

DEERING PARK STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

April 6, 2022

**REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA**

Deering Park Stewardship District
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W•Boca Raton, Florida 33431
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March 30, 2022

Board of Supervisors
Deering Park Stewardship District

ATTENDEES:
Please identify yourself each
time you speak to facilitate
accurate transcription of
meeting minutes.

Dear Board Members:

The Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Deering Park Stewardship District ("District") will hold a Regular Meeting on April 6, 2022 at 3:00 p.m., at the Storch Law Firm, located at 420 S. Nova Road, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114-4514. The agenda is as follows:

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comments
3. Consider Appointment of Robbie Lee to Fill Unexpired Term of Seat 1; *Expires November 2024*
 - A. Administration of Oath of Office (*the following to be provided in a separate package*)
 - I. Guide to Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees
 - II. Membership, Obligations and Responsibilities
 - III. Financial Disclosure Forms
 - a. Form 1: Statement of Financial Interests
 - b. Form 1X: Amendment to Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
 - c. Form 1F: Final Statement of Financial Interests
 - IV. Form 8B: Memorandum of Voting Conflict
 - B. Consideration of Resolution 2022-01, Removing and Designating Certain Officers of the District and Providing for an Effective Date
4. Consideration of Resolution 2022-02, Approving a Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 and Setting a Public Hearing Thereon Pursuant to Florida Law; Addressing Transmittal, Posting and Publication Requirements; and Providing for an Effective Date

5. Consideration of Resolution 2022-03, Designating a Date, Time, and Location for a Landowners' Meeting and Election; Providing for Publication; Establishing Forms for the Landowner Election; and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date
6. Ratification of HGS Transition Letter
 - Consideration of Kutak Rock LLP Retention and Fee Agreement
7. Consideration of Resolution 2022-04, Authorizing and Approving Change of Designated Registered Agent and Registered Office; and Providing for an Effective Date
8. Discussion: Statutory Changes from 2021 Legislative Session
 - A. Wastewater and Stormwater Needs Analysis
 - B. Prompt Payment Policies
 - Consideration of Resolution 2022-05, Adopting Amended and Restated Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures Pursuant to Chapter 218, Florida Statutes; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date
9. Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of February 28, 2022
10. Consideration of July 30, 2021 Public Hearings and Regular Meeting Minutes
11. Staff Reports
 - A. District Counsel: *Kutak Rock LLP*
 - B. District Manager: *Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC*
 - NEXT MEETING DATE: _____
 - QUORUM CHECK

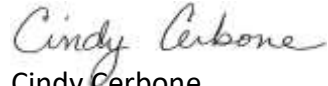
	☐ IN PERSON	☐ PHONE	☐ NO
Earl Underhill	☐ IN PERSON	☐ PHONE	☐ NO
Glenn Storch	☐ IN PERSON	☐ PHONE	☐ NO
James Boyd	☐ IN PERSON	☐ PHONE	☐ NO
Matthew West	☐ IN PERSON	☐ PHONE	☐ NO
12. Board Members' Comments/Requests

13. Public Comments

14. Adjournment

Should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (561) 346-5294.

Sincerely,



Cindy Cerbone
District Manager

FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF TO ATTEND BY TELEPHONE

CALL-IN NUMBER: 1-888-354-0094

PARTICIPANT CODE: 801 901 3513

**DEERING PARK
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

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RESOLUTION 2022-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE DEERING
PARK STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT REMOVING AND DESIGNATING
CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the Deering Park Stewardship District ("District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 2020-197, Laws of Florida; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF THE DEERING PARK STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT:**

SECTION 1. Michael A Brown is removed as Vice Chair

SECTION 2. _____ is appointed Chair.

_____ is appointed Vice Chair.

_____ is appointed Assistant Secretary.

_____ is appointed Assistant Secretary.

_____ is appointed Assistant Secretary.

Cindy Cerbone is appointed Assistant Secretary.

SECTION 3. This Resolution supersedes any prior appointments made by the Board for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Assistant Secretaries; however, prior appointments by the Board for Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer(s) remain unaffected by this Resolution.

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

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of April, 2022.

ATTEST:

DEERING PARK STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**DEERING PARK
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

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RESOLUTION 2022-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE DEERING PARK STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT APPROVING A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW; ADDRESSING TRANSMITTAL, POSTING AND PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the District Manager has heretofore prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Deering Park Stewardship District ("District") a proposed budget ("Proposed Budget") for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023 ("Fiscal Year 2022/2023"); and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE DEERING PARK STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET. The Proposed Budget prepared by the District Manager for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved as the basis for conducting a public hearing to adopt said Proposed Budget.

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

DATE: _____
HOUR: _____
LOCATION: _____

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

SECTION 4. POSTING OF PROPOSED BUDGET. In accordance with Section 189.016, *Florida Statutes*, the District's Secretary is further directed to post the approved Proposed Budget on the District's website at least two days before the budget hearing date as set forth in Section 2, and shall remain on the website for at least 45 days. If the District does not have its own website, the District's Secretary is directed to transmit the approved budget to the managers or administrators of the City of Edgewater, Brevard County and Volusia County for posting on their websites.

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

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th of April, 2022.

Attest:

DEERING PARK STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Proposed Budget

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**DEERING PARK
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2023
PROPOSED BUDGET**

**DEERING PARK
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT
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**DEERING PARK
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2023**

	Fiscal Year 2022			Proposed Budget
	Adopted Budget	Actual through 2/28/22	Projected through 9/30/2022	Total Actual and Projected
REVENUES				
Landowner contributions	\$ 85,740	\$ 17,597	\$ 67,218	\$ 84,815
Total revenues	85,740	17,597	67,218	98,490
EXPENDITURES				
Professional & administration				
Supervisors	9,000	-	9,000	9,000
Management/accounting/recording ²	24,000	10,000	14,000	24,000
Legal	30,000	2,085	27,915	30,000
Engineering	3,500	-	3,500	3,500
Audit	3,500	-	3,075	3,075
Arbitrage rebate calculation ¹	-	-	-	750
Dissemination agent ¹	-	-	-	1,000
Trustee ¹	-	-	-	6,500
Debt service fund accounting: master bonds ¹	-	-	-	5,500
Postage	500	-	500	500
Printing and binding	500	208	292	500
Legal advertising	6,500	-	6,500	6,500
Annual district filing fee	175	175	-	175
Insurance - GL, POL	5,500	5,000	-	5,000
Miscellaneous- bank charges	675	129	546	675
Website:				
Hosting & updates	1,680	-	1,680	705
ADA compliance	210	-	210	210
Total expenditures	85,740	17,597	67,218	98,490
Net increase/(decrease) of fund balance	-	-	-	-
Fund balance - beginning (unaudited)	-	-	-	-
Fund balance - ending (projected)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

¹These items will be realized when bonds are issued.

²The \$2k monthly fee represents the charge for a semi-dormant District. Once bonds are issued this fee will revert to \$4k per month.

**DEERING PARK
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT
DEFINITIONS OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**

EXPENDITURES

Professional & administration

Supervisors	\$ 9,000
Supervisors pay is statutorily set at \$200 , per Supervisor, (plus applicable taxes) for each meeting of the Board of Supervisors not to exceed \$4,800, per Supervisor, for each fiscal year. It is anticipated the Board will meet 9 times a year.	
Management/recording/accounting ²	24,000
Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC specializes in managing special districts in the State of Florida by combining the knowledge, skills and experience of a team of professionals to ensure compliance with all governmental requirements of the District, develops financing programs, administers the issuance of tax exempt bond financings and operates and maintains the assets of the District.	
Legal	30,000
Kutak Rock, LLP will provide legal representation for issues relating to public finance, public bidding, rulemaking, open meetings, public records, real property dedications, conveyances and contracts.	
Engineering	3,500
The District engineer will provide engineering, consulting and construction services to the District while crafting solutions with sustainability for the long-term interests of the community while recognizing the needs of government, the environment and maintenance of the District's facilities.	
Audit	3,075
The District is required to undertake an independent examination of its books, records and accounting procedures each year. This audit is conducted pursuant to Florida State Law and the Rules of the Auditor General.	
Arbitrage rebate calculation	750
To ensure the District's compliance with all tax regulations, annual computations are necessary to calculate the arbitrage rebate liability.	
Dissemination agent ¹	1,000
The District must annually disseminate financial information in order to comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities & Exchange Act of 1934.	
Trustee (related to master bonds)	6,500
Annual fees paid for services provided as trustee, paying agent and registrar.	
Debt service fund accounting: master bonds ¹	5,500
Postage	500
Mailing agenda packages, overnight deliveries, correspondence, etc.	
Printing and binding	500
Legal advertising	6,500
The District advertises for monthly meetings, special meetings, public hearings, public bids, etc.	
Annual district filing fee	175
Annual fee paid to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.	
Insurance - GL, POL	5,900
The District carries general liability and public officials liability insurance. The limit of liability is set at \$5,000,000 for general liability and \$5,000,000 for public officials liability.	
Miscellaneous- bank charges	675
Bank charges and other miscellaneous expenses incurred during the year.	

