to the execution of this Agreement:

PFM Group Consulting LLC (“PFM”) has a complete insurance program, including property, casualty, general liability, automobile liability and workers compensation. PFM maintains professional liability and fidelity bond coverages which total \$40 million and \$25 million single loss/ \$50 million aggregate, respectively. PFM also carries a \$10 million cyber liability policy.

Our Professional Liability policy is a “claims made” policy and our General Liability policy claims would be made by occurrence.

Deductibles/SIR:

- Automobile \$250 comprehensive & \$250 collision
- Cyber Liability \$25,000
- General Liability \$0
- Professional Liability (E&O) \$1,000,000
- Financial Institution Bond \$75,000

Insurance Company & AM Best Rating

- Professional Liability (E&O).....Endurance American Insurance Company; (A+; XV)
-Argonaut Insurance Company; (A+; XIV)
-Everest National Insurance Company; (A+; XV)
-XL Specialty Insurance Company; (A+; XV)
-Continental Casualty Company; (A; XV)
-Starr Indemnity & Liability Company; (A; XV)
-Federal Insurance Company; (A++; XV)
- Financial Institution Bond.....Federal Insurance Company; (A++; XV)
-Great American Insurance Company; (A+; XV)
-U.S. Fire Insurance Company; (A; XV)
- Cyber Liability.....Greenwich Insurance Company (A+; XV)
-Arch Insurance Company; (A+; XV)
- General Liability.....Great Northern Insurance Company; (A++; XV)
- Automobile Liability.....Great Northern Insurance Company; (A++; XV)
- Excess /Umbrella Liability.....Federal Insurance Company; (A++; XV)
- Workers Compensation.....Vigilant Insurance Company; (A++; XV)
- & Employers Liability

The DISTRICT (and its staff, consultants, and supervisors as applicable) will be listed as additional insureds on the General Liability and Automobile insurance policies described above. The DISTRICT (and its staff, consultants, and supervisors as applicable) will be listed as a joint loss payee on the Commercial Crime insurance as part of the Financial Institution Bond Coverage. None of the policies above may be canceled during the term of this Agreement (or otherwise cause the DISTRICT to not be named as an additional insured or joint loss payee where applicable) without thirty (30) days written notice to the DISTRICT. MANAGER will furnish the DISTRICT with a Certificate of Insurance evidencing compliance with this section prior to Agreement commencement and upon request.

Financial Advisory Agreement

FINANCIAL ADVISORY AGREEMENT

This agreement (“Agreement”), made and entered into this 10th day of February, 2021, (the “Effective Date”) by and between **North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District** (“DISTRICT”) and PFM Financial Advisors LLC. (hereinafter called “PFM”), sets forth the terms and conditions under which PFM shall provide services.

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT desires to obtain the services of a financial advisor to develop and assist in implementing the DISTRICT’s strategies to meet its current and long-term operations, financial obligations, capital financing needs and render assistance in respect to debt transactions; and

WHEREAS, PFM is capable of providing the necessary financial advisory services.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above-mentioned premises and intending to be legally bound hereby, DISTRICT and PFM agree as follows:

I. SCOPE OF SERVICES

PFM shall provide, upon request of the DISTRICT, services related to financial planning, budget and strategic advice and planning, policy development and services related to debt issuance, as applicable and set forth in Exhibit A to this Agreement. DISTRICT acknowledges and agrees that most tasks requested by DISTRICT will not require all services provided for in Exhibit A and as such the specific scope of services for such task shall be limited to just those services required to complete the task. Any material changes in or additions to the scope of services described in Exhibit A shall be promptly reflected in a written supplement or amendment to this Agreement. Services provided by PFM which are not specifically referenced in the scope of services set forth in Exhibit A of this Agreement shall be completed as agreed in writing in advance between the DISTRICT and PFM.

II. WORK SCHEDULE

The services of PFM are to commence as soon as practicable after the execution of this Agreement and a request by the DISTRICT for such service.

III. REGISTERED MUNICIPAL ADVISOR; REQUIRED DISCLOSURES

1. PFM is a registered municipal advisor with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the “MSRB”), pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rule 15Ba1-2. If DISTRICT has designated PFM as its independent registered municipal advisor (“IRMA”) for purposes of SEC Rule 15Ba1-1(d)(3)(vi) (the “IRMA exemption”), then services provided pursuant to such designation shall be the services described in Exhibit A hereto, subject to any limitations provided herein. PFM shall not be responsible for, or have any liability in connection with, verifying that PFM is independent from any other party seeking to rely on the IRMA exemption (as such independent status is required pursuant to the IRMA exemption, as interpreted from time to time by the SEC). DISTRICT acknowledges and agrees that any reference to PFM, its personnel and its role as

IRMA, including in the written representation of DISTRICT required under SEC Rule 15Ba1-1(d)(3)(vi)(B) shall be subject to prior approval by PFM. DISTRICT further agrees not to represent that PFM is DISTRICT's IRMA with respect to any aspect of a municipal securities issuance or municipal financial product, outside of the scope of services without PFM's prior written consent.

2. MSRB Rules require that municipal advisors make written disclosures to their DISTRICTs of all material conflicts of interest, certain legal or disciplinary events and certain regulatory requirements. Such disclosures are provided in PFM's Disclosure Statement delivered to DISTRICT together with this Agreement.

IV. FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMPENSATION

For the services provided under this Agreement, PFM's professional fees shall be paid as provided in Exhibit B to this Agreement and DISTRICT shall pay expenses and fees for other services not set forth in Exhibit A as provided below.

1. Reimbursable Expenses

In addition to fees for services, PFM will be reimbursed for necessary, reasonable, and documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred, including travel, meals, lodging, telephone, mail, and other ordinary cost and any actual extraordinary cost for graphics, printing, data processing and computer time which are incurred by PFM subject to the limitations of Chapter 112.061, F.S. Upon request of DISTRICT, documentation of such expenses will be provided.

2. Other Services

Any services which are not included in the scope of services set forth in Exhibit A of this Agreement will be subject to separate, mutually acceptable fee structures.

V. TERMS AND TERMINATION

This Agreement shall be effective as of the Effective Date until February 10, 2026 (the "Initial Term") and shall automatically renew for additional one (1) year periods (each a "Renewal Term" and together with the Initial Term, the "Term"), unless terminated in writing by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party without cause, or immediately upon written notice for good cause. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "good cause" shall include misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance or dereliction of duties by PFM which, in each case, PFM fails to cure within 10 days of notice thereof. Upon such termination, PFM will be paid for all services performed and costs and expenses incurred up to the termination date.

VI. ASSIGNMENT

Neither party may assign this Agreement or its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the other party ; provided that upon notice to DISTRICT, (i) PFM may assign this Agreement or any interests hereunder to a municipal advisor entity registered with the SEC that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, PFM, or (ii) to any subsidiary or affiliate of PFM or a successor of PFM in connection with the sale of

all or substantially all of PFM's assets. Subject to the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding on the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

VII. INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED TO PFM

All information, data, reports, and records in the possession of the DISTRICT or any third party necessary for carrying out any services to be performed under this Agreement ("Data") shall be furnished to PFM and the DISTRICT shall, and shall cause its agent(s) to, cooperate with PFM in its conduct of reasonable due diligence in performing the services, including with respect to the facts that are necessary in its recommendation(s) to the DISTRICT in connection with a municipal securities transaction or municipal financial product and/or relevant to the DISTRICT's determination whether to proceed with a course of action. To the extent DISTRICT requests that PFM provide advice with regard to any recommendation made by a third party, DISTRICT will provide to PFM written direction to do so as well as any Data it has received from such third party relating to its recommendation. DISTRICT acknowledges and agrees that while PFM is relying on the Data in connection with its provision of the services under this Agreement, PFM makes no representation with respect to and shall not be responsible for the accuracy or completeness of such Data.

VIII. NOTICES

All notices given under this Agreement shall be in writing, sent by registered United States mail, with return receipt requested, addressed to the party for whom it is intended, at the designated below. The parties designate the following as the respective places for giving notice, to wit:

NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

12051 Corporate Boulevard
Orlando, FL 32817
Attention: District Manager

PFM FINANCIAL ADVISORS LLC

300 South Orange Avenue, Suite 1170
Orlando, FL 32801
Attention: Brent Wilder, Managing Director

With a Copy To:

Hopping Green & Sams, P.A.
119 South Monroe Street, Suite 300
Tallahassee, FL 32301
Attention: Jonathan Johnson

IX. TITLE TRANSFER

All materials, except functioning or dynamic financial models, prepared by PFM pursuant exclusively to this Agreement shall be the property of the DISTRICT. Subject to the exception described above, upon termination of this Agreement, at DISTRICT's reasonable request no later than three (3) years after the termination of this Agreement PFM shall deliver to the DISTRICT copies of any materials or documents pertaining to or prepared in accordance with this Agreement.

X. PFM'S REPRESENTATIVES

1. Assignment of Named Individuals

The services set forth in this Agreement shall be provided by professional employees of PFM and affiliates of PFM as determined by PFM in its sole discretion. PFM may, from time to time, supplement or otherwise amend the team members.

2. Changes in Staff Requested by the DISTRICT

The DISTRICT has the right to request, for any reason, PFM to replace any member of the advisory team. Should the DISTRICT make such a request, PFM shall promptly suggest a substitute for approval by the DISTRICT.

XI. INSURANCE

PFM shall maintain insurance coverage with policy limits not less than as stated in Exhibit C.

XII. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Except to the extent caused by willful misconduct, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of obligations or duties under this Agreement on the part of PFM or any of its associated persons, neither PFM nor any of its associated persons shall have liability to any person for (i) any act or omission in connection with the performance of its services hereunder; (ii) any error of judgment or mistake of law; (iii) any loss arising out of any issuance of municipal securities, any municipal financial product or any other financial product, or (iv) any financial or other damages resulting from DISTRICT's election to act, or not to act, contrary to or upon any advice or recommendation provided by PFM to DISTRICT.

XIII. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR; NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARY

PFM, its employees, officers and representatives at all times shall be independent contractors and shall not be deemed to be employees, agents, partners, servants and/or joint venturers of DISTRICT by virtue of this Agreement or any actions or services rendered under this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to give any person, other than the Parties hereto, their successors and permitted assigns, any legal or equitable rights, remedy or claim under or in respect of this Agreement or any provisions contained herein. In no event will PFM be liable for any act or omission of any third party or for any circumstances beyond

PFM's reasonable control including, but not limited to, fire, flood, or other natural disaster, war, riot, strike, act of terrorism, act of civil or military authority, software and/or equipment failure, computer virus, or failure or interruption of electrical, telecommunications or other utility services.

XIV. APPLICABLE LAW

This Agreement shall be construed, enforced, and administered according to the laws of the State of Florida. PFM and the DISTRICT agree that, should a disagreement arise as to the terms or enforcement of any provision of this Agreement, each party will in good faith attempt to resolve said disagreement prior to pursuing other action.

XV. ENTIRE AGREEMENT; SEVERABILITY

This Agreement represents the entire agreement between DISTRICT and PFM and may not be amended or modified except in writing signed by both parties. For the sake of clarity, any separate agreement between DISTRICT and an affiliate of PFM shall not in any way be deemed an amendment or modification of this Agreement. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements, contracts, arrangements, or communications between the parties with respect to the subject matter addressed herein, whether oral or written. The invalidity in whole or in part of any provision of this Agreement shall not void or affect the validity of any other provision.

XVI. EXECUTION; COUNTERPARTS

Each party to this Agreement represents and warrants that the person or persons signing this Agreement on behalf of such party is authorized and empowered to sign and deliver this Agreement for such party. This Agreement may be signed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which when taken together shall constitute one and the same document.

XVII. PUBLIC RECORDS DISCLOSURE.

PFM understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the DISTRICT in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and, accordingly, PFM agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including but not limited to Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes. Consultant acknowledges that the designated public records custodian for the DISTRICT is PFM Group Consulting LLC ("Public Records Custodian"). Among other requirements and to the extent applicable by law, the PFM shall 1) keep and maintain public records required by the DISTRICT to perform the service; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, 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 the Agreement term and following the Agreement term if the PFM does not transfer the records to the Public Records Custodian of the DISTRICT; and 4) upon completion of the Agreement, transfer to the DISTRICT, at no cost, all public records in PFM'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 PFM,

the PFM 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.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the DISTRICT and PFM have executed this Agreement as of the day and year herein above written.

NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

PFM FINANCIAL ADVISORS LLC

By: _____

Name: Brent Wilder

Title: Managing Director

Date: _____

EXHIBIT A
SCOPE OF SERVICES

1. Services related to the Financial Planning and Policy Development upon request of the DISTRICT:

- Assist with the formulation of the DISTRICT's special assessment methodology or similar security for debt issuance in consultation with the DISTRICT's counsel, consulting engineer, bond counsel, and other consultants and professionals.
- Assist the DISTRICT in the formulation of Financial and Debt Policies and Administrative Procedures.
- Review current debt structure, identifying strengths and weaknesses of structure so that future debt issues can be designed to maximize ability to finance future capital needs. This will include, but not be limited to, reviewing existing debt for the possibility of refunding that debt to provide the DISTRICT with savings.
- Analyze future debt capacity to determine the DISTRICT's ability to raise future debt capital.
- Assist the DISTRICT in the development of the DISTRICT's Capital Improvement Program by identifying sources of capital funding.
- Assist the DISTRICT with the development of the DISTRICT's financial planning efforts and process by assessing capital needs, identifying potential revenue sources, analyze financing alternatives such as pay-as-you-go, lease/purchasing, short-term vs. long-term financings, assessments, user fees, impact fees, developer contributions, public/private projects, and grants and provide analysis of each alternative as required as to the budgetary and financial impact.
- Review the reports of accountants, independent engineers and other project feasibility consultants to ensure that such studies adequately address technical, economic, and financial risk factors affecting the marketability of any proposed revenue debt issues; provide bond market assumptions necessary for financial projections included in these studies; attend all relevant working sessions regarding the preparations, review and completion of such independent studies; and provide written comments and recommendations regarding assumptions, analytic methods, and conclusions contained therein.
- Develop, manage and maintain computer models for long-term capital planning which provide for inputs regarding levels of non-ad valorem special assessment and other revenues growth rates by revenue and expenditure item, timing, magnitude and cost of debt issuance, and project operating and capital balances, selected operating and debt ratios and other financial performance measures as may be determined by the DISTRICT.

- Conduct strategic modeling and planning and related consulting.
- Attend meetings with DISTRICT's staff, consultants and other professionals and the DISTRICT.
- Undertake financial planning and policy development assignments made by the DISTRICT regarding financings, and financial policy including budget, tax, cash management issues and related fiscal policy and programs.
- Assist the DISTRICT in preparing financial presentations for public hearings and/or referendums.
- Provide special financial services as requested by the DISTRICT.

2. Services Related to Debt Transactions (Includes short term financings, notes, loans, letters of credit, line of credit and bonds); provided that if the transaction is competitive, the services of the financial advisor will reflect that process. Upon the request of the DISTRICT:

- Analyze financial and economic factors to determine if the issuance of bonds is appropriate.
- Develop a financing plan in concert with DISTRICT's staff which would include recommendations as to the timing and number of series of bonds to be issued.
- Assist the DISTRICT by recommending the best method of sale, either as a negotiated sale, private placement or a public sale. In a public sale, make recommendation as to the determination of the best bid. In the event of a negotiated sale, assist in the solicitation, review and evaluation of any investment banking proposals, and provide advice and information necessary to aid in such selection.
- Advise as to the various financing alternatives available to the DISTRICT.
- Develop alternatives related to debt transaction including evaluation of revenues available, maturity schedule and cash flow requirements.
- Evaluate benefits of bond insurance and/or security insurance for debt reserve fund.
- If appropriate, develop credit rating presentation and coordinate with the DISTRICT the overall presentation to rating agencies.
- Review underwriter's proposals and submit a written analysis of same to the DISTRICT.
- Assist the DISTRICT in the procurement of other services relating to debt issuance such as printing, paying agent, registrar, etc.

- Identify key bond covenant features and advise as to the financial consequences of provisions to be included in bond indentures, resolutions or other governing documents regarding security, creation of reserve funds, flow of funds, redemption provisions, additional parity debt tests, etc.; review and comment on successive drafts of bond governing documents.
 - Review the requirements and submit analysis to bond insurers, rating agencies and other professionals as they pertain to the DISTRICT's obligation.
 - Review the terms, conditions and structure of any proposed debt offering undertaken by the DISTRICT and provide suggestions, modifications and enhancements where appropriate and necessary to reflect the constraints or current financial policy and fiscal capability.
 - Coordinate with DISTRICT's staff and other advisors as respects the furnishing of data for offering documents, it being specifically understood that PFM is not responsible for the inclusion or omission of any material in published offering documents.
 - As applicable, advise the DISTRICT on the condition of the bond market at the time of sale, including volume, timing considerations, competing offerings, and general economic considerations.
 - Assist and advise the DISTRICT in negotiations with investment banking groups regarding fees, pricing of the bonds and final terms of any security offering, and make recommendations regarding a proposed offering to obtain the most favorable financial terms based on existing market conditions.
 - Arrange for the closing of the transaction including, but not limited, to bond printing, signing and final delivery of the bonds.
 - Assist and advise the DISTRICT with investment of proceeds of debt offerings
3. **Special Services.** Upon request of the DISTRICT:

PFM may provide other services which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Impact fee financial analysis
2. Rate analysis
3. Management analysis
4. Referendum assistance
5. Legislative initiatives
6. Project assessment analysis
7. Implementation of revenue enhancement programs
8. Investment advisory services (services to be provided by an affiliate of PFM under separate agreement between the DISTRICT and such affiliate))

9. Arbitrage and rebate services (services to be provided by an affiliate of PFM under separate agreement between the DISTRICT and such affiliate)
10. Financial analysis of projects being developed by engineer/architect studies
11. Negotiate on behalf of the DISTRICT for proposed projects
12. Preparation of amortization schedules
13. Development of operation and maintenance assessment methodologies

EXHIBIT B
COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES (NEGOTIABLE)

Description	Unit Price	
TRANSACTIONAL FEE SCHEDULE		
A. Conventional Long-Term Fixed Rate Debt	Investment Grade	Non-investment Grade
Up to \$50 Million	<u>\$1.00/ \$1,000</u>	<u>\$1.00/ \$1,000</u>
Above Fees Subject To:		
Minimum	<u>\$20,000.00</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
Direct Placement / Bank Loan	<u>\$7.5 – \$10/\$1,000</u>	<u>\$7.5 – \$10/\$1,000</u>

B. Notes, Including but not Limited to TANS and RANS \$15,000.00¹

¹Fee for investment grade, publicly offered issues; fee for private placement or non-investment grade public offering will be negotiated prior to the sale.

NON-TRANSACTIONAL FEE SCHEDULE

C. Assessment Methodology Services

The fee for assessment methodology services associated with debt issuances is \$25,000 (subject to negotiation based on issuance size and/or methodology complexity). The fee for the preparation of an O&M assessment methodology is \$7,500.

D. Amortization Schedule Services

Subject to the receipt and access to information PFM deems necessary, in its sole discretion, to complete the tasks outlined in Exhibit A, Section 3. Special Services Item No. 12, PFM anticipates being able to complete the scope of work within two business days of the District authorizing PFM to proceed. Requests for multiple schedules may require more time.

<u>Bond Size Call Amount</u>	<u>Fee per Amortization Schedule</u>
\$25,000 or less	\$125
\$25,001 - \$100,000	\$250
\$100,001 or greater	\$500

E. Professional Fees

Managing Director	<u>\$300.00/ Hour</u>
Senior Managing Consultant (other senior staff)	<u>\$250.00/ Hour</u>
Senior Analyst (Analyst)	<u>\$150.00/ Hour</u>
Administrative Staff	<u>\$0.00 / Hour</u>

F. Out of Pocket Expenses

Not to Exceed	<u>\$2,000.00</u> per Issue*
Travel	At Cost
Lodging	At Cost
Meals	At Cost
Postage	At Cost
Telephone	At Cost
Copies	0.10 Black & White; 0.50 for Color
Printing	0.10 Black & White; 0.50 for Color

*PFM also offers a flat “overhead” fee of \$1,500 per financing to cover all typical expenses (copies, printing, in state travel, etc). Both structures exclude New York and other out of state travel, which is billed at cost.

Other Services

In addition to advising on bond transactions, PFM is often called upon to perform many additional duties. These may include structuring and implementation of the refunding escrow, debt service reserve and debt service payment fund investment structuring, arbitrage rebate compliance, investment agreement and float contract bidding, investment liquidation, interest rate swap pricing and implementation, and other related services. These services would be provided via separate contract with the appropriate PFM related entity such as PFM Asset Management, LLC. If needed or required under this proposal, these services are subject to a separate fee to be negotiated in advance at the time of the service. PFM fully discloses all fees related to any transaction.

EXHIBIT C
INSURANCE

PFM Financial Advisors LLC (“PFM”) has a complete insurance program, including property, casualty, general liability, automobile liability and workers compensation. PFM maintains professional liability and fidelity bond coverages which total \$40 million and \$25 million single loss/ \$50 million aggregate, respectively. PFM also carries a \$10 million cyber liability policy.

Our Professional Liability policy is a “claims made” policy and our General Liability policy claims would be made by occurrence.

Deductibles/SIR:

Automobile \$250 comprehensive & \$500 collision
Cyber Liability \$50,000
General Liability \$0
Professional Liability (E&O) \$1,000,000
Financial Institution Bond \$75,000

Insurance Company & AM Best Rating

Professional Liability (E&O).....Endurance American Insurance Company; (A+; XV)
.....Argonaut Insurance Company; (A+; XIV)
.....Everest National Insurance Company; (A+; XV)
.....XL Specialty Insurance Company; (A+; XV)
.....Continental Casualty Company; (A; XV)
.....Starr Indemnity & Liability Company; (A; XV)
.....Federal Insurance Company; (A++; XV)
Financial Institution Bond.....Federal Insurance Company; (A++; XV)
.....Great American Insurance Company; (A+; XV)
.....U.S. Fire Insurance Company; (A; XV)
Cyber Liability.....Greenwich Insurance Company (A+; XV)
.....Arch Insurance Company; (A+; XV)
General Liability.....Great Northern Insurance Company; (A++; XV)
Automobile Liability.....Great Northern Insurance Company; (A++; XV)
Excess /Umbrella Liability.....Federal Insurance Company; (A++; XV)
Workers Compensation.....Vigilant Insurance Company; (A++; XV)
& Employers Liability

**DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND OTHER
IMPORTANT MUNICIPAL ADVISORY INFORMATION
PFM FINANCIAL ADVISORS LLC**

I. Introduction

Public Financial Management, Inc., PFM Financial Advisors LLC, and PFM Swap Advisors LLC (hereinafter, referred to as “We,” “Us,” or “Our”) are registered municipal advisors with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the “MSRB”), pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rule 15Ba1-2. In accordance with MSRB rules, this disclosure statement is provided by Us to each client prior to the execution of its advisory agreement with written disclosures of all material conflicts of interests and legal or disciplinary events that are required to be disclosed with respect to providing financial advisory services pursuant to MSRB Rule G-42(b) and (c) (ii). We employ a number of resources to identify and subsequently manage actual or potential conflicts of interest in addition to disclosing actual and potential conflicts of interest provided herein.

How We Identify and Manage Conflicts of Interest

Code of Ethics. The Code requires that all employees conduct all aspects of Our business with the highest standards of integrity, honesty and fair dealing. All employees are required to avoid even the appearance of misconduct or impropriety and avoid actual or apparent conflicts of interest between personal and professional relationships that would or could interfere with an employee’s independent exercise of judgment in performing the obligations and responsibilities owed to a municipal advisor and Our clients.

Policies and Procedures. We have adopted policies and procedures that include specific rules and standards for conduct. Some of these policies and procedures provide guidance and reporting requirements about matters that allows Us to monitor behavior that might give rise to a conflict of interest. These include policies concerning the making of gifts and charitable contributions, entertaining clients, and engaging in outside activities, all of which may involve relationships with clients and others that are important to Our analysis of potential conflicts of interest.

