

# **DEERING PARK STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

**April 9, 2024**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
AGENDA**

**DEERING PARK  
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

**AGENDA  
LETTER**

**Deering Park Stewardship District**  
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April 2, 2024

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 of the Deering Park Stewardship District will hold a Regular Meeting on April 9, 2024 at 2:00 p.m., in-person at Storch Law Firm, located at 420 S. Nova Road, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114 and via Teams Meeting ID: 280 567 498 56 Passcode: ALDDcS (see link below). The agenda is as follows:

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comments
3. Acceptance of Resignation of Earl Underhill [Seat 2]
4. Consider Appointment to Fill Unexpired Term of Seat 2; *Term Expires November 17, 2024*
  - Administration of Oath of Office *(the following will also be provided in a separate package)*
  - A. Required Ethics Training and Disclosure Filing
    - Sample Form 1 2023/Instructions
  - B. Membership, Obligation and Responsibilities
  - C. Guide to Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees
  - D. Form 8B: Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal and other Local Public Officers
5. Consideration of Resolution 2024-04, Appointing and Removing Officers of the District and Providing for an Effective Date
6. Discussion: Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Proposed Budget
7. Consideration of Florida Department of Environmental Protection Standard Grant Agreement [Edgewater Wetland Park Project]
8. Project Updates
  - A. Edgewater Wetland Park

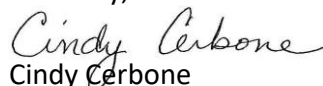
- RFQ Status
  - Funding Source(s)
  - B. SR 442/I-95
    - Funding Source(s)
  - C. Deering Trail
    - Funding Source(s)
9. Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of February 29, 2024
10. Approval of March 12, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
11. Staff Reports
- A. District Counsel: *Kutak Rock LLP*
  - B. District Engineer: *England-Thims & Miller, Inc.*
  - C. District Manager: *Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC*
- NEXT MEETING DATE: May 14, 2024 at 2:00 PM
  - QUORUM CHECK

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| SEAT 2 |              | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON | <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| SEAT 3 | GLENN STORCH | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON | <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| SEAT 4 | JAMES BOYD   | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON | <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| SEAT 5 | JOEY POSEY   | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON | <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE | <input type="checkbox"/> 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 or Andrew Kantarzhi at (415) 516-2161.

Sincerely,



Cindy Carbone  
District Manager

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## Daphne Gillyard

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**To:** Cindy Cerbone  
**Cc:** Andrew Kantarzhi  
**Subject:** RE: Deering Park Stewardship District - board seat

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**From:** Earl/Kay Underhill <[ekunderhill@att.net](mailto:ekunderhill@att.net)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 17, 2024 10:57 AM  
**To:** Cindy Cerbone <[cerbonec@whhassociates.com](mailto:cerbonec@whhassociates.com)>  
**Cc:** Helen Hutchens <[hhutchens@miami-corp.com](mailto:hhutchens@miami-corp.com)>  
**Subject:** Deering Park Stewardship District - board seat

Hi Cindy,

It is with deep regret that I find it necessary to resign from the Deering Park Stewardship District board effective April 9, 2024 due to my wife's declining health (after 19 years of Parkinson's disease).

I have fully enjoyed many years being associated with Miami Corporation/Farmton and wish continued progress on the development efforts.

Earl Underhill

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**Daphne Gillyard**

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**From:** Kutak Rock Development and Improvement Districts Group  
<communications@kutakrock.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 5, 2024 4:49 PM  
**To:** Cindy Cerbone  
**Subject:** Ethics Training 2024

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## **District Managers,**

As of January 1, 2024, all Board Supervisors of Florida Community special districts are required to complete four (4) hours of ethics training each year that addresses at a minimum, s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, and the public records and public meetings laws of Florida. The purpose of this email is to notify you of free, on-demand resources available to Board Supervisors to satisfy this requirement. Further information regarding the requisite training is available on the [Florida Commission on Ethics' \("COE"\) website](#).

Please share this information with Board Supervisors or include in the next available agenda package. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your Kutak Rock attorney.

### **Free Training Resources**

The COE has produced several free, online training tutorials that will satisfy the ethics component of the annual training. The on-demand videos are available at the link below. Further, the website provides additional links to resources that Supervisors can access to complete the training requirements.

### ***Florida Commission on Ethics Training Resources***

Please note that the COE-produced content only provides free training for the ethics component of the annual training. However, the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Florida offers a free, two-hour online audio course that covers the Sunshine Law and Public Records Act components of the requisite training. The on-demand audio course is available at the link below.

### ***Office of the Attorney General Training Resources***

#### **Compliance**

Each year when Supervisors complete the required financial disclosure form (Form 1 Statement of Financial Interests), Supervisors must mark a box confirming that he or she has completed the ethics training requirements. At this time there is no requirement to submit a certificate; however, the COE advises that Supervisors keep a record of all trainings completed (including date and time of completion), in the event Supervisors are ever asked to provide proof of completion. The training is a calendar year requirement and corresponds to the form year. So, Supervisors will not report their 2024 training until they fill out their Form 1 for the 2025 year.

We have received multiple inquiries as to whether Board Supervisors are required to annually file Form 6 in addition to Form 1. Currently, Board Supervisors continue to be exempt from the requirement to file Form 6.

Finally, with respect to the annual filing of Form 1, beginning this year the Commission on Ethics will be requiring electronic submission of Form 1. Filers, including Board Supervisors, should be receiving an email directly from the Commission on Ethics, providing detailed information about the electronic filing process and the upcoming deadline of July 1, 2024. Note the submission of the forms will no longer be handled through county Supervisor of Election's offices.

### ***Kutak Rock's Development and Improvement Districts Practice Group***

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## 2023 Form 1 - Statement of Financial Interests

### General Information

Name: DISCLOSURE FILER

Address: SAMPLE ADDRESS

County: SAMPLE COUNTY

PID SAMPLE

### AGENCY INFORMATION

| Organization | Suborganization | Title  |
|--------------|-----------------|--------|
| SAMPLE       | SAMPLE          | SAMPLE |

### Disclosure Period

THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS YOUR FINANCIAL INTERESTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023 .

### Primary Sources of Income

PRIMARY SOURCE OF INCOME (Over \$2,500) (Major sources of income to the reporting person)  
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

| Name of Source of Income | Source's Address | Description of the Source's<br>Principal Business Activity |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
|                          |                  |                                                            |



**Secondary Sources of Income**

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

| Name of Business Entity | Name of Major Sources of Business' Income | Address of Source | Principal Business Activity of Source |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                         |                                           |                   |                                       |

**Real Property**

REAL PROPERTY (Land, buildings owned by the reporting person)  
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

| Location/Description |
|----------------------|
|                      |

**Intangible Personal Property**

INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY (Stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc. over \$10,000)  
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

| Type of Intangible | Business Entity to Which the Property Relates |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
|                    |                                               |

**Liabilities**

LIABILITIES (Major debts valued over \$10,000):  
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

| Name of Creditor | Address of Creditor |
|------------------|---------------------|
|                  |                     |

**Interests in Specified Businesses**

INTERESTS IN SPECIFIED BUSINESSES (Ownership or positions in certain types of businesses)  
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

| Business Entity # 1 |
|---------------------|
|                     |

**Training**

Based on the office or position you hold, the certification of training required under Section 112.3142, F.S., is not applicable to you for this form year.

**Signature of Filer**

Digitally signed:

**Filed with COE:**

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# 2023 Form 1 Instructions

## Statement of Financial Interests

### Notice

The annual Statement of Financial Interest is due July 1, 2024. If the annual form is not submitted via the electronic filing system created and maintained by the Commission September 3, 2024, an automatic fine of \$25 for each day late will be imposed, up to a maximum penalty of \$1,500. Failure to file also can result in removal from public office or employment. [s. 112.3145, F.S.]

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

### When To File:

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

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

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

**Finally**, file a final disclosure form (Form 1F) within 60 days of leaving office or employment. Filing a CE Form 1F (Final Statement of Financial Interests) does not relieve the filer of filing a CE Form 1 if the filer was in his or her position on December 31, 2023.

### Who Must File Form 1

1. Elected public officials not serving in a political subdivision of the state and any person appointed to fill a vacancy in such office, unless required to file full disclosure on Form 6.
2. Appointed members of each board, commission, authority, or council having statewide jurisdiction, excluding those required to file full disclosure on Form 6 as well as members of solely advisory bodies, but including judicial nominating commission members; Directors of Enterprise Florida, Scripps Florida Funding Corporation, and Career Source Florida; and members of the Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys; the Executive Director, Governors, and senior managers of Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; Governors and senior managers of Florida Workers' Compensation Joint Underwriting Association; board members of the Northeast Fla. Regional Transportation Commission; board members of Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc; board members of Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.; and members of the Technology Advisory Council within the Agency for State Technology.
3. The Commissioner of Education, members of the State Board of Education, the Board of Governors, the local Boards of Trustees and Presidents of state universities, and the Florida Prepaid College Board.
4. Persons elected to office in any political subdivision (such as municipalities, counties, and special districts) and any person appointed to fill a vacancy in such office, unless required to file Form 6.
5. Appointed members of the following boards, councils, commissions, authorities, or other bodies of county, municipality, school district, independent special district, or other political subdivision: the governing body of the subdivision; community college or junior college district boards of trustees; boards having the power to enforce local code provisions; boards of adjustment; community redevelopment agencies; planning or zoning boards having the power to recommend, create, or modify land planning or zoning within a political subdivision, except for citizen advisory committees, technical coordinating committees, and similar groups who only have the power to make recommendations to planning or zoning boards, and except for representatives of a military installation acting on behalf of all military installations within that jurisdiction; pension or retirement boards empowered to invest pension or retirement funds or determine entitlement to or amount of pensions or other retirement benefits, and the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board.
6. Any appointed member of a local government board who is required to file a statement of financial interests by the appointing authority or the enabling legislation, ordinance, or resolution creating the board.
7. Persons holding any of these positions in local government: county or city manager; chief administrative employee or finance director of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision; county or municipal attorney; chief county or municipal building inspector; county or municipal water resources coordinator; county or municipal pollution control director; county or municipal environmental control director; county or municipal administrator with power to grant or deny a land development permit; chief of police; fire chief; municipal clerk; appointed district school superintendent; community college president; district medical examiner; purchasing agent (regardless of title) having the authority to make any purchase exceeding \$35,000 for the local governmental unit.

8. Officers and employees of entities serving as chief administrative officer of a political subdivision.
9. Members of governing boards of charter schools operated by a city or other public entity.
10. Employees in the office of the Governor or of a Cabinet member who are exempt from the Career Service System, excluding secretarial, clerical, and similar positions.
11. The following positions in each state department, commission, board, or council: Secretary, Assistant or Deputy Secretary, Executive Director, Assistant or Deputy Executive Director, and anyone having the power normally conferred upon such persons, regardless of title.
12. The following positions in each state department or division: Director, Assistant or Deputy Director, Bureau Chief, and any person having the power normally conferred upon such persons, regardless of title.
13. Assistant State Attorneys, Assistant Public Defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, Public Counsel, full-time state employees serving as counsel or assistant counsel to a state agency, administrative law judges, and hearing officers.
14. The Superintendent or Director of a state mental health institute established for training and research in the mental health field, or any major state institution or facility established for corrections, training, treatment, or rehabilitation.
15. State agency Business Managers, Finance and Accounting Directors, Personnel Officers, Grant Coordinators, and purchasing agents (regardless of title) with power to make a purchase exceeding \$35,000.
16. The following positions in legislative branch agencies: each employee (other than those employed in maintenance, clerical, secretarial, or similar positions and legislative assistants exempted by the presiding officer of their house); and each employee of the Commission on Ethics.
17. Each member of the governing body of a "large-hub commercial service airport," as defined in Section 112.3144(1)(c), Florida Statutes, except for members required to comply with the financial disclosure requirements of s. 8, Article II of the State Constitution.

**ATTACHMENTS:** A filer may include and submit attachments or other supporting documentation when filing disclosure.

**PUBLIC RECORD:** The disclosure form is a public record and is required by law to be posted to the Commission's website. Your Social Security number, bank account, debit, charge, and credit card numbers, mortgage or brokerage account numbers, personal identification numbers, or taxpayer identification numbers are not required and should not be included. If such information is included in the filing, it may be made available for public inspection and copying unless redaction is required by the filer, without any liability to the Commission. If you are an active or former officer or employee listed in Section 119.071, F.S., whose home address or other information is exempt from disclosure, the Commission will maintain that confidentiality *if you submit a written and notarized request.*

**QUESTIONS** about this form or the ethics laws may be addressed to the Commission on Ethics, Post Office Drawer 15709, Tallahassee, Florida 32317-5709; physical address: 325 John Knox Road, Building E, Suite 200, Tallahassee, FL 32303; telephone (850) 488-7864.

## Instructions for Completing Form 1

### Primary Sources of Income

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

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

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

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

Examples:

- If you were employed by a company that manufactures computers and received more than \$2,500, list the name of the company, its address, and its principal business activity (computer manufacturing).
- If you were a partner in a law firm and your distributive share of partnership gross income exceeded \$2,500, list the name of the firm, its address, and its principal business activity (practice of law).
- If you were the sole proprietor of a retail gift business and your gross income from the business exceeded \$2,500, list the name of the business, its address, and its principal business activity (retail gift sales).
- If you received income from investments in stocks and bonds, list each individual company from which you derived more than \$2,500. Do not aggregate all of your investment income.

- If more than \$2,500 of your gross income was gain from the sale of property (not just the selling price), list as a source of income the purchaser's name, address and principal business activity. If the purchaser's identity is unknown, such as where securities listed on an exchange are sold through a brokerage firm, the source of income should be listed as "sale of (name of company) stock," for example.
- If more than \$2,500 of your gross income was in the form of interest from one particular financial institution (aggregating interest from all CD's, accounts, etc., at that institution), list the name of the institution, its address, and its principal business activity.

## Secondary Sources of Income

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

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

1. You owned (either directly or indirectly in the form of an equitable or beneficial interest) more than 5% of the total assets or capital stock of a business entity (a corporation, partnership, LLC, limited partnership, proprietorship, joint venture, trust, firm, etc., doing business in Florida); **and,**
2. You received more than \$5,000 of your gross income during the disclosure period from that business entity.

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

Examples:

- You are the sole proprietor of a dry cleaning business, from which you received more than \$5,000. If only one customer, a uniform rental company, provided more than 10% of your dry cleaning business, you must list the name of the uniform rental company, its address, and its principal business activity (uniform rentals).
- You are a 20% partner in a partnership that owns a shopping mall and your partnership income exceeded the above thresholds. List each tenant of the mall that provided more than 10% of the partnership's gross income and the tenant's address and principal business activity.

## Real Property

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

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

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

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

## Intangible Personal Property

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

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

## Liabilities

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



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

### **Interests in Specified Businesses**

[Required by s. 112.3145(7), F.S.]

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

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

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

### **Training Certification**

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

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



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# **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

## **MEMBERSHIP, OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

A Community Development District ("District") is a special-purpose unit of local government which is established pursuant to and governed by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes.

### **The Board**

The Community Development District ("District") is governed by a five (5)-member Board of Supervisors ("Board"). Member of the Board "Supervisor(s)" are elected in accordance with Section 190.006, F.S., either upon a one (1)-vote per one (1)-acre basis ("landowner voting") or through traditional elections ("resident voting"), depending upon the number of registered voters in the District and the length of time which has passed since the establishment of the District.

A CDD Board typically meets once per month, but may meet more often if necessary. Board meetings typically last from one (1) to three (3) hours, depending upon the business to be conducted by the Board. Prior to the meeting, each Supervisor is supplied with an agenda package which will contain the documents pertaining to the business to be considered by the Board at a particular meeting. A Supervisor should be willing to spend time reviewing these packages prior to each meeting, and may consult with District Staff (General Counsel, Management, Engineering, etc.) concerning the business to be addressed.

### **Qualifications of Supervisors**

Each Supervisor must be a resident of the state of Florida and a citizen of the United States. Once a District has transitioned to resident voting, Supervisors must also be residents of the District.

### **Compensation**

By statute, Board Members are entitled to be paid \$200 per meeting for their service, up to an annual cap of \$4,800 per year. To achieve the statutory cap, the District would have to meet twice each month, which is rare.

Sometimes Supervisors who are employees of the primary landowner waive their right to compensation, although this is not always the case.

### **Responsibilities of Supervisors**

The position of Supervisor is that of an elected local public official. It is important to always remember that serving as an elected public official of a District carries with it certain restrictions and obligations. Each Supervisor, upon taking office, must subscribe to an oath of office acknowledging that he/she is a public officer, and as a recipient of public funds, a supporter of the constitutions of the State of Florida and of the United States of America.

Each Supervisor is subject to the same financial disclosure requirements as any other local elected official and must file a Statement of Financial Interests disclosing

sources of income, assets, debts, and other financial data, with the Supervisor of Elections in the County where he/she resides.

A Supervisor must act in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, codified at Part III, Chapter 112, F.S., which addresses acceptance of gifts, conflicts of interest, etc. By law, it is not a conflict of interest for an employee of the developer to serve on a CDD Board of Supervisors.

Since a District is a unit of local government, the Sunshine Law (Chapter 286, F.S.) applies to Districts and to the Supervisors who govern them. In brief, the Sunshine Law states that two(2) or more Supervisors may never meet outside of a publicly noticed meeting of the Board and/to discuss District business.

