Water Tank Road
Community Development District

Meeting Agenda

November 3, 2026

AGENDA

Water Tank Road
Community Development District

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October 27, 2026

Board of Supervisors Meeting
Water Tank Road Community Development District

Dear Board Members:

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the **Water Tank Road Community Development District** will be held on **Tuesday, November 3, 2026** at **10:00 AM** at **346 E. Central Ave., Winter Haven, Florida 33880.**

Zoom Video Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81498546869
Call-In Information: 1-646-876-9923
Meeting ID: 814 9854 6869

Following is the advance agenda for the meeting:

Landowners' Meeting

1. Determination of Number of Voting Units Represented
2. Call to Order
3. Election of Chairman for the Purpose of Conducting the Landowners' Meeting
4. Nominations for the Position of Supervisor
5. Casting of Ballots
6. Ballot Tabulation
7. Landowner's Questions and Comments
8. Adjournment

Board of Supervisors Meeting

1. Roll Call
2. Public Comment Period (Public comments will be limited to three (3) minutes)
3. Organizational Matters
    A. Administration of Oaths of Office to Newly Elected Board Members (Seat #3, Seat #4, & Seat #5)
    B. Consideration of Resolution 2027-01 Canvassing and Certifying the Results of the Landowners' Election
    C. Election of Officers
    D. Consideration of Resolution 2027-02 Electing Officers
4. Approval of Minutes of the June 2, 2026 Board of Supervisors Meeting
5. Public Hearing
    A. Public Hearing on the Adoption of Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure
        i. Consideration of Resolution 2027-03 Adopting Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure for the District
6. Ratification of Audit Services Engagement Letter for Fiscal Year 2026 Audit

7. Consideration of Agreement with PayGov.US for Electronic Payment Processing
8. Staff Reports
    A. Attorney
    B. Engineer
        i. Ratification of Work Authorization 2027-1 for Fiscal Year 2027 Engineering Services
    C. District Manager's Report
        i. Presentation/Ratification of Funding Request #10
        ii. Balance Sheet & Income Statement
9. Other Business
10. Supervisors Requests and Audience Comments
11. Adjournment

Landowners' Meeting

INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO LANDOWNERS' MEETING OF THE WATER TANK ROAD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR THE ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS

DATE:	Tuesday, November 3, 2026
TIME:	10:00 a.m.
LOCATION:	346 East Central Avenue Winter Haven, Florida 33880

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

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

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

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

A proxy is available upon request. To be valid, each proxy must be signed by <u>one</u> (1) of the legal owners of the property for which the vote is cast and must contain the typed or printed name of the individual who signed the proxy; the street address, legal description of the property or tax parcel identification number; and the number of authorized votes. If the proxy authorizes more than one vote, each property must be listed and the number of acres of each property must be included. The signature on a proxy does not need to be notarized.

Board of Supervisors Meeting

SECTION III

SECTION B

RESOLUTION 2027-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE WATER TANK ROAD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT CANVASSING AND CERTIFYING THE RESULTS OF THE LANDOWNERS' ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS HELD PURSUANT TO SECTION 190.006(2), FLORIDA STATUTES, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Water Tank Road Community Development District ("**District**") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, being situated entirely within the Town of Lake Hamilton, Polk County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*, a landowners meeting is required to be held within ninety (90) days of the District's creation and every two (2) years following the creation of the District for the purpose of electing supervisors of the District; and

WHEREAS, such landowners meeting was held at which the below recited persons were duly elected by virtue of the votes cast in their favor; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District, by means of this Resolution, desire to canvas the votes and declare and certify the results of said election.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE WATER TANK ROAD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. **ELECTION RESULTS.** 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:

Seat Number	Supervisor	Number of Votes
3	Lindsey Roden	_____
4	Bobbie Shockley	_____
5	Jessica Spencer	_____

2. **TERMS.** In accordance with Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes,* and by virtue of the number of votes cast for the Supervisors, the above-named persons are declared to have been elected for the following term of office:

Seat Number	Supervisor	Term	Term Expiration
3	Lindsey Roden	4 year	2030
4	Bobbie Shockley	4 year	2030
5	Jessica Spencer	2 year	2028

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of November 2026.

ATTEST**:**	**WATER TANK ROAD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**
_____	_____
Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chairperson/Vice Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION D

RESOLUTION 2027-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE WATER TANK ROAD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ELECTING THE OFFICERS OF THE WATER TANK ROAD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Water Tank Road Community Development District ("District"), is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated in the Town of Lake Hamilton, Polk County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District ("Board") desires to elect the Officers of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE WATER TANK ROAD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

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

Chairperson	_____
Vice Chairperson	_____
Secretary	Jill Burns
Assistant Secretary	_____
Assistant Secretary	_____
Assistant Secretary	_____
Assistant Secretary	George Flint

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of November 2026.

ATTEST**:**

WATER TANK ROAD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

_____
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

_____
Chairperson/Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING
WATER TANK ROAD
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Water Tank Road Community Development District was held on **Tuesday**, **June 2, 2026,** at 10:21 a.m. at 346 E. Central Ave., Winter Haven, Florida.

Present and constituting a quorum:

Lindsey Roden	Assistant Secretary
Jessica Spencer	Assistant Secretary
Bobbie Shockley	Assistant Secretary

Also present were:

Jill Burns	District Manager, GMS
Roy Van Wyk	District Counsel, Kilinski Van Wyk
Megan Birnholz-Couture	District Counsel, Kilinski Van Wyk
Joey Duncan *by Zoom*	District Engineer, Dewberry

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS **Roll Call**

Ms. Burns called the meeting to order and called the roll. Three Board members were present in person constituting a quorum.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS **Public Comment Period**

Ms. Burns stated that there were no members of the public present, and none via Zoom.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS **Approval of Minutes of the March 3, 2026 Board of Supervisors Meeting**

Ms. Burns presented the minutes from the March 3, 2026, Board of Supervisors meeting and asked for any comments, corrections, or questions. The Board had no changes to the minutes.

> On MOTION by Ms. Spencer seconded by Ms. Shockley, with all in favor, the Minutes of the March 3, 2026 Board of Supervisors Meeting, Board of Supervisors Meeting, were approved.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Public Hearing**

A. Public Hearing on the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget

Ms. Burns opened the advertised public hearing regarding adoption of the Fiscal Year 2027 budget.

> On MOTION by Ms. Roden, seconded by Ms. Spencer, with all in favor, Opening the Public Hearing, was approved.

i. Consideration of Resolution 2026-04 Adopting the District's Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget and Appropriating Funds

Ms. Burns presented Resolution 2026-04, explained the Fiscal Year 2027 budget updates, offered to answer questions, and noted that the budget is developer funded with costs billed only as incurred.

> On MOTION by Ms. Shockley seconded by Ms. Roden, with all in favor, Resolution 2026-04 Adopting the District's Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget and Appropriating Funds, was approved.

ii. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Developer Funding Agreement

Ms. Burns stated that the Fiscal Year 2027 Developer Funding Agreement with GLK Land Development, LLC was included for consideration. She explained that GLK Land Development, LLC would fund the District's operations and maintenance based on the budget adopted by the Board.

> On MOTION by Ms. Spencer, seconded by Ms. Roden, with all in favor, the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Developer Funding Agreement, was approved.

Ms. Burn asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

> On MOTION by Ms. Roden, seconded by Ms. Spencer, with all in favor, Closing the Public Hearing, was approved.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Consideration of Resolution 2026-05 Re-Setting a Public Hearing on the Adoption of Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure for the District (Suggested Date: November 3, 2026)**

Ms. Burns presented Resolution 2026-05, resetting the public hearing on the adoption of the amended and restated Rules of Procedure for November 3, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., to coincide with the scheduled landowner elections.

> On MOTION by Ms. Shockley, seconded by Ms. Spencer, with all in favor, Resolution 2026-05 Re-Setting a Public Hearing on the Adoption of Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure for the District on November 3, 2026, was approved.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Consideration of Resolution 2026-06 Designation of a Regular Monthly Meeting Date, Time, and Location for Fiscal Year 2026/2027**

Ms. Burns stated that the proposed meeting schedule would provide for four meetings during the fiscal year, to be held at 10:00 a.m. at the current location.

> On MOTION by Ms. Roden, seconded by Ms. Spencer, with all in favor, Resolution 2026-06 Designation of a Regular Monthly Meeting Date, Time, and Location for Fiscal Year 2026/2027, was approved.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Consideration of Resolution 2026-07 Designating a Date, Time, and Location for a Landowners' Meeting and Election (Tuesday, November 3, 2026 – Regular Meeting Date *(this CDD is required to hold LOE on 1st Tuesday of November this year)*(Seat #3, Seat #4, & Seat #5)**

Ms. Burns stated that the landowners' election is required to be held on the first Tuesday of the month, which coincides with the District's regular schedule. She requested a motion to approve setting the landowners' election for Tuesday, November 3, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. She stated that Seats 3, 4, and 5 would be up for election.

> On MOTION by Ms. Shockley, seconded by Ms. Roden, with all in favor, Resolution 2026-07 Designating a Date, Time, and Location for a Landowners' Meeting and Election (Tuesday, November 3, 2026 – Regular Meeting Date (Seat #3, Seat #4, & Seat #5), was approved.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Presentation of Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Report**

Ms. Burns presented the Fiscal Year 2025 audit report, noted the report to management on page 23, stated there were no findings or instances of non-compliance, confirmed it was a clean audit submitted to the state by the June 30 deadline, offered to answer questions, and requested a Board motion to accept the independent audit.

On MOTION by Ms. Spencer, seconded by Ms. Shockley, with all in favor, Accepting the Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Report, was approved.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Goals and Objectives**

A. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2027 Goals & Objectives

B. Review of Approve Fiscal Year 2026 Goals & Objectives and Authorizing Chair to Execute Final Form

Ms. Burns stated that the Fiscal Year 2027 goals match the Fiscal Year 2026 goals, explained the year-end review requirement, stated the District was on track to meet the Fiscal Year 2026 goals, and requested Board approval and authorization for the Chair to sign the required form.

On MOTION by Ms. Shockley, seconded by Ms. Spencer, with all in favor, Adopting the Fiscal Year 2027 Goals & Objectives and Accepting the Fiscal Year 2026 Goals & Objectives and Authorizing Chair to Execute Final Form, was approved.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Staff Reports**

A. Attorney

Ms. Birnholz-Couture had nothing to report so the next item followed.

B. Engineer

Mr. Duncan had nothing to report so the next item followed.

C. District Manager's Report

i. Ratification of Funding Request #9

Ms. Burns stated that this funding request had already been approved and needed to be ratified by the Board.

On MOTION by Ms. Spencer, seconded by Ms. Shockley, with all in favor, Funding Request #9, was ratified.

ii. Balance Sheet & Income Statement

Ms. Burns presented the balance sheet & incomes statements and stated there was no action necessary.

iii. Presentation of Number of Registered Voters – 0

Ms. Burns stated that the District is required to determine the number of registered voters as of April 15 each year to track the turnover of Board seats to residents. She reported that there were currently no registered voters within the community.

iv. Reminder to Board Members to File Form 1's by the July 1, 2026 Deadline

Ms. Burns reminded to Board Members to File Form 1's by the July 1, 2026 Deadline.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Other Business

There being no comments, the next item followed.

TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Supervisors' Requests and Audience Comments

There being no comments, the next item followed.

THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Adjournment

Ms. Burns asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

On MOTION by Ms. Roden, seconded by Ms. Shockley, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

_____ _____

Secretary/Assistant Secretary Chairman/Vice Chairman

SECTION V

SECTION A

SECTION 1

RESOLUTION 2027-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE WATER TANK ROAD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING AMENDED AND RESTATED RULES OF PROCEDURE; AND PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Water Tank Road Community Development District (the "**District**") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, as amended (the "**Act**"), and being situated in the Town of Lake Hamilton, Polk County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes the District to adopt rules to govern the administration of the District and to adopt resolutions as may be necessary for the conduct of District business; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE WATER TANK ROAD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The attached Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure are hereby adopted pursuant to this resolution as necessary for the conduct of District business. These Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the Board of Supervisors may amend these rules in accordance with the Act.

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 3rd day of November 2026.