**DEERING PARK
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT
DEFINITIONS OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**

Website:	
Hosting & updates	705
ADA compliance	210
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 98,490</u>

¹These items will be realized when bonds are issued.

²The \$2k monthly fee represents the charge for a semi-dormant SD. Once bonds are issued this fee will revert back to \$4k per month.

**DEERING PARK
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

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RESOLUTION 2022-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE DEERING PARK STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT DESIGNATING A DATE, TIME AND LOCATION FOR A LANDOWNERS' MEETING AND ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; ESTABLISHING FORMS FOR THE LANDOWNER ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Deering Park Stewardship District ("**District**") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 2020-197, Laws of Florida, located in Brevard County, Volusia County and the City of Edgewater, Florida; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the District is statutorily required to hold a meeting of the landowners of the District for the purpose of electing supervisors for the District on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, which shall be noticed pursuant to Chapter 2020-197(5)(2)(a), Laws of Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DEERING PARK STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT:

1. **EXISTING BOARD SUPERVISORS; SEATS SUBJECT TO ELECTIONS.** The Board is currently made up of the following individuals:

Seat Number	Supervisor	Term Expiration Date
1		11/17/2024
2	Earl M Underhill	11/17/2024
3	Glenn D Storch	11/17/2024
4	James Boyd	11/20/2022
5	Matthew West	11/20/2022

This year, Seat 4, currently held by James Boyd and Seat 5, currently held by Matthew West are subject to election by landowners on November 8, 2022. The candidates shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. The term of office for each successful candidate shall commence upon election.

2. **LANDOWNERS' ELECTION.** In accordance with Chapter 2020-197(5)(2), Laws of Florida, the meeting of the landowners to elect two (2) supervisors of the District, shall be held on November 8, 2022, at

3. **PUBLICATION.** The District's Secretary is hereby directed to publish notice of this landowners' meeting in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 2020-197(2), Laws of Florida.

4. **FORMS.** Pursuant to Chapter 2020-197(5)(2), Laws of Florida, the landowners' meeting and election has been announced by the Board at its April 6, 2022 meeting. A sample notice of landowners' meeting and election, proxy, ballot form and instructions were presented at such meeting and are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Such documents are available for review and copying during normal business hours at the District's Local Records Office, located at Storch Law Firm, 420 S. Nova Road, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114-4514 within Volusia County, Florida or at the office of the District Manager, Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, located at 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431.

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of April, 2022.

Attest:

DEERING PARK STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**NOTICE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING AND ELECTION AND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF THE DEERING PARK STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given to the public and all landowners within Deering Park Stewardship District (the **"District"**) the location of which is generally described as comprising a parcel or parcels of land containing approximately 64,135 acres, in Brevard County, Volusia County and the City of Edgewater, Florida, advising that a meeting of landowners will be held for the purpose of electing two (2) persons to the District Board of Supervisors. [Immediately following the landowners' meeting there will be convened a meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the purpose of considering certain matters of the Board to include election of certain District officers, and other such business which may properly come before the Board.]

DATE: Tuesday, November 8, 2022

TIME: __: __ A/PM

PLACE: _____

Each landowner may vote in person or by written proxy. Proxy forms may be obtained upon request at the office of the District Manager, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561) 571-0010 ("District Manager's Office"). At said meeting each landowner or his or her proxy shall be entitled to nominate persons for the position of Supervisor and cast one vote per acre of land, or fractional portion thereof, owned by him or her and located within the District for each person to be elected to the position of Supervisor. A fraction of an acre shall be treated as one acre, entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Platted lots shall be counted individually and rounded up to the nearest whole acre. The acreage of platted lots shall not be aggregated for determining the number of voting units held by a landowner or a landowner's proxy. At the landowners' meeting the landowners shall select a person to serve as the meeting chair and who shall conduct the meeting.

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

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

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

District Manager

Run Date(s): _____ & _____

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

**INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO LANDOWNERS' MEETING OF
DEERING PARK STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT FOR THE ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS**

DATE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING: **Tuesday, November 8, 2022**

TIME: _____ **A./P.M.**

LOCATION: _____

Pursuant to Chapter 2020-197(5)(2), Laws of Florida, after the Deering Park Stewardship 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 every two years until the District qualifies to have its board members elected by the qualified electors of the district. The following instructions on how all landowners may participate in the election is intended to comply with Chapter 2020-197(5)(2(b), Laws of Florida.

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

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

This year, two (2) seats on the Board will be up for election by landowners. Each candidate shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. The term of office for each successful candidate shall commence upon election.

A proxy is available upon request. To be valid, each proxy must be signed by one of the legal owners of the property for which the vote is cast and must contain the typed or printed name of the individual who signed the proxy; the street address, legal description of the property or tax

parcel identification number; and the number of authorized votes. If the proxy authorizes more than one vote, each property must be listed and the number of acres of each property must be included. The signature on a proxy does not need to be notarized.

LANDOWNER PROXY

**DEERING PARK STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT
VOLUSIA COUNTY AND BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned, the fee simple owner of the lands described herein, hereby constitutes and appoints _____ (**"Proxy Holder"**) for and on behalf of the undersigned, to vote as proxy at the meeting of the landowners of the Deering Park Stewardship District to be held at _____ on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at __:__ a/p.m., and at any adjournments thereof, according to the number of acres of unplatted land and/or platted lots owned by the undersigned landowner that the undersigned would be entitled to vote if then personally present, upon any question, proposition, or resolution or any other matter or thing that may be considered at said meeting including, but not limited to, the election of members of the Board of Supervisors. Said Proxy Holder may vote in accordance with his or her discretion on all matters not known or determined at the time of solicitation of this proxy, which may legally be considered at said meeting.

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

Printed Name of Legal Owner

By: _____
Title: _____

Date

<u>Parcel Description</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Authorized Votes</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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

Total Number of Authorized Votes: _____

NOTES: * Pursuant to Chapter 2020-197(5)(2)(b), Laws of Florida, a fraction of an acre is treated as one (1) acre entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Moreover, two (2) or more persons who own real property in common that is one acre or less are together entitled to only one vote for that real property.

If the fee simple landowner is not an individual, and is instead a corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership or other entity, evidence that the individual signing on behalf of the entity has the authority to do so should be attached hereto (e.g., bylaws, corporate resolution, etc.).

OFFICIAL BALLOT
DEERING PARK STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT
VOLUSIA COUNTY AND BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – NOVEMBER 8, 2022

For Election (2 Supervisors): The two (2) will each receive a four (4)-year term, with the term of office for each successful candidate commencing upon election.

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

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

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

or

Attach Proxy.