Supervisory Structure. We have both a compliance and supervisory structure in place that enables Us to identify and monitor employees’ activities, both on a transaction and Firm-wide basis, to ensure compliance with appropriate standards. Prior to undertaking any engagement with a new client or an additional engagement with an existing client, appropriate municipal advisory personnel will review the possible intersection of the client’s interests, the proposed engagement, Our engagement personnel, experience and existing obligations to other clients and related parties. This review, together with employing the resources described above, allows Us to evaluate any situations that may be an actual or potential conflict of interest.

Disclosures. We will disclose to clients those situations that We believe would create a material conflict of interest, such as: 1) any advice, service or product that any affiliate may provide to a client that is directly related to the municipal advisory work We perform for such client; 2) any payment made to obtain or retain a municipal advisory engagement with a client; 3) any fee-splitting arrangement with any provider of an investment or services to a client; 4) any conflict that may arise from the type of compensation arrangement We may have with a client; and 5) any other actual or potential situation that We are or become aware of that might constitute a material conflict of interest that could reasonably expect to impair Our ability to provide advice to or on behalf of clients consistent with regulatory requirements. If We identify such situations or circumstances, We will prepare meaningful disclosure that will describe the implications of the situation and how We intend to manage the situation. We will also disclose any legal or disciplinary events that are material to a client’s evaluation or the integrity of Our management or advisory personnel. We will provide this disclosure (or a means to access this information) in writing prior to starting Our proposed engagement, and will provide such additional information or clarification as the client may request. We will also advise Our clients in writing of any subsequent material conflict of interest that may arise, as well as the related implications, Our plan to manage that situation, and any additional information such client may require.

II. General Conflict of Interest Disclosures

Disclosure of Conflicts Concerning the Firm's Affiliates

Our affiliates offer a wide variety of financial services, and Our clients may be interested in pursuing services separately provided by an affiliate. The affiliate's business with the client could create an incentive for Us to recommend a course of action designed to increase the level of the client's business activities with the affiliate or to recommend against a course of action that would reduce the client's business activities with the affiliate. In either instance, We may be perceived as recommending services for a client that are not in the best interests of Our clients, but rather are in Our interests or the interests of Our affiliates. Accordingly, We mitigate any perceived conflict of interest that may arise in this situation by disclosing it to the client, and by requiring that there be a review of the municipal securities transaction or municipal financial product to ensure that it is suitable for the client in light of various factors, after reasonable inquiry, including the client's needs, objectives and financial circumstances. Further, We receive no compensation from Our affiliates with respect to a client introduction or referral. If a client chooses to work with an affiliate, We require that the client consult and enter into a separate agreement for services, so that the client can make an independent, informed, evaluation of the services offered.

Disclosure of Conflicts Related to the Firm's Compensation

From time to time, We may be compensated by a municipal advisory fee that is or will be set forth in an agreement with the client to be, or that has been, negotiated and entered into in connection with a municipal advisory service. Payment of such fee may be contingent on the closing of the transaction and the amount of the fee may be based, in whole or in part, on a percentage of the principal or par amount of municipal securities or municipal financial product. While this form of compensation is customary in the municipal securities market, it may be deemed to present a conflict of interest since We may appear to have an incentive to recommend to the client a transaction that is larger in size than is necessary. Further, We may also receive compensation in the form of a fixed fee arrangement. While this form of compensation is customary, it may also present a potential conflict of interest, if the transaction requires more work than contemplated and We are perceived as recommending a less time consuming alternative contrary to the client's best interest so as not to sustain a loss. Finally, We may contract with clients on an hourly fee bases. If We do not agree on a maximum amount of hours at the outset of the engagement, this arrangement may pose a conflict of interest as We would not have a financial incentive to recommend an alternative that would result in fewer hours. We manage and mitigate all of these types of conflicts by disclosing the fee structure to the client, and by requiring that there be a review of the municipal securities transaction or municipal financial product to ensure that it is suitable for the client in light of various factors, after reasonable inquiry, including the client's needs, objectives and financial circumstances.

Disclosure Concerning Provision of Services to State and Local Government, and Non-Profit Clients

We regularly provide financial advisory services to state and local governments, their agencies, and instrumentalities, and non-profit clients. While Our clients have expressed that this experience in providing services to a wide variety of clients generally provides great benefit for all of Our clients, there may be or may have been clients with interests that are different from (and adverse to) other clients. If for some reason any client sees Our engagement with any other particular client as a conflict, We will mitigate this conflict by engaging in a broad range of conduct, if and as applicable. Such conduct may include one or any combination of the following: 1) disclosing the conflict to the client; 2) requiring that there be a review of the municipal securities transaction or municipal financial product to ensure that it is suitable for the client in light of various factors, including the client's needs, objectives and financial circumstances; 3) implementing procedures that establishes an "Informational Bubble" that creates physical, technological and procedural barriers and/or separations to ensure that non-public information is isolated to particular area such that certain governmental transaction team members and supporting functions operate separately during the course of work performed; and 4) in the rare event that a conflict cannot be resolved, We will withdraw from the engagement.

Disclosure Related to Legal and Disciplinary Events

As registered municipal advisors with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the “MSRB”), pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rule 15Ba1-2, Our legal, disciplinary and judicial events are required to be disclosed on Our forms MA and MA-I filed with the SEC, in ‘**Item 9 Disclosure Information**’ of form MA, ‘**Item 6 Disclosure Information**’ of form MA-I, and if applicable, the corresponding disclosure reporting page(s) (“DRP”). To review the foregoing disclosure items and material change(s) or amendment(s), if any, clients may electronically access PFM Financial Advisors LLC filed forms MA and MA-I on the SEC’s Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval system, listed by date of filing starting with the most recently filed, at:

PFM Financial Advisors LLC –

<http://www.sec.gov/cgi-bin/browse-edgar?company=PFM+Financial&owner=exclude&action=getcompany>

III. Specific Conflicts of Interest Disclosures – North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District

To Our knowledge, following reasonable inquiry, we are not aware of any other actual or potential conflict of interest that could reasonably be anticipated to impair Our ability to provide advice to or on behalf of the client in accordance with applicable standards of conduct of MSRB Rule G-42.

PFMFA currently advises numerous entities including the Manatee County School District which may have relationships or activities from time to time that overlap with those of the North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District. While Our clients have expressed that this experience in providing services to a wide variety of clients generally provides great benefit for all of Our clients, there may be or may have been clients with interests that are different from (or adverse to) other clients. If for some reason any client sees Our engagement with any other particular client as a conflict, We will mitigate this conflict by engaging in a broad range of conduct, if and as applicable. Such conduct may include one or any combination of the following: 1) disclosing the conflict to the client; 2) requiring that there be a review of the municipal securities transaction or municipal financial product to ensure that it is suitable for the client in light of various factors, including the client's needs, objectives and financial circumstances; 3) implementing procedures that establishes an “Information Bubble” that creates physical, technological and procedural barriers and/or separations to ensure that non-public information is isolated to particular area such that certain governmental transaction team members and supporting functions operate separately during the course of work performed; and 4) in the rare event that a conflict cannot be resolved, We will withdraw from the engagement.

IV. Municipal Advisory Complaint and Client Education Disclosure

The MSRB protects state and local governments and other municipal entities and the public interest by promoting fair and efficient municipal securities markets. To that end, MSRB rules are designed to govern the professional conduct of brokers, dealers, municipal securities dealers and municipal advisors. Accordingly, if you as municipal advisory customer have a complaint about any of these financial professionals, please contact the MSRB’s website at www.msrb.org, and consult the MSRB’s Municipal Advisory Client brochure. The MSRB’s Municipal Advisory Client brochure describes the protections available to municipal advisory clients under MSRB rules, and describes the process for filing a complaint with the appropriate regulatory authority.

PFM’s Financial Advisory services are provided by Public Financial Management Inc., and PFM Financial Advisors LLC. PFM’s Swap Advisory services are provided by PFM Swap Advisors LLC. All entities are registered municipal advisors with the MSRB and SEC under the Dodd Frank Act of 2010.

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

**Resolution 2021-08,
Designating the Primary Administrative Office and
Principal Headquarters & Local District Office**

RESOLUTION 2021-08

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP 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 North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, and Chapter 189, Florida Statutes, being situated within Manatee County; 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, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 2020-191(5)(8), Laws of Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District’s primary administrative office for purposes of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, shall be located at 12051 Corporate Blvd., Orlando, Florida 32817.

SECTION 2. The District’s principal headquarters for purposes of establishing proper venue shall be located within Manatee 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 10th day of February, 2021.

ATTEST:

**NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

**Resolution 2021-09,
Appointing District Counsel**

RESOLUTION 2021-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMETN STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT APPOINTING LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING ITS COMPENSATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, and Chapter 189, Florida Statutes, being situated within Manatee County, 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 THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP 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 10TH day of February, 2021.

ATTEST:

**NORTH RIVER RANCH
IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Attorney Retainer Agreement

Exhibit A
Attorney Retainer Agreement

Hopping Green & Sams

Attorneys and Counselors

February 10, 2021

North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District
Board of Supervisors
12051 Corporate Blvd.
Orlando, Florida 32817

Re: Stewardship 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 North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District (the "District"). Hopping Green & Sams, P.A. has extensive experience representing independent special districts and other special taxing districts throughout the state of Florida. We have been providing clients with advice regarding the operation of independent special 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 nineteen (19) 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 Southwest Florida area including districts located in Charlotte, Hillsborough, Manatee, Lee and Sarasota Counties. Moreover, the establishment and representation of large independent special or stewardship districts is my personal specialty. I serve as general counsel for the East Nassau Stewardship District (Nassau County), the Lakewood Ranch Stewardship District (Manatee and Sarasota Counties), the Sunbridge Stewardship District (Osceola County), the Ave Maria Community Stewardship District (Collier County), the Big Cypress Stewardship District (Collier County), and the Babcock Ranch Community Independent Special District (Charlotte and Lee Counties). My firm also represents the Viera Stewardship District in Brevard County.

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 \$395.00 and hourly rates for associate attorneys range from \$250.00 to \$300.00. Other work by attorneys in the firm would also be performed at their established rates. Our rates are reviewed annually and may be adjusted from time to time in conjunction with such reviews, after providing notice to you. Let me assure you that we will make every effort to keep legal costs as low as possible while providing services consistent with our professional responsibilities. Itemized bills showing all time spent for services are rendered monthly and are due upon receipt. We have attached a copy of the firm's policy with respect to expenses, although to the extent that Chapter 112, F.S., conflicts with these policies, Chapter 112, F.S., will govern.

With respect to conflicts, it is important to disclose that our firm represents a number of other special districts throughout Florida. Additionally, as further discussed in our Fee Agreement, we presently represent a number of trustees, including U.S. Bank, National Association and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association. Finally, it is important to disclose that we represented NP Land Partners in the legislative process to establish this 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,

Jonathan T. Johnson
For the firm

Enclosures

HOPPING GREEN & SAMS, P.A.
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District Counsel Agreement

HOPPING GREEN & SAMS, P.A.
FEE AGREEMENT

I. PARTIES

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

- A. North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District ("Client")
c/o PFM Group Consulting, LLC
12051 Corporate Blvd.
Orlando, Florida 32817

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 North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship 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 \$395.00. Associate attorney rates range between \$250.00 to \$300.00. 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 \$10/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, trustees (including U.S. Bank National Association ("U.S. Bank") and Wells Fargo National Association), bondholders, and other entities throughout Florida relating to community development districts and other special districts. HGS understands that Client may enter into an agreement with U.S. Bank or other trustee in connection with the issuance of bonds, and that Client may request that HGS simultaneously represent Client in connection with the issuance of bonds, while HGS is also representing U.S. Bank or other trustee on unrelated matters. By accepting this Agreement Client agrees that (1) Client was provided with an explanation of the implications of the common representation(s) and the advantages and risks involved; (2) HGS will be able to provide competent and diligent representation of Client, regardless of HGS' other representations, and (3) there is not a substantial risk that HGS' representation of Client would be materially limited by HGS' responsibilities to another client, a former client or a third person or by a personal interest. Acceptance of this fee proposal will constitute your waiver of any "conflict" with HGS' representation of various special districts, trustees, bondholders, and other entities relating to community development districts and other special districts in Florida.

VIII. TERMINATION

Either party may terminate this Fee Agreement upon providing prior written notice to the other party at its regular place of business. All 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:

NORTH RIVER RANCH
IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP
DISTRICT

HOPPING GREEN & SAMS, P.A.