ATTEST:

WATER TANK ROAD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

_____
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

_____
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure

EXHIBIT A
Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure

RULES OF PROCEDURE
WATER TANK ROAD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

EFFECTIVE AS OF NOVEMBER 3, 2026

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Rule 1.0 General.

(1) The Water Tank Road Community Development District ("District") was created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes, and was established to provide for the ownership, operation, maintenance, and provision of various capital facilities and services within its jurisdiction. The purpose of these rules ("Rules") is to describe the general operations of the District.

(2) Definitions located within any section of these Rules shall be applicable within all other sections, unless specifically stated to the contrary.

(3) Unless specifically permitted by a written agreement with the District, the District does not accept documents filed by electronic mail or facsimile transmission. Filings are only accepted during normal business hours, which are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

(4) A Rule of the District shall be effective upon adoption by affirmative vote of the District Board. After a Rule becomes effective, it may be repealed or amended only through the rulemaking procedures specified in these Rules. Notwithstanding, the District may immediately suspend the application of a Rule if the District determines that the Rule conflicts with Florida law. In the event that a Rule conflicts with Florida law and its application has not been suspended by the District, such Rule should be interpreted in the manner that best effectuates the intent of the Rule while also complying with Florida law. If the intent of the Rule absolutely cannot be effectuated while complying with Florida law, the Rule shall be automatically suspended.

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

Rule 1.1 Board of Supervisors; Officers and Voting.

(1) Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors of the District ("Board") shall consist of five (5) members. Members of the Board ("Supervisors") appointed by ordinance or rule or elected by landowners must be citizens of the United States of America and residents of the State of Florida. Supervisors elected or appointed by the Board to elector seats must be citizens of the United States of America, residents of the State of Florida and of the District and registered to vote with the Supervisor of Elections of the county in which the District is located and for those elected, shall also be qualified to run by the Supervisor of Elections. The Board shall exercise the powers granted to the District under Florida law.

(a) Supervisors shall hold office for the term specified by Section 190.006 of the Florida Statutes. If, during the term of office, any Board member(s) vacates their office, the remaining member(s) of the Board shall fill the vacancies by appointment for the remainder of the term(s). If three or more vacancies exist at the same time, a quorum, as defined herein, shall not be required to appoint replacement Board members.

(b) Three (3) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of conducting business, exercising powers and all other purposes. A Board member shall be counted toward the quorum if physically present at the meeting, regardless of whether such Board member is prohibited from, or abstains from, participating in discussion or voting on a particular item.

(c) Action taken by the Board shall be upon a majority vote of the members present, unless otherwise provided in the Rules or required by law. Subject to Rule 1.3(10), a Board member participating in the Board meeting by teleconference or videoconference shall be entitled to vote and take all other action as though physically present.

(d) Unless otherwise provided for by an act of the Board, any one Board member may attend a mediation session on behalf of the Board. Any agreement resulting from such mediation session must be approved pursuant to subsection (1)(c) of this Rule.

(2) Officers. At the first Board meeting held after each election where the newly elected members take office, the Board shall select a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer.

(a) The Chairperson must be a member of the Board. If the Chairperson resigns from that office or ceases to be a member of the Board, the Board shall select a Chairperson. The Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board. The Chairperson shall be authorized to execute resolutions and contracts on the District's behalf. The Chairperson shall convene and conduct all meetings of the Board. In the event the Chairperson is unable to attend a

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

(b) The Vice-Chairperson shall be a member of the Board and shall have such duties and responsibilities as specifically designated by the Board from time to time. The Vice-Chairperson has the authority to execute resolutions and contracts on the District's behalf in the absence of the Chairperson. If the Vice-Chairperson resigns from office or ceases to be a member of the Board, the Board shall select a Vice-Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board.

(c) The Secretary of the Board serves at the pleasure of the Board and need not be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the minutes of Board meetings and may have other duties assigned by the Board from time to time. An employee of the District Manager may serve as Secretary. The Secretary shall be bonded by a reputable and qualified bonding company in at least the amount of one million dollars ($1,000,000), or have in place a fidelity bond, employee theft insurance policy, or a comparable product in at least the amount of one million dollars ($1,000,000) that names the District as an additional insured.

(d) The Treasurer need not be a member of the Board but must be a resident of the State of Florida. The Treasurer shall perform duties described in Section 190.007(2) and (3) of the Florida Statutes, as well as those assigned by the Board from time to time. The Treasurer shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Treasurer shall either be bonded by a reputable and qualified bonding company in at least the amount of one million dollars ($1,000,000), or have in place a fidelity bond, employee theft insurance policy, or a comparable product in at least the amount of one million dollars ($1,000,000) that names the District as an additional insured.

(e) In the event that both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are absent from a Board meeting and a quorum is present, the Board may designate one of its members or a member of District staff to convene and conduct the meeting. In such circumstances, any of the Board members present are authorized to execute agreements, resolutions, and other documents approved by the Board at such meeting. In the event that the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are both unavailable to execute a document previously approved by the Board, the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may execute such document.

(f) The Board may assign additional duties to District officers from time to time, which include, but are not limited to, executing documents on behalf of the District.

(g) The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and any other person authorized by District Resolution may sign checks and warrants for the District, countersigned by the Treasurer or other persons authorized by the Board.

(3) Committees. The Board may establish committees of the Board, either on a permanent or temporary basis, to perform specifically designated functions. Committees may include individuals who are not members of the Board. Such functions may include, but are not limited to, review of bids, proposals, and qualifications, contract negotiations, personnel matters, and budget preparation. Florida Open Meetings Laws apply to such Committees.

(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 accordance with the provisions of Chapter 286 of the Florida Statutes.

(6) Voting Conflict of Interest. The Board shall comply with Section 112.3143 of the Florida Statutes, so as to ensure the proper disclosure of conflicts of interest on matters coming before the Board for a vote. For the purposes of this section, "voting conflict of interest" shall be governed by the Florida Constitution and Chapters 112 and 190 of the Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time. Generally, a voting conflict exists when a Board member is called upon to vote on an item which would inure to the Board member's special private gain or loss or the Board member knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of a principal by whom the Board member is retained, the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal, a business associate, or a relative including only a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law.

(a) When a Board member knows the member has a conflict of interest on a matter coming before the Board, the member should notify the Board's Secretary prior to participating in any discussion with the Board on the matter. The Board member shall publicly announce the conflict of interest at the meeting. This announcement shall appear in the minutes.

If the Board member was elected at a landowner's election or appointed to fill a vacancy of a seat last filled at a landowner's election, the Board member may vote or abstain from voting on the matter at issue. If the Board

member was elected by electors residing within the District, the Board member is prohibited from voting on the matter at issue. In the event that the Board member intends to abstain or is prohibited from voting, such Board member shall not participate in the discussion on the item subject to the vote.

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

(b) If a Board member inadvertently votes on a matter and later learns he or she has a conflict on the matter, the member shall immediately notify the Board's Secretary. Within fifteen (15) days of the notification, the member shall file the appropriate Memorandum of Voting Conflict, which will be attached to the minutes of the Board meeting during which the vote on the matter occurred. The Memorandum of Voting Conflict shall immediately be provided to other Board members and shall be read publicly at the next meeting held subsequent to the filing of the Memorandum of Voting Conflict. The Board member's vote is unaffected by this filing.

(c) It is not a conflict of interest for a Board member, the District Manager, or an employee of the District to be a stockholder, officer or employee of a landowner or of an entity affiliated with a landowner.

(d) In the event that a Board member elected at a landowner's election or appointed to fill a vacancy of a seat last filled at a landowner's election, has a continuing conflict of interest, such Board member is permitted to file a Memorandum of Voting Conflict at any time in which it shall state the nature of the continuing conflict. Only one such continuing Memorandum of Voting Conflict shall be required to be filed for each term the Board member is in office.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: §§ 112.3143, 190.006, 190.007, Fla. Stat.

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

(1) District Offices. Unless otherwise designated by the Board, the official District office shall be the District Manager's office identified by the District Manager. If the District Manager's office is not located within the county in which the District is located, the Board shall designate a local records office within such county which shall at a minimum contain, but not be limited to, the following documents:

(a) Agenda packages for prior twenty-four (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, but are not limited to, 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 their affiliation with the District ("Reporting Individual"). The Coordinator shall provide this list to the Commission by February 1 of each year, which list shall be current as of December 31 of the prior year. Each Supervisor and Reporting Individual shall promptly notify the Coordinator in writing if there are any changes to such person's name, e-mail address, or physical address. Each Supervisor and Reporting Individual shall promptly notify the Commission in the manner prescribed by the Commission if there are any changes to such person's e-mail address.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: §§ 112.31446(3), 112.3145(8)(a)1., 119.07, 119.0701, 190.006, Fla. Stat.

Rule 1.3 Public Meetings, Hearings, and Workshops.

(1) Notice. Except in emergencies, or as otherwise required by statute or these Rules, at least seven (7) days' 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, and shall satisfy the requirement to give at least seven (7) days' public notice stated herein. Each Notice shall state, as applicable:

(a) The date, time and place of the meeting, hearing or workshop;

(b) A brief description of the nature, subjects, and purposes of the meeting, hearing, or workshop;

(c) The District office address for the submission of requests for copies of the agenda, as well as a contact name and telephone number for verbal requests for copies of the agenda; and

(d) The following or substantially similar language: "Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting/hearing/workshop is asked to advise the District Office at least three (3) business days before the meeting/hearing/workshop by contacting the District Manager at (407) 841-5524. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1 (800) 955-8770 or 1 (800) 955-8771, who can aid you in contacting the District Office."

(e) The following or substantially similar language: "A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting/hearing/workshop with respect to any matter considered at the meeting/hearing/workshop is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."

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

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

(2) Mistake. In the event that a meeting is held under the incorrect assumption that notice required by law and these Rules has been given, the Board at its next properly noticed meeting shall cure such defect by considering the agenda items from the prior meeting individually and anew.

(3) Agenda. The District Manager, under the guidance of District Counsel and the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, shall prepare an agenda of the meeting/hearing/workshop. The agenda and any meeting materials available in an electronic format, excluding any confidential and any confidential and exempt information, shall be available to the public at least seven days before the meeting/hearing/workshop, except in an emergency. Meeting materials shall be defined as, and limited to, the agenda, meeting minutes, resolutions, and agreements of the District that District staff deems necessary for Board approval ("Meeting Materials"). 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, which includes but is not limited to emergency situations, time-sensitive matters, or newly discovered information essential for Board consideration, 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, or similar format, in preparing its agenda for its regular meetings:

Call to order
Roll call
Public comment
Organizational matters
Review of minutes
Specific items of old business
Specific items of new business
Staff reports
    (a) District Counsel
    (b) District Engineer
    (c) District Manager
        1. Financial Report

2. Approval of Expenditures
Supervisor's requests and comments
Public comment
Adjournment

(4) Minutes. The Secretary shall be responsible for preparing and keeping the minutes of each meeting of the Board. Minutes shall be corrected and approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting. The Secretary may work with other staff members in preparing draft minutes for the Board's consideration.

(5) Special Requests. Persons wishing to receive, by mail, notices or agendas of meetings, may so advise the District Manager or Secretary at the District Office. Such persons shall furnish a mailing address in writing and shall be required to pre-pay the cost of the copying and postage.

(6) Emergency Meetings. The Chairperson, or Vice-Chairperson if the Chairperson is unavailable, upon consultation with the District Manager and District Counsel, if available, may convene an emergency meeting of the Board without first having complied with sections (1) and (3) of this Rule, to act on emergency matters that may affect the public health, safety, or welfare. Whenever possible, the District Manager shall make reasonable efforts to provide public notice and notify all Board members of an emergency meeting twenty-four (24) hours in advance. Reasonable efforts may include telephone notification. Notice of the emergency meeting must be provided both before and after the meeting on the District's website, including the specific reasons for the emergency meeting. 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 three (3) minutes per person, unless extended or reduced by the Chairperson based on the number of speakers and meeting agenda and other reasonable factorsreasonable amount of time at each meeting for public comment and members of the public shall be permitted to provide comment on any proposition before the Board. The portion of the meeting generally reserved for public comment shall be identified in the agenda. Policies governing public comment may be adopted by the Board in accordance with Florida law.