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

SEAT NUMBER	NAME OF CANDIDATE	NUMBER OF VOTES
4		
5		

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

**DEERING PARK
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

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Hopping Green & Sams

Attorneys and Counselors

October 14, 2021

VIA EMAIL

Craig Wrathell, District Manager

wrathellc@whhassociates.com

Glenn Storch

glenn@storchlawfirm.com

Daphne Gillyard

gillyardd@whhassociates.com

RE: Deering Park Stewardship District ("Client")

JOINT LETTER BY HOPPING GREEN & SAMS, P.A. AND KUTAK ROCK LLP, ANNOUNCING THE DEPARTURE OF JONATHAN JOHNSON, KATIE BUCHANAN, MIKE ECKERT, TUCKER MACKIE, WES HABER, LINDSAY WHELAN, JOE BROWN, SARAH SANDY, ALYSSA WILLSON AND MICHELLE RIGONI TO KUTAK ROCK LLP

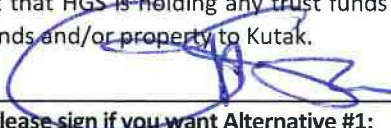
Dear Craig/Glenn/Daphne,

As of November 15, 2021, Jonathan Johnson, Katie Buchanan, Mike Eckert, Tucker Mackie, Wes Haber, Lindsay Whelan, Joe Brown, Sarah Sandy, Alyssa Willson and Michelle Rigoni (the "Special District Practice Group") will be withdrawing as attorneys from Hopping Green & Sams, P.A. ("HGS") and will be joining Kutak Rock LLP ("Kutak"). The members of the Special District Practice Group have provided services in connection with HGS's representation of the Client in one or more matter(s) ("Client Matters").

In the coming months, HGS will no longer be providing legal services. Kutak is prepared to continue as the Client's legal counsel with respect to the Client Matters; however, it is the Client's choice as to who should serve as its legal counsel, and whether the Client Matters and all electronic files and active and closed hardcopy files (collectively, the "Files") should be transferred to Kutak.

Please select one of the following alternatives; however, please be advised that as of November 15, 2021, HGS will no longer be competent to provide legal services to the Client; accordingly, representation by HGS will cease on November 15, 2021, whether or not the Client makes an election below:

1. ALTERNATIVE #1. The Client asks that the Client Matters be transferred with the Special District Practice Group to their new firm, Kutak. Please transfer all Files relating to the Client Matters. HGS's legal representation of the Client will cease on the date of HGS's receipt of their written notice. After that date, the Special District Practice Group and their new firm, Kutak, will be responsible for legal representation of the Client in the Client Matters. To the extent that HGS is holding any trust funds or other property of the Client, HGS is further instructed to transfer such funds and/or property to Kutak.


(Please sign if you want Alternative #1; [DATE]
otherwise, do not sign on this line.)

2. ALTERNATIVE #2. If you do not want Alternative #1, please advise us what HGS should do regarding the Client Matters and all Files relating to the Client Matters by December 1, 2021. HGS's legal representation of the Client will cease on November 15, 2021. If HGS does not receive a response by December 1, 2021, that will confirm HGS's understanding that all Files are not needed or desired and HGS will shred them.

(Please sign here if you have
given instructions under Alternative
#2; otherwise do not sign on this line.)

[DATE]

After you have completed and signed this form, please send a copy via electronic mail to JasonM@hgslaw.com, MarkS@hgslaw.com, JJohnson@hgslaw.com, and KimH@hgslaw.com.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

HOPPING GREEN & SAMS, P.A.



By: Jonathan Johnson

Its: President

Date: October 14, 2021

RETENTION AND FEE AGREEMENT

I. PARTIES

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

- A. Deering Park Stewardship District (“**Client**”)
c/o Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

and

- B. Kutak Rock LLP (“**Kutak Rock**”)
P.O. Box 10230
Tallahassee, Florida 32302

II. SCOPE OF SERVICES

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

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

III. CLIENT FILES

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

IV. FEES

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

Jonathan T. Johnson	\$395
Associates	\$250 - \$295
Paralegals	\$170

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

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

V. BILLING AND PAYMENT

The Client agrees to pay Kutak Rock's monthly billings for fees and expenses incurred within thirty (30) days following receipt of an invoice, or the time permitted by Florida law, whichever is greater. Kutak Rock shall not be obligated to perform further legal services under this Agreement if any such billing statement remains unpaid longer than thirty (30) days after submittal to and receipt by Client. Non-payment of billing statements shall be a basis for Kutak Rock to immediately withdraw from the representation without regard to remaining actions necessitating attention by Kutak Rock as part of the representation.

VI. DEFAULT; VENUE

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

VII. CONFLICTS

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

VIII. ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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

IX. TERMINATION

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

X. EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

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

XI. ENTIRE CONTRACT

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

Accepted and Agreed to:

**DEERING PARK STEWARDSHIP
DISTRICT**

KUTAK ROCK LLP

By: _____

By: _____

Its: _____

Its: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

ATTACHMENT A

KUTAK ROCK LLP CDD EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

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

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

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

Postage. Postage is billed at actual cost.

Overnight Delivery. Overnight delivery is billed at actual cost.

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

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

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

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

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

**DEERING PARK
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

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RESOLUTION 2022-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DEERING PARK STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CHANGE OF DESIGNATED REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Deering Park Stewardship District (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 2020-197, Laws of Florida, and Chapter 189, Florida Statutes, being situated within Brevard County, Volusia County and the City of Edgewater, Florida; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DEERING PARK STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. Jonathan Johnson, is hereby designated as the Registered Agent for the Deering Park Stewardship District.

SECTION 2. The District’s Registered Office shall be located at Kutak Rock LLP, 107 W College Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of April, 2022.

Attest:

**DEERING PARK STEWARDSHIP
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**DEERING PARK
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

8A

MEMORANDUM

To: District Manager

From: Hopping Green & Sams P.A.

RE: Wastewater and Stormwater Needs Analysis

During the 2021 legislative session sections 403.9301 and 403.9302, Florida Statutes, were enacted requiring local governments to perform a 20-year needs analysis of certain wastewater and stormwater services or systems. Subject special districts are required to complete this analysis by June 30, 2022, and every five years thereafter. This memorandum answers basic questions regarding these new statutory provisions and requests that District Managers seek authorization for staff to solicit proposals to complete the required study as appropriate. We expect the services necessary to complete the required analysis to be exempt from competitive solicitation requirements as a planning or study activity below the statutory threshold of \$35,000. §§ 287.055, 287.017, Fla. Stat. Thus, as deemed appropriate and in the best interests of the subject district, districts may elect to utilize the services of existing engineering or other professionals currently under contract or may seek additional proposals for completion of the required needs analysis.

Which special districts are required to complete a needs analysis under section 403.9301 and 403.9302, Florida Statutes?

Special districts providing “wastewater services” or a “stormwater management program or stormwater management system” must complete a needs analysis.¹

What constitutes “wastewater services”?

Wastewater services means providing service to pipelines or conduits, pumping stations, and force mains and associated facilities used for collecting or conducting wastes to an ultimate point for treatment or disposal or to a plant or other works used for the purpose of treating, stabilizing, or holding wastewater principally from dwellings, business buildings, institutions, and sanitary wastewater or sewage treatment plants.

¹ Counties, municipalities, and special districts located in a “rural area of opportunity” may be exempt from the requirements of sections 403.9301 and 403.9302, Florida Statutes, if compliance would create an undue economic hardship. This includes:

- *Northwest Rural Area of Opportunity:* Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, Wakulla, and Washington counties, and the area within the city limits of Freeport and Walton County north of the Choctawhatchee Bay and intercoastal waterway.
- *South Central Rural Area of Opportunity:* DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee counties, and the cities of Pahokee, Belle Glade, and South Bay (Palm Beach County), and Immokalee (Collier County).
- *North Central Rural Area of Opportunity:* Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union counties.

What constitutes “stormwater management program or stormwater management system”?

“Stormwater management program” means an institutional strategy for stormwater management, including urban, agricultural, and other stormwater. “Stormwater Management System” means a system which is designed and constructed or implemented to control discharges which are necessitated by rainfall events, incorporating methods to collect, convey, store, absorb, inhibit, treat, use, or reuse water to prevent or reduce flooding, overdrainage, environmental degradation and water pollution or otherwise affect the quantity and quality of discharges from the system.

What must the needs analysis for these services or systems include?

- A detailed description of associated facilities;
- The number of current and projected residents served calculated in 5-year increments;
- The current and projected service area;
- The current and projected cost of providing services calculated in 5-year increments;
- The estimated remaining useful life of each facility or its major components;
- The most recent 5-year history of annual contributions to, expenditures from, and balances of any capital account for maintenance or expansion of any facility or its major components;
- The district’s plan to fund the maintenance or expansion of any facility or its major components. The plan must include historical and estimated future revenues and expenditures with an evaluation of how the district expects to close any projected funding gap.
- The Office of Economic and Demographic Research has [templates and other resources and guidance](#) under development on its website to assist in completion of this required analysis.