Florida's Public Records Law (Chapter 119, F.S.) also applies to Districts and Supervisors. All records of the District, and the records of each individual Supervisor relating to the District, are public records. As such, any member of the public may inspect them upon request. Supervisors are therefore urged to keep any District records or documents in a separate file to allow ease of access by the public or press.

### **Conclusion**

The position of Supervisor of a Community Development District is an important one, requiring both the time and the dedication to fulfill the responsibilities of a position of public trust. It should not be undertaken lightly. Each new Supervisor should enter office fully cognizant of the ethical, legal, and time requirements which are incumbent upon those who serve as Supervisors.

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## **I. HISTORY OF FLORIDA'S ETHICS LAWS**

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

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

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

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

## **II. ROLE OF THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

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

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

## **III. THE ETHICS LAWS**

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

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

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

## **A. PROHIBITED ACTIONS OR CONDUCT**

### *1. Solicitation and Acceptance of Gifts*

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

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

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

**However**, notwithstanding Sec. 112.3148, Fla. Stat., no Executive Branch lobbyist or principal shall make, directly or indirectly, and no Executive Branch agency official who files FORM 1 or FORM 6 shall knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, **any expenditure** made for the purpose of lobbying. [Sec. 112.3215, Fla. Stat.] Typically, this would include gifts valued at less than \$100 that formerly

were permitted under Section 112.3148, Fla. Stat. Similar rules apply to members and employees of the Legislature. However, these laws are not administered by the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 11.045, Fla. Stat.]

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

## *2. Unauthorized Compensation*

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

## *3. Misuse of Public Position*

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

## *4. Abuse of Public Position*

Public officers and employees are prohibited from abusing their public positions in order to obtain a disproportionate benefit for themselves or certain others. [Article II, Section 8(h), Florida Constitution.]

## *5. Disclosure or Use of Certain Information*

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

## 6. *Solicitation or Acceptance of Honoraria*

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

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

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

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

## B. **PROHIBITED EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS**

### 1. *Doing Business With One's Agency*

- a) A public employee acting as a purchasing agent, or public officer acting in an official capacity, is prohibited from purchasing, renting, or leasing any realty, goods, or

services for his or her agency from a business entity in which the officer or employee or his or her spouse or child owns more than a 5% interest. [Sec. 112.313(3), Fla. Stat.]

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

2. *Conflicting Employment or Contractual Relationship*

- a) A public officer or employee is prohibited from holding any employment or contract with any business entity or agency regulated by or doing business with his or her public agency. [Sec. 112.313(7), Fla. Stat.]
- b) A public officer or employee also is prohibited from holding any employment or having a contractual relationship which will pose a frequently recurring conflict between the official's private interests and public duties or which will impede the full and faithful discharge of the official's public duties. [Sec. 112.313(7), Fla. Stat.]
- c) Limited exceptions to this prohibition have been created in the law for legislative bodies, certain special tax districts, drainage districts, and persons whose professions or occupations qualify them to hold their public positions. [Sec. 112.313(7)(a) and (b), Fla. Stat.]

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

- a) When the business is rotated among all qualified suppliers in a city or county.
- b) When the business is awarded by sealed, competitive bidding and neither the official nor his or her spouse or child have attempted to persuade agency personnel to enter



the contract. NOTE: Disclosure of the interest of the official, spouse, or child and the nature of the business must be filed prior to or at the time of submission of the bid on Commission FORM 3A with the Commission on Ethics or Supervisor of Elections, depending on whether the official serves at the state or local level.

- c) When the purchase or sale is for legal advertising, utilities service, or for passage on a common carrier.
- d) When an emergency purchase must be made to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.
- e) When the business entity is the only source of supply within the political subdivision and there is full disclosure of the official's interest to the governing body on Commission FORM 4A.
- f) When the aggregate of any such transactions does not exceed \$500 in a calendar year.
- g) When the business transacted is the deposit of agency funds in a bank of which a county, city, or district official is an officer, director, or stockholder, so long as agency records show that the governing body has determined that the member did not favor his or her bank over other qualified banks.
- h) When the prohibitions are waived in the case of ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS by the appointing person or by a two-thirds vote of the appointing body (after disclosure on Commission FORM 4A).
- i) When the public officer or employee purchases in a private capacity goods or services, at a price and upon terms available to similarly situated members of the general public, from a business entity which is doing business with his or her agency.
- j) When the public officer or employee in a private capacity purchases goods or services from a business entity which is subject to the regulation of his or her agency where the price and terms of the transaction are available to similarly situated members of

the general public and the officer or employee makes full disclosure of the relationship to the agency head or governing body prior to the transaction.

4. *Additional Exemptions*

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

5. *Legislators Lobbying State Agencies*

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

6. *Additional Lobbying Restrictions for Certain Public Officers and Employees*

A statewide elected officer; a member of the legislature; a county commissioner; a county officer pursuant to Article VIII or county charter; a school board member; a superintendent of schools; an elected municipal officer; an elected special district officer in a special district with ad valorem taxing authority; or a person serving as a secretary, an executive director, or other agency head of a department of the executive branch of state government shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement before the federal government, the legislature, any state government body or agency, or any political subdivision of this state, during his or her term of office. [Art. II Sec 8(f)(2), Fla. Const. and Sec. 112.3121, Fla. Stat.]

7. *Employees Holding Office*

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

8. *Professional and Occupational Licensing Board Members*

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

9. *Contractual Services: Prohibited Employment*

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

10. *Local Government Attorneys*

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

11. *Dual Public Employment*

Candidates and elected officers are prohibited from accepting public employment if they know or should know it is being offered for the purpose of influence. Further, public employment may not be accepted unless the position was already in existence or was created without the anticipation of the official's interest, was publicly advertised, and the officer had to meet the same qualifications and go through the same hiring process as other applicants. For elected public officers already holding public employment, no promotion given for the purpose of influence may be accepted, nor may promotions that are inconsistent with those given other similarly situated employees. [Sec. 112.3125, Fla. Stat.]

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

### **1. *Anti-Nepotism Law***

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

### **2. *Additional Restrictions***

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

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

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

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

## 2. *Lobbying by Former State Employees*

Certain employees of the executive and legislative branches of state government are prohibited from personally representing another person or entity for compensation before the agency with which they were employed for a period of two years after leaving their positions, unless employed by another agency of state government. [Sec. 112.313(9), Fla. Stat.] These employees include the following:

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

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

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

### 3. *6-Year Lobbying Ban*

For a period of six years after vacation of public position occurring on or after December 31, 2022, a statewide elected officer or member of the legislature shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement before the legislature or any state government body or agency. [Art. II Sec 8(f)(3)a., Fla. Const. and Sec. 112.3121, Fla. Stat.]

For a period of six years after vacation of public position occurring on or after December 31, 2022, a person serving as a secretary, an executive director, or other agency head of a department of the executive branch of state government shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement before the legislature, the governor, the executive office of the governor, members of the cabinet, a department that is headed by a member of the cabinet, or his or her former department. [Art. II Sec 8(f)(3)b., Fla. Const. and Sec. 112.3121, Fla. Stat.]

For a period of six years after vacation of public position occurring on or after December 31, 2022, a county commissioner, a county officer pursuant to Article VIII or county charter, a school board member, a superintendent of schools, an elected municipal officer, or an elected special district officer in a special district with ad valorem taxing authority shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement before his or her former agency or governing body. [Art. II Sec 8(f)(3)c., Fla. Const. and Sec. 112.3121, Fla. Stat.]

### 4. *Additional Restrictions on Former State Employees*

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

A former executive or judicial branch employee or PSC employee who has retired or terminated employment is prohibited from having any employment or contractual relationship for two years with any business entity (other than a public agency) in connection with a contract for services which was within his or her responsibility while serving as a state employee. [Sec.112.3185(4), Fla. Stat.]

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

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

5. *Lobbying by Former Local Government Officers and Employees*

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

**E. VOTING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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

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

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

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

## **F. DISCLOSURES**

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



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

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

1. *FORM 1 - Limited Financial Disclosure*

Who Must File:

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

STATE OFFICERS include:

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

for Veterans, Inc.; and members of the Technology Advisory Council within the Agency for State Technology.

- 3) The Commissioner of Education, members of the State Board of Education, the Board of Governors, local boards of trustees and presidents of state universities, and members of the Florida Prepaid College Board.

LOCAL OFFICERS include:

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

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

- 5) Members of governing boards of charter schools operated by a city or other public entity.
- 6) The officers, directors, and chief executive officer of a corporation, partnership, or other business entity that is serving as the chief administrative or executive officer or employee of a political subdivision, and any business entity employee who is acting as the chief administrative or executive officer or employee of the political subdivision. [Sec. 112.3136, Fla. Stat.]

SPECIFIED STATE EMPLOYEE includes:

- 1) Employees in the Office of the Governor or of a Cabinet member who are exempt from the Career Service System, excluding secretarial, clerical, and similar positions.
- 2) The following positions in each state department, commission, board, or council: secretary or state surgeon general, assistant or deputy secretary, executive director, assistant or deputy executive director, and anyone having the power normally conferred upon such persons, regardless of title.
- 3) The following positions in each state department or division: director, assistant or deputy director, bureau chief, assistant bureau chief, and any person having the power normally conferred upon such persons, regardless of title.

- 4) Assistant state attorneys, assistant public defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, public counsel, full-time state employees serving as counsel or assistant counsel to a state agency, judges of compensation claims, administrative law judges, and hearing officers.
- 5) The superintendent or director of a state mental health institute established for training and research in the mental health field, or any major state institution or facility established for corrections, training, treatment, or rehabilitation.
- 6) State agency business managers, finance and accounting directors, personnel officers, grant coordinators, and purchasing agents (regardless of title) with power to make a purchase exceeding \$35,000.
- 7) The following positions in legislative branch agencies: each employee (other than those employed in maintenance, clerical, secretarial, or similar positions and legislative assistants exempted by the presiding officer of their house); and each employee of the Commission on Ethics.

#### What Must Be Disclosed:

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

#### When to File:

CANDIDATES who do not currently hold a position requiring the filing of a Form 1 or Form 6 must register and use the electronic filing system to complete the Form 6, then print and file the disclosure with the officer before whom they qualify at the time of qualifying. [Art. II, Sec. 8(a) and (i), Fla. Const., and Sec. 112.3144, Fla. Stat.]

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

Where to File:

File with the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 112.3145, Fla. Stat.]

Beginning January 1, 2024, all Form 1 disclosures must be filed electronically through the Commission's electronic filing system. These disclosures will be published and searchable by name or organization on the Commission's website.

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

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

3. *FORM 2 - Quarterly Client Disclosure*

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

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

issuance of the license does not require a variance, special consideration, or a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

#### When to File:

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

#### Where To File:

File with the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 112.3145(4), Fla. Stat.]

Beginning January 1, 2024, all Form 2 disclosures must be filed electronically through the Commission's electronic filing system. These disclosures will be published and searchable on the Commission's website.

#### 4. *FORM 6 - Full and Public Disclosure*

#### Who Must File:

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

## What Must be Disclosed:

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

## When and Where To File:

Officials must file FORM 6 annually by July 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

Beginning January 1, 2023, all Form 6 disclosures must be filed electronically through the Commission's electronic filing system. These disclosures will be published and searchable by name and organization on the Commission's website.

CANDIDATES who do not currently hold a position requiring the filing of a Form 1 or Form 6 must register and use the electronic filing system to complete the Form 6, then print and file the disclosure with the officer before whom they qualify at the time of qualifying. [Art. II, Sec. 8(a) and (i), Fla. Const., and Sec. 112.3144, Fla. Stat.]

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

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

### 6. *FORM 9 - Quarterly Gift Disclosure*

Each person required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6, and each state procurement employee, must file a FORM 9, Quarterly Gift Disclosure, with the Commission on Ethics on the last day of any calendar quarter following the calendar quarter in which he or she received a gift worth more than \$100, other

than gifts from relatives, gifts prohibited from being accepted, gifts primarily associated with his or her business or employment, and gifts otherwise required to be disclosed. FORM 9 NEED NOT BE FILED if no such gift was received during the calendar quarter.

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

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

State government entities, airport authorities, counties, municipalities, school boards, water management districts, and the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, may give a gift worth more than \$100 to a person required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6, and to state procurement employees, if a public purpose can be shown for the gift. Also, a direct-support organization for a governmental entity may give such a gift to a person who is an officer or employee of that entity. These gifts are to be reported on FORM 10, to be filed by July 1.

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

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



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

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

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

As mentioned above, the following persons and entities generally are prohibited from giving a gift worth more than \$100 to a reporting individual (a person required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6) or to a state procurement employee: a political committee; a lobbyist who lobbies the reporting individual's or procurement employee's agency, and the partner, firm, employer, or principal of such a lobbyist; and vendors. If such person or entity makes a gift worth between \$25 and \$100 to a reporting individual or state procurement employee (that is not accepted in behalf of a governmental entity or charitable organization), the gift should be reported on FORM 30. The donor also must notify the recipient at the time the gift is made that it will be reported.

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

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

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

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

#### **IV. AVAILABILITY OF FORMS**

Beginning January 1, 2024, LOCAL OFFICERS and EMPLOYEES, and OTHER STATE OFFICERS, and SPECIFIED STATE EMPLOYEES who must file FORM 1 annually must file electronically via the Commission's Electronic Financial Disclosure Management System (EFDMS). Paper forms will not be promulgated. Communications regarding the annual filing requirement will be sent via email to filers no later than June 1. Filers must maintain an updated email address in their User Profile in EFDMS.

ELECTED CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS and other officials who must file Form 6 annually, including City Commissioners and Mayors, must file electronically via the Commission's Electronic Financial Disclosure Management System (EFDMS). Paper forms will not be promulgated. Communications regarding the annual filing requirement will be sent via email to filers no later than June 1. Filers must maintain an updated email address in their User Profile in EFDMS.

## **V. PENALTIES**

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

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

### *B. Penalties for Candidates*

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

### *C. Penalties for Former Officers and Employees*

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

\*Conduct occurring after May 11, 2023, will be subject to a recommended civil penalty of up to \$20,000. [Ch. 2023-49, Laws of Florida.]

*D. Penalties for Lobbyists and Others*

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

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

*E. Felony Convictions: Forfeiture of Retirement Benefits*

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

*F. Automatic Penalties for Failure to File Annual Disclosure*

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

## **VI. ADVISORY OPINIONS**

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

### *A. Who Can Request an Opinion*

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

### *B. How to Request an Opinion*

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

### *C. How to Obtain Published Opinions*

All of the Commission's opinions are available for viewing or download at its website:  
[www.ethics.state.fl.us](http://www.ethics.state.fl.us).

## **VII. COMPLAINTS**

### *A. Citizen Involvement*

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

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

You can download a complaint form (FORM 50) from the Commission's website: [www.ethics.state.fl.us](http://www.ethics.state.fl.us), or contact the Commission office at the address or phone number shown on the inside front cover of this booklet.

### *B. Referrals*

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

### *C. Confidentiality*

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

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

*D. How the Complaint Process Works*

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

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

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

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

When the Commission determines that a person has filed a complaint with knowledge that the complaint contains one or more false allegations or with reckless disregard for whether the complaint contains false allegations, the complainant will be liable for costs plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the person complained against. The Department of Legal Affairs may bring a civil action to recover such fees and costs, if they are not paid voluntarily within 30 days.

*E. Dismissal of Complaints At Any Stage of Disposition*

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

*F. Statute of Limitations*

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

## **VIII. EXECUTIVE BRANCH LOBBYING**

Any person who, for compensation and on behalf of another, lobbies an agency of the executive branch of state government with respect to a decision in the area of policy or procurement may be required to register as an executive branch lobbyist. Registration is required before lobbying an agency and is renewable annually. In addition, each lobbying firm must file a compensation report



with the Commission for each calendar quarter during any portion of which one or more of the firm's lobbyists were registered to represent a principal. As noted above, no executive branch lobbyist or principal can make, directly or indirectly, and no executive branch agency official or employee who files FORM 1 or FORM 6 can knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, **any expenditure** made for the purpose of lobbying. [Sec. 112.3215, Fla. Stat.]

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

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

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

Executive Branch Lobbyist Registration  
Room G-68, Claude Pepper Building  
111 W. Madison Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1425  
Phone: 850/922-4990

## **IX. WHISTLE-BLOWER'S ACT**

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

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

## **X. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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

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

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

## **XI. TRAINING**

Constitutional officers, elected municipal officers, commissioners of community redevelopment agencies (CRAs), and commissioners of community development districts are required to receive a total of four hours training, per calendar year, in the area of ethics, public

records, and open meetings. The Commission on Ethics does not track compliance or certify providers. Officials indicate their compliance with the training requirement when they file their annual Form 1 or Form 6.

Visit the training page on the Commission's website for up-to-date rules, opinions, audio/video training, and opportunities for live training conducted by Commission staff.