(8) Budget Hearing. Notice of hearing on the annual budget(s) shall be in accord with Section 190.008 of the Florida Statutes. Once adopted in accord with Section 190.008 of the Florida Statutes, the annual budget(s) may be amended from time to time by action of the Board. Approval of invoices by the Board in excess of the

funds allocated to a particular budgeted line item shall serve to amend the budgeted line item.

(9) Public Hearings. Notice of required public hearings shall contain the information required by applicable Florida law and by these Rules applicable to meeting notices and shall be mailed and published as required by Florida law. The District Manager shall ensure that all such notices, whether mailed or published, contain the information required by Florida law and these Rules and are mailed and published as required by Florida law. Public hearings may be held during Board meetings when the agenda includes such public hearing.

(10) Participation by Teleconference/Videoconference. District staff may participate in Board meetings by teleconference or videoconference. Board members may also participate in Board meetings by teleconference or videoconference if in the good judgment of the Board extraordinary circumstances exist; provided however, at least three Board members must be physically present at the meeting location to establish a quorum. Such extraordinary circumstances shall be presumed when a Board member participates by teleconference or videoconference, unless a majority of the Board members physically present determines that extraordinary circumstances do not exist. Extraordinary circumstances may include, but are not limited to, illness, family emergencies, or other significant schedule conflicts which prevent in-person meeting attendance.

(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, an opportunity for final board discussion and an affirmative vote by the majority of the Board members present. Any Board member, including the Chairperson, can make or second a motion.

(12) Continuances. Any meeting or public hearing of the Board may be continued without re-notice or re-advertising provided that:

(a) The Board identifies on the record at the original meeting a reasonable need for a continuance;

(b) The continuance is to a specified date, time, and location publicly announced at the original meeting; and

(c) The public notice for the original meeting states that the meeting may be continued to a date and time and states that the date, time, and location of any continuance shall be publicly announced at the original meeting and posted at the District Office immediately following the original meeting.

(13) Attorney-Client Sessions. An Attorney-Client Session is permitted when the District's attorneys deem it necessary to meet in private with the Board to discuss pending litigation to which the District is a party before a court or administrative agency or as may be authorized by law. The District's attorney must request such session at a public meeting. Prior to holding the Attorney-Client Session, the District must give reasonable public notice of the time and date of the session and the names of the persons anticipated to attend the session. The session must commence at an open meeting in which the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson announces the commencement of the session, the estimated length of the session, and the names of the persons who will be attending the session. The discussion during the session is confined to settlement negotiations or strategy related to litigation expenses or as may be authorized by law. Only the Board, the District's attorneys (including outside counsel), the District Manager, and the court reporter may attend an Attorney-Client Session. During the session, no votes may be taken and no final decisions concerning settlement can be made. Upon the conclusion of the session, the public meeting is reopened, and the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson must announce that the session has concluded. The session must be transcribed by a court-reporter and the transcript of the session filed with the District Secretary within a reasonable time after the session. The transcript shall not be available for public inspection until after the conclusion of the litigation.

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

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: §§ 189.069(2)(a)16, 190.006, 190.007, 190.008, 286.0105, 286.011, 286.0113, 286.0114, Fla. Stat.

Rule 1.4 Internal Controls to Prevent Fraud, Waste and Abuse

(1) Internal Controls. The District shall establish and maintain internal controls designed to:

(a) Prevent and detect "fraud," "waste" and "abuse" as those terms are defined in section 11.45(1), *Florida Statutes*; and
(b) Promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules contracts, grant agreements, and best practices; and
(c) Support economical and efficient operations; and
(d) Ensure reliability of financial records and reports; and
(e) Safeguard assets.

(2) Adoption. The internal controls to prevent fraud, waste and abuse shall be adopted and amended by the District in the same manner as District policies.

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

Rule 2.0 Rulemaking Proceedings.

(1) Commencement of Proceedings. Proceedings held for adoption, amendment, or repeal of a District rule shall be conducted according to these Rules. Rulemaking proceedings shall be deemed to have been initiated upon publication of notice by the District. A "rule" is a District statement of general applicability that implements, interprets, or prescribes law or policy, or describes the procedure or practice requirements of the District ("Rule"). Nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the District to consider or adopt rules unless required by Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes. Policies adopted by the District which do not consist of rates, fees, rentals or other monetary charges may be, but are not required to be, implemented through rulemaking proceedings.

(2) Notice of Rule Development.

(a) Except when the intended action is the repeal of a Rule, the District shall provide notice of the development of a proposed rule by publication of a Notice of Rule Development in a newspaper of general circulation in the District before providing notice of a proposed rule as required by section (3) of this Rule. Consequently, the Notice of Rule Development shall be published at least seven (7) days before the notice of rulemaking described in Section 2.0(3), infra., and at least thirty-five (35) 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 grant of rulemaking authority for the proposed rule and law being implemented, include the proposed rule number, 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, including: a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed action, the proposed rule number (if applicable), a reference to the specific rulemaking authority pursuant to which the rule is adopted, a reference to the section or subsection of the Florida Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific, and the name, e-mail address, and telephone number of the staff member who may be contacted regarding the intended action. The notice shall include a summary of the District's statement of estimated regulatory costs and the website address where the complete statement of estimated regulatory costs may be viewed, if such a

statement has been prepared pursuant to Section 120.541(2), *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 and any material proposed to be incorporated by reference shall be available for inspection and copying by the public at the time of the publication of notice.

(c) The notice shall be mailed, delivered electronically to all persons named in the proposed rule and to all persons who, at least fourteen (14) days prior to publication of the notice, have made requests of the District for advance notice of its rulemaking proceedings. Any person may file a written request with the District Manager to receive notice 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 thirty (30) 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 it is necessitated by immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare which requires immediate action, or if the Legislature authorizes the Board to adopt emergency rules. 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 the emergency rules together with the Board's findings of immediate danger, necessity, and procedural fairness or a citation to the grant of emergency rulemaking authority 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 provided that such procedure protects the public interest and complies with applicable law and 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 ten (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 qualified person as a hearing officer who shall conduct a hearing within thirty (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 thirty (30) days after the hearing, the hearing officer shall render a decision and state the reasons therefor in writing.

(e) Hearings held under this section shall be de novo in nature. The petitioner has a burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the existing rule is an invalid exercise of District authority as to the objections raised. The hearing officer may:

(i) Administer oaths and affirmations;

(ii) Rule upon offers of proof and receive relevant evidence;

(iii) Regulate the course of the hearing, including any pre-hearing matters;

(iv) Enter orders; and

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

(f) The petitioner and the District shall be adverse parties. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings.

(12) Variances and Waivers. A "variance" means a decision by the District to grant a modification to all or part of the literal requirements of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule. A "waiver" means a decision by the District not to apply all or part of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule. Variances and waivers from District rules may be granted subject to the following:

(a) Variances and waivers shall be granted when the person subject to the rule demonstrates that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means by the person, and when application of the rule would create a substantial hardship or would violate principles of fairness. For purposes of this section, "substantial hardship" means a demonstrated economic, technological, legal, safety-related, or other significant type of hardship to the person requesting the variance or waiver. For purposes of this section, "principles of fairness" are violated when the literal application of a rule affects a particular person in a manner significantly different from the way it affects other similarly situated persons who are subject to the rule.

(b) A person who is subject to regulation by a District Rule may file a petition with the District, requesting a variance or waiver from the District's Rule. Each petition shall specify:

(i) The rule from which a variance or waiver is requested;

(ii) The type of action requested;

(iii) The specific facts that would justify a waiver or variance for the petitioner; and

(iv) The reason why the variance or the waiver requested would serve the purposes of the underlying statute.

(c) The District shall review the petition and may request only that information needed to clarify the petition or to answer new questions raised by or directly related to the petition. If the petitioner asserts that any request for additional information is not authorized by law or by Rule of the District, the District shall proceed, at the petitioner's written request, to process the petition.

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

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

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 190.035, Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: §§ 120.54, 190.011(5), 190.035(2), Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.0 Competitive Purchase.

(1) Purpose and Scope. In order to comply with Sections 190.033(1) through (3), 287.055 and 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, the following provisions shall apply to the purchase of Professional Services, insurance, construction contracts, design-build services, goods, supplies, and materials, Contractual Services, and maintenance services.

(2) Board Authorization. Except in cases of an Emergency Purchase, a competitive purchase governed by these Rules shall only be undertaken after authorization by the Board.

(3) Definitions.

(a) "Competitive Solicitation" means a formal, advertised procurement process, other than an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, or Invitation to Negotiate, approved by the Board to purchase commodities and/or services which affords vendors fair treatment in the competition for award of a District purchase contract.

(b) "Continuing Contract" means a contract for Professional Services entered into in accordance with Section 287.055 of the Florida Statutes, between the District and a firm, whereby the firm provides Professional Services to the District for projects in which the costs do not exceed two million dollars ($2,000,000), for a study activity when the fee for such Professional Services to the District does not exceed two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000), or for work of a specified nature as outlined in the contract with the District, with no time limitation except that the contract must provide a termination clause (for example, a contract for general District engineering services). Firms providing Professional Services under Continuing Contracts shall not be required to bid against one another.

(c) "Contractual Service" means the rendering by a contractor of its time and effort rather than the furnishing of specific commodities. The term applies only to those services rendered by individuals and firms who are independent contractors. Contractual Services do not include auditing services, Maintenance Services, or Professional Services as defined in Section 287.055(2)(a) of the Florida Statutes, and these Rules. Contractual Services also do not include any contract for the furnishing of labor or materials for the construction, renovation, repair, modification, or demolition of any facility, building, portion of building, utility, park, parking lot, or structure or other improvement to real property entered into pursuant to Chapter 255 of the Florida Statutes, and Rules 3.5 or 3.6.

(d) "Design-Build Contract" means a single contract with a Design-Build Firm for the design and construction of a public construction project.

(e) "Design-Build Firm" means a partnership, corporation or other legal entity that:

(i) Is certified under Section 489.119 of the Florida Statutes, to engage in contracting through a certified or registered general contractor or a certified or registered building contractor as the qualifying agent; or

(ii) Is certified under Section 471.023 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice engineering; certified under Section 481.219 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice architecture; or certified under Section 481.319 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice landscape architecture.

(f) "Design Criteria Package" means concise, performance-oriented drawings or specifications for a public construction project. The purpose of the Design Criteria Package is to furnish sufficient information to permit Design-Build Firms to prepare a bid or a response to the District's Request for Proposals, or to permit the District to enter into a negotiated Design-Build Contract. The Design Criteria Package must specify performance-based criteria for the public construction project, including the legal description of the site, survey information concerning the site, interior space requirements, material quality standards, schematic layouts and conceptual design criteria of the project, cost or budget estimates, design and construction schedules, site development requirements, provisions for utilities, stormwater retention and disposal, and parking requirements applicable to the project. Design Criteria Packages shall require firms to submit information regarding the qualifications, availability, and past work of the firms, including the partners and members thereof.

(g) "Design Criteria Professional" means a firm who holds a current certificate of registration under Chapter 481 of the Florida Statutes, to practice architecture or landscape architecture, or a firm who holds a current certificate as a registered engineer under Chapter 471 of the Florida Statutes, to practice engineering, and who is employed by or under contract to the District to provide professional architect services, landscape architect services, or engineering services in connection with the preparation of the Design Criteria Package.

(h) "Emergency Purchase" means a purchase necessitated by a sudden unexpected turn of events (for example, acts of God, riot, fires, floods, hurricanes, accidents, or any circumstances or cause beyond the control of the Board in the normal conduct of its business), where the Board finds that the delay incident to competitive purchase would be detrimental to the interests of the District. This includes, but is not limited to, instances where

the time to competitively award the project will jeopardize the funding for the project, will materially increase the cost of the project, or will create an undue hardship on the public health, safety, or welfare.

(i) "Invitation to Bid" is a written or electronically posted 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 or electronically posted 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 or electronically posted 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, provided that for a public works project as defined in Section 255.0992, *Florida Statutes*, the District may not penalize a bidder for performing a larger volume of construction work for the District or reward a bidder for performing a smaller volume of construction work for the District;

(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 as defined in Section 287.0943, *Florida Statutes*.

