

Horse Trials

Community Development District

District Office: 3501 Quadrangle Boulevard, Suite 270, FL 32817; 407-723-5900

The following is the proposed agenda for the organizational meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the Orlando SED Community Development District, scheduled to be held **Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at Collier Enterprises (999 Vanderbilt Beach Rd Ste 507, Naples, FL 34108)**. Questions or comments on the Board Meeting or proposed agenda may be addressed to Lynne Mullins at mullinsl@pfm.com or (407) 723-5900. A quorum (consisting of at least three of the five Board Members) will be confirmed prior to the start of the Board Meeting.

PROPOSED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING AGENDA

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

Administrative Matters

3. Consideration of **Resolution 2025-01, Canvassing and Certifying the Results of the Landowner Election**
4. Consideration of **Resolution 2025-02, Designating Officers**
5. Consideration of **Resolution 2025-03, Designating Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer(s)**
6. Consideration of **Resolution 2025-04, Appointing District Manager**
7. Consideration of **Resolution 2025-05, Appointing District Counsel**
8. Consideration of **Resolution 2025-06, Designating Primary & Local Records Office**
9. Consideration of **Resolution 2025-07, Designating Registered Agent & Office**
10. Consideration of **Resolution 2025-08, Appointing Interim District Engineer**
11. Authorization of RFQ for District Engineering Services under the CCNA
12. Consideration of **Resolution 2025-09, Authorizing the Chair and Vice Chair to Execute Conveyance Documents**
13. Consideration of **Resolution 2025-10, Delegating Authority to Chairman to Execute Certain Contracts, Agreements and Other Documents**

Designation of Meetings and Hearing Dates

14. Consideration of the Establishment of Auditor Selection Committee
15. Consideration of **Resolution 2025-11, Adopting Annual Meeting Schedule Fiscal Year 2025**
16. Consideration of **Resolution 2025-12, Approving FY 2025 Proposed Budget & Setting a Public Hearing Date**
17. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Funding Agreement
18. Consideration of **Resolution 2025-13, Setting Hearing on Rules of Procedure**
 - Rules of Procedure
 - Note of Rule Development



- Notice of Rulemaking
- 19. Consideration of **Resolution 2025-14, Setting Uniform Method Hearing**
- 20. Consideration of **Resolution 2025-15, Approving FY 2026 Proposed Budget & Setting a Public Hearing Date**

Other Organizational Matters

- 21. Consideration of **Resolution 2025-16, Setting Legal Defense Policy**
- 22. Authorization to Obtain (General Liability and) Public Officers Insurance
- 23. Consideration of **Resolution 2025-17, Designating Public Comment Period**
- 24. Consideration of **Resolution 2025-18, Adopting Records Retention Schedule**
- 25. Consideration of **Resolution 2025-19, Adoption of Travel Reimbursement Policy**
- 26. Consideration of **Resolution 2025-20, Adoption of Prompt Payment Policies**
- 27. Consideration of **Resolution 2025-21, Ratifying Notice of Establishment**
- 28. Consideration of Agreement between the District and VGlobalTech for Website Services
- 29. Consideration of **Resolution 2025-22, Authorizing Execution of Public Depositor Report**
- 30. Consideration of **Resolution 2025-23, Authorization to Establish Checking Account and Designation of Authorized Signatories for Operating Account(s)**
- 31. Consideration of **Resolution 2025-24, Authorizing the Disbursement of Funds**
- 32. Consideration of **Resolution 2025-25, Adopting Investment Guidelines**
- 33. Consideration of **Resolution 2025-26, Adopting Internal Controls Policy**
- 34. Consideration of **Resolution 2025-27, Authorizing the Direct Purchases**
- 35. Consideration of **Resolution 2025-28, Adopting Goals Objectives and Performance Measures and Standards**
- 36. Consideration of **2025-29, Declaring the Intent to Accept Responsibility for the Perpetual Operation, Maintenance, and Funding of the Stormwater and Surface Water Management Facilities and Wetland Conservation Areas, Mitigation Areas, and Wildlife Habitats.**

Financing Matters

- 37. Consideration of Bond Financing Team Funding Agreement
- 38. Consideration of Underwriter Agreement
- 39. Consideration of Bond Counsel Agreement
- 40. Consideration of Trustee Agreement
- 41. Consideration of Funding Request No. 1

Other Business

Staff Reports

District Counsel

- **Resolution 2025-30, Declaring Intent to Accept Permit Responsibilities**

Interim Engineer

District Manager

Supervisor Requests and Audience Comments

Adjournment



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Oath of Office

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OATH OF OFFICE**

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

Board Supervisor

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OATH BEING TAKEN

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing oath was administered before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this _____ day of _____, 2025, by _____, who is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification, and is the person described in and who took the aforementioned oath as a Member of the Board of Supervisors of Horse Trials Community Development District and acknowledged to and before me that he/she took said oath for the purposes therein expressed.