**DEERING PARK  
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

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# FORM 8B MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME | NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE                                               |
| MAILING ADDRESS                  | THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF:                     |
| CITY COUNTY                      | <input type="checkbox"/> CITY <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY |
| DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED      | NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION:                                                                            |
|                                  | MY POSITION IS: <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> APPOINTIVE                     |

## WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

This form is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, or committee. It applies to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing and filing the form.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office **MUST ABSTAIN** from voting on a measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss. Each elected or appointed local officer also **MUST ABSTAIN** from knowingly voting on a measure which would inure to the special gain or loss of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he or she is retained (including the parent, subsidiary, or sibling organization of a principal by which he or she is retained); to the special private gain or loss of a relative; or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. Commissioners of community redevelopment agencies (CRAs) under Sec. 163.356 or 163.357, F.S., and officers of independent special tax districts elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not prohibited from voting in that capacity.

For purposes of this law, a “relative” includes only the officer’s father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A “business associate” means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

\* \* \* \* \*

### ELECTED OFFICERS:

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; *and*

WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

\* \* \* \* \*

### APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Although you must abstain from voting in the situations described above, you are not prohibited by Section 112.3143 from otherwise participating in these matters. However, you must disclose the nature of the conflict before making any attempt to influence the decision, whether orally or in writing and whether made by you or at your direction.

IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:

- You must complete and file this form (before making any attempt to influence the decision) with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who will incorporate the form in the minutes. (Continued on page 2)

## APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

## DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby disclose that on \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_ :

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more)

- ☐ inured to my special private gain or loss;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, \_\_\_\_\_ ;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, \_\_\_\_\_ ;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_ , by  
whom I am retained; or
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_ , which  
is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a public officer, who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of this section by disclosing the nature of the interest in such a way as to provide the public with notice of the conflict.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Filed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.

**DEERING PARK  
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

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**RESOLUTION 2024-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE DEERING  
PARK STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT APPOINTING AND REMOVING  
OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE  
DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Deering Park Stewardship District (hereinafter the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 2017-206, Laws of Florida, being situated within Brevard County, Volusia County and the City of Edgewater, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the District’s Board of Supervisors desires to appoint and remove Officers of the District.

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

**SECTION 1.** The following is/are appointed as Officer(s) of the District effective April 9, 2024:

\_\_\_\_\_ is appointed Chair  
\_\_\_\_\_ is appointed Vice Chair  
\_\_\_\_\_ is appointed Assistant Secretary  
\_\_\_\_\_ is appointed Assistant Secretary  
\_\_\_\_\_ is appointed Assistant Secretary

**SECTION 2.** The following Officer(s) shall be removed as Officer(s) as of April 9, 2024:

Earl Underhill                      Assistant Secretary

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**SECTION 3.** The following prior appointments by the Board remain unaffected by this Resolution:

Craig Wrathell is Secretary

Cindy Cerbone is Assistant Secretary

Andrew Kantarzhi is Assistant Secretary

Craig Wrathell is Treasurer

Jeff Pinder is Assistant Treasurer

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 2024.**

ATTEST:

## DEERING PARK STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**DEERING PARK  
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

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**DEERING PARK  
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT  
FISCAL YEAR 2025  
PROPOSED BUDGET**

**DEERING PARK  
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT  
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**DEERING PARK  
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT  
GENERAL FUND BUDGET  
FISCAL YEAR 2025**

|                                                         | Fiscal Year 2024            |                              |                                   |                                | Proposed<br>Budget<br>FY2025 |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                                         | Adopted<br>Budget<br>FY2024 | Actual<br>through<br>2/29/24 | Projected<br>through<br>9/30/2024 | Total<br>Actual &<br>Projected |                              |
| <b>REVENUES</b>                                         |                             |                              |                                   |                                |                              |
| Landowner contributions                                 | \$126,421                   | \$ 14,094                    | \$106,313                         | \$ 120,407                     | \$126,421                    |
| Total revenues                                          | 126,421                     | 14,094                       | 106,313                           | 120,407                        | 126,421                      |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                                     |                             |                              |                                   |                                |                              |
| <b>Professional &amp; administration</b>                |                             |                              |                                   |                                |                              |
| Supervisors                                             | 12,918                      | -                            | 12,918                            | 12,918                         | 12,918                       |
| Management/accounting/recording <sup>2</sup>            | 48,000                      | 10,000                       | 38,000                            | 48,000                         | 48,000                       |
| Legal                                                   | 30,000                      | 1,525                        | 28,475                            | 30,000                         | 30,000                       |
| Engineering                                             | 3,500                       | -                            | 3,500                             | 3,500                          | 3,500                        |
| Audit                                                   | 3,075                       | -                            | 3,075                             | 3,075                          | 3,075                        |
| Arbitrage rebate calculation <sup>1</sup>               | 750                         | -                            | 750                               | 750                            | 750                          |
| Dissemination agent <sup>1</sup>                        | 1,000                       | -                            | 1,000                             | 1,000                          | 1,000                        |
| Trustee <sup>1</sup>                                    | 6,500                       | -                            | -                                 | -                              | 6,500                        |
| EMMA software service <sup>1</sup>                      | -                           | -                            | -                                 | -                              | 1,500                        |
| Debt service fund accounting: master bonds <sup>1</sup> | 5,500                       | -                            | 5,500                             | 5,500                          | 7,500                        |
| Postage                                                 | 500                         | 20                           | 480                               | 500                            | 500                          |
| Printing and binding                                    | 500                         | 209                          | 291                               | 500                            | 500                          |
| Legal advertising                                       | 6,500                       | 1,922                        | 4,578                             | 6,500                          | 6,500                        |
| Annual district filing fee                              | 175                         | 175                          | -                                 | 175                            | 175                          |
| Insurance - GL, POL                                     | 5,913                       | 5,590                        | -                                 | 5,590                          | 6,200                        |
| Miscellaneous- bank charges                             | 675                         | 178                          | 497                               | 675                            | 675                          |
| Website:                                                |                             |                              |                                   |                                |                              |
| Hosting & updates                                       | 705                         | 705                          | -                                 | 705                            | 705                          |
| ADA compliance                                          | 210                         | -                            | 210                               | 210                            | 210                          |
| Total professional & admin                              | 126,421                     | 20,324                       | 99,274                            | 119,598                        | \$130,208                    |
| <b>Field operations</b>                                 |                             |                              |                                   |                                |                              |
| Landscape & irrigation maintenance                      | -                           | -                            | -                                 | -                              | 25,000                       |
| Pond maintenance                                        | -                           | -                            | -                                 | -                              | 14,000                       |
| Fountain maintenance                                    | -                           | -                            | -                                 | -                              | 800                          |
| Pressure washing                                        | -                           | -                            | -                                 | -                              | 2,500                        |
| Electricity                                             | -                           | -                            | -                                 | -                              | 4,000                        |
| <b>Field operations - Edgewater Wetland Park</b>        |                             |                              |                                   |                                |                              |
| Miscellaneous                                           | -                           | -                            | -                                 | -                              | -                            |
| <b>Field operations - SR 442/I-95</b>                   |                             |                              |                                   |                                |                              |
| Miscellaneous                                           | -                           | -                            | -                                 | -                              | -                            |
| <b>Field operations - Deering Trail</b>                 |                             |                              |                                   |                                |                              |
| Miscellaneous                                           | -                           | -                            | -                                 | -                              | -                            |
| Total field operations                                  | -                           | -                            | -                                 | -                              | 46,300                       |
| Total expenditures                                      | 126,421                     | 20,324                       | 99,274                            | 119,598                        | 176,508                      |
| Net increase/(decrease) of fund balance                 | -                           | (6,230)                      | 7,039                             | 809                            | (50,087)                     |
| Fund balance - beginning (unaudited)                    | -                           | (809)                        | (7,039)                           | (809)                          | -                            |
| Fund balance - ending (projected)                       | \$ -                        | \$ (7,039)                   | \$ -                              | \$ -                           | \$ (50,087)                  |

<sup>1</sup>These items will be realized when bonds are issued.

<sup>2</sup>The \$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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$ 12,918 |
| 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 <sup>2</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 48,000    |
| <b>Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC</b> 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 <sup>1</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |           |
| EMMA software service                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1,500     |
| Debt service fund accounting: master bonds <sup>1</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 7,500     |
| 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 6,200     |
| Miscellaneous- bank charges                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 675       |

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

|                                                  |                   |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
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| ADA compliance                                   | 210               |
| <b>Field operations</b>                          |                   |
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| Pond maintenance                                 | 14,000            |
| Fountain maintenance                             | 800               |
| Pressure washing                                 | 2,500             |
| Electricity                                      | 4,000             |
| <b>Field operations - Edgewater Wetland Park</b> |                   |
| Miscellaneous                                    | -                 |
| <b>Field operations - SR 442/I-95</b>            |                   |
| Miscellaneous                                    | -                 |
| <b>Field operations - Deering Trail</b>          |                   |
| Miscellaneous                                    | -                 |
| Total field operations                           | <u>46,300</u>     |
| Total expenditures                               | <u>\$ 176,508</u> |

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**DEERING PARK  
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
Standard Grant Agreement**

This Agreement is entered into between the Parties named below, pursuant to section 215.971, Florida Statutes:

1. Project Title (Project): **Edgewater Wetland Park Project** Agreement Number: **LG009**

2. Parties **State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection,  
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000** (Department)

Grantee Name: **Deering Park Stewardship District** Entity Type: **Local Government**

Grantee Address: **2300 Glades Road #410W Boca Raton, FL 33431** FEID: **86-1857256**  
(Grantee)

3. Agreement Begin Date: **Upon Execution** Date of Expiration: **October 31, 2027**

4. Project Number: Project Location(s): **Lat/Long: (28.9613, -80.9805)**  
(If different from Agreement Number)

Project Description: **The grantee will improve water quality in the lagoon, meet the City's Senate Bill 64 goals, create wetland habitat, and provide opportunities for birdwatching and bicycling.**

|                                                           |                                                                            |                                            |                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 5. Total Amount of Funding:<br><br><b>\$ 7,143,500.00</b> | Funding Source?                                                            | Award #s or Line-Item Appropriations:      | Amount per Source(s):  |
|                                                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal | <b>IRL WQI, GAA LI 1711C, FY 23-24, GR</b> | <b>\$ 7,143,500.00</b> |
|                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal            |                                            | \$                     |
|                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal            |                                            | \$                     |
|                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Grantee Match                                     |                                            | \$                     |
| Total Amount of Funding + Grantee Match, if any:          |                                                                            |                                            | <b>\$ 7,143,500.00</b> |

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6. Department's Grant Manager<br>Name: <b>Daronathan Do</b><br>or successor<br>Address: <b>Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection<br/>3900 Commonwealth Blvd., MS 3602<br/>Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000</b><br>Phone: <b>850-245-2860</b><br>Email: <b>Daronathan.Do@FloridaDEP.gov</b> | Grantee's Grant Manager<br>Name: <b>Andrew Kantarzhi</b><br>or successor<br>Address: <b>Deering Park Stewardship District<br/>2300 Glades Road #410W<br/>Boca Raton, FL 33431</b><br>Phone: <b>561-571-0010 ext 139</b><br>Email: <b>kantarzhia@whhassociates.com</b> |
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7. The Parties agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the following attachments and exhibits which are hereby incorporated by reference:

|                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attachment 1: Standard Terms and Conditions Applicable to All Grants Agreements                                                                            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attachment 2: Special Terms and Conditions                                                                                                                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attachment 3: Grant Work Plan                                                                                                                              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attachment 4: Public Records Requirements                                                                                                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attachment 5: Special Audit Requirements                                                                                                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attachment 6: Program-Specific Requirements                                                                                                                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attachment 7: Grant Award Terms (Federal) *Copy available at <a href="https://facts.fldfs.com">https://facts.fldfs.com</a> , in accordance with section 215.985, F.S. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attachment 8: Federal Regulations and Terms (Federal)                                                                                                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Attachments (if necessary):                                                                                                                                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A: Progress Report Form                                                                                                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B: Property Reporting Form                                                                                                                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit C: Payment Request Summary Form                                                                                                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D: Quality Assurance Requirements                                                                                                                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit E: Advance Payment Terms and Interest Earned Memo                                                                                                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit F: Common Carrier or Contracted Carrier Attestation Form PUR1808 (State)                                                                                      |

|                                                                                                                         |                                                           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit H: Non-Profit Organization Compensation Form (State)                                   |                                                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Exhibits (if necessary):                                                            |                                                           |
| 8. The following information applies to Federal Grants only and is identified in accordance with 2 CFR 200.331 (a) (1): |                                                           |
| Federal Award Identification Number(s) (FAIN):                                                                          |                                                           |
| Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):                                                                                         |                                                           |
| Federal Award Date to Department:                                                                                       |                                                           |
| Federal Award Project Description:                                                                                      |                                                           |
| Total Federal Funds Obligated by this Agreement:                                                                        |                                                           |
| Federal Awarding Agency:                                                                                                |                                                           |
| Award R&D?                                                                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement shall be effective on the date indicated by the Agreement Begin Date unless another date is specified in the grant documents.**

**Deering Park Stewardship District**

**GRANTEE**

Grantee Name

By

(Authorized Signature)

Date Signed

**Andrew Kantarzhi, District Manager**

Print Name and Title of Person Signing

**State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection**

**DEPARTMENT**

By

Secretary or Designee

Digitally signed by Angela Knecht  
Date: 2024.03.12 08:06:13 -04'00'

Date Signed

**Angela Knecht, Director, Division of Water Restoration Assistance**

Print Name and Title of Person Signing

☒ Additional signatures attached on separate page.

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## DWRA Additional Signatures

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Daronathan  
Do



Digitally signed by  
Daronathan Do  
Date: 2024.03.11  
14:58:56 -04'00'

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Daronathan Do, DEP Grant Manager

Mitch Holmes



Digitally signed by Mitch  
Holmes  
Date: 2024.03.11  
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Mitch Holmes, DEP QC Reviewer

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS  
APPLICABLE TO GRANT AGREEMENTS**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**1. Entire Agreement.**

This Grant Agreement, including any Attachments and Exhibits referred to herein and/or attached hereto (Agreement), constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements, whether written or oral, with respect to such subject matter. Any terms and conditions included on Grantee's forms or invoices shall be null and void.

**2. Grant Administration.**

- a. Order of Precedence. If there are conflicting provisions among the documents that make up the Agreement, the order of precedence for interpretation of the Agreement is as follows:
  - i. Standard Grant Agreement
  - ii. Attachments other than Attachment 1, in numerical order as designated in the Standard Grant Agreement
  - iii. Attachment 1, Standard Terms and Conditions
  - iv. The Exhibits in the order designated in the Standard Grant Agreement
- b. All approvals, written or verbal, and other written communication among the parties, including all notices, shall be obtained by or sent to the parties' Grant Managers. All written communication shall be by electronic mail, U.S. Mail, a courier delivery service, or delivered in person. Notices shall be considered delivered when reflected by an electronic mail read receipt, a courier service delivery receipt, other mail service delivery receipt, or when receipt is acknowledged by recipient. If the notice is delivered in multiple ways, the notice will be considered delivered at the earliest delivery time.
- c. If a different Grant Manager is designated by either party after execution of this Agreement, notice of the name and contact information of the new Grant Manager will be submitted in writing to the other party and maintained in the respective parties' records. A change of Grant Manager does not require a formal amendment or change order to the Agreement.
- d. This Agreement may be amended, through a formal amendment or a change order, only by a written agreement between both parties. A formal amendment to this Agreement is required for changes which cause any of the following:
  - (1) an increase or decrease in the Agreement funding amount;
  - (2) a change in Grantee's match requirements;
  - (3) a change in the expiration date of the Agreement; and/or
  - (4) changes to the cumulative amount of funding transfers between approved budget categories, as defined in Attachment 3, Grant Work Plan, that exceeds or is expected to exceed twenty percent (20%) of the total budget as last approved by Department.A change order to this Agreement may be used when:
  - (1) task timelines within the current authorized Agreement period change;
  - (2) the cumulative transfer of funds between approved budget categories, as defined in Attachment 3, Grant Work Plan, are less than twenty percent (20%) of the total budget as last approved by Department;
  - (3) changing the current funding source as stated in the Standard Grant Agreement; and/or
  - (4) fund transfers between budget categories for the purposes of meeting match requirements.This Agreement may be amended to provide for additional services if additional funding is made available by the Legislature.
- e. All days in this Agreement are calendar days unless otherwise specified.

**3. Agreement Duration.**

The term of the Agreement shall begin and end on the dates indicated in the Standard Grant Agreement, unless extended or terminated earlier in accordance with the applicable terms and conditions. The Grantee shall be eligible for reimbursement for work performed on or after the date of execution through the expiration date of this Agreement, unless otherwise specified in Attachment 2, Special Terms and Conditions. However, work performed prior to the execution of this Agreement may be reimbursable or used for match purposes if permitted by the Special Terms and Conditions.

#### **4. Deliverables.**

The Grantee agrees to render the services or other units of deliverables as set forth in Attachment 3, Grant Work Plan. The services or other units of deliverables shall be delivered in accordance with the schedule and at the pricing outlined in the Grant Work Plan. Deliverables may be comprised of activities that must be completed prior to Department making payment on that deliverable. The Grantee agrees to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and all attachments and exhibits incorporated by the Standard Grant Agreement.

#### **5. Performance Measures.**

The Grantee warrants that: (1) the services will be performed by qualified personnel; (2) the services will be of the kind and quality described in the Grant Work Plan; (3) the services will be performed in a professional and workmanlike manner in accordance with industry standards and practices; (4) the services shall not and do not knowingly infringe upon the intellectual property rights, or any other proprietary rights, of any third party; and (5) its employees, subcontractors, and/or subgrantees shall comply with any security and safety requirements and processes, if provided by Department, for work done at the Project Location(s). The Department reserves the right to investigate or inspect at any time to determine whether the services or qualifications offered by Grantee meet the Agreement requirements. Notwithstanding any provisions herein to the contrary, written acceptance of a particular deliverable does not foreclose Department's remedies in the event deficiencies in the deliverable cannot be readily measured at the time of delivery.