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

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: §§ 190.033, 255.0992, 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, electronic mail, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's ranking decisions under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

(5) Competitive Negotiation.

(a) After the Board has authorized the beginning of competitive negotiations, the District may begin such negotiations with the firm listed as most qualified to perform the required Professional Services at a rate or amount of compensation which the Board determines is fair, competitive, and reasonable.

(b) In negotiating a lump-sum or cost-plus-a-fixed-fee professional contract for more than the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR, the firm receiving the award shall be required to execute a truth-in-negotiation certificate stating that "wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are accurate, complete and current at the time of contracting." In addition, any professional service contract under which such a certificate is required, shall contain a provision that "the original contract price and any additions thereto, shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the Board determines the contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or noncurrent wage rates and other factual unit costs."

(c) Should the District be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the firm determined to be the most qualified at a price deemed by the District to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, then negotiations with that firm shall be terminated and the District shall immediately begin negotiations with the second most qualified firm. If a satisfactory agreement with the second firm cannot be reached, those negotiations shall be terminated and negotiations with the third most qualified firm shall be undertaken.

(d) Should the District be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with one of the top three (3) ranked consultants, additional firms shall be selected by the District, in order of their competence and qualifications. Negotiations shall continue, beginning with the first-named firm on the list, until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.

(6) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.

(7) Continuing Contract. Nothing in this Rule shall prohibit a Continuing Contract between a consultant and the District.

(8) Emergency Purchase. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these Rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 190.011(3), 190.033, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.2 Procedure Regarding Auditor Selection.

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

(1) Definitions.

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

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

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

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

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

(i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;

(ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;

(iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the proposer is a corporation; and

(iv) Meet any pre-qualification requirements established by the Committee and set forth in the RFP or other specifications.

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

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

(i) Ability of personnel;

(ii) Experience;

(iii) Ability to furnish the required services; and

(iv) Such other factors as may be determined by the Committee to be applicable to its particular requirements.

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

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

(5) Request for Proposals. The Committee shall provide interested firms with a Request for Proposals ("RFP"). The RFP shall provide information on how proposals are to be evaluated and such other information the Committee determines is necessary for the firm to prepare a proposal. The RFP shall state the time and

place for submitting proposals.

(6) Committee's Evaluation of Proposals and Recommendation. The Committee shall meet at a publicly held meeting that is publicly noticed at least seven (7) days 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, electronic mail, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests regarding the award of contracts under this Rule shall be as provided for in Rule 3.11. No proposer shall be entitled to recover any costs of proposal preparation or submittal from the District.

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

Rule 3.3 Purchase of Insurance.

(1) Scope. The purchases of life, health, accident, hospitalization, legal expense, or annuity insurance, or all of any kinds of such insurance for the officers and employees of the District, and for health, accident, hospitalization, and legal expenses upon a group insurance plan by the District, shall be governed by this Rule. This Rule does not apply to the purchase of any other type of insurance by the District, including but not limited to liability insurance, property insurance, and directors and officers insurance. Nothing in this Rule shall require the District to purchase insurance.

(2) Procedure. For a purchase of insurance within the scope of these Rules, the following procedure shall be followed:

(a) The Board shall cause to be prepared a Notice of Invitation to Bid.

(b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District. The notice shall allow at least fourteen (14) days for submittal of bids.

(c) The District may maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid. The District shall make reasonable efforts to provide copies of any notices to such persons, but the failure to do so shall not give such consultants any bid protest or other rights or otherwise disqualify any otherwise valid procurement process.

(d) Bids shall be opened at the time and place noted in the Invitation to Bid.

(e) If only one (1) response to an Invitation is received, the District may proceed with the purchase. If no response to an Invitation to Bid is received, the District may take whatever steps are reasonably necessary in order to proceed with the purchase.

(f) The Board has the right to reject any and all bids and such reservations shall be included in all solicitations and advertisements.

(g) Simultaneously with the review of the submitted bids, the District may undertake negotiations with those companies that have submitted reasonable and timely bids and, in the opinion of the District, are fully qualified and capable of meeting all services and requirements. Bid responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the specifications and criteria contained in the Invitation to Bid; in addition, the total cost to the District, the cost, if any, to the District officers, employees, or their dependents, relevant business presence and capability to service the District's needs, and the ability of the company to guarantee premium stability may be considered. A contract to purchase insurance shall be

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

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

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: § 112.08, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.4 Pre-qualification

(1) Scope. In its discretion, the District may undertake a pre-qualification process in accordance with this Rule for vendors to provide construction services, goods, supplies, and materials, Contractual Services, and maintenance services.

(2) Procedure. When the District seeks to pre-qualify vendors, the following procedures shall apply:

(a) The Board shall cause to be prepared a Request for Qualifications.

(b) For construction services exceeding the thresholds described in Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, the Board must advertise the proposed prequalification 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, or hand delivery, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any pre-qualification determination or contract awarded in accordance with these Rules and shall not be a basis for a protest of any pre-qualification determination or contract award.

(e) If the District has pre-qualified vendors for a particular category of purchase, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies or responses in response to the applicable Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

(f) In order to be eligible to submit qualifications, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the qualifications:

(i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;

(ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;

(iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and

(iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Request for Qualifications.

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

(g) Qualifications shall be presented to the Board, or a committee appointed by the Board, for evaluation in accordance with the Request for Qualifications and this Rule. Minor variations in the qualifications may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature.

(h) All vendors determined by the District to meet the pre-qualification requirements shall be pre-qualified. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the requirements contained in a Request for Qualifications, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of qualifications. For construction services, any contractor pre-qualified and considered eligible by the Department of Transportation to bid to perform the type of work the project entails shall be presumed to be qualified to perform the project.

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

(j) 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, 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), *Florida Statutes*, 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.

xiii. Any other circumstance constituting "good cause" under Section 337.16(2), *Florida Statutes*, exists.

(b) The pre-qualified status of a contractor found delinquent under Section 337.16(1), *Florida Statutes*, shall be denied, suspended, or revoked. 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 ten (10) days after the receipt of the notice of intent, the hearing shall be held within thirty (30) days after receipt by the District of the request for the hearing. The decision shall be issued in writing within fifteen (15) business days after the hearing.

(d) Such suspension or revocation shall not affect the vendor's obligations under any preexisting contract.

(e) If a contractor's pre-qualified status is revoked, suspended, or denied and the contractor receives an additional period of revocation, suspension, or denial of its pre-qualified status, the time periods will run consecutively.

(f) 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.

(g) The District shall deny or revoke the pre-qualified status of any contractor and its affiliates for a period of 36 months when it is determined by the District that the contractor has, subsequent to January 1, 1978, been convicted of a contract crime within the jurisdiction of any state or federal court. Any such contractor shall not act as a prime contractor, material supplier, subcontractor, or consultant on any District contract or project during the period of denial or revocation.

(4) <u>Reapplication and Reinstatement</u>

(a) A contractor whose qualification to bid has been revoked or denied because of contract crime may, at any time after revocation or denial, file a petition for

reapplication or reinstatement. However, a contractor may not petition for reapplication or reinstatement for a period of 24 months after revocation or denial for a subsequent conviction occurring within 10 years of a previous denial or revocation for contract crime.

(b) If the petition for reapplication or reinstatement is denied, the contractor cannot petition for a subsequent hearing for a period of nine months following the date of the final order of revocation or denial.

(c) If the petition for reapplication or reinstatement is granted, the contractor must file a current Application for Qualification with the Contracts Administration Office. Reinstatement shall not be effective until issuance of a Certificate of Qualification.

(5) Emergency Suspension and Revocation

(a) The District may summarily issue an emergency suspension of a contractor's qualification to bid if it finds that imminent danger exists to the public health, safety, or welfare.

(b) The written notice of emergency suspension shall state the specific facts and reasons for finding an imminent danger to the public health, safety, or welfare exists.

(c) The District, within 10 days of the emergency suspension, shall initiate formal suspension or revocation proceedings in compliance with Rule 3.4(3), except the 10-day notice requirement shall not be construed to prevent a hearing at the earliest time practicable upon request of the aggrieved party.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: §§ 190.033, 255.0525, 255.20, Fla. Stat.; §§ 14-22.012, 14-22.0121, 14-22.014, Fla. Admin. Code.

Rule 3.5 Construction Contracts, Not Design-Build.

(1) Scope. All contracts for the construction or improvement of any building, structure, or other public construction works authorized by Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes, the costs of which are estimated by the District in accordance with generally accepted cost accounting principles to be in excess of the threshold amount for applicability of Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, as that amount may be indexed or amended from time to time, shall be let under the terms of these Rules and the procedures of Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time. A project shall not be divided solely to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.

(2) Procedure. When a purchase of construction services is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:

(a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

(b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of sealed bids, proposals, replies, or responses, unless the Board, for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate. Any project projected to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) must be noticed at least thirty (30) days prior to the date for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses. If the Board has previously pre-qualified contractors pursuant to Rule 3.4 and determined that only the contractors that have been pre-qualified will be permitted to submit bids, proposals, replies, and responses, the Notice of Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation need not be published. Instead, the Notice of Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be sent to the pre-qualified contractors by United States Mail, electronic mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service.

(c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, and Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, or hand delivery, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.

(d) If the District has pre-qualified 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 competent jurisdiction 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 five (5) years shall be deemed 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, provided such corrections do not result in a material change to the bid amount or create an unfair advantage. 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, electronic mail, hand delivery, 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 only when there exists an immediate and serious need for construction services that cannot be met through normal procurement methods and the lack of such services would seriously threaten: (i) the District's ability to perform essential services; (ii) the preservation or protection of property or improvements; or (iii) the health, safety, or welfare of any person. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary, along with a detailed description of the basis for the emergency determination, shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board Meeting.

(6) Exceptions. This Rule is inapplicable when:

(a) The project is undertaken as repair or maintenance of an existing public facility;

(b) The funding source of the project will be diminished or lost because the time required to competitively award the project after the funds become available exceeds the time within which the funding source must be spent;

(c) The District has competitively awarded a project and the contractor has abandoned the project or the District has terminated the contract; or

(d) The District, after public notice, conducts a public meeting under Section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes, and finds by a majority vote of the Board

that it is in the public's best interest to perform the project using its own services, employees, and equipment.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 189.053, 190.033, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.6 Construction Contracts, Design-Build.

(1) Scope. The District may utilize Design-Build Contracts for any public construction project for which the Board determines that use of such contract is in the best interest of the District. When letting a Design-Build Contract, the District shall use the following procedure:

(2) Procedure.

(a) The District shall utilize a Design Criteria Professional meeting the requirements of Section 287.055(2)(k) of the Florida Statutes, when developing a Design Criteria Package, evaluating the proposals and qualifications submitted by Design-Build Firms, and determining compliance of the project construction with the Design Criteria Package. The Design Criteria Professional may be an employee of the District, may be the District Engineer selected by the District pursuant to Section 287.055 of the Florida Statutes, or may be retained pursuant to Rule 3.1. The Design Criteria Professional is not eligible to render services under a Design-Build Contract executed pursuant to the Design Criteria Package.

(b) A Design Criteria Package for the construction project shall be prepared and sealed by the Design Criteria Professional. If the project utilizes existing plans, the Design Criteria Professional shall create a Design Criteria Package by supplementing the plans with project specific requirements, if any.

(c) The Board may either choose to award the Design-Build Contract pursuant to the competitive proposal selection process set forth in Section 287.055(9) of the Florida Statutes, or pursuant to the qualifications-based selection process pursuant to Rule 3.1.

(i) Qualifications-Based Selection. If the process set forth in Rule 3.1 is utilized, subsequent to competitive negotiations, a guaranteed maximum price and guaranteed completion date shall be established.

(ii) Competitive Proposal-Based Selection. If the competitive proposal selection process is utilized, the Board, in consultation with the Design Criteria Professional, shall establish the criteria, standards

and procedures for the evaluation of Design-Build Proposals based on price, technical, and design aspects of the project, weighted for the project. After a Design Criteria Package and the standards and procedures for evaluation of proposals have been developed, competitive proposals from qualified firms shall be solicited pursuant to the design criteria by the following procedure:

1. A Request for Proposals shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located. The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of sealed proposals, unless the Board, for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate. Any project projected to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) must be noticed at least thirty (30) days prior to the date for submittal of proposals.