When must the needs analysis required be complete?

The 20-year needs analysis must be completed by June 30, 2022.

What happens to the needs analysis once it is complete?

The complete needs analysis and associated methodology and supporting data must be submitted to the county within which the largest portion of the subject district facilities are located. Each county must then compile all analyses submitted to it (from special districts, municipalities, and the county itself) into a single document that must be filed with the Department of Environmental Protection and Office of Economic and Demographic Research by July 31, 2022 and every five years thereafter. The Office of Economic and Demographic research is required to evaluate the compiled documents for purposes of developing a statewide analysis that will include an analysis of the expenditures necessary to repair, replace, and expand water-related infrastructure.

CHAPTER 2021-194

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 53

An act relating to public works; amending s. 255.0991, F.S.; revising a prohibition relating to any solicitation for construction services paid for with state appropriated funds; amending s. 255.0992, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “public works project”; prohibiting the state or any political subdivision that contracts for a public works project from taking specified action against certain persons that are engaged in a public works project or have submitted a bid for such a project; providing applicability; amending s. 403.928, F.S.; requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to include an analysis of certain expenditures in its annual assessment; creating s. 403.9301, F.S.; providing definitions; requiring counties, municipalities, and special districts that provide wastewater services to develop a needs analysis that includes certain information by a specified date; requiring municipalities and special districts to submit such analyses to a certain county; requiring the county to file a compiled document with the coordinator of the Office of Economic and Demographic Research by a specified date; requiring the office to evaluate the document and include an analysis in its annual assessment; providing applicability; creating s. 403.9302, F.S.; providing definitions; requiring counties, municipalities, and special districts that provide stormwater management to develop a needs analysis that includes certain information by a specified date; requiring municipalities and special districts to submit such analyses to a certain county; requiring the county to file a compiled document with the Secretary of Environmental Protection and the coordinator of the Office of Economic and Demographic Research by a specified date; requiring the office to evaluate the document and include an analysis in its annual assessment; providing applicability; providing a determination and declaration of important state interest; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 255.0991, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

255.0991 Contracts for construction services; prohibited local government preferences.—

(2) For any a competitive solicitation for construction services paid for with any in which 50 percent or more of the cost will be paid from state-appropriated funds which have been appropriated at the time of the competitive solicitation, a state college, county, municipality, school district, or other political subdivision of the state may not use a local ordinance or regulation to prevent a certified, licensed, or registered contractor,

subcontractor, or material supplier or carrier, from participating in the bidding process that provides a preference based upon:

- (a) ~~The contractor's~~ Maintaining an office or place of business within a particular local jurisdiction;
- (b) ~~The contractor's~~ Hiring employees or subcontractors from within a particular local jurisdiction; or
- (c) ~~The contractor's~~ Prior payment of local taxes, assessments, or duties within a particular local jurisdiction.

Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and subsections (2) and (3) of section 255.0992, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

255.0992 Public works projects; prohibited governmental actions.—

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(b) “Public works project” means an activity exceeding \$1 million in value that is ~~of which 50 percent or more of the cost will be paid for with any from state-appropriated funds that were appropriated at the time of the competitive solicitation~~ and which consists of the construction, maintenance, repair, renovation, remodeling, or improvement of a building, road, street, sewer, storm drain, water system, site development, irrigation system, reclamation project, gas or electrical distribution system, gas or electrical substation, or other facility, project, or portion thereof that is owned in whole or in part by any political subdivision.

(2)(a) Except as required by federal or state law, the state or any political subdivision that contracts for a public works project may not take the following actions:

(a) Prevent a certified, licensed, or registered contractor, subcontractor, or material supplier or carrier, from participating in the bidding process based on the geographic location of the company headquarters or offices of the contractor, subcontractor, or material supplier or carrier submitting a bid on a public works project or the residences of employees of such contractor, subcontractor, or material supplier or carrier.

(b) Require that a contractor, subcontractor, or material supplier or carrier engaged in a public works ~~such~~ project:

1. Pay employees a predetermined amount of wages or prescribe any wage rate;
2. Provide employees a specified type, amount, or rate of employee benefits;
3. Control, limit, or expand staffing; or

4. Recruit, train, or hire employees from a designated, restricted, or single source.

~~(c)(b) The state or any political subdivision that contracts for a public works project may not~~ Prohibit any contractor, subcontractor, or material supplier or carrier able to perform such work that who is qualified, licensed, or certified as required by state or local law to perform such work from receiving information about public works opportunities or from submitting a bid on the public works project. This paragraph does not apply to vendors listed under ss. 287.133 and 287.134.

(3) This section does not apply to the following:

(a) Contracts executed under chapter 337.

(b) A use authorized by s. 212.055(1) which is approved by a majority vote of the electorate of the county or by a charter amendment approved by a majority vote of the electorate of the county.

Section 3. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (1) of section 403.928, Florida Statutes, to read:

403.928 Assessment of water resources and conservation lands.—The Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall conduct an annual assessment of Florida's water resources and conservation lands.

(1) WATER RESOURCES.—The assessment must include all of the following:

(e) Beginning with the assessment due January 1, 2022, an analysis of the expenditures necessary to repair, replace, and expand water-related infrastructure. As part of this analysis, the office shall periodically survey public and private utilities.

Section 4. Section 403.9301, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

403.9301 Wastewater services projections.—

(1) The Legislature intends for each county, municipality, or special district providing wastewater services to create a 20-year needs analysis.

(2) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Domestic wastewater" has the same meaning as provided in s. 367.021.

(b) "Facility" means any equipment, structure, or other property, including sewerage systems and treatment works, used to provide wastewater services.

(c) "Treatment works" has the same meaning as provided in s. 403.031(11).

(d) “Wastewater services” means service to a sewerage system, as defined in s. 403.031(9), or service to domestic wastewater treatment works.

(3) By June 30, 2022, and every 5 years thereafter, each county, municipality, or special district providing wastewater services shall develop a needs analysis for its jurisdiction over the subsequent 20 years. In projecting such needs, each local government shall include the following:

(a) A detailed description of the facilities used to provide wastewater services.

(b) The number of current and projected connections and residents served calculated in 5-year increments.

(c) The current and projected service area for wastewater services.

(d) The current and projected cost of providing wastewater services calculated in 5-year increments.

(e) The estimated remaining useful life of each facility or its major components.

(f) The most recent 5-year history of annual contributions to, expenditures from, and balances of any capital account for maintenance or expansion of any facility or its major components.

(g) The local government’s plan to fund the maintenance or expansion of any facility or its major components. The plan must include historical and estimated future revenues and expenditures with an evaluation of how the local government expects to close any projected funding gap.

(4) Upon completing the requirements of subsection (3), each municipality or special district shall submit its needs analysis, as well as the methodology and any supporting data necessary to interpret the results, to the county within which the largest portion of its service area is located. Each county shall compile all analyses submitted to it under this subsection into a single document and include its own analysis in the document. The county shall file the compiled document with the coordinator of the Office of Economic and Demographic Research no later than July 31, 2022, and every 5 years thereafter.

(5) The Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall evaluate the compiled documents from the counties for the purpose of developing a statewide analysis for inclusion in the assessment due January 1, 2023, pursuant to s. 403.928.

(6) This section applies to a rural area of opportunity as defined in s. 288.0656 unless the requirements of this section would create an undue economic hardship for the county, municipality, or special district in the rural area of opportunity.

Section 5. Section 403.9302, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

403.9302 Stormwater management projections.—

(1) The Legislature intends for each county, municipality, or special district providing a stormwater management program or stormwater management system to create a 20-year needs analysis.

(2) As used in this section, the term:

(a) “Facility” means any equipment, structure, or other property, including conveyance systems, used or useful in connection with providing a stormwater management program or stormwater management system.

(b) “Stormwater management program” has the same meaning as provided in s. 403.031(15).

(c) “Stormwater management system” has the same meaning as provided in s. 403.031(16).

(3) By June 30, 2022, and every 5 years thereafter, each county, municipality, or special district providing a stormwater management program or stormwater management system shall develop a needs analysis for its jurisdiction over the subsequent 20 years. In projecting such needs, each local government shall include the following:

(a) A detailed description of the stormwater management program or stormwater management system and its facilities and projects.