#### **6. Acceptance of Deliverables.**

- a. Acceptance Process. All deliverables must be received and accepted in writing by Department's Grant Manager before payment. The Grantee shall work diligently to correct all deficiencies in the deliverable that remain outstanding, within a reasonable time at Grantee's expense. If Department's Grant Manager does not accept the deliverables within 30 days of receipt, they will be deemed rejected.
- b. Rejection of Deliverables. The Department reserves the right to reject deliverables, as outlined in the Grant Work Plan, as incomplete, inadequate, or unacceptable due, in whole or in part, to Grantee's lack of satisfactory performance under the terms of this Agreement. The Grantee's efforts to correct the rejected deliverables will be at Grantee's sole expense. Failure to fulfill the applicable technical requirements or complete all tasks or activities in accordance with the Grant Work Plan will result in rejection of the deliverable and the associated invoice. Payment for the rejected deliverable will not be issued unless the rejected deliverable is made acceptable to Department in accordance with the Agreement requirements. The Department, at its option, may allow additional time within which Grantee may remedy the objections noted by Department. The Grantee's failure to make adequate or acceptable deliverables after a reasonable opportunity to do so shall constitute an event of default.

#### **7. Financial Consequences for Nonperformance.**

- a. Withholding Payment. In addition to the specific consequences explained in the Grant Work Plan and/or Special Terms and Conditions, the State of Florida (State) reserves the right to withhold payment when the Grantee has failed to perform/comply with provisions of this Agreement. None of the financial consequences for nonperformance in this Agreement as more fully described in the Grant Work Plan shall be considered penalties.
- b. Invoice reduction  
If Grantee does not meet a deadline for any deliverable, the Department will reduce the invoice by 1% for each day the deadline is missed, unless an extension is approved in writing by the Department.
- c. Corrective Action Plan. If Grantee fails to correct all the deficiencies in a rejected deliverable within the specified timeframe, Department may, in its sole discretion, request that a proposed Corrective Action Plan (CAP) be submitted by Grantee to Department. The Department requests that Grantee specify the outstanding deficiencies in the CAP. All CAPs must be able to be implemented and performed in no more than sixty (60) calendar days.
  - i. The Grantee shall submit a CAP within ten (10) days of the date of the written request from Department. The CAP shall be sent to the Department's Grant Manager for review and approval. Within ten (10) days of receipt of a CAP, Department shall notify Grantee in writing whether the CAP proposed has been accepted. If the CAP is not accepted, Grantee shall have ten (10) days from receipt of Department letter rejecting the proposal to submit a revised proposed CAP. Failure to obtain Department approval of a CAP as specified above may result in Department's termination of this Agreement for cause as authorized in this Agreement.
  - ii. Upon Department's notice of acceptance of a proposed CAP, Grantee shall have ten (10) days to commence implementation of the accepted plan. Acceptance of the proposed CAP by Department does not relieve Grantee of any of its obligations under the Agreement. In the event the CAP fails to correct or eliminate performance deficiencies by Grantee, Department shall retain the right to

require additional or further remedial steps, or to terminate this Agreement for failure to perform. No actions approved by Department or steps taken by Grantee shall preclude Department from subsequently asserting any deficiencies in performance. The Grantee shall continue to implement the CAP until all deficiencies are corrected. Reports on the progress of the CAP will be made to Department as requested by Department's Grant Manager.

- iii. Failure to respond to a Department request for a CAP or failure to correct a deficiency in the performance of the Agreement as specified by Department may result in termination of the Agreement.

## **8. Payment.**

- a. Payment Process. Subject to the terms and conditions established by the Agreement, the pricing per deliverable established by the Grant Work Plan, and the billing procedures established by Department, Department agrees to pay Grantee for services rendered in accordance with section 215.422, Florida Statutes (F.S.).
- b. Taxes. The Department is exempted from payment of State sales, use taxes and Federal excise taxes. The Grantee, however, shall not be exempted from paying any taxes that it is subject to, including State sales and use taxes, or for payment by Grantee to suppliers for taxes on materials used to fulfill its contractual obligations with Department. The Grantee shall not use Department's exemption number in securing such materials. The Grantee shall be responsible and liable for the payment of all its FICA/Social Security and other taxes resulting from this Agreement.
- c. Maximum Amount of Agreement. The maximum amount of compensation under this Agreement, without an amendment, is described in the Standard Grant Agreement. Any additional funds necessary for the completion of this Project are the responsibility of Grantee.
- d. Reimbursement for Costs. The Grantee shall be paid on a cost reimbursement basis for all eligible Project costs upon the completion, submittal, and approval of each deliverable identified in the Grant Work Plan. Reimbursement shall be requested on Exhibit C, Payment Request Summary Form. To be eligible for reimbursement, costs must be in compliance with laws, rules, and regulations applicable to expenditures of State funds, including, but not limited to, the Reference Guide for State Expenditures, which can be accessed at the following web address: <https://www.myfloridacfo.com/docs-sf/accounting-and-auditing-libraries/state-agencies/reference-guide-for-state-expenditures.pdf>.
- e. Rural Communities and Rural Areas of Opportunity. If Grantee is a county or municipality that qualifies as a "rural community" or "rural area of opportunity" (RAO) as defined in subsection 288.0656(2), F.S., such Grantee may request from the Department that all invoice payments (i.e., cost reimbursement) under this Agreement be directed to the relevant county or municipality or to the RAO itself. The Department will agree to Grantee's request if:
  - i. Grantee demonstrates that it is a county or municipality that qualifies as a "rural community" or "rural area of opportunity" under subsection 288.0656(2), F.S.;
  - ii. Grantee demonstrates current financial hardship using one (1) or more of the "economic distress" factors defined in subsection 288.0656(2)(c), F.S.;
  - iii. Grantee's performance has been verified by the Department, which has determined that Grantee is eligible for cost reimbursement and that Grantee's performance has been completed in accordance with this Agreement's terms and conditions; and
  - iv. Applicable federal and state law(s), rule(s) and regulation(s) allow for such payments.This subsection may not be construed to alter or limit any other applicable provisions of federal or state law, rule, or regulation. A current list of Florida's designated RAOs can be accessed at the following web address: <https://floridajobs.org/community-planning-and-development/rural-community-programs/rural-areas-of-opportunity>.
- f. Invoice Detail. All charges for services rendered or for reimbursement of expenses authorized by Department pursuant to the Grant Work Plan shall be submitted to Department in sufficient detail for a proper pre-audit and post-audit to be performed. The Grantee shall only invoice Department for deliverables that are completed in accordance with the Grant Work Plan.
- g. State Funds Documentation. Pursuant to section 216.1366, F.S., if Contractor meets the definition of a non-profit organization under section 215.97(2)(m), F.S., Contractor must provide the Department with documentation that indicates the amount of state funds:
  - i. Allocated to be used during the full term of the contract or agreement for remuneration to any member of the board of directors or an officer of Contractor.
  - ii. Allocated under each payment by the public agency to be used for remuneration of any member of the board of directors or an officer of the Contractor.



The documentation must indicate the amounts and recipients of the remuneration. Such information must be posted on the State's the contract tracking system and maintained pursuant to section 215.985, F.S., and must be posted on the Contractor's website, if Contractor maintains a website.

- h. Interim Payments. Interim payments may be made by Department, at its discretion, if the completion of deliverables to date have first been accepted in writing by Department's Grant Manager.
- i. Final Payment Request. A final payment request should be submitted to Department no later than sixty (60) days following the expiration date of the Agreement to ensure the availability of funds for payment. However, all work performed pursuant to the Grant Work Plan must be performed on or before the expiration date of the Agreement.
- j. Annual Appropriation Contingency. The State's performance and obligation to pay under this Agreement is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature. This Agreement is not a commitment of future appropriations. Authorization for continuation and completion of work and any associated payments may be rescinded, with proper notice, at the discretion of Department if the Legislature reduces or eliminates appropriations.
- k. Interest Rates. All interest rates charged under the Agreement shall be calculated on the prevailing rate used by the State Board of Administration. To obtain the applicable interest rate, please refer to: <https://www.myfloridacfo.com/division/aa/local-governments/judgement-interest-rates>.
- l. Refund of Payments to the Department. Any balance of unobligated funds that have been advanced or paid must be refunded to Department. Any funds paid in excess of the amount to which Grantee or subgrantee is entitled under the terms of the Agreement must be refunded to Department. If this Agreement is funded with federal funds and the Department is required to refund the federal government, the Grantee shall refund the Department its share of those funds.

#### **9. Documentation Required for Cost Reimbursement Grant Agreements and Match.**

If Cost Reimbursement or Match is authorized in Attachment 2, Special Terms and Conditions, the following conditions apply. Supporting documentation must be provided to substantiate cost reimbursement or match requirements for the following budget categories:

- a. Salary/Wages. Grantee shall list personnel involved, position classification, direct salary rates, and hours spent on the Project in accordance with Attachment 3, Grant Work Plan in their documentation for reimbursement or match requirements.
- b. Overhead/Indirect/General and Administrative Costs. If Grantee is being reimbursed for or claiming match for multipliers, all multipliers used (i.e., fringe benefits, overhead, indirect, and/or general and administrative rates) shall be supported by audit. If Department determines that multipliers charged by Grantee exceeded the rates supported by audit, Grantee shall be required to reimburse such funds to Department within thirty (30) days of written notification. Interest shall be charged on the excessive rate.
- c. Contractual Costs (Subcontractors). Match or reimbursement requests for payments to subcontractors must be substantiated by copies of invoices with backup documentation identical to that required from Grantee. Subcontracts which involve payments for direct salaries shall clearly identify the personnel involved, salary rate per hour, and hours spent on the Project. All eligible multipliers used (i.e., fringe benefits, overhead, indirect, and/or general and administrative rates) shall be supported by audit. If Department determines that multipliers charged by any subcontractor exceeded the rates supported by audit, Grantee shall be required to reimburse such funds to Department within thirty (30) days of written notification. Interest shall be charged on the excessive rate. Nonconsumable and/or nonexpendable personal property or equipment costing \$5,000 or more purchased for the Project under a subcontract is subject to the requirements set forth in chapters 273 and/or 274, F.S., and Chapter 69I-72, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) and/or Chapter 69I-73, F.A.C., as applicable. The Grantee shall be responsible for maintaining appropriate property records for any subcontracts that include the purchase of equipment as part of the delivery of services. The Grantee shall comply with this requirement and ensure its subcontracts issued under this Agreement, if any, impose this requirement, in writing, on its subcontractors.
  - i. For fixed-price (vendor) subcontracts, the following provisions shall apply: The Grantee may award, on a competitive basis, fixed-price subcontracts to consultants/contractors in performing the work described in Attachment 3, Grant Work Plan. Invoices submitted to Department for fixed-price subcontracted activities shall be supported with a copy of the subcontractor's invoice and a copy of the tabulation form for the competitive procurement process (e.g., Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, or other similar competitive procurement document) resulting in the fixed-price subcontract. The Grantee may request approval from Department to award a fixed-price subcontract resulting from procurement methods other than those identified above. In this instance, Grantee shall request the advance written approval from Department's Grant Manager of the fixed price

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- negotiated by Grantee. The letter of request shall be supported by a detailed budget and Scope of Services to be performed by the subcontractor. Upon receipt of Department Grant Manager's approval of the fixed-price amount, Grantee may proceed in finalizing the fixed-price subcontract.
- ii. If the procurement is subject to the Consultant's Competitive Negotiation Act under section 287.055, F.S. or the Brooks Act, Grantee must provide documentation clearly evidencing it has complied with the statutory or federal requirements.
  - d. Travel. All requests for match or reimbursement of travel expenses shall be in accordance with section 112.061, F.S.
  - e. Direct Purchase Equipment. For the purposes of this Agreement, Equipment is defined as capital outlay costing \$5,000 or more. Match or reimbursement for Grantee's direct purchase of equipment is subject to specific approval of Department, and does not include any equipment purchased under the delivery of services to be completed by a subcontractor. Include copies of invoices or receipts to document purchases, and a properly completed Exhibit B, Property Reporting Form.
  - f. Rental/Lease of Equipment. Match or reimbursement requests for rental/lease of equipment must include copies of invoices or receipts to document charges.
  - g. Miscellaneous/Other Expenses. If miscellaneous or other expenses, such as materials, supplies, non-excluded phone expenses, reproduction, or mailing, are reimbursable or available for match or reimbursement under the terms of this Agreement, the documentation supporting these expenses must be itemized and include copies of receipts or invoices. Additionally, independent of Grantee's contract obligations to its subcontractor, Department shall not reimburse any of the following types of charges: cell phone usage; attorney's fees or court costs; civil or administrative penalties; or handling fees, such as set percent overages associated with purchasing supplies or equipment.
  - h. Land Acquisition. Reimbursement for the costs associated with acquiring interest and/or rights to real property (including access rights through ingress/egress easements, leases, license agreements, or other site access agreements; and/or obtaining record title ownership of real property through purchase) must be supported by the following, as applicable: Copies of Property Appraisals, Environmental Site Assessments, Surveys and Legal Descriptions, Boundary Maps, Acreage Certification, Title Search Reports, Title Insurance, Closing Statements/Documents, Deeds, Leases, Easements, License Agreements, or other legal instrument documenting acquired property interest and/or rights. If land acquisition costs are used to meet match requirements, Grantee agrees that those funds shall not be used as match for any other Agreement supported by State or Federal funds.

#### **10. Status Reports.**

The Grantee shall submit status reports quarterly, unless otherwise specified in the Attachments, on Exhibit A, Progress Report Form, to Department's Grant Manager describing the work performed during the reporting period, problems encountered, problem resolutions, scheduled updates, and proposed work for the next reporting period. Quarterly status reports are due no later than twenty (20) days following the completion of the quarterly reporting period. For the purposes of this reporting requirement, the quarterly reporting periods end on March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31. The Department will review the required reports submitted by Grantee within thirty (30) days.

#### **11. Retainage.**

The following provisions apply if Department withholds retainage under this Agreement:

- a. The Department reserves the right to establish the amount and application of retainage on the work performed under this Agreement up to the maximum percentage described in Attachment 2, Special Terms and Conditions. Retainage may be withheld from each payment to Grantee pending satisfactory completion of work and approval of all deliverables.
- b. If Grantee fails to perform the requested work or fails to perform the work in a satisfactory manner, Grantee shall forfeit its right to payment of the retainage associated with the work. Failure to perform includes, but is not limited to, failure to submit the required deliverables or failure to provide adequate documentation that the work was actually performed. The Department shall provide written notification to Grantee of the failure to perform that shall result in retainage forfeiture. If the Grantee does not correct the failure to perform within the timeframe stated in Department's notice, the retainage will be forfeited to Department.
- c. No retainage shall be released or paid for incomplete work while this Agreement is suspended.
- d. Except as otherwise provided above, Grantee shall be paid the retainage associated with the work, provided Grantee has completed the work and submits an invoice for retainage held in accordance with the invoicing procedures under this Agreement.

#### **12. Insurance.**



- a. Insurance Requirements for Sub-Grantees and/or Subcontractors. The Grantee shall require its sub-grantees and/or subcontractors, if any, to maintain insurance coverage of such types and with such terms and limits as described in this Agreement. The Grantee shall require all its sub-grantees and/or subcontractors, if any, to make compliance with the insurance requirements of this Agreement a condition of all contracts that are related to this Agreement. Sub-grantees and/or subcontractors must provide proof of insurance upon request.
- b. Deductibles. The Department shall be exempt from, and in no way liable for, any sums of money representing a deductible in any insurance policy. The payment of such deductible shall be the sole responsibility of the Grantee providing such insurance.
- c. Proof of Insurance. Upon execution of this Agreement, Grantee shall provide Department documentation demonstrating the existence and amount for each type of applicable insurance coverage *prior to* performance of any work under this Agreement. Upon receipt of written request from Department, Grantee shall furnish Department with proof of applicable insurance coverage by standard form certificates of insurance, a self-insured authorization, or other certification of self-insurance.
- d. Duty to Maintain Coverage. In the event that any applicable coverage is cancelled by the insurer for any reason, or if Grantee cannot get adequate coverage, Grantee shall immediately notify Department of such cancellation and shall obtain adequate replacement coverage conforming to the requirements herein and provide proof of such replacement coverage within ten (10) days after the cancellation of coverage.
- e. Insurance Trust. If the Grantee's insurance is provided through an insurance trust, the Grantee shall instead add the Department of Environmental Protection, its employees, and officers as an additional covered party everywhere the Agreement requires them to be added as an additional insured.