2. The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Requests for Proposals. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, or hand delivery, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.

3. In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, a firm must, at the time of receipt of the proposals:

    a. Hold the required applicable state professional licenses in good standing, as defined by Section 287.055(2)(h) of the Florida Statutes;

    b. Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;

    c. Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the proposer is a corporation;

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

Any contractor that has been found guilty by a court of any violation of federal labor or employment tax laws regarding subjects including but not limited to reemployment assistance, safety, tax withholding, worker's compensation, unemployment tax, social security and Medicare tax, wage or hour, or prevailing rate laws within the past five (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, electronic mail, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's rankings under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

8. The Board shall negotiate a contract with the firm ranking the highest based on the evaluation standards and shall establish a price which the Board determines is fair, competitive and reasonable. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the second most qualified firm, based on the ranking by the evaluation standards. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the second most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the third most qualified firm. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the third most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with any of the selected firms, the Board shall select additional firms in order of their rankings based on the evaluation standards and continue negotiations until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.

9. After the Board contracts with a firm, the firm shall bring to the Board for approval, detailed working drawings of the project.

10. The Design Criteria Professional shall evaluate the compliance of the detailed working drawings and project construction with the Design Criteria Package and shall provide the Board with a report of the same.

(3) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.

(4) Emergency Purchase. The Board may, in case of public emergency, declare an emergency and immediately proceed with negotiations with the best qualified Design-Build Firm available at the time. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

(5) Exceptions. This Rule is inapplicable when:

(a) The project is undertaken as repair or maintenance of an existing public facility;

(b) The funding source of the project will be diminished or lost because the time required to competitively award the project after the funds become available exceeds the time within which the funding source must be spent;

(c) The District has competitively awarded a project and the contractor has abandoned the project or the District has terminated the contractor; or

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

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 189.053, 190.033, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.7 Payment and Performance Bonds.

(1) Scope. This Rule shall apply to contracts for the construction of a public building, for the prosecution and completion of a public work, or for repairs upon a public building or public work and shall be construed in addition to terms prescribed by any other Rule that may also apply to such contracts.

(2) Required Bond. Upon entering into a contract for any of the services described in section (1) of this Rule in excess of $200,000, the Board should require that the contractor, before commencing the work, execute and record a payment and performance bond in an amount equal to the contract price. Notwithstanding the terms of the contract or any other law, the District may not make payment to the contractor until the contractor has provided to the District a certified copy of the recorded bond.

(3) Discretionary Bond. At the discretion of the Board, upon entering into a contract for any of the services described in section (1) of this Rule for an amount not exceeding $200,000, the contractor may be exempted from executing a payment and performance bond.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: § 255.05, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.8 Goods, Supplies, and Materials.

(1) Purpose and Scope. All purchases of goods, supplies, or materials exceeding the amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR, shall be purchased under the terms of this Rule. Contracts for purchases of "goods, supplies, and materials" do not include printing, insurance, advertising, or legal notices. A contract involving goods, supplies, or materials plus maintenance services may, in the discretion of the Board, be treated as a contract for maintenance services. However, a purchase shall not be divided solely in order to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.

(2) Procedure. When a purchase of goods, supplies, or materials is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:

(a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

(b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.

(c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, or hand delivery, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.

(d) If the District has pre-qualified suppliers of goods, supplies, and materials, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, or responses.

(e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:

(i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;

(ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;

(iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and

(iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

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

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

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

(g) The lowest Responsive Bid, after taking into account the preferences provided for in this subsection, submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder in response to an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be accepted. If the lowest Responsive Bid is submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder whose principal place of business is located in a foreign state which does not grant a preference in competitive purchase to businesses whose principal place of business are in that foreign state, the lowest Responsible and Responsive Bidder whose principal place of business is in the State of

Florida shall be awarded a preference of five percent (5%). 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, electronic mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's purchase of goods, supplies, and materials under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

(k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase goods, supplies, or materials, or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of goods, supplies, and materials, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the goods, supplies, and materials without further competitive selection processes.

(3) Goods, Supplies, and Materials included in a Construction Contract Awarded Pursuant to Rule 3.5 or 3.6. There may be occasions where the District has undergone the competitive purchase of construction services which contract may include the provision of goods, supplies, or materials. In that instance, the District may approve a change order to the contract and directly purchase the goods, supplies, and materials. Such purchase of goods, supplies, and materials deducted from a competitively purchased construction contract shall be exempt from this Rule.

(4) Exemption. Goods, supplies, and materials that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Goods, supplies, and materials provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. A contract for goods, supplies, or materials is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of goods, supplies or materials that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules.

(5) Renewal. Contracts for the purchase of goods, supplies, and/or materials subject to this Rule may be renewed for a maximum period of five (5) years.

(6) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: §§ 189.053, 190.033, 287.017, 287.084, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.9 Maintenance Services.

(1) Scope. All contracts for maintenance of any District facility or project shall be set under the terms of this Rule if the cost exceeds the amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR. A contract involving goods, supplies, and materials plus maintenance services may, in the discretion of the Board, be treated as a contract for maintenance services. However, a purchase shall not be divided solely in order to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.

(2) Procedure. When a purchase of maintenance services is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:

(a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

(b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.

(c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, and Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, or hand delivery, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.

(d) If the District has pre-qualified suppliers of maintenance services, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, and responses.

(e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:

(i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;

(ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;

(iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and

(iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

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

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

(g) The lowest Responsive Bid submitted in response to an Invitation to Bid by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder shall be accepted. In relation to a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate or Competitive Solicitation the Board shall select the Responsive Proposal, Reply, or Response submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Vendor which is most advantageous to the District. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.

(h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No Vendor shall be

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

(i) The Board may require bidders and proposers to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.

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

(k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase the maintenance services or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of maintenance services, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the maintenance services without further competitive selection processes.

(3) Exemptions. Maintenance services that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Maintenance services provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. A contract for maintenance services is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process.

(4) Renewal. Contracts for the purchase of maintenance services subject to this Rule may be renewed for a maximum period of five (5) years.

(5) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.

(6) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

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

Rule 3.10 Contractual Services.

(1) Exemption from Competitive Purchase. Pursuant to Section 190.033(3) of the Florida Statutes, Contractual Services shall not be subject to competitive purchasing requirements. If an agreement is predominantly for Contractual Services, but also includes maintenance services or the purchase of goods and services, the contract shall not be subject to competitive purchasing requirements. Regardless of whether an advertisement or solicitation for Contractual Services is identified as an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, no rights or remedies under these Rules, including but not limited to protest rights, are conferred on persons, firms, or vendors proposing to provide Contractual Services to the District.

(2) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract for Contractual Services shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 190.011(3), 190.033, Fla. Stat.

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

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

(1) Filing.

(a) With respect to a protest regarding qualifications, specifications, documentation, or other requirements contained in a Request for Qualifications, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Bid, or Competitive Solicitation issued by the District, the notice of protest shall be filed in writing within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the first advertisement of the Request for Qualifications, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Bid, or Competitive Solicitation. A formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. For purposes of this Rule, wherever applicable, filing will be perfected and deemed to have occurred upon receipt by the District. Failure to file a notice of protest shall constitute a waiver of all rights to protest the District's intended decision. Failure to file a formal written protest shall constitute an abandonment of the protest proceedings and shall automatically terminate the protest proceedings.

(b) Except for those situations covered by subsection (1)(a) of this Rule, any firm or person who is affected adversely by a District's ranking or intended award under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, or 3.9 and desires to contest the District's ranking or intended award, shall file with the District a written notice of protest within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after receipt of the notice of the District's ranking or intended award. A formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. For purposes of this Rule, wherever applicable, filing will be perfected and deemed to have occurred upon receipt by the District. Failure to file a notice of protest shall constitute a waiver of all rights to protest the District's ranking or intended award. Failure to file a formal written protest shall constitute an abandonment of the protest proceedings and shall automatically terminate the protest proceedings.

(c) If the requirement for the posting of a protest bond and the amount of the protest bond, which may be expressed by a percentage of the contract to be awarded or a set amount, is disclosed in the District's competitive solicitation documents for a particular purchase under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3,

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

(d) The District does not accept documents filed by electronic mail or facsimile transmission. Filings are only accepted during normal business hours, which are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

(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 certified mail, hand delivery, or email with delivery confirmation 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 qualified 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) calendar days from receipt of the recommended order 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 by filing a motion to intervene within 10 calendar days of the initial protest filing, on terms that shall not unduly delay the proceedings.

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

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

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

Rule 4.0 Effective Date.

These Rules shall be effective November 3, 2026, except that no election of officers required by these Rules shall be required until after the next regular election for the Board.

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

SECTION VI

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July 29, 2026

Board of Supervisors
Water Tank Road Community Development District
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We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide Water Tank Road Community Development District, Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida ("the District") for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2026. We will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund, including the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of Water Tank Road Community Development District as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2026. In addition, we will examine the District's compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415 Florida Statutes. This letter serves to renew our agreement and establish the terms and fee for the 2026 audit.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), to supplement the District's basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the District's RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

The following RSI is required by generally accepted accounting principles and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

1) Management's Discussion and Analysis

2) Budgetary comparison schedule

The following other information accompanying the financial statements will not be subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements, and our auditor's report will not provide an opinion or any assurance on that information:

1) Compliance with FL Statute 218.39 (3) (c)

Audit Objectives

The objective of our audit is the expression of opinions as to whether your financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and to report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole. Our audit will be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and will include tests of the accounting records of the District and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions. We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of the District's financial statements. We cannot provide assurance that an unmodified opinion will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinion or add emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraphs. If our opinion on the financial statements is other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed an opinion, we may decline to express an opinion or issue a report, or may withdraw from this engagement.

We will also provide a report (that does not include an opinion) on internal control related to the financial statements and compliance with the provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements as required by *Government Auditing Standards*. The report on internal control and on compliance and other matters will include a paragraph that states (1) that the purpose of the report is solely to describe the scope of testing of internal control and compliance, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control on compliance, and (2) that the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. The paragraph will also state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose. If during our audit we become aware that the District is subject to an audit requirement that is not encompassed in the terms of this engagement, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance that an audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* may not satisfy the relevant legal, regulatory, or contractual requirements.

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We will also issue a management letter as required by Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida. As part of our audit, we will apply financial condition assessment procedures pursuant to Section 218.39(5), Florida Statutes, and Rule 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, and will report, as applicable, whether the District met any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Examination Objective

The objective of our examination is the expression of an opinion as to whether the District is in compliance with Florida Statute 218.415 in accordance with Rule 10.556(10) of the Auditor General of the State of Florida. Our examination will be conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and will include tests of your records and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such an opinion. We will issue a written report upon completion of our examination of the District's compliance. The report will include a statement that the report is intended solely for the information and use of management, those charged with governance, and the Florida Auditor General, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. We cannot provide assurance that an unmodified opinion will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinion or add emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraphs. If our opinion on the District's compliance is other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the examination or are unable to form or have not formed an opinion, we may decline to express an opinion or issue a report, or may withdraw from this engagement.

Other Services

We will assist in preparing the financial statements and related notes of the District in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles based on information provided by you. These nonaudit services do not constitute an audit under *Government Auditing Standards* and such services will not be conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. The other services are limited to the financial statement services previously defined. We, in our sole professional judgment, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities.

Management Responsibilities

Management is responsible for compliance with Florida Statute 218.415 and will provide us with the information required for the examination. The accuracy and completeness of such information is also management's responsibility. You agree to assume all management responsibilities relating to the financial statements and related notes and any other nonaudit services we provide. You will be required to acknowledge in the management representation letter our assistance with preparation of the financial statements and related notes and that you have reviewed and approved the financial statements and related notes prior to their issuance and have accepted responsibility for them. In addition, you will be required to make certain representations regarding compliance with Florida Statute 218.415 in the management representation letter. Further, you agree to oversee the nonaudit services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of those services; and accept responsibility for them.

Management is responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining effective internal controls, including evaluating and monitoring ongoing activities, to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; following laws and regulations; and ensuring that management and financial information is reliable and properly reported. Management is also responsible for implementing systems designed to achieve compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements. You are also responsible for the selection and application of accounting principles, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and all accompanying information in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, and for compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements.