(b) The number of current and projected residents served calculated in 5-year increments.

(c) The current and projected service area for the stormwater management program or stormwater management system.

(d) The current and projected cost of providing services calculated in 5-year increments.

(e) The estimated remaining useful life of each facility or its major components.

(f) The most recent 5-year history of annual contributions to, expenditures from, and balances of any capital account for maintenance or expansion of any facility or its major components.

(g) The local government’s plan to fund the maintenance or expansion of any facility or its major components. The plan must include historical and estimated future revenues and expenditures with an evaluation of how the local government expects to close any projected funding gap.

(4) Upon completing the requirements of subsection (3), each municipality or special district shall submit its needs analysis, as well as the

methodology and any supporting data necessary to interpret the results, to the county within which the largest portion of its stormwater management program or stormwater management system is located. Each county shall compile all analyses submitted to it under this subsection into a single document and include its own analysis in the document. The county shall file the compiled document with the Secretary of Environmental Protection and the coordinator of the Office of Economic and Demographic Research no later than July 31, 2022, and every 5 years thereafter.

(5) The Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall evaluate the compiled documents from the counties for the purpose of developing a statewide analysis for inclusion in the assessment due January 1, 2023, pursuant to s. 403.928.

(6) This section applies to a rural area of opportunity as defined in s. 288.0656 unless the requirements of this section would create an undue economic hardship for the county, municipality, or special district in the rural area of opportunity.

Section 6. The Legislature determines and declares that this act fulfills an important state interest.

Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

Approved by the Governor June 29, 2021.

Filed in Office Secretary of State June 29, 2021.

TEMPLATE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS FOR PERFORMING A STORMWATER NEEDS ANALYSIS PURSUANT TO SECTION 5 OF SECTION 403.9302, FLORIDA STATUTES

INTRODUCTION

As part of the 2021 regular session, the Legislature recognized the need for a long-term planning process for stormwater and wastewater. Section 403.9302, Florida Statutes, requires a 20-year needs analysis from the local governments providing stormwater services. Because this planning document is forward-looking, it will necessarily include a large number of assumptions about future actions. These assumptions should be based on any available information coupled with best professional judgment of the individuals completing the document.

Completing this template by June 30, 2022, will fulfill the statutory requirements for the first round of 20-year needs analyses for stormwater. The template was generated by EDR in cooperation with local governments, Special Districts, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Water Management Districts, the Florida Stormwater Association, private consultants, and others. Use of this tool will help ensure that information is compiled consistently for the Office of Economic & Demographic Research's (EDR) report to the Legislature.

For the purposes of this document, a stormwater management program and a stormwater management system are as defined in statute (s. 403.031(15) and (16), F.S., respectively; language provided here: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Laws/Statutes/2021/403.031>). Plainly speaking, the "program" is the institutional framework whereby stormwater management activities (MS4 NPDES permit activities, and other regulatory activities, construction, operation and maintenance, etc.) are carried out by the public authority. The "system" comprises the physical infrastructure that is owned and/or operated by the local government or special district that specifically is intended to control, convey or store stormwater runoff for treatment and flood protection purposes.

For the purposes of this document, the following guiding principles have been adopted:

- Stormwater systems or facilities owned and operated by any of the following are excluded from reporting requirements for local governments and special districts:
 - o Private entities or citizens
 - o Federal government
 - o State government, including the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)
 - o Water Management Districts
 - o School districts
 - o State universities or Florida colleges
- Local government expenditures associated with routine operation and maintenance are fully funded prior to commencing new projects and initiatives.
- Local government submissions will include the activities of dependent special districts. Only independent special districts report separately. For a list of all special districts in the state and their type (*i.e.*, dependent or independent), please see the Department of Economic Opportunity's Official List of Special Districts at the following link: <http://specialdistrictreports.floridajobs.org/webreports/alphalist.aspx>.
- With respect to federal and state statutes and rulemaking, current law and current administration prevails throughout the 20-year period. In other words, the state's present legal framework (*i.e.*, the status quo) continues throughout the period.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING THE TEMPLATE

Instructions for submitting the template are still under development. Additional information regarding submission and answers to frequently asked questions will be posted on EDR's website, along with other useful materials, here: <http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/natural-resources/stormwaterwastewater.cfm>

The statutory language forms the titles for each part. This template asks that you group your recent and projected expenditures in prescribed categories. A detailed list of the categories is provided in part 5.0.

The same project should not appear on multiple tables in the jurisdiction's response unless the project's expenditures are allocated between those tables. All expenditures should be reported in \$1,000s (e.g., five hundred thousand dollars should be reported as \$500).

For any jurisdiction that is contracting with another jurisdiction where both could be reporting the same expenditure, please contact EDR for additional guidance. In situations where a reporting jurisdiction contracts with a non-reporting jurisdiction, (i.e., FDOT, the water management districts, the state or federal government), the reporting jurisdiction should include the expenditures.

When reporting cost information, please only include the expenditures that have flowed, are flowing, or will likely flow through your jurisdiction's budget. While necessary to comply with the statute, the concept of "future expenditures" should be viewed as an expression of identified needs.

These projections are necessarily speculative and do not represent a firm commitment to future budget actions by the jurisdiction.

This Excel workbook contains three worksheets for data entry. (Along the bottom of the screen, the three tabs are highlighted green.) Empty cells with visible borders are unlocked for data entry. In the first tab, titled "Background through Part 4," the information requested is either text, a dropdown list (e.g., Yes or No), or a checkbox. The next tab, "Part 5 through Part 8," contains tables for expenditure or revenue data as well as some follow-up questions that may have checkboxes, lists, or space for text.

In Part 5 and Part 6, the expenditure tables have space for up to 5 projects. More projects can be listed in the "Additional Projects" tab. This tab contains a table with space for up to 200 additional projects. In order for these additional projects and expenditures to be correctly classified and included in the final totals, each project must be assigned a Project Type and Funding Source Type from the dropdown lists in columns B and C.

Links to Template Parts:

[Background Information](#)

[Part 1](#)

[Part 2](#)

[Part 3](#)

[Part 4](#)

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[Additional Projects - This table contains additional rows for projects that do not fit into the main tables in Parts 5 and 6](#)

**DEERING PARK
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

8B

Hopping Green & Sams

Attorneys and Counselors

MEMORANDUM

To: District Manager

From: Hopping Green & Sams P.A.

RE: Prompt Payment Policies

As you may know, during the 2021 legislative session Part VII of Chapter 218, Florida Statutes (the “Local Government Prompt Payment Act”) was amended. This includes an increase from 1 percent to 2 percent as the floor interest rate on late payments for construction services and the addition of certain contractor rights in the event a local government entity fails to timely commence dispute resolution procedures in the event of an improper payment request or invoice. See §§ 218.735(9); 218.76(2)(b), Fla. Stat. As provided in Florida Chapter Laws 2021-124, these changes apply to contracts executed on or after July 1, 2021.

Accordingly, we advise that districts adopt new or updated Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures as attached hereto to reflect these changes. For districts that have previously adopted Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures prepared by Hopping, Green & Sams, this consists of the following changes as reflected in track-change format:

VII. Resolution of Disputes

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B. Dispute Resolution Procedures

1. If an Improper Payment Request or Improper Invoice is submitted, and the Provider refuses or fails to submit a revised payment request or invoice as contemplated by the PPA and these Policies and Procedures, the Provider shall, not later than thirty (30) days after the date on which the last payment request or invoice was Date Stamped, submit a written statement via certified mail to the Agent, copying the District Manager, specifying the basis upon which the Provider contends the last submitted payment request or invoice was proper.
2. Within forty-five (45) days of receipt by the Agent and District Manager of the disputed, last-submitted payment request or invoice, the Agent and/or District Manager shall commence investigation of the dispute and render a final decision on the matter no later than sixty (60) days after the date on which the last-submitted payment request or invoice is Date Stamped.
3. With regard to contracts executed on or after July 1, 2021, if the District does not commence the dispute resolution procedure within the time provided herein, a Provider may give written notice via certified mail to the Agent, copying the District Manager, of the District’s failure to timely commence its dispute resolution procedure. If the District fails to commence the dispute resolution procedure within

four (4) business days after receipt of such notice, any amounts resolved in the Provider's favor shall bear mandatory interest, as set forth in section 218.735(9), Florida Statutes, from the date on which the payment request or invoice containing the disputed amounts was Date Stamped. If the dispute resolution procedure is not commenced within four (4) business days after receipt of the notice, the objection to the payment request or invoice shall be deemed waived. The waiver of an objection pursuant to this paragraph does not relieve a Provider of its contractual obligations.