### **13. Termination.**

- a. Termination for Convenience. When it is in the State's best interest, Department may, at its sole discretion, terminate the Agreement in whole or in part by giving 30 days' written notice to Grantee. The Department shall notify Grantee of the termination for convenience with instructions as to the effective date of termination or the specific stage of work at which the Agreement is to be terminated. The Grantee must submit all invoices for work to be paid under this Agreement within thirty (30) days of the effective date of termination. The Department shall not pay any invoices received after thirty (30) days of the effective date of termination.
- b. Termination for Cause. The Department may terminate this Agreement if any of the events of default described in the Events of Default provisions below occur or in the event that Grantee fails to fulfill any of its other obligations under this Agreement. If, after termination, it is determined that Grantee was not in default, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of Department. The rights and remedies of Department in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.
- c. Grantee Obligations upon Notice of Termination. After receipt of a notice of termination or partial termination unless as otherwise directed by Department, Grantee shall not furnish any service or deliverable on the date, and to the extent specified, in the notice. However, Grantee shall continue work on any portion of the Agreement not terminated. If the Agreement is terminated before performance is completed, Grantee shall be paid only for that work satisfactorily performed for which costs can be substantiated. The Grantee shall not be entitled to recover any cancellation charges or lost profits.
- d. Continuation of Prepaid Services. If Department has paid for any services prior to the expiration, cancellation, or termination of the Agreement, Grantee shall continue to provide Department with those services for which it has already been paid or, at Department's discretion, Grantee shall provide a refund for services that have been paid for but not rendered.
- e. Transition of Services Upon Termination, Expiration, or Cancellation of the Agreement. If services provided under the Agreement are being transitioned to another provider(s), Grantee shall assist in the smooth transition of Agreement services to the subsequent provider(s). This requirement is at a minimum an affirmative obligation to cooperate with the new provider(s), however additional requirements may be outlined in the Grant Work Plan. The Grantee shall not perform any services after Agreement expiration or termination, except as necessary to complete the transition or continued portion of the Agreement, if any.

### **14. Notice of Default.**

If Grantee defaults in the performance of any covenant or obligation contained in the Agreement, including, any of the events of default, Department shall provide notice to Grantee and an opportunity to cure that is reasonable under the circumstances. This notice shall state the nature of the failure to perform and provide a time certain for correcting the failure. The notice will also provide that, should the Grantee fail to perform within the time provided, Grantee will be found in default, and Department may terminate the Agreement effective as of the date of receipt of the default notice.

### **15. Events of Default.**

Provided such failure is not the fault of Department or outside the reasonable control of Grantee, the following non-exclusive list of events, acts, or omissions, shall constitute events of default:

- a. The commitment of any material breach of this Agreement by Grantee, including failure to timely deliver a material deliverable, failure to perform the minimal level of services required for a deliverable, discontinuance of the performance of the work, failure to resume work that has been discontinued within a reasonable time after notice to do so, or abandonment of the Agreement;
- b. The commitment of any material misrepresentation or omission in any materials, or discovery by the Department of such, made by the Grantee in this Agreement or in its application for funding;
- c. Failure to submit any of the reports required by this Agreement or having submitted any report with incorrect, incomplete, or insufficient information;
- d. Failure to honor any term of the Agreement;
- e. Failure to abide by any statutory, regulatory, or licensing requirement, including an entry of an order revoking the certificate of authority granted to the Grantee by a state or other licensing authority;
- f. Failure to pay any and all entities, individuals, and furnishing labor or materials, or failure to make payment to any other entities as required by this Agreement;
- g. Employment of an unauthorized alien in the performance of the work, in violation of Section 274 (A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act;
- h. Failure to maintain the insurance required by this Agreement;
- i. One or more of the following circumstances, uncorrected for more than thirty (30) days unless, within the specified 30-day period, Grantee (including its receiver or trustee in bankruptcy) provides to Department adequate assurances, reasonably acceptable to Department, of its continuing ability and willingness to fulfill its obligations under the Agreement:
  - i. Entry of an order for relief under Title 11 of the United States Code;
  - ii. The making by Grantee of a general assignment for the benefit of creditors;
  - iii. The appointment of a general receiver or trustee in bankruptcy of Grantee's business or property; and/or
  - iv. An action by Grantee under any state insolvency or similar law for the purpose of its bankruptcy, reorganization, or liquidation.

### **16. Suspension of Work.**

The Department may, in its sole discretion, suspend any or all activities under the Agreement, at any time, when it is in the best interest of the State to do so. The Department shall provide Grantee written notice outlining the particulars of suspension. Examples of reasons for suspension include, but are not limited to, budgetary constraints, declaration of emergency, or other such circumstances. After receiving a suspension notice, Grantee shall comply with the notice. Within 90 days, or any longer period agreed to by the parties, Department shall either: (1) issue a notice authorizing resumption of work, at which time activity shall resume; or (2) terminate the Agreement. If the Agreement is terminated after 30 days of suspension, the notice of suspension shall be deemed to satisfy the thirty (30) days' notice required for a notice of termination for convenience. Suspension of work shall not entitle Grantee to any additional compensation.

### **17. Force Majeure.**

The Grantee shall not be responsible for delay resulting from its failure to perform if neither the fault nor the negligence of Grantee or its employees or agents contributed to the delay and the delay is due directly to acts of God, wars, acts of public enemies, strikes, fires, floods, or other similar cause wholly beyond Grantee's control, or for any of the foregoing that affect subcontractors or suppliers if no alternate source of supply is available to Grantee. In case of any delay Grantee believes is excusable, Grantee shall notify Department in writing of the delay or potential delay and describe the cause of the delay either (1) within ten days after the cause that creates or will create the delay first arose, if Grantee could reasonably foresee that a delay could occur as a result; or (2) if delay is not reasonably foreseeable, within five days after the date Grantee first had reason to believe that a delay could result. **THE FOREGOING SHALL CONSTITUTE THE GRANTEE'S SOLE REMEDY OR EXCUSE WITH RESPECT TO DELAY.** Providing notice in strict accordance with this paragraph is a condition precedent to such remedy. No claim for damages, other than for an extension of time, shall be asserted against Department. The Grantee shall not be entitled to an increase in the Agreement price or payment of any kind from Department for direct, indirect, consequential, impact or other costs, expenses or damages, including but not limited to costs of acceleration or inefficiency, arising because of delay, disruption, interference, or hindrance from any cause whatsoever. If performance is suspended or delayed, in whole or in part, due to any of the causes described in this paragraph, after the causes have ceased to exist Grantee shall perform at no increased cost, unless Department determines, in its sole

discretion, that the delay will significantly impair the value of the Agreement to Department, in which case Department may: (1) accept allocated performance or deliveries from Grantee, provided that Grantee grants preferential treatment to Department with respect to products subjected to allocation; (2) contract with other sources (without recourse to and by Grantee for the related costs and expenses) to replace all or part of the products or services that are the subject of the delay, which purchases may be deducted from the Agreement quantity; or (3) terminate Agreement in whole or in part.

#### **18. Indemnification.**

- a. The Grantee shall be fully liable for the actions of its agents, employees, partners, or subcontractors and shall fully indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Department and its officers, agents, and employees, from suits, actions, damages, and costs of every name and description arising from or relating to:
  - i. personal injury and damage to real or personal tangible property alleged to be caused in whole or in part by Grantee, its agents, employees, partners, or subcontractors; provided, however, that Grantee shall not indemnify for that portion of any loss or damages proximately caused by the negligent act or omission of Department;
  - ii. the Grantee's breach of this Agreement or the negligent acts or omissions of Grantee.
- b. The Grantee's obligations under the preceding paragraph with respect to any legal action are contingent upon Department giving Grantee: (1) written notice of any action or threatened action; (2) the opportunity to take over and settle or defend any such action at Grantee's sole expense; and (3) assistance in defending the action at Grantee's sole expense. The Grantee shall not be liable for any cost, expense, or compromise incurred or made by Department in any legal action without Grantee's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- c. Notwithstanding sections a. and b. above, the following is the sole indemnification provision that applies to Grantees that are governmental entities: Each party hereto agrees that it shall be solely responsible for the negligent or wrongful acts of its employees and agents. However, nothing contained herein shall constitute a waiver by either party of its sovereign immunity or the provisions of section 768.28, F.S. Further, nothing herein shall be construed as consent by a state agency or subdivision of the State to be sued by third parties in any matter arising out of any contract or this Agreement.
- d. No provision in this Agreement shall require Department to hold harmless or indemnify Grantee, insure or assume liability for Grantee's negligence, waive Department's sovereign immunity under the laws of Florida, or otherwise impose liability on Department for which it would not otherwise be responsible. Any provision, implication or suggestion to the contrary is null and void.

#### **19. Limitation of Liability.**

The Department's liability for any claim arising from this Agreement is limited to compensatory damages in an amount no greater than the sum of the unpaid balance of compensation due for goods or services rendered pursuant to and in compliance with the terms of the Agreement. Such liability is further limited to a cap of \$100,000.

#### **20. Remedies.**

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to make Grantee liable for force majeure events. Nothing in this Agreement, including financial consequences for nonperformance, shall limit Department's right to pursue its remedies for other types of damages under the Agreement, at law or in equity. The Department may, in addition to other remedies available to it, at law or in equity and upon notice to Grantee, retain such monies from amounts due Grantee as may be necessary to satisfy any claim for damages, penalties, costs and the like asserted by or against it.

#### **21. Waiver.**

The delay or failure by Department to exercise or enforce any of its rights under this Agreement shall not constitute or be deemed a waiver of Department's right thereafter to enforce those rights, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right.

#### **22. Statutory Notices Relating to Unauthorized Employment and Subcontracts.**

- a. The Department shall consider the employment by any Grantee of unauthorized aliens a violation of Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. If Grantee/subcontractor knowingly employs unauthorized aliens, such violation shall be cause for unilateral cancellation of this Agreement. The Grantee shall be responsible for including this provision in all subcontracts with private organizations issued as a result of this Agreement.
- b. Pursuant to sections 287.133, 287.134, and 287.137 F.S., the following restrictions apply to persons placed on the convicted vendor list, discriminatory vendor list, or the antitrust violator vendor list:
  - i. Public Entity Crime. A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may

not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a Grantee, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in section 287.017, F.S., for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months following the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

- ii. **Discriminatory Vendors.** An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity.
- iii. **Antitrust Violator Vendors.** A person or an affiliate who has been placed on the antitrust violator vendor list following a conviction or being held civilly liable for an antitrust violation may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on any contract to provide any good or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on any contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a Grantee, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with a public entity; and may not transact new business with a public entity.
- iv. **Notification.** The Grantee shall notify Department if it or any of its suppliers, subcontractors, or consultants have been placed on the convicted vendor list, the discriminatory vendor list, or antitrust violator vendor list during the life of the Agreement. The Florida Department of Management Services is responsible for maintaining the discriminatory vendor list and the antitrust violator vendor list and posts the list on its website. Questions regarding the discriminatory vendor list or antitrust violator vendor list may be directed to the Florida Department of Management Services, Office of Supplier Diversity, at (850) 487-0915.

**23. Compliance with Federal, State and Local Laws.**

- a. The Grantee and all its agents shall comply with all federal, state and local regulations, including, but not limited to, nondiscrimination, wages, social security, workers' compensation, licenses, and registration requirements. The Grantee shall include this provision in all subcontracts issued as a result of this Agreement.
- b. No person, on the grounds of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, or disability, shall be excluded from participation in; be denied the proceeds or benefits of; or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in performance of this Agreement.
- c. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.
- d. Any dispute concerning performance of the Agreement shall be processed as described herein. Jurisdiction for any damages arising under the terms of the Agreement will be in the courts of the State, and venue will be in the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Leon County. Except as otherwise provided by law, the parties agree to be responsible for their own attorney fees incurred in connection with disputes arising under the terms of this Agreement.

**24. Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) - Infrastructure Projects with Federal Funding.**

**This provision does not apply to Agreements that are wholly funded by Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act. Also, this provision does not apply where there is a valid waiver in place. However, the provision may apply to funds expended before the waiver or after expiration of the waiver.**

If applicable, Recipients or Subrecipients of an award of Federal financial assistance from a program for infrastructure are required to comply with the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA), including the following provisions:

- a. All iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States--this means all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States;
- b. All manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States--this means the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States; and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product has been established under applicable law or regulation; and

- c. All construction materials are manufactured in the United States-this means that all manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States.

The Buy America preference only applies to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project. As such, it does not apply to tools, equipment, and supplies, such as temporary scaffolding, brought to the construction site and removed at or before the completion of the infrastructure project. Nor does a Buy America preference apply to equipment and furnishings, such as movable chairs, desks, and portable computer equipment, that are used at or within the finished infrastructure project but are not an integral part of the structure or permanently affixed to the infrastructure project.

## **25. Investing in America**

Grantees of an award for construction projects in whole or in part by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law or the Inflation Reduction Act, including the following provision:

a. **Signage Requirements**

a. Investing in America Emblem: The recipient will ensure that a sign is placed at construction sites supported in whole or in part by this award displaying the official Investing in America emblem and must identify the project as a “project funded by President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law” or “project funded by President Biden’s Inflation Reduction Act” as applicable. The sign must be placed at construction sites in an easily visible location that can be directly linked to the work taking place and must be maintained in good condition throughout the construction period.

The recipient will ensure compliance with the guidelines and design specifications provided by EPA for using the official Investing in America emblem available at:

<https://www.epa.gov/invest/investing-america-signage>.

b. Procuring Signs: Consistent with section 6002 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. 6962, and 2 CFR 200.323, recipients are encouraged to use recycled or recovered materials when procuring signs. Signage costs are considered an allowable cost under this assistance agreement provided that the costs associated with signage are reasonable. Additionally, to increase public awareness of projects serving communities where English is not the predominant language, recipients are encouraged to translate the language on signs (excluding the official Investing in America emblem or EPA logo or seal) into the appropriate non-English language(s). The costs of such translation are allowable, provided the costs are reasonable.

## **26. Scrutinized Companies.**

- a. Grantee certifies that it is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or engaged in a boycott of Israel. Pursuant to section 287.135, F.S., the Department may immediately terminate this Agreement at its sole option if the Grantee is found to have submitted a false certification; or if the Grantee is placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in the boycott of Israel during the term of the Agreement.
- b. If this Agreement is for more than one million dollars, the Grantee certifies that it is also not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan, Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or engaged with business operations in Cuba or Syria as identified in section 287.135, F.S. Pursuant to section 287.135, F.S., the Department may immediately terminate this Agreement at its sole option if the Grantee is found to have submitted a false certification; or if the Grantee is placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, or Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or engaged with business operations in Cuba or Syria during the term of the Agreement.
- c. As provided in subsection 287.135(8), F.S., if federal law ceases to authorize these contracting prohibitions, then they shall become inoperative.

## **27. Lobbying and Integrity.**

The Grantee agrees that no funds received by it under this Agreement will be expended for the purpose of lobbying the Legislature or a State agency pursuant to section 216.347, F.S., except that pursuant to the requirements of section 287.058(6), F.S., during the term of any executed agreement between Grantee and the State, Grantee may lobby the executive or legislative branch concerning the scope of services, performance, term, or compensation regarding that agreement. The Grantee shall comply with sections 11.062 and 216.347, F.S.

## **28. Record Keeping.**

The Grantee shall maintain books, records and documents directly pertinent to performance under this Agreement in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles (US GAAP) consistently applied. The Department, the State, or their authorized representatives shall have access to such records for audit purposes during



the term of this Agreement and for five (5) years following the completion date or termination of the Agreement. In the event that any work is subcontracted, Grantee shall similarly require each subcontractor to maintain and allow access to such records for audit purposes. Upon request of Department's Inspector General, or other authorized State official, Grantee shall provide any type of information the Inspector General deems relevant to Grantee's integrity or responsibility. Such information may include, but shall not be limited to, Grantee's business or financial records, documents, or files of any type or form that refer to or relate to Agreement. The Grantee shall retain such records for the longer of: (1) three years after the expiration of the Agreement; or (2) the period required by the General Records Schedules maintained by the Florida Department of State (available at: <http://dos.myflorida.com/library-archives/records-management/general-records-schedules/>).