Management is also responsible for making all financial records and related information available to us and for the accuracy and completeness of that information. You are also responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, (2) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit, and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the government from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and for confirming to us in the written representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the government involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the government complies with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants and for taking timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts or grant agreements, or abuse that we report.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a process for tracking the status of audit findings and recommendations. Management is also responsible for identifying and providing report copies of previous financial audits, attestation engagements, performance audits or other studies related to the objectives discussed in the Audit Objectives section of this letter. This responsibility includes relaying to us corrective actions taken to address significant findings and recommendations resulting from those audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or other studies. You are also responsible for providing management's views on our current findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as your planned corrective actions, for the report, and for the timing and format for providing that information.

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With regard to the electronic dissemination of audited financial statements, including financial statements published electronically on your website, you understand that electronic sites are a means to distribute information and, therefore, we are not required to read the information contained in these sites or to consider the consistency of other information in the electronic site with the original document.

Audit Procedures—General

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable rather than absolute assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the government or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the government. Because the determination of abuse is subjective, *Government Auditing Standards* do not expect auditors to provide reasonable assurance of detecting abuse.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material misstatements may exist and not be detected by us, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, and may include tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain other assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected individuals, funding sources, creditors, and financial institutions. We will request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement, and they may bill you for responding to this inquiry. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from you about your responsibilities for the financial statements; compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements; and other responsibilities required by generally accepted auditing standards.

Audit Procedures—Internal Control

Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the government and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. Tests of controls may be performed to test the effectiveness of certain controls that we consider relevant to preventing and detecting errors and fraud that are material to the financial statements and to preventing and detecting misstatements resulting from illegal acts and other noncompliance matters that have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Our tests, if performed, will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on internal control and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards and *Government Auditing Standards.*

Audit Procedures—Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of the District's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion in our report on compliance issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other

We understand that your employees will prepare all cash or other confirmations we request and will locate any documents selected by us for testing.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Grau & Associates and constitutes confidential information. However, subject to applicable laws and regulations, audit documentation and appropriate individuals will be made available upon request and in a timely manner to a cognizant or oversight agency or its designee, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office for purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Grau & Associates personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties acknowledge that various documents reviewed or produced during the conduct of the audit may be public records under Florida law. The District agrees to notify Grau & Associates of any public record request it receives that involves audit documentation.

Furthermore, Grau & Associates agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including but not limited to Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes. Auditor acknowledges that the designated public records custodian for the District is the District Manager ("Public Records Custodian"). Among other requirements and to the extent applicable by law, Grau & Associates 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 contract term and following the contract term if Auditor does not transfer the records to the Public Records Custodian of the District; and 4) upon completion of the contract, transfer to the District, at no cost, all public records in Grau & Associate's possession

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or, alternatively, keep, maintain and meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records pursuant to Florida laws. When such public records are transferred by Grau & Associates, Grau & Associates 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 GRAU & ASSOCIATES HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO ITS DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE PUBLIC RECORDS CUSTODIAN AT: C/O GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES – CENTRAL FLORIDA LLC, 219 EAST LIVINGSTON STREET ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32801, OR RECORDREQUEST@GMSCFL.COM, PH: (407) 841-5524.

Our fee for these services will not exceed $3,200 for the September 30, 2026 audit, unless there is a change in activity by the District which results in additional audit work or if Bonds are issued.

We will complete the audit within prescribed statutory deadlines, which requires the District to submit its annual audit to the Auditor General no later than nine (9) months after the end of the audited fiscal year, with the understanding that your employees will provide information needed to perform the audit on a timely basis.

The audit documentation for this engagement will be retained for a minimum of five years after the report release date. If we are aware that a federal awarding agency or auditee is contesting an audit finding, we will contact the party(ies) contesting the audit finding for guidance prior to destroying the audit documentation.

Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation. Invoices will be submitted in sufficient detail to demonstrate compliance with the terms of this agreement. In accordance with our firm policies, work may be suspended if your account becomes 60 days or more overdue and may not be resumed until your account is paid in full. If we elect to terminate our services for nonpayment, our engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notification of termination, even if we have not completed our report. You will be obligated to compensate us for all time expended and to reimburse us for all out-of-pocket costs through the date of termination. The above fee is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate.

This agreement may be renewed each year thereafter subject to the mutual agreement by both parties to all terms and fees. The fee for each annual renewal will be agreed upon separately.

The District has the option to terminate this agreement with or without cause by providing thirty (30) days written notice of termination to Grau & Associates. Upon any termination of this agreement, Grau & Associates shall be entitled to payment of all work and/or services rendered up until the effective termination of this agreement, subject to whatever claims or off-sets the District may have against Grau & Associates.

We will provide you with a copy of our most recent external peer review report and any letter of comment, and any subsequent peer review reports and letters of comment received during the period of the contract. Our 2025 peer review report accompanies this letter.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to Water Tank Road Community Development District and believe this letter accurately summarizes the terms of our engagement and, with any addendum, if applicable, is the complete and exclusive statement of the agreement between Grau & Associates and the District with respect to the terms of the engagement between the parties. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Very truly yours,

Grau & Associates



Antonio J. Grau

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of Water Tank Road Community Development District.

Signed by:

By: Rennie Heath
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Title: Chairman

Date: 2026-08-20

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November 18, 2025

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Dear Antonio Grau:

It is my pleasure to notify you that on November 18, 2025, the Florida Peer Review Committee accepted the report on the most recent System Review of your firm. The due date for your next review is December 31, 2028. This is the date by which all review documents should be completed and submitted to the administering entity.

As you know, the report had a peer review rating of pass. The Committee asked me to convey its congratulations to the firm.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

FICPA Peer Review Committee

Peer Review Team
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SECTION VII

PayGOV.US, LLC.
7915 S. Emerson Ave B199
Indianapolis, IN 46237

PAYMENT PROCESSING SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS PAYMENT PROCESSING SERVICES AGREEMENT (this "**Agreement**") is made and entered into effective **_____, ___, 2026**, (the "**Effective Date**"), by and between **PayGOV.US**, LLC, a [STATE] limited liability company ("**PGV**"), with its principal address at 7915 S. Emerson Ave B199, Indianapolis, IN 46237, and the Water Tank Road Community Development District, a local unit of special-purpose government established under Chapter 190, Florida Statutes (the "**District**"**)**, with its principal address at 219 E. Livingston St., Orlando, FL 32801.

1. Services. PGV has designed and developed a payment processing system and internet processing services for governmental entities to enhance the collection of payments and other obligations on a 24/7 basis. PGV will provide the District with online payment acceptance, in-person and telephone payment acceptance (if requested by the District), and the related processing, settlement, and reporting services described in this Agreement (collectively, the "**Services**"), so that the District may accept payment by credit card, charge card, bank debit card, and electronic funds transfer, including by a method for accepting payment online, as required by section 215.322(5), *Florida Statutes*, as amended by chapter 2026-169, Laws of Florida, effective January 1, 2027. A person wanting to pay an obligation owed to the District may do so by logging on to the designated website link, or through any other payment channel the District elects to offer under this Agreement, at no cost to the District. PGV will also provide, upon the District's request, card-swipe or other point-of-sale equipment for onsite payments at no cost to the District. The equipment remains PGV's property, and PGV is responsible for installing, maintaining, updating, and replacing it. Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement, the District will make the equipment available for retrieval by PGV at PGV's expense, and the District is not responsible for ordinary wear and tear.

2. Convenience Fees. PGV will assess the person making the payment (and not the District) a convenience fee equal to 3% of the transaction amount for all POS, online, mobile, or over-the-phone (in office) credit card, charge card, and debit card transactions. A minimum flat convenience fee of $1.00 will apply to any such transaction under $33.00. E-Check (ACH) transactions will be charged a flat fee of $1.00 per transaction to the person making the payment, and not to the District. Before the payer submits any transaction, PGV must clearly disclose the amount of the convenience fee and that it is charged by PGV and not by the District, and must allow the payer to cancel the transaction without charge. The convenience fee is billed separately from the amount owed to the District and is paid directly to and retained by PGV as PGV's sole compensation for the Services. The convenience fee is not an assessment, rate, fee, rental, or other charge imposed by the District, is not revenue of the District, and will not be received or retained by the District or its district manager. PGV is solely responsible for ensuring that the convenience fee, as assessed and disclosed, complies with applicable law and all applicable card network rules. PGV may not increase the convenience fee or impose any new or additional fee, on the District or on payers, without a written amendment to this Agreement approved by the District's Board of Supervisors and signed by both parties.

3. Settlement and Reporting. The Services include timely and accurate transaction processing, next business day reconciliation, and transfer by ACH of the full amount of each payment, without deduction or offset for any convenience fee or other charge, from PGV to the District's designated depository account within [two (2)] business days after the transaction is authorized. All payments PGV receives for obligations owed to the District are the property of the District and are held by PGV in trust for the District. PGV must provide the District and its district manager with online access to transaction-level reporting and a monthly statement identifying, for each transaction, the date, payer, amount paid to the District, convenience fee charged, and any refund, return, or chargeback. PGV may not debit the District's account except to reverse an E-Check transaction that is returned or charged back through the ACH network, and then only after written notice to the District identifying the transaction. At the District's written direction, PGV will process refunds to payers of amounts paid to the District (for example, returned rental deposits), and the District will fund the refunded amount. PGV may not charge the District for processing a refund.

4. Card and Account Verification. Section 215.322(5)(a), *Florida Statutes*, requires the District to verify both the validity of any credit card, charge card, bank debit card, or electronic funds transfer used and the existence of appropriate credit with respect to the person using the card or transfer. PGV will perform that verification on the District's behalf before authorizing each transaction and will not authorize any transaction that fails verification.

5. No Cost to District; Independent Contractor; Confidentiality. PGV will provide the Services to the District during the term of this Agreement, beginning on the Effective Date. PGV agrees the District is not responsible for any compensation for the Services, and the District will not pay any setup, equipment, monthly, minimum, transaction, chargeback, or other fees, or any associated operational costs or local, state, or federal taxes, on behalf of PGV. Nothing in this Agreement requires the District to accept payments exclusively through PGV or to process any minimum volume. PGV accepts and agrees to perform all Services as an independent contractor and not as an employee, agent, or partner of the District, except for the limited authorizations in Section 14. PGV and the District each agree (i) to hold the other party's confidential information in strict confidence; and (ii) not to disclose such information to any third parties without the prior written consent of the disclosing party or as required by law or regulation. PGV acknowledges that the District is subject to Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*, and that the District's obligations under this Section extend only to information that is confidential or exempt from public disclosure under applicable law. Cardholder, bank-account, and other personal information of payers that PGV receives in performing the Services is confidential information of the District.

6. Indemnification; Chargebacks and Returns. PGV will defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the District and its supervisors, officers, staff, district manager, agents, and employees from and against any credit card transaction disputes, chargebacks, claims, losses, damages, and other expenses, including attorneys' fees and litigation expenses (including at trial and on appeal), suffered or incurred due to PGV's negligence or willful misconduct, any security incident involving payer information in the possession or control of PGV or its processors or subcontractors, PGV's violation of law or card network rules, or PGV's failure to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement. The District agrees to reasonably assist PGV, to the extent permitted by law, with (i) any efforts necessary to facilitate collection of funds from any cardholder to include reinstatement of the obligation owed to the District; and (ii) providing cardholder information pertinent to any inquiry or dispute regarding payment made to the District through the Services. Returned or charged-back ACH (aka E-Check) transactions are excluded from PGV's indemnification of chargebacks under this Section, and the District will reconcile those

transactions, including returns and chargeback transactions, but this exclusion does not limit PGV's obligations for its negligence, willful misconduct, or failure to perform. This Section survives expiration or termination of this Agreement.

7. Standards of Performance; Compliance with Laws; Governing Law. PGV represents that it is qualified to perform the Services, and that all work will be accomplished in a professional and workmanlike manner. PGV agrees to observe and comply with all federal, state, and local laws, and all applicable card network and NACHA operating rules, in performing the Services, including section 215.322, *Florida Statutes*, the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard ("**PCI DSS**"), and the accessibility requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act applicable to the online payment website. This Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Venue for any action arising under this Agreement lies exclusively in the state courts located in Polk County, Florida.