- ~~34.~~ Absent a written agreement to the contrary, if the Provider refuses or fails to provide the written statement required above, the Agent and/or District Manager is not required to contact the Provider in the investigation. In addition, and absent a written agreement to the contrary, if such written statement is not provided, the District may immediately contract with third parties to provide the goods and services subject to the dispute and deduct the costs of such third party purchases from amounts owed to the Provider.
- ~~45.~~ The Board shall approve any decision of the District Manager to contract with a third party which would result in: 1) an expenditure above what is budgeted for the Construction Services or Non-Construction Services; or 2) an expenditure which exceeds the original contract amount for the Construction Services or Non-Construction Services by more than ten percent (10%) or Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000).
- ~~56.~~ A written explanation of the final decision shall be sent to the Provider, via certified mail, within five (5) business days from the date on which such final decision is made. A copy of the written explanation of the final decision shall be provided to the Chairperson of the Board simultaneously with the certified mailing to the Provider.
- ~~67.~~ If a Provider does not accept in writing the final decision within five (5) days after receipt by the Provider, the District may immediately contract with third parties to provide the goods and services subject to the dispute and deduct the costs of such third party purchases from amounts owed to the Provider. If the costs of the third party purchases exceed the amount the District owes to the Provider, the District may seek to recover such excess from the Provider in a court of law or as otherwise provided in an agreement between the District and the Provider. Nothing contained herein shall limit or affect the District's ability to enforce all of its legal and contractual rights and remedies against the Provider.

X. Late Payment Interest Charges

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B. Related to Construction Services

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

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

RESOLUTION 2021-_____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 ____ day of _____, 2021.

ATTEST:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

EXHIBIT A



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

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

_____, 2021

Community Development District
Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

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I. Purpose

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

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

III. Definitions

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

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

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E. Improper Invoice

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

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G. Non-Construction Goods and Services

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

H. Proper Invoice

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

I. Proper Payment Request

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

J. Provider

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

K. Purchase

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

L. Vendor

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

IV. Proper Invoice/Payment Request Requirements

A. General

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

B. Sales Tax

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

C. Federal Identification and Social Security Numbers

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

Providers should notify the District Manager when changes in data occur (telephone [REDACTED], email [REDACTED]).

D. Proper Invoice for Non-Construction Goods and Services

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

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

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

E. Proper Payment Request Requirements for Construction Services

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

V. Submission of Invoices and Payment Requests

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

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

1. Mailing and Drop Off Address

	Community Development District

2. Email Address

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VI. Calculation of Payment Due Date

A. Non-Construction Goods and Services Invoices

1. Receipt of Proper Invoice

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

2. Receipt of Improper Invoice

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

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

3. Rejection of an Improper Invoice

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

The District's rejection of an Improper Invoice must:

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

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

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

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

4. Payment of Undisputed Portion of Invoice

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

B. Payment Requests for Construction Services

1. Receipt of Proper Payment Request

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

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

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

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

2. Receipt and Rejection of Improper Payment Request

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

3. Payment of Undisputed Portion of Payment Request

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

VII. Resolution of Disputes

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

A. Dispute between the District and a Provider

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

B. Dispute Resolution Procedures

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

2. Within forty-five (45) days of receipt by the Agent and District Manager of the disputed, last-submitted payment request or invoice, the Agent and/or District Manager shall commence investigation of the dispute and render a final decision on the matter no later than sixty (60) days after the date on which the last-submitted payment request or invoice is Date Stamped.
3. With regard to contracts executed on or after July 1, 2021, if the District does not commence the dispute resolution procedure within the time provided herein, a Provider may give written notice via certified mail to the Agent, copying the District Manager, of the District's failure to timely commence its dispute resolution procedure. If the District fails to commence the dispute resolution procedure within 4 business days after receipt of such notice, any amounts resolved in the Provider's favor shall bear mandatory interest, as set forth in section 218.735(9), Florida Statutes, from the date on which the payment request or invoice containing the disputed amounts was Date Stamped. If the dispute resolution procedure is not commenced within 4 business days after receipt of the notice, the objection to the payment request or invoice shall be deemed waived. The waiver of an objection pursuant to this paragraph does not relieve a Provider of its contractual obligations.
4. Absent a written agreement to the contrary, if the Provider refuses or fails to provide the written statement required above, the Agent and/or District Manager is not required to contact the Provider in the investigation. In addition, and absent a written agreement to the contrary, if such written statement is not provided, the District may immediately contract with third parties to provide the goods and services subject to the dispute and deduct the costs of such third party purchases from amounts owed to the Provider.
5. The Board shall approve any decision of the District Manager to contract with a third party which would result in: 1) an expenditure above what is budgeted for the Construction Services or Non-Construction Services; or 2) an expenditure which exceeds the original contract amount for the Construction Services or Non-Construction Services by more than ten percent (10%) or Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000).
6. A written explanation of the final decision shall be sent to the Provider, via certified mail, within five (5) business days from the date on which such final decision is made. A copy of the written explanation of the final decision shall be provided to the Chairperson of the Board simultaneously with the certified mailing to the Provider.

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

VIII. Purchases Involving Federal Funds or Bond Funds

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

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

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

X. Late Payment Interest Charges

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

A. Related to Non-Construction Goods and Services

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

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

B. Related to Construction Services

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

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

C. Report of Interest

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

RESOLUTION 2022-05

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

WHEREAS, the Deering Park Stewardship District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 2020-197, Laws of Florida, being situated entirely within the City of Edgewater, Brevard County and Volusia County, Florida; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE DEERING PARK STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT:

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

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 6th day of April, 2022.

ATTEST:

DEERING PARK STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

EXHIBIT A

DEERING PARK STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

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

April 6, 2022

Deering Park Stewardship District
Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

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F. Improper Payment Request

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

G. Non-Construction Goods and Services

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

H. Proper Invoice

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

I. Proper Payment Request

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

J. Provider

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

K. Purchase

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

L. Vendor

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

IV. Proper Invoice/Payment Request Requirements

A. General

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

B. Sales Tax

Providers should not include sales tax on any invoice or payment request. The District's current tax-exempt number is 85-8018270564C-6. A copy of the tax-exempt form will be supplied to Providers upon request.

C. Federal Identification and Social Security Numbers

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

Providers should notify the District Manager when changes in data occur (telephone: (561) 571-0010, email: cerbonec@whhassociates.com).

D. Proper Invoice for Non-Construction Goods and Services

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

1. Name of Vendor
2. Remittance address

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

E. Proper Payment Request Requirements for Construction Services

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

V. Submission of Invoices and Payment Requests

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

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

1. Mailing and Drop Off Address

Deering Park Stewardship District
c/o Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

2. Email Address

DeeringParkSD@districtap.com

VI. Calculation of Payment Due Date

A. Non-Construction Goods and Services Invoices

1. Receipt of Proper Invoice

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

2. Receipt of Improper Invoice

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

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

3. Rejection of an Improper Invoice

The District may reject an Improper Invoice. Within ten (10) days of receipt of the Improper Invoice by the District, the Vendor must be notified that the invoice is improper and be given an opportunity to correct the deficient

or missing information, remedy the faulty work, replace the defective goods, or take other necessary, remedial action.

The District's rejection of an Improper Invoice must:

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

If the Vendor submits a corrected invoice, which corrects the deficiencies specified in the District's written rejection, the District must pay the corrected invoice within the later of: (a) ten (10) business days after date the corrected invoice is Date Stamped; or (b) forty-five (45) days after the date the Improper Invoice was Date Stamped.

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

4. Payment of Undisputed Portion of Invoice

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

B. Payment Requests for Construction Services

1. Receipt of Proper Payment Request

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

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

The agreement between the District and the Provider shall identify the Agent to which the Provider shall submit its payment request, or shall be provided by the District through a separate written notice no later than ten (10) days after contract award or notice to

proceed, whichever is later. Provider's submission of a payment request to the Agent shall be Date Stamped, which shall commence the time periods for payment or rejection of a payment request or invoice as provided in this section.