## **29. Audits.**

- a. Inspector General. The Grantee understands its duty, pursuant to section 20.055(5), F.S., to cooperate with the inspector general in any investigation, audit, inspection, review, or hearing. The Grantee will comply with this duty and ensure that its sub-grantees and/or subcontractors issued under this Agreement, if any, impose this requirement, in writing, on its sub-grantees and/or subcontractors, respectively.
- b. Physical Access and Inspection. Department personnel shall be given access to and may observe and inspect work being performed under this Agreement, with reasonable notice and during normal business hours, including by any of the following methods:
  - i. Grantee shall provide access to any location or facility on which Grantee is performing work, or storing or staging equipment, materials or documents;
  - ii. Grantee shall permit inspection of any facility, equipment, practices, or operations required in performance of any work pursuant to this Agreement; and,
  - iii. Grantee shall allow and facilitate sampling and monitoring of any substances, soils, materials or parameters at any location reasonable or necessary to assure compliance with any work or legal requirements pursuant to this Agreement.
- c. Special Audit Requirements. The Grantee shall comply with the applicable provisions contained in Attachment 5, Special Audit Requirements. Each amendment that authorizes a funding increase or decrease shall include an updated copy of Exhibit 1, to Attachment 5. If Department fails to provide an updated copy of Exhibit 1 to include in each amendment that authorizes a funding increase or decrease, Grantee shall request one from the Department's Grants Manager. The Grantee shall consider the type of financial assistance (federal and/or state) identified in Attachment 5, Exhibit 1 and determine whether the terms of Federal and/or Florida Single Audit Act Requirements may further apply to lower tier transactions that may be a result of this Agreement. For federal financial assistance, Grantee shall utilize the guidance provided under 2 CFR §200.331 for determining whether the relationship represents that of a subrecipient or vendor. For State financial assistance, Grantee shall utilize the form entitled "Checklist for Nonstate Organizations Recipient/Subrecipient vs Vendor Determination" (form number DFS-A2-NS) that can be found under the "Links/Forms" section appearing at the following website: <https://apps.fldfs.com/fsaa>.
- d. Proof of Transactions. In addition to documentation provided to support cost reimbursement as described herein, Department may periodically request additional proof of a transaction to evaluate the appropriateness of costs to the Agreement pursuant to State guidelines (including cost allocation guidelines) and federal, if applicable. Allowable costs and uniform administrative requirements for federal programs can be found under 2 CFR 200. The Department may also request a cost allocation plan in support of its multipliers (overhead, indirect, general administrative costs, and fringe benefits). The Grantee must provide the additional proof within thirty (30) days of such request.
- e. No Commingling of Funds. The accounting systems for all Grantees must ensure that these funds are not commingled with funds from other agencies. Funds from each agency must be accounted for separately. Grantees are prohibited from commingling funds on either a program-by-program or a project-by-project basis. Funds specifically budgeted and/or received for one project may not be used to support another project. Where a Grantee's, or subrecipient's, accounting system cannot comply with this requirement, Grantee, or subrecipient, shall establish a system to provide adequate fund accountability for each project it has been awarded.
  - i. If Department finds that these funds have been commingled, Department shall have the right to demand a refund, either in whole or in part, of the funds provided to Grantee under this Agreement for non-compliance with the material terms of this Agreement. The Grantee, upon such written notification from Department shall refund, and shall forthwith pay to Department, the amount of money demanded by Department. Interest on any refund shall be calculated based on the prevailing rate used by the State Board of Administration. Interest shall be calculated from the date(s) the

original payment(s) are received from Department by Grantee to the date repayment is made by Grantee to Department.

- ii. In the event that the Grantee recovers costs, incurred under this Agreement and reimbursed by Department, from another source(s), Grantee shall reimburse Department for all recovered funds originally provided under this Agreement and interest shall be charged for those recovered costs as calculated on from the date(s) the payment(s) are recovered by Grantee to the date repayment is made to Department.
- iii. Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, the above restrictions on commingling funds do not apply to agreements where payments are made purely on a cost reimbursement basis.

**30. Conflict of Interest.**

The Grantee covenants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required.

**31. Independent Contractor.**

The Grantee is an independent contractor and is not an employee or agent of Department.

**32. Subcontracting.**

- a. Unless otherwise specified in the Special Terms and Conditions, all services contracted for are to be performed solely by Grantee.
- b. The Department may, for cause, require the replacement of any Grantee employee, subcontractor, or agent. For cause, includes, but is not limited to, technical or training qualifications, quality of work, change in security status, or non-compliance with an applicable Department policy or other requirement.
- c. The Department may, for cause, deny access to Department's secure information or any facility by any Grantee employee, subcontractor, or agent.
- d. The Department's actions under paragraphs b. or c. shall not relieve Grantee of its obligation to perform all work in compliance with the Agreement. The Grantee shall be responsible for the payment of all monies due under any subcontract. The Department shall not be liable to any subcontractor for any expenses or liabilities incurred under any subcontract and Grantee shall be solely liable to the subcontractor for all expenses and liabilities incurred under any subcontract.
- e. The Department will not deny Grantee's employees, subcontractors, or agents access to meetings within the Department's facilities, unless the basis of Department's denial is safety or security considerations.
- f. The Department supports diversity in its procurement program and requests that all subcontracting opportunities afforded by this Agreement embrace diversity enthusiastically. The award of subcontracts should reflect the full diversity of the citizens of the State. A list of minority-owned firms that could be offered subcontracting opportunities may be obtained by contacting the Office of Supplier Diversity at (850) 487-0915.
- g. The Grantee shall not be liable for any excess costs for a failure to perform, if the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor at any tier, and if the cause of the default is completely beyond the control of both Grantee and the subcontractor(s), and without the fault or negligence of either, unless the subcontracted products or services were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time for Grantee to meet the required delivery schedule.

**33. Guarantee of Parent Company.**

If Grantee is a subsidiary of another corporation or other business entity, Grantee asserts that its parent company will guarantee all of the obligations of Grantee for purposes of fulfilling the obligations of Agreement. In the event Grantee is sold during the period the Agreement is in effect, Grantee agrees that it will be a requirement of sale that the new parent company guarantee all of the obligations of Grantee.

**34. Survival.**

The respective obligations of the parties, which by their nature would continue beyond the termination or expiration of this Agreement, including without limitation, the obligations regarding confidentiality, proprietary interests, and public records, shall survive termination, cancellation, or expiration of this Agreement.

**35. Third Parties.**

The Department shall not be deemed to assume any liability for the acts, failures to act or negligence of Grantee, its agents, servants, and employees, nor shall Grantee disclaim its own negligence to Department or any third party. This Agreement does not and is not intended to confer any rights or remedies upon any person other than the parties. If Department consents to a subcontract, Grantee will specifically disclose that this Agreement does not create any third-party rights. Further, no third parties shall rely upon any of the rights and obligations created under this Agreement.

**36. Severability.**

If a court of competent jurisdiction deems any term or condition herein void or unenforceable, the other provisions are severable to that void provision, and shall remain in full force and effect.

**37. Grantee's Employees, Subcontractors and Agents.**

All Grantee employees, subcontractors, or agents performing work under the Agreement shall be properly trained technicians who meet or exceed any specified training qualifications. Upon request, Grantee shall furnish a copy of technical certification or other proof of qualification. All employees, subcontractors, or agents performing work under Agreement must comply with all security and administrative requirements of Department and shall comply with all controlling laws and regulations relevant to the services they are providing under the Agreement.

**38. Assignment.**

The Grantee shall not sell, assign, or transfer any of its rights, duties, or obligations under the Agreement, or under any purchase order issued pursuant to the Agreement, without the prior written consent of Department. In the event of any assignment, Grantee remains secondarily liable for performance of the Agreement, unless Department expressly waives such secondary liability. The Department may assign the Agreement with prior written notice to Grantee of its intent to do so.

**39. Compensation Report.**

If this Agreement is a sole-source, public-private agreement or if the Grantee, through this agreement with the State, annually receive 50% or more of their budget from the State or from a combination of State and Federal funds, the Grantee shall provide an annual report, including the most recent IRS Form 990, detailing the total compensation for the entities' executive leadership teams. Total compensation shall include salary, bonuses, cashed-in leave, cash equivalents, severance pay, retirement benefits, deferred compensation, real-property gifts, and any other payout. The Grantee must also inform the Department of any changes in total executive compensation between the annual reports. All compensation reports must indicate what percent of compensation comes directly from the State or Federal allocations to the Grantee.

**40. Execution in Counterparts and Authority to Sign.**

This Agreement, any amendments, and/or change orders related to the Agreement, may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute the same instrument. In accordance with the Electronic Signature Act of 1996, electronic signatures, including facsimile transmissions, may be used and shall have the same force and effect as a written signature. Each person signing this Agreement warrants that he or she is duly authorized to do so and to bind the respective party to the Agreement.



**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
Special Terms and Conditions  
AGREEMENT NO. LG009**

**ATTACHMENT 2**

These Special Terms and Conditions shall be read together with general terms outlined in the Standard Terms and Conditions, Attachment 1. Where in conflict, these more specific terms shall apply.

**1. Scope of Work.**

The Project funded under this Agreement is Edgewater Wetland Park Project. The Project is defined in more detail in Attachment 3, Grant Work Plan.

**2. Duration.**

- a. Reimbursement Period. The reimbursement period for this Agreement begins on July 1, 2023, and ends at the expiration of the Agreement.
- b. Extensions. There are extensions available for this Project.
- c. Service Periods. Additional service periods are not authorized under this Agreement.

**3. Payment Provisions.**

- a. Compensation. This is a cost reimbursement Agreement. The Grantee shall be compensated under this Agreement as described in Attachment 3.
- b. Invoicing. Invoicing will occur as indicated in Attachment 3.
- c. Advance Pay. Advance Pay is not authorized under this Agreement.

**4. Cost Eligible for Reimbursement or Matching Requirements.**

Reimbursement for costs or availability for costs to meet matching requirements shall be limited to the following budget categories, as defined in the Reference Guide for State Expenditures, as indicated:

| <u>Reimbursement</u>                | <u>Match</u>             | <u>Category</u>                                     |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | Salaries/Wages                                      |
|                                     |                          | Overhead/Indirect/General and Administrative Costs: |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | a. Fringe Benefits, N/A.                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | b. Indirect Costs, N/A.                             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Contractual (Subcontractors)                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | Travel, in accordance with Section 112, F.S.        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | Equipment                                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | Rental/Lease of Equipment                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | Miscellaneous/Other Expenses                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | Land Acquisition                                    |

**5. Equipment Purchase.**

No Equipment purchases shall be funded under this Agreement.

**6. Land Acquisition.**

There will be no Land Acquisitions funded under this Agreement.

**7. Match Requirements**

There is no match required on the part of the Grantee under this Agreement.

## **8. Insurance Requirements**

**Required Coverage.** At all times during the Agreement the Grantee, at its sole expense, shall maintain insurance coverage of such types and with such terms and limits described below. The limits of coverage under each policy maintained by the Grantee shall not be interpreted as limiting the Grantee's liability and obligations under the Agreement. All insurance policies shall be through insurers licensed and authorized to issue policies in Florida, or alternatively, Grantee may provide coverage through a self-insurance program established and operating under the laws of Florida. Additional insurance requirements for this Agreement may be required elsewhere in this Agreement, however the minimum insurance requirements applicable to this Agreement are:

a. Commercial General Liability Insurance.

The Grantee shall provide adequate commercial general liability insurance coverage and hold such liability insurance at all times during the Agreement. The Department, its employees, and officers shall be named as an additional insured on any general liability policies. The minimum limits shall be \$250,000 for each occurrence and \$500,000 policy aggregate.

b. Commercial Automobile Insurance.

If the Grantee's duties include the use of a commercial vehicle, the Grantee shall maintain automobile liability, bodily injury, and property damage coverage. Insuring clauses for both bodily injury and property damage shall provide coverage on an occurrence basis. The Department, its employees, and officers shall be named as an additional insured on any automobile insurance policy. The minimum limits shall be as follows:

|                   |                                                                |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| \$200,000/300,000 | Automobile Liability for Company-Owned Vehicles, if applicable |
| \$200,000/300,000 | Hired and Non-owned Automobile Liability Coverage              |

c. Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Coverage.

The Grantee shall provide workers' compensation, in accordance with Chapter 440, F.S. and employer liability coverage with minimum limits of \$100,000 per accident, \$100,000 per person, and \$500,000 policy aggregate. Such policies shall cover all employees engaged in any work under the Grant.

d. Other Insurance. None.

## **9. Quality Assurance Requirements.**

There are no special Quality Assurance requirements under this Agreement.

## **10. Retainage.**

Retainage is permitted under this Agreement. Retainage may be up to a maximum of 10% of the total amount of the Agreement.

## **11. Subcontracting.**

The Grantee may subcontract work under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Department's Grant Manager except for certain fixed-price subcontracts pursuant to this Agreement, which require prior approval. The Grantee shall submit a copy of the executed subcontract to the Department prior to submitting any invoices for subcontracted work. Regardless of any subcontract, the Grantee is ultimately responsible for all work to be performed under this Agreement.

## **12. State-owned Land.**

The work will not be performed on State-owned land.

## **13. Office of Policy and Budget Reporting.**

There are no special Office of Policy and Budget reporting requirements for this Agreement.

## **14. Common Carrier.**

- a. Applicable to contracts with a common carrier – firm/person/corporation that as a regular business transports people or commodities from place to place. If applicable, Contractor must also fill out and return PUR 1808 before contract execution] If Contractor is a common carrier pursuant to section 908.111(1)(a), Florida Statutes, the Department will terminate this contract immediately if Contractor is found to be in violation of the law or the attestation in PUR 1808.
- b. Applicable to solicitations for a common carrier – Before contract execution, the winning Contractor(s) must fill out and return PUR 1808, and attest that it is not willfully providing any service in furtherance of

transporting a person into this state knowing that the person unlawfully present in the United States according to the terms of the federal Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. ss. 1101 et seq. The Department will terminate a contract immediately if Contractor is found to be in violation of the law or the attestation in PUR 1808.

**15. Additional Terms.**

None.

*Any terms added here must be approved by the Office of General Counsel.*

## **ATTACHMENT 3 GRANT WORK PLAN**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Edgewater Wetland Park Project

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Project will be located in the City of Edgewater within Volusia County; Lat/Long (28.9613, -80.9805).

**PROJECT BACKGROUND:** The Indian River Lagoon (IRL) is facing nutrient pollution due to excess nitrogen and phosphorus. Originating from wastewater discharges, fertilizer runoff, and septic tanks, these nutrients can lead to harmful algal blooms. Decreasing the nutrient input into the IRL will contribute to better water quality, essential for a healthier aquatic ecosystem.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Deering Park Stewardship District (Grantee) will redirect up to 3 million gallons per day of the City of Edgewater's reclaimed water away from the permitted surface water discharge into the Indian River (Mosquito Lagoon) to an upland location five miles west within the Florida Wildlife Corridor, where it will hydrate a +/- 50-acre constructed recharge wetland system. The Grantee will replace and/or install piping, equipment, extend 12-inch reclaimed water line to the project site, and construct upgrades to Edgewater Wetland Park.

**TASKS:** All documentation should be submitted electronically unless otherwise indicated.

### **Task 1: Preconstruction Activities**

**Deliverables:** The Grantee will complete the design of upgrades to Edgewater Wetlands Park and obtain all necessary permits for construction of the project. The Grantee will also provide flow directions analysis, hydrology analysis as well as surveying and engineering to support design.

**Documentation:** The Grantee will submit: 1) a land survey; 2) flow direction and hydrology analysis results; 3) a signed acceptance of the completed work to date, as provided in the Grantee's Certification of Payment Request; and 4) a summary of activities to date, indicating the percentage of design completion for the time period covered in the payment request. For the final documentation, the Grantee will also submit a copy of the design completed with the funding provided for this task and a list of all required permits identifying issue dates and issuing authorities.

**Performance Standard:** The Department's Grant Manager will review the documentation to verify that the deliverables have been completed as described above. Upon review and written acceptance by the Department's Grant Manager, the Grantee may proceed with payment request submittal.

**Payment Request Schedule:** The Grantee may submit a payment request for cost reimbursement no more frequently than monthly.

### **Task 2: Bidding and Contractor Selection**

**Deliverables:** The Grantee will prepare a bid package, publish a public notice, solicit bids, conduct pre-bid meetings, and respond to bid questions in accordance with the Grantee's procurement process, to select one or more qualified and licensed contractors to complete construction of Edgewater Wetland Park improvements.

**Documentation:** The Grantee will submit: 1) the public notice of advertisement for the bid; 2) the bid package; and 3) a written notice of selected contractor(s).

**Performance Standard:** The Department's Grant Manager will review the documentation to verify that the deliverables have been completed as described above. Upon review and written acceptance by the Department's Grant Manager, the Grantee may proceed with payment request submittal.

**Payment Request Schedule:** The Grantee may submit a payment request for cost reimbursement following the conclusion of the task.

### **Task 3: Construction**

**Deliverables:** The Grantee will replace and/or install piping, equipment, an extension of 12-inch reclaimed water line, and upgrades to Edgewater Wetland Park in accordance with the construction contract documents.

**Documentation:** The Grantee will submit: 1) a copy of the final design; 2) a signed acceptance of the completed work to date, as provided in the Grantee's Certification of Payment Request; and 3) a signed Engineer's Certification of Payment Request.

**Performance Standard:** The Department's Grant Manager will review the documentation to verify that the deliverables have been completed as described above. Upon review and written acceptance by the Department's Grant Manager, the Grantee may proceed with payment request submittal.

**Payment Request Schedule:** The Grantee may submit a payment request for cost reimbursement no more frequently than monthly.

### **Task 4: Project Management**

**Deliverables:** The Grantee will perform project management, to include field engineering services, construction observation, site meetings with construction contractor(s) and design professionals, and overall project coordination and supervision.

**Documentation:** The Grantee will submit interim progress status summaries including summary of inspection(s), meeting minutes and field notes, as applicable.

**Performance Standard:** The Department's Grant Manager will review the documentation to verify that the deliverables have been completed as described above. Upon review and written acceptance by the Department's Grant Manager, the Grantee may proceed with payment request submittal.

**Payment Request Schedule:** The Grantee may submit a payment request for cost reimbursement no more frequently than monthly.

**PROJECT TIMELINE & BUDGET DETAIL:** The tasks must be completed by, and all documentation received by, the corresponding task end date. Cost reimbursable grant funding must not exceed the budget amounts as indicated below.

| Task No. | Task Title                       | Budget Category      | Grant Amount   | Task Start Date | Task End Date |
|----------|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1        | Preconstruction Activities       | Contractual Services | \$750,000      | 07/01/2023      | 10/31/2025    |
| 2        | Bidding and Contractor Selection | Contractual Services | \$50,000       | 07/01/2023      | 11/30/2025    |
| 3        | Construction                     | Contractual Services | \$6,243,500    | 07/01/2023      | 04/30/2027    |
| 4        | Project Management               | Contractual Services | \$100,000      | 07/01/2023      | 04/30/2027    |
| Total:   |                                  |                      | \$7,143,500.00 |                 |               |

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
Public Records Requirements**

**Attachment 4**

**1. Public Records.**

- a. If the Agreement exceeds \$35,000.00, and if Grantee is acting on behalf of Department in its performance of services under the Agreement, Grantee must allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received by Grantee in conjunction with the Agreement (Public Records), unless the Public Records are exempt from section 24(a) of Article I of the Florida Constitution or section 119.07(1), F.S.
- b. The Department may unilaterally terminate the Agreement if Grantee refuses to allow public access to Public Records as required by law.