By: _____

By: _____

Date: _____

Its: Vice President

Date: _____

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ATTACHMENT A

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

**Resolution 2021-10,
Designating Registered Agent & Office**

RESOLUTION 2021-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT DESIGNATING A REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, and Chapter 189, Florida Statutes, being situated within Manatee County, Florida; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. _____, is hereby designated as the Registered Agent for the Deering Park Stewardship 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 Manatee County and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of February, 2021.

Attest:

**NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

**Resolution 2021-11,
Appointing Interim District Engineer**

RESOLUTION 2021-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT APPOINTING AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE INTERIM DISTRICT ENGINEER AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, being situated within Manatee County, 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 an Interim District Engineer and to provide compensation for their services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. _____, is appointed as Interim District Engineer and shall be compensated for their services in such capacity in the manner prescribed in the agreement incorporated herein by reference as **Exhibit A**.

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of February, 2021.

ATTEST:

**NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Interim District Engineer Fee Agreement

EXHIBIT A

INTERIM ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into this ____ day of February, 2021, by and between:

NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, and located in Manatee County, with a mailing address of 12051 Corporate Blvd., Orlando, Florida 32817 (the "District"); and

_____, a _____, with a mailing address of _____ ("Engineer").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District is a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida (the "Act"); 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 is 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 (including Contractual)	\$1,000,000/\$2,000,000
Automobile Liability	Combined Single Limit \$1,000,000
Bodily Injury / Property Damage	
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 725.08 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 **Vivian Carvalho**.

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 PFM GROUP CONSULTING, LLC, 12051 CORPORATE BLVD., ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32817, (407) 723-5900, CARVALHOV@PFM.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: North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District
12051 Corporate Blvd.
Orlando, Florida 32817
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: _____

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 Manatee 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:

**NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

WITNESS:

Witness

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Exhibit A: Work Authorization Number 1

Exhibit B: Schedule of Rates

Exhibit A

February __, 2021

North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District
Manatee County, Florida

**Subject: Work Authorization Number 1
North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District**

Dear Chairperson, Board of Supervisors:

_____ is pleased to submit this work authorization to provide interim engineering services for the North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District (the "District"). We will provide these services pursuant to our current agreement dated February __, 2021 ("Interim Agreement") as follows:

I. Scope of Work

The District will engage the services of _____ 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 _____ 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 _____ 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
North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship
District

By: _____

Exhibit B

Schedule of Rates

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

**RFQ for District Engineering Service
under the CCNA**

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES
FOR THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

RFQ for Engineering Services

The North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District (“District”), located in Manatee County, Florida, announces that professional engineering services will be required on a continuing basis for the District’s anticipated capital improvements which may include work related to _____ and other public improvements authorized by Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, and Chapter 189, *Florida Statutes*. The engineering firm selected will act in the general capacity of District Engineer and provide District engineering services, as required.

Any firm or individual (“Applicant”) desiring to provide professional services to the District must: 1) hold applicable federal, state and local licenses; 2) be authorized to do business in Florida in accordance with Florida law; and 3) furnish a statement (“Qualification Statement”) of its qualifications and past experience on U.S. General Service Administration’s “Architect-Engineer Qualifications, Standard Form No. 330,” with pertinent supporting data. Among other things, Applicants must submit information relating to: a) the ability and adequacy of the Applicant’s professional personnel; b) whether the Applicant is a certified minority business enterprise; c) the Applicant’s willingness to meet time and budget requirements; d) the Applicant’s past experience and performance, including but not limited to past experience as a District Engineer for any community development districts and past experience with Manatee 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 one original and one electronic version of Standard Form No. 330 and Qualification Statement by _____.m. on _____, **2021**, to the attention of Vivian Carvalho, PFM Group Consulting, LLC, 12051 Corporate Blvd., Orlando, Florida 32817 (“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). Additional information and requirements regarding protests are set forth in the District's Rules of Procedure, which are available from the District Manager.

Run Date: (must be published at least 14 days prior to submittal deadline)

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES
FOR THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

COMPETITIVE SELECTION CRITERIA

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

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

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

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

3) Geographic Location (Weight: 20 Points)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

**Resolution 2021-12,
Annual Meeting Schedule Fiscal Year 2020 21**

RESOLUTION 2021-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT ADOPTING THE ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, being situated within Manatee County, Florida; and

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT:

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of February, 2021.

ATTEST:

**NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Meeting Schedule

Exhibit A

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING DATES
NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

The Board of Supervisors of the North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District will hold their regular meetings for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 at 8141 Lakewood Main Street, Sarasota, FL 34242 at 1:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month unless otherwise indicated as follows:

March 10, 2021
April 14, 2021
May 12, 2021
June 9, 2021
July 14, 2021
August 11, 2021
September 8, 2021

The meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provision of Florida Law. 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 PFM Group Consulting LLC or by calling (407) 723-5900.

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 (407) 723-5900 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

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

**Resolution 2021-13,
Approving Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Proposed Annual
Budgets and Setting a Public Hearing Date for Final
Adoption**

RESOLUTION 2021-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT APPROVING A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW; ADDRESSING TRANSMITTAL, POSTING AND PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District (hereinafter the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, which became effective on June 9, 2020, and being situated entirely within Manatee County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District Manager has heretofore prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the District a proposed budget ("Proposed Budget") for the remainder of the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021 ("Fiscal Year 2020/2021"); 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 NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET. The Proposed Budget prepared by the District Manager for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2020/2021 attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved as the basis for conducting a public hearing to adopt said Proposed Budget.

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

DATE: _____, 2021

HOUR: _____

LOCATION: _____

SECTION 3. TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET TO LOCAL GENERAL PURPOSE GOVERNMENT. The District Manager is hereby directed to submit a copy of the Proposed Budget to Manatee 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 days before the budget hearing date as set forth in Section 2, and shall remain on the website for at least 45 days. If the District does not have its own website, the District's Secretary is directed to transmit the approved budget to the manager or administrator of Manatee County for posting on its website.

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

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of February, 2021.

Attest:

**NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman/Vice Chairman

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Proposed Budget

North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District
 FY 2021 Proposed O&M Budget

		FY 2021 Proposed Budget	FY 2021 Pro-Rated Proposed Budget (8 Months)
	<u>Revenues</u>		
001-036-6000-00-01	Developer Contributions	\$ 148,375.00	\$ 93,841.67
	Net Revenues	\$ 148,375.00	\$ 93,841.67
	<u>General & Administrative Expenses</u>		
001-051-1000-13-01	Supervisor Fees	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
001-051-1000-45-01	Public Officials' Insurance	2,475.00	2,475.00
001-051-3000-31-01	Trustee Services	6,000.00	4,000.00
001-051-3000-31-02	Management	70,000.00	34,200.00
001-051-3000-31-04	Engineering	15,000.00	10,000.00
001-051-3000-31-06	Dissemination Agent	5,000.00	3,333.33
	Assessment Administration	-	7,500.00
001-051-3000-31-08	District Counsel	20,000.00	13,333.33
001-051-3000-32-01	Audit	6,000.00	4,000.00
001-051-3000-40-01	Travel and Per Diem	500.00	333.33
001-051-3000-41-01	Telephone	200.00	133.33
001-051-3000-42-01	Postage & Shipping	300.00	200.00
001-051-3000-47-01	Copies	500.00	333.33
001-051-3000-48-01	Legal Advertising	1,000.00	666.67
001-051-3000-49-02	Miscellaneous	500.00	333.33
001-051-3000-49-11	Web Site Maintenance	5,700.00	1,800.00
001-051-3000-54-01	Dues, Licenses, and Fees	175.00	175.00
001-053-9000-45-01	General Insurance	3,025.00	3,025.00
	Total General & Administrative Expenses	\$ 148,375.00	\$ 93,841.67
	Total Expenses	\$ 148,375.00	\$ 93,841.67
	Net Income (Loss)	\$ -	\$ -

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

FY 2021-2022 Budget Funding Agreement

**NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 BUDGET FUNDING AGREEMENT**

This Agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered into this ____ day of February 2021, by and between:

North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, and located in Manatee County, Florida, whose address is 12051 Corporate Blvd., Orlando, Florida 32817 ("**District**"), and

NP Land Partners, LLC, a Florida limited liability company and the developer of the lands in the District ("**Developer**") with a mailing address of 5800 Lakewood Ranch Blvd., Bradenton, Florida 34240

Recitals

WHEREAS, the District is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, which became effective on June 9, 2020, and being wholly situated within Manatee County, Florida, for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the District, pursuant to Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, 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 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 Manatee 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 Manatee 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 Manatee 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 Manatee 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:

**NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman/Vice Chairman

SWALLOWTAIL 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

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Exhibit B

Description of the Property

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

Auditor Selection Committee

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

**Resolution 2021-14,
Setting a Public Hearing on
Adoption of Rules of Procedure**

RESOLUTION 2021-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP 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 North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, being situated entirely within Manatee County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (the "Board") is authorized by Chapter 2020-191(6)(6)(e), Laws of Florida, to adopt rules and orders pursuant to Chapter 120, *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. A Public Hearing will be held to adopt the District's 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 10th day of February, 2021.

ATTEST:

**NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

**RULES OF PROCEDURE
NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

EFFECTIVE AS OF _____, 2021

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Rule 1.0 General.

- (1) The North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District (the “District”) was created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, 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: Ch. 2020-191(6)(6)(e); (6)(6)(q), Laws of Florida
Law Implemented: Ch. 2020-191(6)(6)(e); (6)(6)(q), Laws of Florida

Rule 1.1 Governing Board Members; Officers and Voting.

- (1) Governing Board Members. The Governing Board of the District (the “Board”) shall consist of five (5) members. Members of the Board (“Board Members”) 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. Board Members 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) Board Members shall hold office for the term specified by Chapter 2020-191 (5), Laws of Florida. 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 Chapter 2020-191(6)(2) and (3), Laws of Florida, 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, Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, 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: Ch. 2020-191(6)(6)(e); (6)(6)(q), Laws of Florida

Law Implemented: §§ 112.3143, Fla. Stat., Ch. 2020-191(5) and (6), Laws of Florida

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 and 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: Ch. 2020-191(6)(6)(e); (6)(6)(q), Laws of Florida

Law Implemented: Ch. 2020-191(5), Laws of Florida, §§ 112.31446(3), 112.3145(8)(a)1., 119.07, 119.0701, 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 (407) 723-5900. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1 (800) 955-8770 or 9 (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 (7) days before the meeting/hearing/workshop, except in an emergency. Meeting materials shall be defined as, and limited to, the agenda, meeting minutes, resolutions, and agreements of the District that District staff deems necessary for Board approval. Inclusion of additional materials for Board consideration other than those defined herein as “meeting materials” shall not convert such materials into “meeting materials.” For good cause, the agenda may be changed after it is first made available for distribution, and additional materials may be added or provided under separate cover at the meeting. The requirement of good cause shall be liberally construed to allow the District to efficiently conduct business and to avoid the expenses associated with special meetings.

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

- Call to order
- Roll call
- Public 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
- Board Member’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 Chapter 2020-191(6)(4), Laws of Florida. Once adopted in accord with Chapter 2020-191(6)(4), Laws of Florida, 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: Ch. 2020-191(6)(6)(e); (6)(6)(q), Laws of Florida

Law Implemented: Ch. 2020-191(5) and (6), Laws of Florida, §§ 189.069(2)(a)16, 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: Ch. 2020-191(6)(6)(e); (6)(6)(q), Laws of Florida
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 2020-191, Laws of Florida. Policies adopted by the District which do not consist of rates, fees, rentals or other monetary charges may be, but are not required to be, implemented through rulemaking proceedings.

- (2) Notice of Rule Development.
 - (a) Except when the intended action is the repeal of a Rule, the District shall provide notice of the development of a proposed rule by publication of a Notice of Rule Development in a newspaper of general circulation in the District before providing notice of a proposed rule as required by section (3) of this Rule. Consequently, the Notice of Rule Development shall be published at least twenty-nine (29) days prior to the public hearing on the proposed Rule. The Notice of Rule Development shall indicate the subject area to be addressed by rule development, provide a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed rule, cite the specific legal authority for the proposed rule, and include a statement of how a person may promptly obtain, without cost, a copy of any preliminary draft, if available.