8. Data Security; Security Incidents. PGV must maintain PCI DSS compliance throughout the term of this Agreement and must provide the District, upon request, a copy of PGV's current PCI DSS attestation of compliance and that of each processor PGV uses. PGV must use reasonable administrative, technical, and physical safeguards, consistent with industry best practices, to protect cardholder, bank-account, and other personal information of payers, including encryption of that information in transit and at rest. PGV must promptly notify the District in writing if PGV or any of its processors ceases to be PCI DSS compliant. PGV may not access, use, disclose, sell, or share payer information for any purpose other than performing the Services or as required by law, and may not use it for marketing. PGV may retain payer information only as long as necessary to perform the Services, to comply with card network rules, or to comply with Section 2 of Exhibit A (Public Records), and then must securely destroy it. If PGV discovers or is notified of any actual or reasonably suspected breach of security (as defined in section 501.171(1), *Florida Statutes* and any successor statute) or other unauthorized access to payer information in the possession or control of PGV or its processors or subcontractors, PGV must (i) notify the District in writing within 48 hours after discovery or notice; (ii) take all action reasonably necessary to contain, investigate, and remediate it; (iii) cooperate with the District and any law enforcement or regulatory authority, including preserving relevant evidence; (iv) provide the District a written incident report describing the nature and scope of the incident, the information affected, and the remedial actions taken; and (v) to the extent the incident is attributable to the acts or omissions of PGV or its processors or subcontractors, bear the cost of any notices required by law, including under section 501.171, *Florida Statutes*, and provide credit monitoring services for not less than 12 months to affected individuals, at PGV's sole expense. This Section survives expiration or termination of this Agreement.

9. Insurance. PGV must maintain, at its own expense throughout the term of this Agreement, (i) commercial general liability insurance with limits of not less than $[1,000,000] per occurrence and $[2,000,000] in the aggregate; (ii) cyber liability (network security and privacy) insurance, including coverage for breach response costs, with limits of not less than $1,000,000 per claim; and (iii) crime insurance covering employee dishonesty and computer and funds transfer fraud with limits of not less than $1,000,000. PGV must name the District as an additional insured on the commercial general liability policy and must provide the District a certificate of insurance upon execution of this Agreement and upon request.

10. Assignment; Subcontractors. PGV may not assign this Agreement or subcontract the Services without the District's prior written consent, except that PGV may use iStream Financial

Services, Inc. ("**iStream**") as described in Section 14 and the card processors PGV identifies to the District in writing before the Effective Date. PGV remains responsible for the acts and omissions of its subcontractors and processors as if they were PGV's own.

11. District Required Provisions; Order of Precedence. **Exhibit A** (District Required Provisions) is incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement. If this Agreement conflicts with any application, enrollment form, or other document submitted under this Agreement, or with any terms of service, privacy policy, or other terms posted on PGV's website or presented in any click-through or similar form, Exhibit A controls first and this Agreement controls next. No click-through, online, or other terms not attached to this Agreement bind the District, even if accepted by the district manager or another District agent in the course of using the Services.

12. Miscellaneous. Notices under this Agreement must be in writing and delivered by hand, by nationally recognized overnight courier, or by certified mail to the party's address stated in the preamble (or another address given by written notice), with a copy of any notice to the District sent to the District's district manager and District counsel. This Agreement, including its exhibits, is the entire agreement of the parties on its subject matter and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings on that subject matter. This Agreement may be amended only by a writing signed by both parties. If any provision of this Agreement is held unenforceable, the remaining provisions remain in effect. In any action to enforce this Agreement, the prevailing party is entitled to recover its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, including those incurred on appeal. The District's failure to enforce any provision of this Agreement is not a waiver of that provision. This Agreement has been negotiated by both parties and will not be construed against either party as the drafter. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts and by electronic signature, each of which is an original and all of which together are one instrument.

13. Term and Termination. The initial term of this Agreement begins on the Effective Date and ends on the next September 30 (the end of the District's fiscal year). This Agreement will automatically renew for successive one-year terms beginning each October 1 unless terminated as provided in this Section. The District may terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without cause, on 30 days' written notice to PGV, and immediately upon written notice if PGV breaches this Agreement. PGV may terminate this Agreement only on 90 days' written notice to the District. On expiration or termination, PGV must complete and settle all transactions initiated before the effective date of termination, remit to the District all funds due, reasonably cooperate in transitioning the Services to any successor provider, and comply with Section 2 of Exhibit A (Public Records). Sections 3, 5, 6, 8, and 12 and Exhibit A survive expiration or termination of this Agreement.

14. ACH (E-Check) Processing through iStream. PGV has engaged iStream as a third-party payment processor to facilitate the processing of the District's E-Check payments through the ACH network. Subject to this Section, the District authorizes PGV, as the originator and merchant of record, to submit and sign the application for ACH processing services on behalf of the District to iStream. The District also authorizes PGV to execute and deliver to iStream any required documents on behalf of the District for the purpose of boarding and performing required due diligence of the District under the regulatory framework governing iStream as a third-party payment processor, and to make related procedural changes on behalf of the District to the processing account at iStream as reasonably necessary during the processing relationship. PGV must provide the District's district manager a copy of each application and other document PGV signs on the District's behalf before submitting it, and written notice of any procedural change

within five business days after making it. PGV may not, without the District's prior written approval, (i) agree on the District's behalf to any fee, reserve, guaranty, indemnity, or other financial obligation of the District; (ii) change the District's designated depository account; or (iii) bind the District to any terms inconsistent with this Agreement. These authorizations are limited to the ACH processing services described in this Section and terminate automatically upon expiration or termination of this Agreement.

The District acknowledges and agrees that, as of the Effective Date, iStream is entitled to rely on the authorizations in this Section until the District provides written notice to PGV of their revocation or modification. As between the District and PGV, PGV is responsible for the acts and omissions of iStream as if they were PGV's own, and PGV's obligations under Sections 6 and 8 apply to iStream's acts and omissions. Nothing in this Section makes iStream a third-party beneficiary of this Agreement, waives the District's sovereign immunity, or causes the District to assume any risk or liability for the acts or omissions of PGV or iStream.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement to be effective as of the Effective Date.

DISTRICT:
WATER TANK ROAD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

By: _____
Name: Rennie Heath
Title: Chairperson, Board of Supervisors
Date: _____

ATTEST:

_____
Secretary / Assistant Secretary

PGV:
PAYGOV.US, LLC, a [STATE] limited liability company

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

Exhibit A: District Required Provisions

EXHIBIT A
DISTRICT REQUIRED PROVISIONS

1. Sovereign Immunity; No Third-Party Beneficiaries. Nothing in this Agreement waives or limits the District's sovereign immunity or the limits of liability in section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or any other statute or law, and nothing in this Agreement is a consent by the District to be sued by third parties in any matter arising out of this Agreement. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the District and PGV, and no right or cause of action accrues to or for the benefit of any third party.

2. Public Records. PGV understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and, to the extent PGV is acting on behalf of the District as a contractor within the meaning of section 119.0701, *Florida Statutes*, PGV must comply with Florida's public records laws, including Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*. Specifically, PGV must: (a) keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the Services; (b) upon request from the District's custodian of public records, provide the District with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*, or as otherwise provided by law; (c) ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the term of this Agreement and following its completion if PGV does not transfer the records to the District; and (d) upon completion of this Agreement, transfer to the District, at no cost, all public records in PGV's possession or keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the Services. If PGV transfers all public records to the District upon completion of this Agreement, PGV must destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If PGV keeps and maintains public records upon completion of this Agreement, PGV must meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District, upon request from the District's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the District. The District may unilaterally terminate this Agreement if PGV refuses to allow public access to public records as required by law.

IF PGV HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO PGV'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (407) 841-5524, RECORDREQUEST@GMSCFL.COM, AND 219 EAST LIVINGSTON STREET, ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32801.

3. Records and Audit. PGV must keep accurate records of all transactions processed for the District for the longer of five years after the transaction or the period required by the records retention schedules adopted by the Florida Department of State, and must make those records available to the District, its district manager, and its auditors upon reasonable request.

4. E-Verify. PGV must comply with section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*. PGV represents and warrants that it is registered with and uses the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all new employees of PGV. PGV may not subcontract any portion of the Services unless the subcontractor registers with and uses the E-Verify system and provides PGV an affidavit

stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. PGV must maintain a copy of each affidavit for the duration of this Agreement and provide it to the District upon request. If the District has a good faith belief that PGV has knowingly violated section 448.09(1), *Florida Statutes*, the District will terminate this Agreement as required by section 448.095(5)(c), *Florida Statutes*, and PGV will be liable for any additional costs incurred by the District as a result of the termination. If the District has a good faith belief that a subcontractor knowingly violated section 448.095(5), *Florida Statutes*, but PGV otherwise complied, the District will promptly notify PGV, and PGV must immediately terminate its contract with the subcontractor. PGV represents that no public agency has terminated a contract with PGV under section 448.095(5)(c), *Florida Statutes*, within the year immediately preceding the Effective Date.

5. Scrutinized Companies. PGV certifies that it is not on the Scrutinized Companies or Other Entities that Boycott Israel List created under section 215.4725, *Florida Statutes*, and is not participating in a boycott of Israel. PGV further certifies that it is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Terrorism Sectors List, or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List created under section 215.473, *Florida Statutes*, and is not engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria. Under section 287.135*, Florida Statutes*, the District may terminate this Agreement at its option if PGV is found to have submitted a false certification, has been placed on any of those lists, is participating in a boycott of Israel, or has been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

6. Foreign Countries of Concern; Access to Personal Identifying Information. PGV acknowledges that this Agreement gives PGV access to individuals' personal identifying information. PGV represents that (a) it is not owned by the government of a foreign country of concern; (b) the government of a foreign country of concern does not have a controlling interest in PGV; and (c) PGV is not organized under the laws of, and does not have its principal place of business in, a foreign country of concern, as those terms are defined in section 287.138, *Florida Statutes*. Before the District executes this Agreement, and before each renewal or extension of this Agreement, PGV must provide the District the affidavit required by section 287.138(4), Florida Statutes, on the form prescribed by the Florida Department of Management Services (currently Form PUR 1355, adopted by Rule 60A-1.020, Florida Administrative Code), together with the affidavit attached as **Exhibit 1**.

7. Anti-Human Trafficking. PGV certifies that neither it nor its principals use coercion for labor or services as defined in section 787.06, *Florida Statutes*. Before the District executes this Agreement, and before each renewal or extension of this Agreement, PGV must provide the District the affidavit required by section 787.06(14), *Florida Statutes*, signed by an officer or representative of PGV under penalty of perjury, in the form attached as Exhibit 1.

8. Foreign Source Disclosure. To the extent section 286.101(3), *Florida Statutes*, applies to this Agreement, PGV must disclose to the District any current or prior interest of, any contract with, or any grant or gift received from a foreign country of concern as required by that section.

EXHIBIT 1
CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Before me, the undersigned authority, by means of [ ] physical presence or [ ] online notarization, personally appeared _____ ("Affiant"), who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. Affiant is the _____ [title] of PayGOV.US, LLC ("PGV"), is an officer or representative of PGV, and is authorized to make this affidavit on PGV's behalf. This affidavit is given in connection with the Payment Processing Services Agreement between PGV and the Water Tank Road Community Development District (the "District").

2. Anti-Human Trafficking. PGV does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in section 787.06, Florida Statutes.

3. Foreign Countries of Concern. PGV is not owned by the government of a foreign country of concern; the government of a foreign country of concern does not have a controlling interest in PGV; and PGV is not organized under the laws of, and does not have its principal place of business in, a foreign country of concern, as those terms are defined in section 287.138, Florida Statutes.

4. Scrutinized Companies. PGV is not on the Scrutinized Companies or Other Entities that Boycott Israel List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Terrorism Sectors List, or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List; is not participating in a boycott of Israel; and is not engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

5. E-Verify. PGV is registered with and uses the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all new employees, as required by section 448.095, Florida Statutes. PGV's E-Verify company identification number is _____.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing affidavit and that the facts stated in it are true.