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

2. Receipt and Rejection of Improper Payment Request

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

3. Payment of Undisputed Portion of Payment Request

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

VII. Resolution of Disputes

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

A. Dispute between the District and a Provider

If a dispute between the District and a Provider cannot be resolved following resubmission of a payment request by the Provider, the dispute must be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution procedure prescribed in the

construction contract, if any. In the absence of a prescribed procedure in the contract, the dispute must be resolved by the procedures specified below.

B. Dispute Resolution Procedures

1. If an Improper Payment Request or Improper Invoice is submitted, and the Provider refuses or fails to submit a revised payment request or invoice as contemplated by the PPA and these Policies and Procedures, the Provider shall, not later than thirty (30) days after the date on which the last payment request or invoice was Date Stamped, submit a written statement via certified mail to the Agent, copying the District Manager, specifying the basis upon which the Provider contends the last submitted payment request or invoice was proper.
2. Within forty-five (45) days of receipt by the Agent and District Manager of the disputed, last-submitted payment request or invoice, the Agent and/or District Manager shall commence investigation of the dispute and render a final decision on the matter no later than sixty (60) days after the date on which the last-submitted payment request or invoice is Date Stamped.
3. With regard to contracts executed on or after July 1, 2021, if the District does not commence the dispute resolution procedure within the time provided herein, a Provider may give written notice via certified mail to the Agent, copying the District Manager, of the District's failure to timely commence its dispute resolution procedure. If the District fails to commence the dispute resolution procedure within 4 business days after receipt of such notice, any amounts resolved in the Provider's favor shall bear mandatory interest, as set forth in section 218.735(9), Florida Statutes, from the date on which the payment request or invoice containing the disputed amounts was Date Stamped. If the dispute resolution procedure is not commenced within 4 business days after receipt of the notice, the objection to the payment request or invoice shall be deemed waived. The waiver of an objection pursuant to this paragraph does not relieve a Provider of its contractual obligations.
4. Absent a written agreement to the contrary, if the Provider refuses or fails to provide the written statement required above, the Agent and/or District Manager is not required to contact the Provider in the investigation. In addition, and absent a written agreement to the contrary, if such written statement is not provided, the District may immediately contract with third parties to provide the goods and services subject to the dispute and deduct the costs of such third party purchases from amounts owed to the Provider.

5. The Board shall approve any decision of the District Manager to contract with a third party which would result in: 1) an expenditure above what is budgeted for the Construction Services or Non-Construction Services; or 2) an expenditure which exceeds the original contract amount for the Construction Services or Non-Construction Services by more than ten percent (10%) or Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000).
6. A written explanation of the final decision shall be sent to the Provider, via certified mail, within five (5) business days from the date on which such final decision is made. A copy of the written explanation of the final decision shall be provided to the Chairperson of the Board simultaneously with the certified mailing to the Provider.
7. If a Provider does not accept in writing the final decision within five (5) days after receipt by the Provider, the District may immediately contract with third parties to provide the goods and services subject to the dispute and deduct the costs of such third party purchases from amounts owed to the Provider. If the costs of the third party purchases exceed the amount the District owes to the Provider, the District may seek to recover such excess from the Provider in a court of law or as otherwise provided in an agreement between the District and the Provider. Nothing contained herein shall limit or affect the District's ability to enforce all of its legal and contractual rights and remedies against the Provider.

VIII. Purchases Involving Federal Funds or Bond Funds

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

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

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

X. Late Payment Interest Charges

Failure on the part of the District to make timely payments may result in District responsibility for late payment interest charges. No agreement between the District and

a Provider may prohibit the collection of late payment interest charges allowable under the PPA as mandatory interest. (§218.75, Fla. Stat.).

A. Related to Non-Construction Goods and Services

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

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

B. Related to Construction Services

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

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

C. Report of Interest

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

**DEERING PARK
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

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**DEERING PARK
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
UNAUDITED
FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

**DEERING PARK
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

	General Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 10,277	\$ 10,277
Due from developer	5,143	5,143
Total assets	<u>\$ 15,420</u>	<u>\$ 15,420</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 8,774	\$ 8,774
Accrued wages payable	600	600
Tax payable	46	46
Developer advance	6,000	6,000
Total liabilities	<u>15,420</u>	<u>15,420</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred receipts	5,143	5,143
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>5,143</u>	<u>5,143</u>
Fund balances:		
Unassigned	(5,143)	(5,143)
Total fund balances	<u>(5,143)</u>	<u>(5,143)</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 15,420</u>	<u>\$ 15,420</u>

**DEERING PARK
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	% of Budget
REVENUES				
Landowner contribution	\$ -	\$ 7,427	\$ 85,740	9%
Total revenues	-	7,427	85,740	9%
EXPENDITURES				
Professional & administrative				
Supervisors	-	-	9,000	0%
Management/accounting/recording ¹	2,000	10,000	24,000	42%
Legal	1,009	2,085	30,000	7%
Engineering	-	-	3,500	0%
Audit ²	-	-	3,500	0%
Postage	-	-	500	0%
Printing and binding	42	208	500	42%
Legal advertising	-	-	6,500	0%
Annual district filing fee	-	175	175	100%
Insurance - GL, POL	-	5,000	5,500	91%
Miscellaneous- bank charges	25	129	675	19%
Website:				
Hosting & updates	-	-	1,680	0%
ADA compliance	-	-	210	0%
Total professional & administrative	3,076	17,597	85,740	21%
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	(3,076)	(10,170)	-	
Fund balances - beginning	(2,067)	5,027	-	
Fund balances - ending	\$ (5,143)	\$ (5,143)	\$ -	

¹The \$2k monthly fee represents the charge for a semi-dormant CDD. Once bonds are issued this fee will revert back to \$4k per month.

²These items will be realized the year after the issuance of bonds.

**DEERING PARK
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

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**MINUTES OF MEETING
DEERING PARK STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

The Board of Supervisors of the Deering Park Stewardship District held Multiple Public Hearings and a Regular Meeting on July 30, 2021 at 10:30 a.m., at the Storch Law Firm, located at 420 S. Nova Road, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114-4514.

Present were:

Glenn Storch	Chair
Earl Underhill	Assistant Secretary
James (Jim) Boyd	Assistant Secretary
Matthew West (via telephone)	Assistant Secretary

Also present were:

Cindy Cerbone	District Manager
Jonathan Johnson (via telephone)	District Counsel
Helen Hutchens (via telephone)	Miami Corporation Management, LLC

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order/Roll Call

Ms. Cerbone called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. Supervisors Storch, Underhill and Boyd were present, in person. Supervisor West was attending via telephone. Supervisor Brown was not present.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments

No members of the public spoke.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Acceptance of Resignation of Supervisor
Michael Brown, Seat 1, Term Expires
November, 2024**

Ms. Cerbone presented the resignation of Mr. Michael Brown.

On MOTION by Mr. Storch and seconded by Mr. West, with all in favor, the resignation of Supervisor Michael Brown from Seat 1, term expires November, 2024, was accepted.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Administration of Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Supervisor *(the following to be provided in a separate package)*

- A. Guide to Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees**
- B. Membership, Obligations and Responsibilities**
- C. Financial Disclosure Forms**
 - I. Form 1: Statement of Financial Interests**
 - II. Form 1X: Amendment to Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests**
 - III. Form 1F: Final Statement of Financial Interests**
- D. Form 8B: Memorandum of Voting Conflict**

This item was deferred.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2021-28, Designating Certain Officers of the District, and Providing for an Effective Date

This item was deferred.

▪ **Discussion: Updated Agenda**

This item was an addition to the agenda.

Ms. Cerbone stated an updated agenda was provided to all persons attending in person and emailed to those attending via telephone.

Ms. Cerbone stated that it was necessary to reschedule the Public Hearing originally scheduled in April for July 9, 2021 to today, July 30, 2022. Resolution 2021-32 is necessary in order to amend the previous Resolution that approved the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 budget and to re-set the budget Public Hearing date from July 9, 2021 to July 30, 2021.