 - (b) All rules as drafted shall be consistent with Sections 120.54(1)(g) and 120.54(2)(b) of the Florida Statutes.

- (3) Notice of Proceedings and Proposed Rules.
 - (a) Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule other than an emergency rule, the District shall give notice of its intended action, setting forth a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed action, a reference to the specific rulemaking authority pursuant to which the rule is adopted, and a reference to the section or subsection of the Florida Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific. The notice shall include a summary of the District’s statement of the estimated regulatory costs, if one has been prepared, based on the factors set forth in Section 120.541(2) of the Florida Statutes, and a statement that any person who wishes to provide the District with a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), must do so in writing within twenty-one (21) days after publication of the notice. The notice shall additionally include a statement that any affected person may request a public hearing

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

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

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

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

(11) Petitions to Challenge Existing Rules.

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

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

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

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

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

Specific Authority: Ch. 2020-191(6)(6)(e); (6)(6)(q) and (6)(20), Laws of Florida
Law Implemented: Ch. 2020-191(6)(6)(e) and (6)(20), Laws of Florida

Rule 3.0 Competitive Purchase.

- (1) Purpose and Scope. In order to comply with Chapter 2020-191(6)(19)(a) through (c), Laws of Florida and Sections 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: Ch. 2020-191(6)(6)(e); (6)(6)(q), Laws of Florida

Law Implemented: Ch. 2020-191(6)(19), Laws of Florida, §§ 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: Ch. 2020-191(6)(6)(e); (6)(6)(q), Laws of Florida

Law Implemented: Ch. 2020-191(6)(6)(c); (6)(19), Laws of Florida, §§ 119.0701, 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.

(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: Ch. 2020-191(6)(6)(e); (6)(6)(q), Laws of Florida
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: Ch. 2020-191(6)(6)(e); (6)(6)(q), Laws of Florida
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: Ch. 2020-191(6)(6)(e); (6)(6)(q), Laws of Florida

Law Implemented: Ch. 2020-191(6)(19), Laws of Florida, §§ 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 2020-191, Laws of Florida, 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: Ch. 2020-191(6)(6)(e); (6)(6)(q), Laws of Florida

Law Implemented: Ch. 2020-191(6)(19), Laws of FL, §§ 119.0701, 189.053, 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: Ch. 2020-191(6)(6)(e); (6)(6)(q), Laws of Florida

Law Implemented: Ch. 2020-191(6)(19), Laws of Florida, §§ 119.07, 189.053, 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: Ch. 2020-191(6)(6)(e); (6)(6)(q), Laws of Florida
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: Ch. 2020-191(6)(6)(e); (6)(6)(q), Laws of Florida

Law Implemented: Ch. 2020-191(6)(19), Laws of Florida, §§ 189.053, 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: Ch. 2020-191(6)(6)(e), (6)(6)(q), and (6)(19), Laws of Florida
Law Implemented: Ch. 2020-191(6)(19), Laws of Florida, §§ 119.0701, 287.017, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.10 Contractual Services.

- (1) Exemption from Competitive Purchase. Pursuant to Chapter 2020-191(6)(19)(c), Laws of Florida, 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: Ch. 2020-191(6)(6)(e); (6)(6)(q), Laws of Florida

Law Implemented: Ch. 2020-191(6)(6)(c) and (6)(19), Laws of Florida, § 119.07, 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: Ch. 2020-191(6)(6)(e); (6)(6)(q), Laws of Florida
Law Implemented: Ch. 2020-191(6)(19), Laws of Florida

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: Ch. 2020-191(6)(6)(e); (6)(6)(q), Laws of Florida

Law Implemented: Ch. 2020-191(6)(6)(e); (6)(6)(q), Laws of Florida

**NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT BY THE
NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

In accord with Chapter 120, Florida Statutes and Chapter 2020-191, Laws of the Florida, the North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District (“**District**”) hereby gives notice of its intention to develop Rules of Procedure to govern the operations of the District.

The Rules of Procedure will address such areas as the Board of Supervisors, officers and voting, district offices, public information and inspection of records, policies, public meetings, hearings and workshops, rulemaking proceedings and competitive purchase including procedure under the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act, procedure regarding auditor selection, purchase of insurance, pre-qualification, construction contracts, goods, supplies and materials, maintenance services, contractual services and protests with respect to proceedings, as well as any other area of the general operation of the District.

The purpose and effect of the Rules of Procedure is to provide for efficient and effective District operations and to ensure compliance with recent changes to Florida law. The legal authority for the adoption of the proposed Rules of Procedure includes Chapter 2020-191(6)(6)(e), (6)(6)(q) and (6)(20), Laws of Florida. The specific laws implemented in the Rules of Procedure include, but are not limited to, Sections 112.08, 112.3143, 122.31446, 112.3145, 119.07, 119.0701, 189.053, 189.069(2)(a)16, 218.33, 218.391, 255.05, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 286.0105, 286.011, 286.0113, 286.0114, 287.017, 287.055 and 287.084, Florida Statutes (2020), Chapter 2020-191(5), (6)(1)-(4), (6)(6)(c), (6)(6)(e), (6)(6)(q), (6)(19), (6)(20), Laws of Florida.

A copy of the proposed Rules of Procedure may be obtained by contacting the District Manager at PFM Group Consulting, LLC, 12051 Corporate Blvd., Orlando, Florida 32817, (407) 723-5900.

Vivian Carvalho, District Manager

Run Date: _____, 2021

PUBLISH: [AT LEAST 29 DAYS PRIOR TO ADOPTION DATE; AT LEAST ONE DAY PRIOR TO NOTICE OF RULEMAKING]

**NOTICE OF RULEMAKING REGARDING THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE NORTH RIVER
RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

A public hearing will be conducted by the Board of Supervisors of the North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District ("District") on _____, 2021 at _____.m. at _____.

In accord with Chapter 120, Florida Statutes and Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, the District hereby gives the public notice of its intent to adopt its proposed Rules of Procedure. The purpose and effect of the proposed Rules of Procedure is to provide for efficient and effective District operations and to ensure compliance with recent changes to Florida law. Prior notice of rule development was published in the _____ on _____, 2021.

The Rules of Procedure may address such areas as the Board of Supervisors, officers and voting, district offices, public information and inspection of records, policies, public meetings, hearings and workshops, rulemaking proceedings and competitive purchase including procedure under the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act, procedure regarding auditor selection, purchase of insurance, pre-qualification, construction contracts, goods, supplies and materials, maintenance services, contractual services and protests with respect to proceedings, as well as any other area of the general operation of the District.

The legal authority for the adoption of the proposed Rules of Procedure includes Chapter 2020-191(6)(6)(e), (6)(6)(q) and (6)(20), Laws of Florida. The specific laws implemented in the Rules of Procedure include, but are not limited to, Sections 112.08, 112.3143, 122.31446, 112.3145, 119.07, 119.0701, 189.053, 189.069(2)(a)16, 218.33, 218.391, 255.05, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 286.0105, 286.011, 286.0113, 286.0114, 287.017, 287.055 and 287.084, Florida Statutes (2020), Chapter 2020-191(5), (6)(1)-(4), (6)(6)(c), (6)(6)(e), (6)(6)(q), (6)(19), (6)(20), Laws of Florida.

A copy of the proposed Rules of Procedure may be obtained by contacting the District Manager's Office at PFM Group Consulting, LLC, 12051 Corporate Blvd., Orlando, Florida 32817, (407) 723-5900.

Any person who wishes to provide the District with a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), Florida Statutes, must do so in writing within twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice to the District Manager's Office.

This public hearing may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the hearing without additional notice. If anyone chooses to appeal any decision of the Board with respect to any matter considered at a public hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and should accordingly ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which includes the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based. At the hearing, staff or Supervisors may participate in the public hearing by speaker telephone.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771 or 1-800-955-8770 for aid in contacting the District Office.

Vivian Carvalho, District Manager

Run Date: _____

PUBLISH: [AT LEAST 28 DAYS PRIOR TO ADOPTION DATE]

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

**Resolution 2021-15,
Expressing the Intent of the District to Utilize the
Uniform Method of Levy, Collection and
Enforcement of Non Ad-Valorem Assessments and
Setting A Public Hearing Date Thereon**

RESOLUTION 2021-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP 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 North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District (hereinafter the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, being situated within Manatee County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, is authorized to levy, collect and enforce certain special assessments, which include benefit and maintenance assessments and further authorizes the Board of Supervisors of the District (the "Board") to levy, collect and enforce special assessments pursuant to Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida and Chapter 170, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the above referenced assessments are non-ad valorem in nature and, therefore, may be collected under the provisions of Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*, in which the State of Florida has provided a uniform method for the levying, collecting, and enforcing such non-ad valorem assessments; 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 NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. A Public Hearing will be held on the District's intent to adopt the Uniform Method on _____, 2021, at _____ a.m/p.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 10th day of February, 2021.

Attest:

**NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

**Resolution 2021-16,
Setting Forth the Policy of the District with
Regard to the Support and Legal Defense of the
Board of Supervisors and District Staff**

RESOLUTION 2021-16

A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE POLICY OF NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH REGARD TO THE SUPPORT AND LEGAL DEFENSE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DISTRICT OFFICERS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) and the officers and staff of the North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District (the “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 NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of February, 2021.

Attest:

**NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair, Board of Supervisors

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

**Obtain General Liability
Obtain General Liability and
Public Officers Insurance
rs Insurance**

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

**Resolution 2021-17,
Providing for the Public's Opportunity to Be Heard
Addressing Public Meetings and Public Comment Period**

RESOLUTION 2021-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP 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 North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District ("District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 2021-191, Laws of Florida, and Chapter 189, Florida Statutes, being situated entirely within Manatee County, Florida; 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 (the "Board") finds that it is in the best interests of the District to adopt by resolution a policy (the "Public Comment Policy") for immediate use and application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT:

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

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

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

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.
 - 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 10th day of February, 2021.

Attest:

**NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair, Board of Supervisors

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

**Resolution 2021-18,
Adoption of Records Retention Policy; and
Providing for Severability and Effective Date**

RESOLUTION 2021-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP 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 North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, and Chapter 189, Florida Statutes, being situated entirely within Manatee County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 189, *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 (the “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 NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP 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 (the "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 10th day of February, 2021.

Attest:

**NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

**Resolution 2021-19,
Adoption of Travel Reimbursement Policy**

RESOLUTION 2021-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT ADOPTING A POLICY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL EXPENSES; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, and Chapter 189, Florida Statutes, being situated entirely within Manatee County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, 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 NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP 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 10th day of February, 2021.

ATTEST:

**NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman/Vice Chairman

EXHIBIT A

NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP 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 North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship 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.

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

**Resolution 2021-20,
Adoption of Prompt Payment Act Policies
and Procedures**

RESOLUTION 2021-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT ADOPTING PROMPT PAYMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 218, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, and Chapter 189, Florida Statutes, being situated entirely within Manatee County, Florida; and

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (the “Board”) accordingly finds that it is in the best interests 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 NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP 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. All District resolutions, policies or parts thereof in actual conflict with this Resolution are, to the extent of such conflict, superseded and repealed, except as noted below.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of February, 2021.

Attest:

**NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

**Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures
In Accordance With the Local Government Prompt Payment Act
Chapter 218, Part VII, Florida Statutes**

February 10, 2021

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

II. Scope

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

III. Definitions

A. Agent

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

B. Construction Services

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

C. Contractor or Provider of Construction Services

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

D. Date Stamped

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

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

E. Improper Invoice

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

F. Improper Payment Request

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

G. Non-Construction Goods and Services

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

H. Proper Invoice

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

I. Proper Payment Request

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

J. Provider

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

K. Purchase

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

L. Vendor

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

IV. Proper Invoice/Payment Request Requirements

A. General

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

B. Sales Tax

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

C. Federal Identification and Social Security Numbers

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

Providers should notify the District Manager when changes in data occur (telephone _____, email _____, Fax _____).

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 Contractor.

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: mail is the preferred method for receipt of Non-Construction Goods and Services invoices).