_____

Signature of Affiant

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of [ ] physical presence or [ ] online notarization this ____ day of _____, 20__, by _____, who is [ ] personally known to me or [ ] has produced _____ as identification.

_____

Notary Public, State of _____

Print Name: _____

My Commission Expires: _____

SECTION VIII

SECTION B

SECTION 1

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August 24, 2026

Ms. Jillian Burns, District Manager
Water Tank Road Community Development District
c/o Governmental Management Services
219 E. Livingston Street
Orlando, Florida 32801

Subject: **Work Authorization 2027-1**
Water Tank Road Community Development District
District Engineering Services – FY 2027
Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida

Dear Ms. Burns:

Dewberry Engineers Inc. is pleased to submit this Work Authorization to provide professional consulting services for the Water Tank Road Community Development District (CDD). We will provide these services pursuant to our current agreement ("District Engineering Agreement") as follows.

With this information in mind, we propose the following tasks and corresponding fees:

I. General Engineering Services

The District will engage the services of Dewberry Engineers Inc. (Engineer) as District Engineer to perform those services as necessary, pursuant to the District Engineering Agreement, including attendance at Board of Supervisors meetings, review and approval of requisitions, or other activities as directed by the District's Board of Supervisors.

Our fee for this task will be based on time and materials, in accordance with the enclosed Schedule of Charges. The referenced Schedule of Charges is valid for fiscal year 2027 only. We estimate a budget of $15,000, plus other direct costs.

II. Other Direct Costs

Other direct costs include items such as printing, drawings, travel, deliveries, et cetera. This does not include any of the application fees for the various agencies, which are the owner's responsibility and have not been accounted for in this proposal. We estimate a budget of $100.

This Work Authorization, together with the referenced Engineering Agreement, represents the entire understanding between the District and the Engineer with regard to the referenced project. If you wish to accept this Work Authorization, please sign where indicated and return one complete copy to Aimee Powell, Senior Office Administrator, in our Orlando office at 800 N. Magnolia Avenue, Suite 1000, Orlando, Florida 32803 (or via email at apowell@dewberry.com). Upon receipt, we will promptly schedule our services.

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Ms. Jillian Burns
Water Tank Road Community Development District
District Engineering Services
Work Authorization 2027-1
August 24, 2026

Thank you for choosing Dewberry Engineers Inc. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

Joey V. Duncan, PE
Principal Engineer

Reinardo Malavé, P.E.
Associate Vice President

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APPROVED AND ACCEPTED

Signed by:
By: _____
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Authorized Representative of
Water Tank Road Community Development District

Date: 2026-08-25

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Dewberry

Attachment A

STANDARD HOURLY BILLING RATE SCHEDULE

Professional/Technical/Construction/Surveying Services

LABOR CLASSIFICATION	HOURLY RATES
Professional	
Engineer I, II, III	$135.00, $150.00, $170.00
Engineer IV, V, VI	$195.00, $225.00, $255.00
Engineer VII, VIII, IX	$295.00, $325.00, $365.00
Environmental Specialist I, II, III	$115.00, $145.00, $170.00
Senior Environmental Scientist IV, V, VI	$185.00, $205.00, $230.00
Planner I, II, III	$115.00, $145.00, $170.00
Senior Planner IV, V, VI	$185.00, $205.00, $230.00
Landscape Designer I, II, III	$115.00, $145.00, $170.00
Senior Landscape Architect IV, V, VI	$185.00, $205.00, $230.00
Principal	$395.00
Technical	
CADD Technician I, II, III, IV, V	$95.00, $115.00, $140.00, $155.00, $205.00
Designer I, II, III	$115.00, $150.00, $180.00
Designer IV, V, VI	$200.00, $220.00, $260.00
Construction	
Construction Professional I, II, III	$135.00, $170.00, $200.00
Construction Professional IV, V, VI	$240.00, $280.00, $335.00
Survey	
Surveyor I, II, III	$75.00, $90.00, $120.00
Surveyor IV, V, VI	$140.00, $155.00, $170.00
Surveyor VII, VIII, IX	$190.00, $225.00, $270.00
Senior Surveyor IX	$330.00
Fully Equipped 1, 2, 3 Person Field Crew	$170.00, $215.00, $290.00
Laser Scanner 1, 2 Person Field Crew	$225.00, $270.00
Administration	
Administrative Professional I, II, III, IV	$78.00, $110.00, $135.00, $165.00
Other Direct Costs (Printing, Postage, Etc.)	Cost + 15%

**COMPANY CONFIDENTIAL AND PROPRIETARY: USE OR DISCLOSURE OF DATA CONTAINED ON THIS SHEET IS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTION

SECTION C

SECTION 1

Water Tank Road
Community Development District

Bill to: Cassidy Land Development, LLC

Funding Request #10
October 07,2026

	Payee		General Fund FY27
1	**Operations & Maintenance Funding**	$	20,000.00
		$	**20,000.00**
		Total: $	**20,000.00**

Please remit funds fifteen (15) business days of a written request by the District

Please make check payable to:

Water Tank Road Community Development District
6200 Lee Vista Blvd
Suite 300
Orlando, FL 32822

SECTION 2

Water Tank Road

Community Development District

Unaudited Financial Reporting

September 30, 2026

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Water Tank Road

Community Development District

Combined Balance Sheet

September 30, 2026

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Totals Governmental Funds
Assets:			
Cash:			
Operating Account	$ 2,847	$ -	$ 2,847
Prepaid Expenses	$ 5,698	$ -	$ 5,698
Total Assets	**$ 8,545**	**$ -**	**$ 8,545**
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	$ 738	$ -	$ 738
Total Liabilites	**$ 738**	**$ -**	**$ 738**
Fund Balance:			
Assigned For:			
Nonspendable:			
Prepaid Items	$ 5,698	$ -	$ 5,698
Unassigned	$ 2,109	$ -	$ 2,109
Total Fund Balances	**$ 7,807**	**$ -**	**$ 7,807**
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	$ 8,545	$ -	$ 8,545

Water Tank Road

Community Development District

General Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

For The Period Ending September 30, 2026

	Adopted Budget	Prorated Budget Thru 09/30/26	Actual Thru 09/30/26	Variance
Revenues:				
Developer Contributions	$ 391,120	$ 391,120	$ 20,000	$ (371,120)
Interest	$ -	$ -	$ 222	$ 222
Total Revenues	**$ 391,120**	**$ 391,120**	**$ 20,222**	**$ (370,898)**
Expenditures:				
General & Administrative:				
Supervisor Fees	$ 12,000	$ 12,000	$ 1,200	$ 10,800
Employee FICA Expense	$ 918	$ 918	$ 107	$ 811
Engineering	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	$ 925	$ 14,075
Attorney	$ 25,000	$ 25,000	$ 4,465	$ 20,535
Audit Fees	$ 3,200	$ 3,200	$ 3,100	$ 100
Assessment Administration	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ -	$ 5,000
Arbitrage	$ 450	$ 450	$ -	$ 450
Dissemination	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ -	$ 5,000
Trustee Fees	$ 4,042	$ 4,042	$ -	$ 4,042
Management Fees	$ 38,000	$ 38,000	$ 19,000	$ 19,000
Information Technology	$ 1,800	$ 1,800	$ 1,800	$ -
Website Maintenance	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$ -
Telephone	$ 300	$ 300	$ -	$ 300
Postage & Delivery	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 30	$ 970
Insurance	$ 5,750	$ 5,750	$ 5,300	$ 450
Printing & Binding	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ -	$ 1,000
Legal Advertising	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	$ 1,455	$ 13,545
Other Current Charges	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 454	$ 4,546
Office Supplies	$ 625	$ 625	$ 6	$ 619
Travel Per Diem	$ 660	$ 660	$ -	$ 660
Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions	$ 175	$ 175	$ 175	$ -
Total General & Administrative	**$ 141,120**	**$ 141,120**	**$ 39,217**	**$ 101,903**
Operations & Maintenance				
Field Contingency	$ 250,000	$ 250,000	$ -	$ 250,000
Total Operations & Maintenance	**$ 250,000**	**$ 250,000**	**$ -**	**$ 250,000**
Total Expenditures	**$ 391,120**	**$ 391,120**	**$ 39,217**	**$ 351,903**
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	$ -		$ (18,995)	
Fund Balance - Beginning	$ -		$ 26,802	
Fund Balance - Ending	$ -		$ 7,807	

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Capital Projects Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

For The Period Ending September 30, 2026

	Adopted Budget	Prorated Budget Thru 09/30/26	Actual Thru 09/30/26	Variance
Revenues:				
Interest	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Revenues	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**
Expenditures:				
Capital Outlay - Cost of Issuance	$ -	$ -	$ 21,588	$ (21,588)
Total Expenditures	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 21,588**	**$ (21,588)**
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	$ -		$ (21,588)	
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):				
Developer Advances	$ -	$ -	$ 33,076	$ 33,076
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 33,076**	**$ 33,076**
Net Change in Fund Balance	**$ -**		**$ 11,488**	
Fund Balance - Beginning	$ -		$ (11,488)	
Fund Balance - Ending	$ -		$ -	

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Month to Month

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Total
Revenues:													
Developer Contributions	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 20,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 20,000
Interest	$ -	$ -	$ 0	$ 22	$ 31	$ 17	$ 12	$ 33	$ 33	$ 28	$ 27	$ 20	$ 222
Total Revenues	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 0**	**$ 22**	**$ 31**	**$ 17**	**$ 20,012**	**$ 33**	**$ 33**	**$ 28**	**$ 27**	**$ 20**	**$ 20,222**
Expenditures:													
General & Administrative:													
Supervisor Fees	$ (200)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 800	$ -	$ -	$ 600	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,200
Employee FICA Expense	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 61	$ -	$ -	$ 46	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 107
Engineering	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 63	$ 250	$ -	$ -	$ 613	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 925
Attorney	$ 275	$ 337	$ 100	$ 104	$ 362	$ 934	$ -	$ 700	$ 1,423	$ 122	$ 110	$ -	$ 4,465
Audit Fees	$ -	$ 1,000	$ 2,100	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 3,100
Management Fees	$ 1,583	$ 1,583	$ 1,583	$ 1,583	$ 1,583	$ 1,583	$ 1,583	$ 1,583	$ 1,583	$ 1,583	$ 1,583	$ 1,583	$ 19,000
Information Technology	$ 150	$ 150	$ 150	$ 150	$ 150	$ 150	$ 150	$ 150	$ 150	$ 150	$ 150	$ 150	$ 1,800
Website Maintenance	$ 100	$ 100	$ 100	$ 100	$ 100	$ 100	$ 100	$ 100	$ 100	$ 100	$ 100	$ 100	$ 1,200
Telephone	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Postage & Delivery	$ 3	$ 5	$ 1	$ -	$ 4	$ 1	$ 4	$ 2	$ -	$ 4	$ 2	$ 2	$ 30
Insurance	$ 5,300	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 5,300
Printing & Binding	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Legal Advertising	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 718	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 738	$ 1,455
Other Current Charges	$ 30	$ 37	$ 40	$ 31	$ 57	$ 31	$ 31	$ 31	$ 31	$ 31	$ 39	$ 65	$ 454
Office Supplies	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ -	$ 0	$ 3	$ 0	$ 0	$ 3	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 6
Travel Per Diem	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions	$ 175	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 175
Total General & Administrative	**$ 7,416**	**$ 3,212**	**$ 4,075**	**$ 1,968**	**$ 2,319**	**$ 3,914**	**$ 1,869**	**$ 3,284**	**$ 4,548**	**$ 1,991**	**$ 1,984**	**$ 2,638**	**$ 39,217**
Operations & Maintenance													
Field Contingency	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Operations & Maintenance	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Expenditures	$ 7,416	$ 3,212	$ 4,075	$ 1,968	$ 2,319	$ 3,914	$ 1,869	$ 3,284	$ 4,548	$ 1,991	$ 1,984	$ 2,638	$ 39,217
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	$ (7,416)	$ (3,212)	$ (4,075)	$ (1,947)	$ (2,288)	$ (3,897)	$ 18,142	$ (3,250)	$ (4,515)	$ (1,963)	$ (1,957)	$ (2,618)	$ (18,995)