On MOTION by Mr. Storch and seconded by Mr. Boyd, with all in favor, amending the agenda to incorporate the additional item, as discussed, was approved.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2021-32, Amending Resolution No. 2021-27, Which Approved the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022; Re-Setting the Public Hearing Date for Public Comment on the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Final Budget Adoption; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2021-32.

On MOTION by Mr. Underhill and seconded by Mr. Boyd, with all in favor, Resolution 2021-32, Amending Resolution No. 2021-27, Which Approved the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022; Re-Setting the Public Hearing Date for Public Comment on the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Final Budget Adoption; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Hearing on Adoption of Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget

A. Affidavits of Publication

The affidavits of publication were provided for informational purposes.

B. Consideration of Resolution 2021-29, Relating to the Annual Appropriations and Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2021, and Ending September 30, 2022; Authorizing Budget Amendments; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Cerbone presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 budget, which will be funded by the Landowner. She stated that Ms. Hutchens requested the following changes to the footnote numbering:

Footnotes next to "Arbitrage rebate calculation" and "Trustee": Updated with footnote "1" next to them, as those items will not be realized until bonds are issued.

Ms. Cerbone stated that the budget would be adopted as amended with those footnote updates.

Ms. Cerbone recalled previous discussions about whether to include an Audit fee in the budget. It was included with the understanding that the District would contact the Auditor when it is ready to begin the audit process. When the Award Letter was issued, the wording stated the firm has “been awarded” but the correct term should have been “selected”, which was noted in Footnote 2.

Ms. Hutchens stated she reviewed the changes and they were acceptable.

A Board Member stated the only change since the proposed budget was presented at the last meeting was the addition of the \$3,500 audit expense line item.

On MOTION by Mr. Storch and seconded by Mr. Underhill, with all in favor, the Public Hearing was opened.

No members of the public spoke.

On MOTION by Mr. Storch and seconded by Mr. Boyd, with all in favor, the Public Hearing was closed.

A Board Member noted the Resolution states that the budget was posted on the District website and asked if the District has a website because there were no expenditures yet for this item. Ms. Cerbone stated the proposed budget was posted on the District’s website but the District has not been billed yet for website services. She would email the website address to all in attendance.

Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2021-29.

The following changes were made to the proposed budget:

Page 1: Change “Arbitrage rebate calculation²” to “Arbitrage rebate calculation¹”

Page 1: Change “Trustee²” to “Trustee¹”

On MOTION by Mr. Boyd and seconded by Mr. West, with all in favor, Resolution 2021-29, Relating to the Annual Appropriations and Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2021, and Ending September 30, 2022, as amended; Authorizing Budget Amendments; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Hearing to Hear Public Comments and Objections to the Adoption of the Rules of Procedure, Pursuant to Sections 120.54 and 190.035, Florida Statutes

A. Affidavits of Publication

The proofs of publication were provided for informational purposes.

B. Consideration of Resolution 2021-30, Adopting Rules of Procedure; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Cerbone reviewed the Rules of Procedure, which cover topics related to Special District Boards, including the RFP and RFQ processes.

Mr. Johnson stated the Rules of Procedure set forth the processes that are laid out in a variety of Statutes and are intended to make it relatively easy for Board Members, Staff and those who ultimately do business with the Special District to follow. One of the principal benefits is that the Rules provide remedies for bid protests and the processes for settling and resolving protests with dissatisfied bidders internally rather than in court. Provisions can be customized if requested.

Mr. Storch stated that these rules apply to District contracts for construction and asked about Landowner or Developer contracts for construction of assets to be absorbed into the District. Mr. Johnson stated the terms and conditions would be addressed via specific agreements in those instances. Mr. Storch asked if Requests for Proposals (RFPs) and Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) would only be between the District and the party to the contract. Mr. Johnson replied affirmatively.

Mr. Boyd stated that the Landowner has very specific insurance requirements and asked if the Rules provide the flexibility to define those requirements at the appropriate time. Mr. Johnson replied affirmatively and stated the Board can make specific business decisions

170 regarding the insurance levels. Ms. Cerbone stated the Board can discuss whether a separate
171 Builder's risk policy is needed. Mr. Storch stated this can be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

172 Regarding how emails are treated with regard to the records retention policy, Mr. West
173 asked if they are public record and how long they must be retained. Ms. Cerbone stated Board
174 Members are encouraged to utilize their District-provided email, to which all District emails
175 would be sent. She discussed email and record retention procedures and stated that Staff
176 would contact each Board Member regarding their District email and procedures.

177 Mr. West questioned verbiage related to the "Lowest Responsive Bid" on Page 44. Ms.
178 Cerbone stated that price is not the final determining factor in awarding a contract through the
179 RFP process. Mr. Johnson stated the term "Lowest Responsive Responsible Bidder/Proposer"
180 was used to allow the Board the opportunity to weigh each factor, including price, when
181 awarding bids. Discussion ensued regarding the selection criteria, prequalification processes
182 and the decision-making process when awarding contracts.

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184 **On MOTION by Mr. Storch and seconded by Mr. Boyd, with all in favor, the**
185 **Public Hearing was opened.**

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188 Ms. Hutchens, the Landowner Representative, noted Rule 1.4 indicates the creation of a
189 set of internal controls and asked if that would be established through a separate rulemaking
190 process. Mr. Johnson stated the Internal Controls were adopted at the Organizational Meeting.

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192 **On MOTION by Mr. Storch and seconded by Mr. Underhill, with all in favor, the**
193 **Public Hearing was closed.**

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196 Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2021-30.

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198 **On MOTION by Mr. West and seconded by Mr. Boyd, with all in favor,**
199 **Resolution 2021-30, Adopting Rules of Procedure; Providing a Severability**
200 **Clause; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.**

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2021-31, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular Meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 and Providing for an Effective Date

This item was deferred.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of June 30, 2021

Ms. Cerbone presented the Unaudited Financial Statements as of June 30, 2021. She would ask the vendor for an invoice for the creation of the website so that the expense can be applied in the current Fiscal Year.

On MOTION by Mr. Boyd and seconded by Mr. Underhill, with all in favor, the Unaudited Financial Statements as of June 30, 2021, were accepted.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of April 15, 2021 Public Hearings and Regular Meeting Minutes

Ms. Cerbone presented the April 15, 2021 Public Hearings and Regular Meeting Minutes.

On MOTION by Mr. West and seconded by Mr. Underhill, with all in favor, the April 15, 2021 Public Hearings and Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented, were approved.

TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Staff Reports

A. District Counsel: *Hopping Green & Sams, P.A.*

Mr. Johnson stated the merger process contemplated by the Special Act in the Florida Statutes was completed with Brevard County. The final act of the merger was pending and on the agenda in the City of Edgewater. He asked if there were any concerns about the potential

240 timing. Mr. Storch stated it was requested that the merger be heard at the September hearing
241 in Edgewater; he would receive confirmation within the next several days. Mr. Johnson stated
242 he would provide any necessary documents. Ms. Hutchens stated the goal is to ensure that
243 Deering Park Center CDD (DPCCDD) is dissolved into the Stewardship District prior to October 1,
244 2021 to avoid entering a new fiscal year.

245 Discussion ensued regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 budget that was approved as
246 a safeguard for DPCCDD, the need for lead time to advertise adoption of the DPCCDD budget
247 and whether it is necessary to proceed with approval of a budget for a soon to be terminated
248 CDD. The consensus was that this is not an ongoing concern.

249 Mr. Storch stated there was no indication that the DPCCDD would not be dissolved and
250 directed Staff not to advertise the Public Hearing. Ms. Cerbone stated she would advise Staff
251 not to renew any upcoming services that will not be needed as a result of the merger, including
252 insurance, website, etc. Mr. Storch stated the goal is to eliminate those expenses.

253 **B. District Manager: *Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC***

- 254 • **NEXT MEETING DATE:** _____
- 255 ○ **QUORUM CHECK**

256 Ms. Cerbone stated the next meeting date would be determined.

258 **THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Board Members' Comments/Requests

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260 There were no Board Members' comments or requests.

262 **FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Public Comments

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264 There were no public comments.

266 **FIFTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Adjournment

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268 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

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On MOTION by Mr. Storch and seconded by Mr. Boyd, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

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