1. Mailing and Drop Off Address

c/o _____

2. Email Address

VI. Calculation of Payment Due Date

A. Non-Construction Goods and Services Invoices

1. Receipt of Proper Invoice

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

2. Receipt of Improper Invoice

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

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

3. Rejection of an Improper Invoice

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

The District’s rejection of an Improper Invoice must:

- 1. Be provided in writing;
- 2. Specify any and all known deficiencies; and
- 3. 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 Contractor 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 Contractor shall identify the Agent to which the Contractor 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. Contractor'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:

1. Be provided in writing;
2. Specify any and all known deficiencies; and
3. State actions necessary to correct the Improper Invoice.

c. If a Contractor 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 Contractor

If a dispute between the District and a Contractor cannot be resolved following resubmission of a payment request by the Contractor, 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 Chair 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. (§ 218.74 (4), 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. The Contractor 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. (§ 218.735 (8)(i), 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.).

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

**Resolution 2021-21,
Ratifying the Filing of Notice of Establishment**

RESOLUTION 2021-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT RATIFYING, CONFIRMING AND APPROVING THE RECORDING OF THE NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the North River Ranch Improvement District (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida (“Act”), and Chapter 189, Florida Statutes, being situated entirely within Manatee County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District was established by the Act which was adopted by the Florida Legislature and became effective on June 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Act contemplates a “Notice of Creation and Establishment” to be filed within 30 days after the election of the first board of supervisors creating the District, which election took place on September 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the organizational meeting of the District’s Board of Supervisors was scheduled for February 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Hopping Green & Sams, P.A., arranged for the recording of the “Notice of Creation and Establishment of the North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District” with the Manatee County Clerk of Court on September 22, 2020 to ensure compliance with Florida law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The actions of Hopping Green & Sams, P.A., in the filing of the Notice of Establishment of the North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of February, 2021.

Attest:

**NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman/Vice Chairman

North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District

District Website Proposal e Proposal

Proposal For
North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District

[Website Accessibility for People with Disabilities as per Nondiscrimination requirements of Title II of the American Disabilities Act \(ADA\) & WCAG](#)



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** VGlobalTech has developed unique ADA and WCAG compliance expertise, optimized website templates, compliance multi-step procedure and quality control, document conversion software and test procedures. Contact us for details of VGlobalTech's Intellectual Property.*

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1.0 The Law

Source: http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0100-0199/0189/Sections/0189.069.html

189.069 Special districts; required reporting of information; web-based public access. —

(1) Beginning on October 1, 2015, or by the end of the first full fiscal year after its creation, each special district shall maintain an official website containing the information required by this section. Each special district shall submit its official website address to the department.

(a) Each independent special district shall maintain a separate website.

(b) Each dependent special district shall be prominently displayed on the home page of the website of the local general-purpose government upon which it is dependent with a hyperlink to such webpages as are necessary to provide the information required by this section. A dependent special district may maintain a separate website providing the information required by this section.

(2)(a) A special district shall post the following information, at a minimum, on the district's official website:

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. 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.

13. A listing of its regularly scheduled public meetings as required by s. 189.015(1).

14. The public facilities report, if applicable.

15. The link to the Department of Financial Services' website as set forth in s. 218.32(1)(g).

16. At least 7 days before each meeting or workshop, the agenda of the event, along with any meeting materials available in an electronic format, excluding confidential and exempt information. The information must remain on the website for at least 1 year after the event.

(b) The department's website list of special districts in the state required under s. 189.061 shall include a link for each special district that provides web-based access to the public for all information and documentation required for submission to the department pursuant to subsection

2.0 ADA & WCAG Compliance – Introduction

Every individual must have equal access to information whether it is in person service or online. This is a general agreement and understanding of access.

The Internet has dramatically changed the way state and local governments do business. Today, government agencies routinely make much more information about their programs, activities, and services available to the public by posting it on their websites. As a result, many people can easily access this information seven day a week, 24 hours a day.

Many government services and activities are also provided on websites because the public is able to participate in them at any time of day and without the assistance of government personnel. Many government websites offer a low cost, quick, and convenient way of filing tax returns, paying bills, renewing licenses, signing up for programs, applying for permits or funding, submitting job applications, and performing a wide variety of other activities.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and, if the government entities receive federal funding, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 generally require that state and local governments provide qualified individuals with disabilities equal access to their programs, services, or activities unless doing so would fundamentally alter the nature of their programs, services, or activities or would impose an undue burden. One way to help meet these requirements is to ensure that government websites have accessible features for people with disabilities, using the simple steps described in this document. An agency with an inaccessible website may also meet its legal obligations by providing an alternative accessible way for citizens to use the programs or services, such as a staffed telephone information line. These alternatives, however, are unlikely to provide an equal degree of access in terms of hours of operation and the range of options and programs available.

The World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) sets the main international standards for the World Wide Web and its accessibility. W3C created the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.0 and 2.1) which are similar to Section 508, but on an international level. WCAG 2.0 and 2.1 requires specific techniques for compliance and is more current than Section 508.

Many countries and international organizations require compliance with WCAG 2.0 and 2.1. The guidelines are categorized into three levels of compliance: A (must support), AA (should support), and AAA (may support). Representatives from the accessibility community around the world participate in the evolution of these guidelines.

Source: <https://www.w3.org/WAI/standards-guidelines/wcag/>

Visit <http://vglobaltech.com/website-compliance/> for more details, do a website compliance check on your website and to download a PDF proposal.

2.1 Common Problems and Solutions in Website Accessibility?

2.1.1 Problem: Images Without Text Equivalent

Solution: Add a Text Equivalent to Every Image

Adding a line of simple HTML code to provide text for each image and graphic will enable a user with a vision disability to understand what it is. Add a type of HTML tag, such as an “alt” tag for brief amounts of text or a “longdesc” tag for large amounts, to each image and graphic on your agency’s website.

The words in the tag should be more than a description. They should provide a text equivalent of the image. In other words, the tag should include the same meaningful information that other users obtain by looking at the image. In the example of the mayor’s picture, adding an “alt” tag with the words “Photograph of Mayor Jane Smith” provides a meaningful description.

In some circumstances, longer and more detailed text will be necessary to convey the same meaningful information that other visitors to the website can see. For example, a map showing the locations of neighborhood branches of a city library needs a tag with much more information in text format. In that instance, where the map conveys the locations of several facilities, add a “longdesc” tag that includes a text equivalent description of each location shown on the map – e.g., “City Center Library, 433 N. Main Street, located on North Main Street between 4th Avenue and 5th Avenue.”

2.1.2 Problem: Documents Are Not Posted In an Accessible Format

Solution: Post Documents in a Text-Based Format

Always provide documents in an alternative text-based format, such as HTML or RTF (Rich Text Format), in addition to PDF. Text-based formats are the most compatible with assistive technologies.

2.1.3 Problem: Specifying Colors and Font Sizes

Solution: Avoid Dictating Colors and Font Settings

Websites should be designed so they can be viewed with the color and font sizes set in users’ web browsers and operating systems. Users with low vision must be able to specify the text and background colors as well as the font sizes needed to see webpage content.

2.1.4 Problem: Videos and Other Multimedia Lack Accessible Features

Solution: Include Audio Descriptions and Captions

Videos need to incorporate features that make them accessible to everyone. Provide audio descriptions of images (including changes in setting, gestures, and other details) to make videos accessible to people who are blind or have low vision. Provide text captions synchronized with the video images to make videos and audio tracks accessible to people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

2.1.5 Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG)

Understanding the Four Principles of Accessibility

The guidelines and Success Criteria are organized around the following four principles, which lay the foundation necessary for anyone to access and use Web content. Anyone who wants to use the Web must have content that is:

1. **Perceivable** - Information and user interface components must be presentable to users in ways they can perceive.
 - This means that users must be able to perceive the information being presented (it can't be invisible to all of their senses)
2. **Operable** - User interface components and navigation must be operable.
 - This means that users must be able to operate the interface (the interface cannot require interaction that a user cannot perform)
3. **Understandable** - Information and the operation of user interface must be understandable.
 - This means that users must be able to understand the information as well as the operation of the user interface (the content or operation cannot be beyond their understanding)
4. **Robust** - Content must be robust enough that it can be interpreted reliably by a wide variety of user agents, including assistive technologies.
 - This means that users must be able to access the content as technologies advance (as technologies and user agents evolve, the content should remain accessible)

If any of these are not true, users with disabilities will not be able to use the Web.

Under each of the principles are guidelines and Success Criteria that help to address these principles for people with disabilities. There are many general usability guidelines that make content more **usable by all people**, including those with disabilities. However, in WCAG 2.1, we only include those guidelines that address problems particular to people with disabilities. This includes issues that block access or interfere with access to the Web more severely for people with disabilities.

See reference section at the end of this document for more information and websites for ADA, Usability and other important compliance issues and solutions.

VGlobalTech development and business management team shall study these compliance guidelines and with our technical capabilities apply these to make your website accessible, compatible and fully functional for all people, including those with disabilities.

Visit <https://vglobaltech.com/website-compliance/> for details of our compliance process and expertise in this area.

Please see References section for several resources on compliance.

3.0 Pricing

VGlobalTech team shall complete the following critical tasks for client website. All costs below are per website / CDD:

3.1 Existing Website Remediation / New Website Build:

	Task
1.	Remediate existing website / Build new website from start as per Florida Statute Chapter 189 requirements. Ensure ADA & WCAG compliance requirements. Customer shall provide all documents and content required. ALL webpages on the website. Create accessibility document, code review, html updates, plugins / security updates required for ADA and WCAG compliance
2.	Cross-Device Check (Website needs to appear as per ADA standards on Mobile Phones, Tablets, Desktops etc.). Braille Readers, Other assistance technology compatibility
3.	ADA Standards application (as per Section 1 above). ADA.gov, Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG)
4.	PDF Documents conversion (to Text, HTML etc.) as needed for ADA Compliance / Reader Compliance (up to 2 years of documents shall be converted)
5.	Create a webpage showing websites ADA Compliance efforts
6.	Create customized footer with VGlobalTech's ADA Compliance Seal (valid for 6 months from the launch date and <i>needs Quarterly ADA audit contract for renewals after 6 months</i>)
7.	Create board member emails (up to 10) and provide email access. Enable virus and antispam for inbox.
8.	Web Design Total: \$3000/- (one time)

3.2 ADA Compliance Monthly Maintenance and Hosting

Maintenance contract starts after initial conversion is completed (It is critical to maintain compliance as websites get updated):

The Annual Maintenance **DOES NOT** include the quarterly audits proposed in the next section. Maintenance contract is required for VGlobalTech’s proprietary document conversion software (PDF to RTF) to be used that allows faster, accurate and batch processing for document conversion.

	Task
1.	Full content upload support to regularly keep site updated (includes all documents, audit reports, agendas, meeting minutes, events etc.). Ensure content is in ADA and WCAG compliance for the entire site. Section 508 stipulations (applicable to CDD) and FIA /eGIS insurance requirements are met. These points are very critical to maintain a fully compliant website at all times. Update turnaround time – less than 24 hrs. from customer sending the content and documents to be updated to VGT team.
2.	PDF Documents conversion (to Text, HTML etc.) as needed (new documents during the maintenance year only) for ADA Compliance / Reader Compliance. VGlobalTech’s proprietary batch conversion software shall be used by our team for faster batch-conversion processing as long as the contract is valid (big time saver that creates compliant documents that can be uploaded to the website). There is no limit on how many documents or pages per documents can be converted per month using VGlobalTech’s software. If Auto conversion fails, VGlobalTech team shall perform manual OCR and conversion within 24 hrs.
3.	Update footer with VGlobalTech’s ADA Compliance Seal (extended for current year)
4.	Website hosting and backups – Premium hosting, unlimited file space, bandwidth, fast website response, regular automated backups, SSL certificates for secure site access (https protocol), 99.9% website uptime:
<p>Total Monthly Maintenance with full content upload, document conversion and Hosting: \$150 / month</p> <p>*support beyond 8 hrs. / month / CDD shall be billed at \$55 / hr. separately (VGlobalTech team shall be responsible to track and report hours exceeded, if any) ***Monthly maintenance must be paid before the 10th of every month</p>	

3.3 Quarterly Technical and Human Audit

This audit is as per the Florida Insurance Alliance guidelines. Please check with your insurance agency for specific requirements. **Read more here:** https://vglobaltech.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/FIA_ADA_Guidelines-2019-2020.pdf

VGlobalTech has partnered with a local agency for the visually impaired – LightHouse Works. LightHouse has developed a unique program for digital accessibility that is run by visually impaired personnel that are highly skilled in human auditing of websites and software as per the section 508 stipulations. Read more about our partnership here: <https://vglobaltech.com/website-compliance/>

Together we are now able to provide not one but two compliance seals for all our customers:

1. Digital Asset Technical Compliance Seal:



VGlobalTech in-house technical team shall remediate / test the website / software for ADA, WCAG compliance. VGlobalTech’s technical design & development team is fully aware of the Americans with Disability Act (**ADA**), Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (**WCAG**), **Section 508** of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and overall the design principles of a professional, accessible, functional and responsive web design. The entire team has taken dedicated time and efforts to learn these design principles first hand. Our purpose is clear – **Universal, Creative Web design that works for everyone, everywhere and every time!**

Cost for Audit: \$300 / per audit

- Can be paid yearly for all 4 audits (\$1200) or can be paid per audit every quarter \$300
- Seals renewed every quarter
- Audits are conducted by VGlobalTech and LightHouse Agency together
- Full Audit reports shall be provided

This proposal includes following points, stipulations terms and conditions:

*(1) conference call or in person meetings per month with client to review metrics, results and monthly recaps **unless otherwise noted*

* email and phone communication

*Anything out of the scope of work in the above proposal will be addressed and client will be immediately notified. After notification of additional work, a subsequent quote will be provided to cover that work.