**2. Additional Public Records Duties of Section 119.0701, F.S., If Applicable.**

For the purposes of this paragraph, the term “contract” means the “Agreement.” If Grantee is a “contractor” as defined in section 119.0701(1)(a), F.S., the following provisions apply and the contractor shall:

- a. Keep and maintain Public Records required by Department to perform the service.
- b. Upon request, provide Department with a copy of requested Public Records or allow the Public Records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, F.S., or as otherwise provided by law.
- c. A contractor who fails to provide the Public Records to Department within a reasonable time may be subject to penalties under section 119.10, F.S.
- d. Ensure that Public Records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from Public Records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the contract if the contractor does not transfer the Public Records to Department.
- e. Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to Department all Public Records in possession of the contractor or keep and maintain Public Records required by Department to perform the service. If the contractor transfers all Public Records to Department upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall destroy any duplicate Public Records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from Public Records disclosure requirements. If the contractor keeps and maintains Public Records upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining Public Records. All Public Records stored electronically must be provided to Department, upon request from Department’s custodian of Public Records, in a format specified by Department as compatible with the information technology systems of Department. These formatting requirements are satisfied by using the data formats as authorized in the contract or Microsoft Word, Outlook, Adobe, or Excel, and any software formats the contractor is authorized to access.

**f. IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, F.S., TO THE CONTRACTOR’S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THE CONTRACT, CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT’S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:**

**Telephone:** (850) 245-2118  
**Email:** [public.services@floridadep.gov](mailto:public.services@floridadep.gov)  
**Mailing Address:** Department of Environmental Protection  
ATTN: Office of Ombudsman and Public Services  
Public Records Request  
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS 49  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
Special Audit Requirements  
(State and Federal Financial Assistance)**

**Attachment 5**

The administration of resources awarded by the Department of Environmental Protection (*which may be referred to as the "Department", "DEP", "FDEP" or "Grantor", or other name in the agreement*) to the recipient (*which may be referred to as the "Recipient", "Grantee" or other name in the agreement*) may be subject to audits and/or monitoring by the Department of Environmental Protection, as described in this attachment.

**MONITORING**

In addition to reviews of audits conducted in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F-Audit Requirements, and Section 215.97, F.S., as revised (see "AUDITS" below), monitoring procedures may include, but not be limited to, on-site visits by DEP Department staff, limited scope audits as defined by 2 CFR 200.425, or other procedures. By entering into this Agreement, the recipient agrees to comply and cooperate with any monitoring procedures/processes deemed appropriate by the Department of Environmental Protection. In the event the Department of Environmental Protection determines that a limited scope audit of the recipient is appropriate, the recipient agrees to comply with any additional instructions provided by the Department to the recipient regarding such audit. The recipient further agrees to comply and cooperate with any inspections, reviews, investigations, or audits deemed necessary by the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) or Auditor General.

**AUDITS**

**PART I: FEDERALLY FUNDED**

This part is applicable if the recipient is a State or local government or a non-profit organization as defined in 2 CFR §200.330

1. A recipient that expends \$750,000 or more in Federal awards in its fiscal year, must have a single or program-specific audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F. EXHIBIT 1 to this Attachment indicates Federal funds awarded through the Department of Environmental Protection by this Agreement. In determining the federal awards expended in its fiscal year, the recipient shall consider all sources of federal awards, including federal resources received from the Department of Environmental Protection. The determination of amounts of federal awards expended should be in accordance with the guidelines established in 2 CFR 200.502-503. An audit of the recipient conducted by the Auditor General in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR Part 200.514 will meet the requirements of this part.
2. For the audit requirements addressed in Part I, paragraph 1, the recipient shall fulfill the requirements relative to auditee responsibilities as provided in 2 CFR 200.508-512.
3. A recipient that expends less than \$750,000 in federal awards in its fiscal year is not required to have an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F-Audit Requirements. If the recipient expends less than \$750,000 in federal awards in its fiscal year and elects to have an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR 200, Subpart F-Audit Requirements, the cost of the audit must be paid from non-federal resources (i.e., the cost of such an audit must be paid from recipient resources obtained from other federal entities).
4. The recipient may access information regarding the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) via the internet at <https://sam.gov/content/assistance-listings>.

**Attachment 5**



## PART II: STATE FUNDED

This part is applicable if the recipient is a nonstate entity as defined by Section 215.97(2), Florida Statutes.

1. In the event that the recipient expends a total amount of state financial assistance equal to or in excess of \$750,000 in any fiscal year of such recipient (for fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, and thereafter), the recipient must have a State single or project-specific audit for such fiscal year in accordance with Section 215.97, F.S.; Rule Chapter 69I-5, F.A.C., State Financial Assistance; and Chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) or 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General. EXHIBIT 1 to this form lists the state financial assistance awarded through the Department of Environmental Protection by this agreement. In determining the state financial assistance expended in its fiscal year, the recipient shall consider all sources of state financial assistance, including state financial assistance received from the Department of Environmental Protection, other state agencies, and other nonstate entities. State financial assistance does not include federal direct or pass-through awards and resources received by a nonstate entity for Federal program matching requirements.
2. In connection with the audit requirements addressed in Part II, paragraph 1; the recipient shall ensure that the audit complies with the requirements of Section 215.97(8), Florida Statutes. This includes submission of a financial reporting package as defined by Section 215.97(2), Florida Statutes, and Chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) or 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General.
3. If the recipient expends less than \$750,000 in state financial assistance in its fiscal year (for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and thereafter), an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of Section 215.97, Florida Statutes, is not required. In the event that the recipient expends less than \$750,000 in state financial assistance in its fiscal year, and elects to have an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of Section 215.97, Florida Statutes, the cost of the audit must be paid from the non-state entity's resources (i.e., the cost of such an audit must be paid from the recipient's resources obtained from other than State entities).
4. For information regarding the Florida Catalog of State Financial Assistance (CSFA), a recipient should access the Florida Single Audit Act website located at <https://apps.fldfs.com/fsaa> for assistance. In addition to the above websites, the following websites may be accessed for information: Legislature's Website at <http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Welcome/index.cfm>, State of Florida's website at <http://www.myflorida.com/>, Department of Financial Services' Website at <http://www.fldfs.com/> and the Auditor General's Website at <http://www.myflorida.com/audgen/>.

## PART III: OTHER AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

*(NOTE: This part would be used to specify any additional audit requirements imposed by the State awarding entity that are solely a matter of that State awarding entity's policy (i.e., the audit is not required by Federal or State laws and is not in conflict with other Federal or State audit requirements). Pursuant to Section 215.97(8), Florida Statutes, State agencies may conduct or arrange for audits of State financial assistance that are in addition to audits conducted in accordance with Section 215.97, Florida Statutes. In such an event, the State awarding agency must arrange for funding the full cost of such additional audits.)*

## PART IV: REPORT SUBMISSION

1. Copies of reporting packages for audits conducted in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F-Audit Requirements, and required by PART I of this form shall be submitted, when required by 2 CFR 200.512, by or on behalf of the recipient directly to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC) as provided in 2 CFR 200.36 and 200.512
  - A. The Federal Audit Clearinghouse designated in 2 CFR §200.501(a) (the number of copies required by 2 CFR §200.501(a) should be submitted to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse), at the following address:

By Mail:

Federal Audit Clearinghouse  
Bureau of the Census  
1201 East 10th Street  
Jeffersonville, IN 47132

Submissions of the Single Audit reporting package for fiscal periods ending on or after January 1, 2008, must be submitted using the Federal Clearinghouse's Internet Data Entry System which can be found at <http://harvester.census.gov/facweb/>

2. Copies of financial reporting packages required by PART II of this Attachment shall be submitted by or on behalf of the recipient directly to each of the following:

- A. The Department of Environmental Protection at one of the following addresses:

By Mail:

**Audit Director**

Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
Office of Inspector General, MS 40  
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

Electronically:

[FDEPSingleAudit@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:FDEPSingleAudit@dep.state.fl.us)

- B. The Auditor General's Office at the following address:

Auditor General  
Local Government Audits/342  
Claude Pepper Building, Room 401  
111 West Madison Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1450

The Auditor General's website (<http://flauditor.gov/>) provides instructions for filing an electronic copy of a financial reporting package.

3. Copies of reports or management letters required by PART III of this Attachment shall be submitted by or on behalf of the recipient directly to the Department of Environmental Protection at one of the following addresses:

By Mail:

**Audit Director**

Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
Office of Inspector General, MS 40  
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

Electronically:

[FDEPSingleAudit@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:FDEPSingleAudit@dep.state.fl.us)

4. Any reports, management letters, or other information required to be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to this Agreement shall be submitted timely in accordance with 2 CFR 200.512, section 215.97, F.S., and Chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) or 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General, as applicable.

**Attachment 5**

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5. Recipients, when submitting financial reporting packages to the Department of Environmental Protection for audits done in accordance with 2 CFR 200, Subpart F-Audit Requirements, or Chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) and 10.650 (non and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General, should indicate the date and the reporting package was delivered to the recipient correspondence accompanying the reporting package.

## **PART V: RECORD RETENTION**

The recipient shall retain sufficient records demonstrating its compliance with the terms of the award and this Agreement for a period of **five (5)** years from the date the audit report is issued, and shall allow the Department of Environmental Protection, or its designee, Chief Financial Officer, or Auditor General access to such records upon request. The recipient shall ensure that audit working papers are made available to the Department of Environmental Protection, or its designee, Chief Financial Officer, or Auditor General upon request for a period of **three (3)** years from the date the audit report is issued, unless extended in writing by the Department of Environmental Protection.

# EXHIBIT – 1

FUNDS AWARDED TO THE RECIPIENT PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

*Note: If the resources awarded to the recipient represent more than one federal program, provide the same information shown below for each federal program and show total federal resources awarded*

| Federal Resources Awarded to the Recipient Pursuant to this Agreement Consist of the Following: |                |             |            |                |                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| Federal Program                                                                                 | Federal Agency | CFDA Number | CFDA Title | Funding Amount | State Appropriation Category |
| Federal Program A                                                                               |                |             |            | \$             |                              |
|                                                                                                 |                |             |            |                |                              |
|                                                                                                 |                |             |            |                |                              |
| Federal Program B                                                                               |                |             |            |                |                              |
|                                                                                                 |                |             |            |                |                              |
|                                                                                                 |                |             |            |                |                              |

*Note: Of the resources awarded to the recipient represent more than one federal program, list applicable compliance requirements for each federal program in the same manner as shown below:*

| Federal Program   | First Compliance requirement: i.e.: (what services of purposes resources must be used for)     |  |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Federal Program A | Second Compliance requirement: i.e.: (eligibility requirement for recipients of the resources) |  |
|                   | Etc.                                                                                           |  |
|                   | Etc.                                                                                           |  |
| Federal Program B | First Compliance requirement: i.e.: (what services of purposes resources must be used for)     |  |
|                   | Second Compliance requirement: i.e.: (eligibility requirement for recipients of the resources) |  |
|                   | Etc.                                                                                           |  |
|                   | Etc.                                                                                           |  |

*Note: If the resources awarded to the recipient for matching represent more than one federal program, provide the same information shown below for each federal program and show total state resources awarded for matching.*

| <b>State Resources Awarded to the Recipient Pursuant to this Agreement Consist of the Following Matching Resources for Federal Programs:</b> |                |      |            |                |                              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------|------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Federal Program A</b>                                                                                                                     | Federal Agency | CFDA | CFDA Title | Funding Amount | State Appropriation Category |
|                                                                                                                                              |                |      |            |                |                              |
|                                                                                                                                              |                |      |            |                |                              |
| <b>Federal Program B</b>                                                                                                                     | Federal Agency | CFDA | CFDA Title | Funding Amount | State Appropriation Category |
|                                                                                                                                              |                |      |            |                |                              |
|                                                                                                                                              |                |      |            |                |                              |

*Note: If the resources awarded to the recipient represent more than one state project, provide the same information shown below for each state project and show total state financial assistance awarded that is subject to section 215.97, F.S.*

| <b>State Resources Awarded to the Recipient Pursuant to this Agreement Consist of the Following Resources Subject to Section 215.97, F.S.:</b> |                                                |                                |             |                                                         |                              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>State Program A</b>                                                                                                                         | State Awarding Agency                          | State Fiscal Year <sup>1</sup> | CSFA Number | CSFA Title or Funding Source Description                | State Appropriation Category |
| <b>Original Agreement</b>                                                                                                                      | Florida Department of Environmental Protection | 2023-2024                      | 37.039      | Statewide Water Quality Restoration Projects – LI 1711C | 149941                       |
|                                                                                                                                                |                                                |                                |             |                                                         |                              |
| <b>State Program B</b>                                                                                                                         | State Awarding Agency                          | State Fiscal Year <sup>2</sup> | CSFA Number | CSFA Title or Funding Source Description                | State Appropriation Category |
|                                                                                                                                                |                                                |                                |             |                                                         |                              |
|                                                                                                                                                |                                                |                                |             | <b>Total Award</b>                                      | <b>\$7,143,500</b>           |

*Note: List applicable compliance requirement in the same manner as illustrated above for federal resources. For matching resources provided by the Department for DEP for federal programs, the requirements might be similar to the requirements for the applicable federal programs. Also, to the extent that different requirements pertain to different amount for the non-federal resources, there may be more than one grouping (i.e. 1, 2, 3, etc.) listed under this category.*

For each program identified above, the recipient shall comply with the program requirements described in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) [<https://sam.gov/content/assistance-listings>] and/or the Florida Catalog of State Financial Assistance (CSFA) [<https://apps.fldfs.com/fsaa/searchCatalog.aspx>], and State Projects Compliance Supplement (Part Four: State Projects Compliance Supplement [[https://apps.fldfs.com/fsaa/state\\_project\\_compliance.aspx](https://apps.fldfs.com/fsaa/state_project_compliance.aspx)]). The services/purposes for which the funds are to be used are included in the Agreement's Grant Work Plan. Any match required by the Recipient is clearly indicated in the Agreement.

<sup>1</sup> Subject to change by Change Order.

<sup>2</sup> Subject to change by Change Order.

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**Exhibit A  
Progress Report Form**

The current **Exhibit A, Progress Report Form** for this grant can be found on the Department's website at this link:

<https://floridadep.gov/wra/wra/documents/progress-report-form>

Please use the most current form found on the website, linked above, for each progress report submitted for this project.

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**Exhibit C  
Payment Request Summary Form**

The **Payment Request Summary Form** for this grant can be found on our website at this link:

<https://floridadep.gov/wra/wra/documents/payment-request-summary-form>

Please use the most current form found on the website, linked above, for each payment request.