*Client is responsible to adhering to timelines as far as information required to complete the task is concerned. If timelines are not adhered to and exceed 15 business days past the current marketing months, last day, all work will end. A new month with new allocated costs will be presented for future work to commence. No refunds and owed work will be due unless otherwise agreed upon. **An Invoice will be provided once signature approval of this project proposal. Payments will be made to VGLOBALTECH**

*Client is responsible for verifying quality of work, providing feedback, verifying that compliance has been met as required. VGlobalTech team shall not be responsible for any legal ramifications arising from work not done as per external agencies / organizations / associations needs if proper feedback is not provided by the customer. VGlobalTech's work will be in best faith but cannot guarantee all compliance / legal needs since we are not the final authority in the ADA or WCAG compliance area. VGlobalTech shall not be liable for any legal ramifications arising from compliance issues and cannot be held responsible for any legal or other lawsuits.

Refund Policy: The client may halt work and request for a refund within seven days of the date of signing this services agreement by mailing a signed letter to the main address listed on www.VGlobalTech.com website. If client requests a refund within seven days of the date of signing their agreement, they shall be liable to pay for all work completed and will be refunded the remaining balance of the initial payment if billable work has not exceeded a charge that would be greater than client's initial payment. If client requests a refund after the seven days from the date of the signing of the agreement client is liable to pay for all work completed plus an additional 25% of any remaining balance that may still be due. Once line item projects are complete no refunds will be issued. Confidentiality: All information between client and service provider inclusive of technical and business information relating to proprietary ideas, patentable ideas and/or trade secrets, existing and/or contemplated products and services, research and development, production, costs, profit and margin information, finances and financial projections, customers, clients, marketing, and current or future business plans and models, regardless of whether such information is designated as "Confidential Information" at the time of its disclosure and will be treated as such and with absolute confidentiality and will not be shared or used, which will be maintained at all times. The client is not allowed to disclose their price with any third parties. Doing so is in breach of this agreement. All information development will be shared and proprietary information and property between client and service providers.

4.0 Proposal Acceptance:

The VGlobalTech proposed solution and terms have been accepted by the customer and the VGlobalTech can proceed with the project. All payments shall be made according to this agreement.



Website, Monthly Maintenance w/ Hosting and Quarterly Audits

Section 3.1: One time (website conversion and compliance cost)

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Section 3.2 ADA Compliance Monthly Maintenance and Hosting

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Section 3.3 Quarterly Technical and Human Audit Testing

Signatures:

For Customer *Date*

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For VGlobalTech *Date*

5.0 References:

ADA Best Practices Tool Kit for State and Local Governments:

<https://www.ada.gov/pcatoolkit/chap5toolkit.htm>

U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section

<https://www.ada.gov/websites2.htm>

Web design Standards: <https://www.w3schools.com/>

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) <https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG21/>

VGlobalTech Web Content Accessibility Implementation and Checkpoints:

<http://vglobaltech.com/website-compliance/>



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**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

**Resolution 2021-22,
Authorizing the District Manager or
Treasurer to Execute the Public Depositors
Report**

RESOLUTION 2021-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT MANAGER OR TREASURER TO EXECUTE THE PUBLIC DEPOSITORS REPORT; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ANY OTHER FINANCIAL REPORTS AS REQUIRED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) of the North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District (the “District”) has established the positions of District Manager and Treasurer for the purposes of maintaining the financial records of the District; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT:

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of February, 2021.

ATTEST:

**NORTH RIVER RANCH
IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

**Resolution 2021-23,
Authorization to Establish Checking Account and
Designation of Authorized Signatories for
Operating Account(s)**

RESOLUTION 2021-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT DIRECTING PFM GROUP CONSULTING LLC, TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL BANK ACCOUNT AT _____ FOR THE DISTRICT AND APPOINT _____ AS SIGNORS ON THE ACCOUNT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, being situated within Manatee County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Supervisors desires to establish a local bank account for the District and appoint _____ and _____ as signors on the account.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1. PFM Group Consulting LLC, is directed to establish a local bank account at _____ for the District.

SECTION 2. _____ and _____ shall be appointed as signors on the account.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of February, 2021.

ATTEST:

**NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

**Resolution 2021-24,
Adopting Alternative Investment Guidelines**

RESOLUTION 2021-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP 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*, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, being situated within Manatee County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Supervisors (the "Board") is required to adopt an investment policy in accordance with Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, 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 NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT:

SECTION 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 credit quality rating from a 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.

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of February, 2021.

ATTEST:

**NORTH RIVER RANCH
IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

Bond Financing Team Funding Agreement

BOND FINANCING TEAM FUNDING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT AND NP LAND PARTNERS, LLC

THIS BOND FINANCING TEAM FUNDING AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is made and entered into this ____ day of February, 2021, by and between:

NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT, a local unit of special-purpose government established and existing pursuant to Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, and Chapter 189, *Florida Statutes*, and located within Manatee County, Florida ("District"), and

NP LAND PARTNERS, LLC, a Florida limited liability company and an owner of lands within in the District, and having a mailing address of 5800 Lakewood Ranch Blvd., Bradenton, Florida 34240 (the "Developer" and together with the District, the "Parties").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District (hereinafter the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida, which became effective on June 9, 2020, and being situated within Manatee County, Florida, 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 Developer desire to enter into this Agreement to provide funds to enable the District to commence its financing program.

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

1. PROVISION OF FUNDS. 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.

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.

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 six (6) 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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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: North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship
District
12051 Corporate Blvd.
Orlando, Florida 32817
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 Developer: NP Land Partners, LLC
5800 Lakewood Ranch Blvd.
Sarasota, Florida 34240
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.

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.

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

12. CONTROLLING LAW. This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida.

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.

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:

**NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair, Board of Supervisors

NP LAND PARTNERS, LLC

Witness

By: _____
Its: _____

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

Underwriter Agreement



MBS CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC

AGREEMENT FOR UNDERWRITING SERVICES NORTH RIVER RANCH STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

February 10, 2021

Board of Supervisors
North River Ranch Stewardship District

Dear Supervisors:

MBS Capital Markets, LLC (the "Underwriter") offers to enter into this agreement (the "Agreement") with the North River Ranch Stewardship District (the "District") which, upon your acceptance of this offer, will be binding upon the District and the Underwriter. The District is proposing to issue one or more series of bonds (the "Bonds") to acquire and/or construct certain public infrastructure improvements. This Agreement will be supplemented for each bond issuance.

1. **Scope of Services:** The scope of services to be provided in a non-fiduciary capacity by the Underwriter for this transaction will include those listed below.
 - Advice regarding the structure, timing, terms, and other similar matters concerning the particular municipal securities described above.
 - Preparation of rating strategies and presentations related to the issue being underwritten.
 - Preparations for and assistance with investor "road shows," if any, and investor discussions related to the issue being underwritten.
 - Advice regarding retail order periods and institutional marketing if the District decides to engage in a negotiated sale.
 - Assistance in the preparation of the Preliminary Official Statement, if any, and the Final Official Statement.
 - Assistance with the closing of the issue, including negotiation and discussion with respect to all documents, certificates, and opinions needed for the closing.
 - Coordination with respect to obtaining CUSIP numbers and the registration with the Depository Trust Company.
 - Preparation of post-sale reports for the issue, if any.
 - Structuring of refunding escrow cash flow requirements, but not the recommendation of and brokerage of particular municipal escrow investments.



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2. **Fees:** The Underwriter will be responsible for its own out-of-pocket expenses other than the fees and disbursements of underwriter's or disclosure counsel which fees shall be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds. Any fees payable to the Underwriter will be contingent upon the successful sale and delivery or placement of the Bonds. The underwriting fee for the sale or placement of the Bonds will be 2% of the par amount of Bonds issued.
3. **Termination:** Both the District and the Underwriter will have the right to terminate this Agreement without cause upon 90 days written notice to the non-terminating party.
4. **Purchase Contract:** At or before such time as the District gives its final authorization for the Bonds, the Underwriter and its counsel will deliver to the District a purchase or placement contract (the "Purchase Contract") detailing the terms of the Bonds.
5. **Notice of Meetings:** The District shall provide timely notice to the Underwriter for all regular and special meetings of the District. The District will provide, in writing, to the Underwriter, at least one week prior to any meeting, except in the case of an emergency meeting for which the notice time shall be the same as that required by law for the meeting itself, of matters and items for which it desires the Underwriter's input.
6. **Disclosures Concerning the Underwriter's Role Required by MSRB Rule G-17.** The Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's Rule G-17 requires underwriters to make certain disclosures to issuers in connection with the issuance of municipal securities. Those disclosures are attached hereto as "Exhibit A." By execution of this Agreement, you are acknowledging receipt of the same.



MBS CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC

This Agreement shall be effective upon your acceptance hereof and shall remain effective until such time as the Agreement has been terminated in accordance with Section 3 hereof.

Sincerely,
MBS Capital Markets, LLC

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brett Sealy', is positioned above a horizontal line.

Brett Sealy
Managing Partner

Approved and Accepted By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____



MBS CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC

EXHIBIT A

Disclosures Concerning the Underwriter's Role

- (i) Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board Rule G-17 requires an underwriter to deal fairly at all times with both municipal issuers and investors;
- (ii) The Underwriter's primary role is to purchase securities with a view to distribution in an arm's-length commercial transaction with the District and it has financial and other interests that differ from those of the District;
- (iii) Unlike a municipal advisor, the Underwriter does not have a fiduciary duty to the District under the federal securities laws and is, therefore, not required by federal law to act in the best interests of the District without regard to its own financial or other interests;
- (iv) The Underwriter has a duty to purchase securities from the District at a fair and reasonable price, but must balance that duty with its duty to sell municipal securities to investors at prices that are fair and reasonable; and
- (v) The Underwriter will review the official statement for the District's securities in accordance with, and as part of, its responsibilities to investors under the federal securities laws, as applied to the facts and circumstances of the transaction.

Disclosure Concerning the Underwriter's Compensation

Underwriter's compensation that is contingent on the closing of a transaction or the size of a transaction presents a conflict of interest, because it may cause the Underwriter to recommend a transaction that it is unnecessary or to recommend that the size of the transaction be larger than is necessary.

Conflicts of Interest

Payments to or from Third Parties. There are no undisclosed payments, values, or credits to be received by the Underwriter in connection with its underwriting of this new issue from parties other than the District, and there are no undisclosed payments to be made by the Underwriter in connection with this new issue to parties other than

the District (in either case including payments, values, or credits that relate directly or indirectly to collateral transactions integrally related to the issue being underwritten). In addition, there are no third-party arrangements for the marketing of the District's securities.

Profit-Sharing with Investors. There are no arrangements between the Underwriter and an investor purchasing new issue securities from the Underwriter (including purchases that are contingent upon the delivery by the District to the Underwriter of the securities) according to which profits realized from the resale by such investor of the securities are directly or indirectly split or otherwise shared with the Underwriter.



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Credit Default Swaps. There will be no issuance or purchase by the Underwriter of credit default swaps for which the reference is the District for which the Underwriter is serving as underwriter, or an obligation of that District.

Retail Order Periods. For new issues in which there is a retail order period, the Underwriter will honor such agreement to provide the retail order period. No allocation of securities in a manner that is inconsistent with a District's requirements will be made without the District's consent. In addition, when the Underwriter has agreed to underwrite a transaction with a retail order period, it will take reasonable measures to ensure that retail clients are bona fide.

Dealer Payments to District Personnel. Reimbursements, if any, made to personnel of the District will be made in compliance with MSRB Rule G-20, on gifts, gratuities, and non-cash compensation, and Rule G-17, in connection with certain payments made to, and expenses reimbursed for, District personnel during the municipal bond issuance process.

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

Bond Counsel Agreement

BOND COUNSEL AGREEMENT

This Bond Counsel Agreement is entered into this 10th day of February, 2021, by and between the **NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**, a special district organized and existing under the provisions of Chapter 2020-191, Laws of Florida (the "District"), and **BRYANT MILLER OLIVE P.A.**, a Florida professional service corporation ("BMO").

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the District plans to issue its revenue bonds (the "Bonds") to finance or refinance the acquisition, construction and equipping of certain assessable improvements benefiting residents of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to engage BMO as bond counsel in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds, on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, BMO desires to accept engagement as bond counsel for the District in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds, on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, which shall be deemed an integral part of this Agreement, and of the covenants and agreements herein contained, the District and BMO, both intending to be legally bound hereby, agree as follows:

1. BOND COUNSEL

1.1. *Duties of Bond Counsel.* BMO shall serve as bond counsel to the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. It is anticipated that such Bonds will be sold through a negotiated sale or private placement. The duties of BMO as bond counsel shall include the following:

1.1.1. Prepare all indentures (including a Master Indenture and Supplemental Indenture) with respect to the Bonds, and other documents relating to the Bonds, said duty to be performed in cooperation with the financial advisors and/or underwriters/placement agents engaged by the District.

1.1.2. Review all disclosure documents, including official statements, prepared or authorized by the District insofar as such documents contain descriptions of the Bonds and summaries of contracts or other documents relevant to the Bonds; provided, however, that BMO shall have no responsibility for the disclosure documents insofar as such documents describe the financial circumstances of the offering or any other statistical projects or data, and provided further, that BMO shall have no responsibility to the purchasers of the Bonds for state or federal securities law compliance in connection with the offering of the Bonds.

1.1.3. Review all underwriters' proposals as requested by the District, prepare all closing documents, and attend and be responsible for the closing, as well as attending drafting and informational meetings regarding the Bonds.

1.1.4. Render opinions in written form at the time the Bonds are to be authenticated and delivered, which opinions shall cover the legality of the Bonds and the exemption of the interest to be paid with respect to the Bonds from federal income taxation.

1.2 *Duties of Bond Counsel under this engagement are limited to those expressly set forth above. Among other things, Bond Counsel's duties do not include:*

1.2.1 Assisting in the preparation or review of an official statement or any other disclosure document with respect to the public offering of tax exempt debt obligations, or performing an independent investigation to determine the accuracy, completeness or sufficiency of any such document or rendering advice that the official statement or other disclosure document does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements contained therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

1.2.2 Preparing blue sky or investment surveys with respect to the debt instrument.

1.2.3 Drafting state constitutional or legislative amendments.

1.2.4 Pursuing test cases or other litigation (such as validation proceedings).

1.2.5 Making an investigation or expressing any view as to the creditworthiness of the District, any credit enhancement provider, liquidity provider or the debt instrument.

1.2.6 Assisting in the preparation of, or opining on, a continuing disclosure undertaking pertaining to any publicly offered debt or, after Closing, providing advice concerning any actions necessary to assure compliance with any continuing disclosure undertaking.

1.2.7 Representing the District in Internal Revenue Service examinations or inquiries, or Securities and Exchange Commission investigations.

1.2.8 After Closing, providing continuing advice to the District or any other party concerning any actions necessary to assure that interest paid on any tax exempt debt instrument will continue to be excludable from gross income for federal income tax

purposes (e.g., this engagement does not include rebate calculations for any tax exempt debt).

1.2.9 Providing any advice or opinions on bankruptcy matters.

1.2.10 Providing advice or opinions on interest rate swap agreements.

1.2.11 Addressing any other matter not specifically set forth above that is not required to render BMO's legal opinions.

1.3. Fees and Expenses for Services Rendered as Bond Counsel. Based upon (i) our understanding of the terms, structure, size and schedule of the financing represented by each Series of Bonds; (ii) the duties we will undertake pursuant to this agreement; (iii) the time we anticipate devoting to the financing; and (iv) the responsibilities we will assume in connection therewith, we will submit a fee for your approval prior to the issuance of each series of Bonds. Our fee may vary: (a) if the principal amount of Bonds actually issued differs significantly from the amount originally anticipated; (b) if material changes in the structure or schedule of the financing occur; or (c) if unusual or unforeseen circumstances arise which require a significant increase in our time or responsibility. If, at any time, we believe that circumstances require an adjustment of our original fee, we will advise you and request your prior approval. In addition, we will expect to be reimbursed for all client charges made or incurred on your behalf such as travel costs, photocopying, deliveries, long distance telephone charges, telecopier charges, filing fees, computer-assisted research and other expenses. Our fee is usually paid at the closing for a Bond issue, and we customarily do not submit any statement until the closing unless there is a substantial delay in completing the financing. We may submit an additional statement for client charges following the closing.

If for any reason the financing represented by an issue of Bonds is not consummated or is completed without the delivery of our bond opinion as Bond Counsel, or our services are otherwise terminated, we will expect to be compensated at our normal hourly rates (currently ranging from \$150 to \$350, depending on personnel) for time actually spent on your behalf plus client charges, as described above.

1.4 Limitations on Engagement: Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, it is understood and agreed that the District is not relying upon Bond Counsel for investment or accounting advice or decisions, or to investigate the character or credit of any persons with whom you are or may be dealing in connection with this matter.

1.5 Waiver of Future Conflicts: It is a condition of BMO's acceptance of this engagement that the District understand and agree that BMO may continue to represent, or may undertake in the future to represent, any existing or future client(s) in any matter which is not substantially related to the particular matter that BMO is handling for the District in this engagement.

1.6 Applicability to Future Engagements: Unless a different engagement letter is executed in the future, the terms of this engagement letter will also be applicable to and govern our professional relationship on all subsequent matters on or in which we may become involved or engaged on the District's behalf.

2. TERMINATION. This Agreement may be terminated by the District, or by BMO, with or without cause, upon fifteen (15) days prior written notice to the other. If the District terminates BMO for reasonable cause related to the District's dissatisfaction with the quality of the services rendered by BMO (such as, for example, BMO's failure to meet reasonable deadlines imposed by the District, BMO's neglect of its duties hereunder, or BMO's improper performance of its duties hereunder), then no compensation shall be paid to BMO for any services theretofore rendered pursuant to Section 1 of this Agreement. If the District terminates BMO for any other reason, but nevertheless sells the Bonds, then compensation to be paid by the District shall be an amount equal to the number of hours devoted by BMO to its services as bond counsel pursuant to Section 1 above through the termination date multiplied by \$350.00.

3. CONSTRUCTION. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Florida.

4. CONFLICTS. The rules regulating The Florida Bar provide that common representation of multiple parties is permissible where the clients are generally aligned in interest, even though there is some difference in interest among them. BMO is disclosing to the District that it has, and may in the future, serve as bond or disclosure counsel to other local governments or otherwise act as underwriter's counsel or trustee's counsel on public finance matters in Florida. From time to time, BMO may represent the firms which may underwrite the District's bonds, notes or other obligations (and other financial institutions hired by the District) on financings for other governmental entities in Florida on unrelated matters. In either case, such representations are standard and customary within the industry and BMO can effectively represent the District and the discharge of BMO's professional responsibilities to the District will not be prejudiced as a result, either because such engagements will be sufficiently different or because the potential for such prejudice is remote and minor and outweighed by consideration that it is unlikely that advice given to the other client will be relevant in any respect to the subject matter, and the District expressly consents to such other representations consistent with the circumstances herein described. The District acknowledges and agrees that BMO's role as bond counsel, disclosure counsel, or counsel to any local governmental entity or financial institution or in conjunction with public finance transactions is not likely to create or cause any actual conflict, and service as disclosure, bond, or counsel to other clients of BMO will not per se be construed as a conflict or be objectionable to the District.

Please understand that while we cannot, and do not, guarantee the outcome or success of this or any other engagement or professional undertaking, we will earnestly strive to represent and serve the District's interests in this engagement effectively, efficiently and responsively while endeavoring to accomplish its objectives in this engagement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the District and BMO have executed this Agreement as of the 10th day of February, 2021.

**NORTH RIVER RANCH IMPROVEMENT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

By: _____

Name: _____

Its: Chairman, Board of Supervisors

BRYANT MILLER OLIVE P.A.

By:  _____

Name: Misty W. Taylor, Shareholder

North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District

Trustee Proposal



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

February 4, 2021

North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District
c/o PFM Group Consulting LLC
12051 Corporate Boulevard
Orlando, Florida 32817

Re: North River Ranch Improvement Stewardship District
Special Assessment / Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2021

As requested, we are pleased to offer the following fee structure for the above referenced issue (per series of bonds):

Acceptance Fee	\$2,125
Closing Expenses	\$500 (Not to Exceed, Florida Closing)
Annual Trustee, Paying Agent & Registrar Fee (Calculated at 0.03% of Bonds Outstanding, Min of \$3,850 and Max of \$8,250)	\$3,850 (Estimated)
Ongoing Out-of-Pocket Expenses	7.50% of Annual Fees
Trustee Counsel Fee	\$5,250 (Estimated)

Extraordinary Administration Services ("EAS") are duties, responsibilities or activities not expected to be provided by the trustee or agent at the outset of the transaction, not routine or customary, and/or not incurred in the ordinary course of business, and which may require analysis or interpretation. Billing for fees and expenses related to EAS is appropriate in instances where particular inquiries, events or developments are unexpected, even if the possibility of such circumstances could have been identified at the inception of the transaction, or as changes in law, procedures, or the cost of doing business demand. At our option, EAS may be charged on an hourly (time expended multiplied by current hourly rate), flat or special fee basis at such rates or in such amounts in effect at the time of such services, which may be modified by us in our sole discretion from time to time. In addition, all fees and expenses incurred by the trustee or agent, in connection with the trustee's or agent's EAS and ordinary administration services and including without limitation the fees and expenses of legal counsel, financial advisors and other professionals, charges for document amendments and substitutions, tenders, optional redemptions, UCC filings, investment agreements, outside held money market funds, default administration, wire transfers, checks, internal transfers and securities transactions, travel expenses, communication costs, postage (including express mail and overnight delivery charges), copying charges and the like will be payable, at cost, to the trustee or agent. EAS fees are due and payable in addition to annual or ordinary administration fees. Failure to pay for EAS owed to U.S. Bank within 45 days may result in interest being charged on amounts owed to U.S. Bank for extraordinary administration services fees and expenses at the prevailing market rate. This proposal and the fees detailed herein are subject in all aspects to U.S. Bank's review and acceptance of the final financing documents which set forth our duties and responsibilities. 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 terms and conditions set forth herein, including agreement to any subsequent changes upon proper written notice. In the event your transaction is not finalized, any related expenses will be billed to the client directly.

All fees and expenses are payable in advance. Thank you for the opportunity to provide our services to the District and the District's professional team. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 954.938.2476 if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Scott A. Schuhle

Scott A. Schuhle
Vice President

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR OPENING A NEW ACCOUNT:

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

**North River Ranch
Improvement Stewardship District**

Funding Request No. 1

**NORTH RIVER RANCH
IMPROVEMENT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

Funding Request No. 001

2/10/2021

Item No.	Vendor	Invoice Number	General Fund
1	Developer Funding Funding Buffer	--	\$ 5,000.00
		TOTAL	\$ 5,000.00

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Board Member

Please Return To:
North River Ranch ISD
c/o PFM Group Consulting
12051 Corporate Boulevard
Orlando, FL 32817
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