**DEERING PARK  
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

**UNAUDITED  
FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS**



**DEERING PARK  
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
UNAUDITED  
FEBRUARY 29, 2024**

**DEERING PARK  
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FEBRUARY 29, 2024**

|                                                                       | General<br>Fund  | Debt<br>Service<br>Fund | Total<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                                         |                  |                         |                                |
| Cash                                                                  | \$ 15,259        | \$ -                    | \$ 15,259                      |
| Due from Landowner                                                    | 6,174            | 12,824                  | 18,998                         |
| Due from general fund                                                 | -                | 7,276                   | 7,276                          |
| Total assets                                                          | <u>\$ 21,433</u> | <u>\$ 20,100</u>        | <u>\$ 41,533</u>               |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>                                  |                  |                         |                                |
| Liabilities:                                                          |                  |                         |                                |
| Accounts payable                                                      | \$ 8,161         | \$ 20,100               | \$ 28,261                      |
| Due to debt service fund                                              | 7,276            | -                       | 7,276                          |
| Due to Landowner                                                      | -                | 23,632                  | 23,632                         |
| Accrued wages payable                                                 | 800              | -                       | 800                            |
| Tax payable                                                           | 61               | -                       | 61                             |
| Landowner advance                                                     | 6,000            | -                       | 6,000                          |
| Total liabilities                                                     | <u>22,298</u>    | <u>43,732</u>           | <u>66,030</u>                  |
| <b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>                                  |                  |                         |                                |
| Deferred receipts                                                     | 6,174            | -                       | 6,174                          |
| Total deferred inflows of resources                                   | <u>6,174</u>     | <u>-</u>                | <u>6,174</u>                   |
| Fund balances:                                                        |                  |                         |                                |
| Restricted for:                                                       |                  |                         |                                |
| Debt service                                                          | -                | (23,632)                | (23,632)                       |
| Unassigned                                                            | (7,039)          | -                       | (7,039)                        |
| Total fund balances                                                   | <u>(7,039)</u>   | <u>(23,632)</u>         | <u>(30,671)</u>                |
| Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources<br>and fund balances | <u>\$ 21,433</u> | <u>\$ 20,100</u>        | <u>\$ 41,533</u>               |

**DEERING PARK  
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT  
GENERAL FUND  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 2024**

|                                                              | Current<br>Month | Year to<br>Date | Budget     | % of<br>Budget |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|----------------|
| <b>REVENUES</b>                                              |                  |                 |            |                |
| Landowner contribution                                       | \$ -             | \$ 14,094       | \$ 126,421 | 11%            |
| Total revenues                                               | -                | 14,094          | 126,421    | 11%            |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                                          |                  |                 |            |                |
| <b>Professional &amp; administrative</b>                     |                  |                 |            |                |
| Supervisors                                                  | \$ -             | \$ -            | \$ 12,918  | 0%             |
| Management/accounting/recording <sup>1</sup>                 | 2,000            | 10,000          | 48,000     | 21%            |
| Legal                                                        | 1,205            | 1,525           | 30,000     | 5%             |
| Engineering                                                  | -                | -               | 3,500      | 0%             |
| Audit <sup>2</sup>                                           | -                | -               | 3,075      | 0%             |
| Arbitrage rebate calculation <sup>2</sup>                    | -                | -               | 750        | 0%             |
| Dissemination agent <sup>3</sup>                             | -                | -               | 1,000      | 0%             |
| Trustee <sup>2</sup>                                         | -                | -               | 6,500      | 0%             |
| Debt service fund accounting: master bonds <sup>3</sup>      | -                | -               | 5,500      | 0%             |
| Postage                                                      | -                | 20              | 500        | 4%             |
| Printing and binding                                         | 42               | 209             | 500        | 42%            |
| Legal advertising                                            | 303              | 1,922           | 6,500      | 30%            |
| Annual district filing fee                                   | -                | 175             | 175        | 100%           |
| Insurance - GL, POL                                          | -                | 5,590           | 5,913      | 95%            |
| Miscellaneous- bank charges                                  | 86               | 178             | 675        | 26%            |
| Website:                                                     |                  |                 |            |                |
| Hosting & updates                                            | -                | 705             | 705        | 100%           |
| ADA compliance                                               | -                | -               | 210        | 0%             |
| Total professional & administrative                          | 3,636            | 20,324          | 126,421    | 16%            |
| Excess/(deficiency) of revenues<br>over/(under) expenditures | (3,636)          | (6,230)         | -          |                |
| Fund balances - beginning                                    | (3,403)          | (809)           | -          |                |
| Fund balances - ending                                       | \$ (7,039)       | \$ (7,039)      | \$ -       |                |

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

<sup>2</sup>These items will be realized the year after the issuance of bonds.

<sup>3</sup>These items will be realized when bonds are issued.

**DEERING PARK  
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT  
DEBT SERVICE FUND  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 2024**

|                                                              | Current<br>Month          | Year To<br>Date           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>REVENUES</b>                                              | <u>\$ -</u>               | <u>\$ -</u>               |
| Total revenues                                               | <u>-</u>                  | <u>-</u>                  |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                                          | -                         | -                         |
| <b>Debt service</b>                                          |                           |                           |
| Cost of issuance                                             | <u>12,824</u>             | <u>15,314</u>             |
| Total expenditures                                           | <u>12,824</u>             | <u>15,314</u>             |
| Excess/(deficiency) of revenues<br>over/(under) expenditures | (12,824)                  | (15,314)                  |
| Fund balances - beginning                                    | <u>(10,808)</u>           | <u>(8,318)</u>            |
| Fund balances - ending                                       | <u><u>\$ (23,632)</u></u> | <u><u>\$ (23,632)</u></u> |

**DEERING PARK  
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

**MINUTES**

**DRAFT**

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
DEERING PARK STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

The Board of Supervisors of the Deering Park Stewardship District held a Regular Meeting on March 12, 2024 at 2:00 p.m., in-person at Storch Law Firm, located at 420 S. Nova Road, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114 and via Teams Meeting ID: 283 787 630 919 Passcode: ZXHeDk.

**Present were:**

|                                |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Robbie Lee                     | Vice Chair          |
| Earl Underhill (via telephone) | Assistant Secretary |
| James (Jim) Boyd               | Assistant Secretary |
| Joey Posey                     | Assistant Secretary |

**Also present:**

|                                  |                                          |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Cindy Cerbone                    | District Manager                         |
| Andrew Kantarzhi                 | Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC (WHA) |
| Jonathan Johnson (via telephone) | District Counsel                         |
| Chris Warshaw                    | District Engineer                        |
| 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 2:01 p.m. She stated that the Oath of Office was administered to Mr. Posey prior to the meeting.

Supervisors Posey, Boyd and Lee were present. Supervisor Underhill attended via telephone. Supervisor Storch was not present.

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Public Comments**

No members of the public spoke.

**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Administration of Oath of Office to  
Appointed Supervisor Joey Posey [Seat 5];  
Term Expires November 2026**

The Oath of Office was administered to Mr. Posey prior to the meeting.

**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS****Consideration of Resolution 2024-01,  
Designating Certain Officers of the District,  
and Providing for an Effective Date**

Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2024-01. The slate was as follows:

|                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Chair               | Glen Storch      |
| Vice Chair          | Robbie Lee       |
| Assistant Secretary | Earl M Underhill |
| Assistant Secretary | James Boyd       |
| Assistant Secretary | Joey Posey       |
| Assistant Secretary | Cindy Cerbone    |
| Assistant Secretary | Andrew Kantarzhi |

No other nominations were made.

Prior appointments by the Board for Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer remain unaffected by this Resolution.

**On MOTION by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Boyd, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-01, Designating Certain Officers of the District, as nominated, and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.**

**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS****Update: Required Ethics Training**

Ms. Cerbone discussed the new requirement for Supervisors to complete four hours of ethics continuing education every year. The agenda includes information and links to free online trainings will be provided. Supervisors are advised to keep a log of courses taken, including the name of the course, course provider, date and time and number of hours because some course providers do not offer documentation of completion. The Florida Association of Special Districts (FASD) has courses, most of which charge a fee.

Mr. Johnson stated the electronic version of the information in the agenda will be emailed to Supervisors. It includes links to the Florida Commission on Ethics (FCOE) and Office of the Attorney General courses, which do not charge a fee.

Ms. Cerbone stated the completed coursework for 2024 will be reported when filing Form 1 in mid-2025. Form 1 will now be filed electronically directly with the FCOE, rather than the Supervisor of Elections. Each Supervisor's information was provided to the FCOE. Supervisors should receive an email by April 2024 asking them to complete a short registration process. If an email is not received, Supervisors can register directly on the FCOE website and complete the electronic Form 1 in advance of the July 1, 2024 deadline.

It was noted that registration on the FCOE website is separate from the filing Form 1.

This item will remain on the agenda, under the District Manager's report.

#### **SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **Update: Bond Validation**

Ms. Cerbone stated the bond validation hearing went well.

Mr. Johnson stated the Certificate of No Appeal from the Court Clerk indicates that the bond validation is final.

#### **SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **Discussion: Action Items for Wetland Park Project**

##### **A. Consideration of Work Authorization #4: Wetland Park - Design Build Coordination**

Mr. Warshaw presented England-Thims & Miller, Inc., (ETM) Work Authorization #4 related to the Wetland Park Design Build Coordination and noted the following:

➤ The District received a \$7,143,500 grant from the State to construct and design a wetland park west of the initial development phase, in the upland area.

➤ The wetland park will accept reclaim water from the City of Edgewater. Rather than discharging to the Indian River Lagoon, the water will be discharged into the wetland park, where it will be filtered before discharging back into the aquifer or elsewhere.

➤ The scope of work is the first step; the project will be executed via a Design Build Contract. ETM will not prepare the design, ETM will partner with Wetland Solutions, Inc., (WSI),



who will advise as ETM publishes a Design Build solicitation and contract to engage a Design Build firm. Working with WSI, ETM will oversee the process and construction activities.

Mr. Boyd noted several discrepancies between the budget totals shown on Schedule A, the Scope of Services, and the Task Summary table, as follows:

- Schedule A, Item B1, lists the “Design Build Phase, D/B Solicitation” with a Budget Estimate of \$9,600; however, the same item is \$10,000 on the Task Summary Table.
- Schedule A, Item B7, lists the “Design Phase Project Coordination” with a Budget Estimate of \$25,000; however, the same item is \$20,000 on the Task Summary Table.
- Schedule A, Item B8, lists the “Limited Construction Administration” with a Budget Estimate of \$35,000; however, the same item is \$45,000 on the Task Summary Table.

Discussion ensued regarding which amounts are correct.

Mr. Warshaw stated the correct total for Item B1 is \$9,600, the correct total for Item B7 is \$20,000 and the correct total for Item B8 is \$45,000.

Mr. Boyd asked if the expenses, such as telephone and travel, are included in the not-to-exceed budget. Mr. Warshaw stated they are not, those are extra costs. He suggested a not-to-exceed amount of \$10,000 would be appropriate for a two-year project.

Mr. Boyd expressed concern that the WSI proposal is not signed. Mr. Warshaw stated it is provided for reference; WSI will be contracted directly by ETM as a subconsultant. Mr. Boyd asked why the District is required to sign the WSI proposal. Mr. Warshaw stated that will be revised to reflect that WSI is subcontracted with ETM; the District will not be required to sign.

Discussion ensued regarding developing a schedule for the project and for the Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

Ms. Cerbone asked when the RFQ might be ready to be published. She noted that the Ranking Criteria will need to be presented to the Board. Mr. Warshaw estimated that the RFQ might not be published for a few months.

Ms. Cerbone suggested adding recurring agenda item “Update: RFQ Design Build Process” until further notice.

129 Ms. Hutchens stated the grant has a timeline so the project must stay within the time  
130 allocation for the grant to pay for the project. She suggested segregating the wetland park  
131 project from the IMR in the agenda.

132 Ms. Cerbone noted that the Work Authorization itself is signed by the District. Realizing  
133 that any work done by WSI will be subcontracted to ETM, she asked who should receive funding  
134 requests, as invoices related to this Work Authorization are received. Ms. Hutchens believes  
135 that the funding requests for Work Authorization #4 should be directed to the Landowner, not  
136 the Development Company.

137 Discussion ensued regarding Landowner and Development entity Funding Agreements.

138 Ms. Hutchens stated that the District has one Funding Agreement with the Landowner,  
139 for operating activities, and another for bonding authorizations. Asked if the Landowner will  
140 want to recoup the funds from capital later, Ms. Hutchens stated the grants should reimburse  
141 all parties.

142 Mr. Johnson stated he will review the Bond Agreement to see if a simple amendment  
143 will suffice.

144 Ms. Cerbone stated that most grants she has worked with do not reimburse as the  
145 project progresses; rather, they reimburse at the end. She asked if the Landowner will want  
146 access to bond funds if the bonds are issued in advance, and want the grant money to go to the  
147 Construction Account. Ms. Hutchens stated that is a logistical matter to be considered.

148 Ms. Cerbone discussed the need to develop procedures for construction funding and, at  
149 each meeting, advise if any different avenues are being taken so that Accounting can plan  
150 accordingly and ensure that bills are paid on time.

151 Ms. Cerbone stated, after documents are approved, in substantial form or as amended,  
152 she would like to discuss the next steps involved with getting fully executed documents so that  
153 it can be reflected in the minutes. Any parties to making the "substantially approved"  
154 documents "finally approved and fully executed" will receive emails after the meeting,  
155 including Ms. Gillyard, in the Management Office, who retains all the records related to who  
156 will do what, and in what order.

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On MOTION by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Posey, with all in favor, England-Thims & Miller, Inc., Work Authorization #4 for the Wetland Park Design Build Coordination, in substantial form and/or as amended as discussed, was approved.

Ms. Cerbone stated Mr. Warshaw will make the updates and forward the documents to District Management's office. She noted that the Vice Chair is present and the Lead Sheet to Work Authorization #4 does not contain any of the numbers requiring updating. She recommended that District Management's office hold the Lead Sheet until the updated documents are received, at which time both parties will have what they need and a copy can be sent to Ms. Hutchens. Ms. Hutchens agreed.

#### **EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **Project Updates:**

##### **A. Edgewater Wetland Park**

This item was discussed during the Seventh Order of Business.

##### **B. SR 442/I-95**

Mr. Warshaw stated good progress is being made. Conceptual design is currently under review by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); there has been a lot of back and forth to date but no surprises are expected. Traffic modeling is underway. Good discussions have occurred regarding managing interchange drainage within District property to eliminate the need to acquire any additional right-of-way (ROW).

Ms. Hutchens stated that a Federal RAISE Grant application was submitted to help offset the cost of the interchange construction and implementation. An FDOT Trails Grant application was submitted, which would help fund and construct the bike trail underneath the interstate at that location. Both applications were deemed complete and decisions are pending.

##### **C. Deering Trail**

Mr. Warshaw stated the request for Deering Trail was submitted to FDOT. The trails would most likely be done via Design Build. The Development Team discussed timelines but no schedule or dates have been set. The District will pursue trail money to the extent that it can, to help augment the other work to be done at the interchange. A trail will be brought through the

interchange as part of the interchange improvements. Additional grants will reduce the burden on funding entities for other requests.

Mr. Boyd asked if the focus on grant funding is emphasizing existing conditions requiring improvement, separate from the development impacts. Mr. Warshaw replied affirmatively. The work that LTG is doing from a traffic perspective is proving that the interchange is not working, which improves the chances that FDOT or the Legislature will offer funding. It is believed that the traffic supports the need for grant funding.

Ms. Cerbone stated, regarding Item 8B, SR 442/I-95, a fully executed Work Authorization and a Construction Funding Agreement are in effect between the District and the Kolter entity. So, the funding requests for Edgewater Wetland Park currently go to Ms. Hutchens' office, not to Kolter. Ms. Hutchens concurred.

Ms. Cerbone asked where funding requests for Deering Trail should be sent. Ms. Hutchens stated, from the perspective of the trail that is integrated into IMR's design, funding requests should be sent to the Kolter entity, as the Developer. She will research and advise regarding funding requests outside the envelope of the IMR.

Mr. Warshaw stated that no Work Authorizations have been submitted for Deering Trail. While grants were applied for, on behalf of the District, the trail is a future project. Staff is not in a position to submit for any kind of work-related project at this time.

Ms. Cerbone stated that standalone agenda items will be included on the next agenda for Edgewater Wetland Park and SR 442/I-95, in case bullet points are added related to these projects.

## **NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of January 31, 2024**

Ms. Cerbone presented the Unaudited Financial Statements as of January 31, 2024. She stated the ending fund balance of -\$10,808 represents expenditures that could be reimbursed out of the costs of issuance, versus the bond Construction Account.

Ms. Hutchens stated the majority of that amount represents legal fees associated with the bond issuance that will be reimbursed from the bond proceeds.

On MOTION by Mr. Boyd and seconded by Mr. Lee, with all in favor, the Unaudited Financial Statements as of January 31, 2024, were accepted.

**TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS****Approval of January 9, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Cerbone presented the January 9, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

On MOTION by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Posey, with all in favor, the January 9, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented, were approved.

**ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS****Staff Reports****A. District Counsel: Kutak Rock LLP**

There was no report.

**B. District Engineer: England-Thims & Miller, Inc.**

There was no report.

**C. District Manager: Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC**

Ms. Cerbone stated she will email Ms. Hutchens regarding the need for an estimated time frame for the bond issuance, for budgeting purposes. Mr. Kessler, of FMSbonds, Inc., will contact Ms. Hutchens regarding software that will help with compliance; if the Board and the Developer agree, that cost will be included in the budget.

Discussion ensued regarding the need to include Field Operations in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget. Ms. Cerbone will speak with Mr. Warshaw in this regard.

Ms. Hutchens stated the Operation & Maintenance (O&M) entity for the wetland park will be the City of Edgewater. The only components that might be turned over to the District will be infrastructure components that are not going to be turned over to the City of Edgewater. She noted that the interconnecting piping is Edgewater's responsibility.

Mr. Warshaw stated that part of the grant will be to further extend the reclaim water to the Wetland Park. Ms. Hutchens stated that she and Mr. Warshaw and the Development Team

will specifically outline the intended O&M entities for each component. Mr. Warshaw stated it will be necessary to determine which improvements will be managed by the HOA and which will be managed by the District.

Mr. Boyd asked if wetland monitoring reports and/or wells will be required. Mr. Warshaw stated his understanding that the wetland park will be the City's responsibility and the District might be a joint partner in the future.

Ms. Cerbone stated she will present a draft Fiscal Year 2025 budget in April; further revisions can be made in May. A Landowner-contribution budget offers flexibility, as expenses are funded as they are incurred.

- **NEXT MEETING DATE: April 9, 2024 at 2:00 PM**

- **QUORUM CHECK**

The next meeting will be held on April 9, 2024, unless canceled.

**TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS****Board Members' Comments/Requests**

There were no Board Members' comments or requests.

**THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS****Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS****Adjournment**

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| On MOTION by Mr. Posey and seconded by Mr. Boyd, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m. |
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**DEERING PARK  
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

**STAFF  
REPORTS**



| DEERING PARK STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                            |         |
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| BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 MEETING SCHEDULE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                            |         |
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| <i>Storch Law Firm, 420 S. Nova Road, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                            |         |
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| November 14, 2023 <b>CANCELED</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Regular Meeting            | 2:00 PM |
| December 12, 2023 <b>CANCELED</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Regular Meeting            | 2:00 PM |
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| February 13, 2024 <b>CANCELED</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Regular Meeting            | 2:00 PM |
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