(NOTARY SEAL)

Notary Public, State of Florida

Print Name: _____

Horse Trials Community Development District

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



Open Government - Frequently Asked Questions

The following questions and answers are intended to be used as a reference only -- interested parties should refer to the Florida Statutes and applicable case law before drawing legal conclusions.

- What is the Sunshine Law?
- What are the requirements of the Sunshine law?
- What agencies are covered under the Sunshine Law?
- Are federal agencies covered by the Sunshine Law?
- Does the Sunshine Law apply to the Legislature?
- Does the Sunshine Law apply to members-elect?
- What qualifies as a meeting?
- Can a public agency hold closed meetings?
- Does the law require that a public meeting be audio taped?
- Can a city restrict a citizen's right to speak at a meeting?
- As a private citizen, can I videotape a public meeting?
- Can a board vote by secret ballot?
- Can two members of a public board attend social functions together?
- What is a public record?
- Can I request public documents over the telephone and do I have to tell why I want them?
- How much can an agency charge for public documents?
- Does an agency have to explain why it denies access to public records?
- When does a document sent to a public agency become a public document?
- Are public employee personnel records considered public records?
- Can an agency refuse to allow public records to be inspected or copied if requested to do so by the maker or sender of the documents?
- Are arrest records public documents?
- Is an agency required to give out information from public records or produce public records in a particular form as requested by an individual?
- What agency can prosecute violators?
- What is the difference between the Sunshine Amendment and the Sunshine Law?
- How can I find out more about the open meetings and public records laws?

• **What is the Sunshine Law?**

Florida's Government-in-the-Sunshine law provides a right of access to governmental proceedings at both the state and local levels. It applies to any gathering of two or more members of the same board to discuss some matter which will foresee ably come before that board for action. There is also a constitutionally guaranteed right of access. Virtually all state and local collegial public bodies are covered by the open meetings requirements with the exception of the judiciary and the state Legislature which has its own constitutional provision relating to access.

- **What are the requirements of the Sunshine law?**

The Sunshine law requires that 1) meetings of boards or commissions must be open to the public; 2) reasonable notice of such meetings must be given, and 3) minutes of the meeting must be taken.

- **What agencies are covered under the Sunshine Law?**

The Government-in-the-Sunshine Law applies to "any board or commission of any state agency or authority or of any agency or authority of any county, municipal corporation or political subdivision." Thus, it applies to public collegial bodies within the state at both the local as well as state level. It applies equally to elected or appointed boards or commissions.

- **Are federal agencies covered by the Sunshine Law?**

Federal agencies operating in the state do not come under Florida's Sunshine law.

- **Does the Sunshine Law apply to the Legislature?**

Florida's Constitution provides that meetings of the Legislature be open and noticed except those specifically exempted by the Legislature or specifically closed by the Constitution. Each house is responsible through its rules of procedures for interpreting, implementing and enforcing these provisions. Information on the rules governing openness in the Legislature can be obtained from the respective houses.

- **Does the Sunshine Law apply to members-elect?**

Members-elect of public boards or commissions are covered by the Sunshine law immediately upon their election to public office.

- **What qualifies as a meeting?**

The Sunshine law applies to all discussions or deliberations as well as the formal action taken by a board or commission. The law, in essence, is applicable to any gathering, whether formal or casual, of two or more members of the same board or commission to discuss some matter on which foreseeable action will be taken by the public board or commission. There is no requirement that a quorum be present for a meeting to be covered under the law.

- **Can a public agency hold closed meetings?**

There are a limited number of exemptions which would allow a public agency to close a meeting. These include, but are not limited to, certain discussions with the board's attorney over pending litigation and portions of collective bargaining sessions. In addition, specific portions of meetings of some agencies (usually state agencies) may be closed when those agencies are making probable cause determinations or considering confidential records.

- **Does the law require that a public meeting be audio taped?**

There is no requirement under the Sunshine law that tape recordings be made by a public board or commission, but if they are made, they become public records.

- **Can a city restrict a citizen's right to speak at a meeting?**

Public agencies are allowed to adopt reasonable rules and regulations which ensure the orderly conduct of a public meeting and which require orderly behavior on the part of the public attending. This includes limiting the amount of time an individual can speak and, when a large number of people attend and wish to speak, requesting that a representative of each side of the issue speak rather than every one present.

- **As a private citizen, can I videotape a public meeting?**

A public board may not prohibit a citizen from videotaping a public meeting through the use of nondisruptive video recording devices.

- **Can a board vote by secret ballot?**

The Sunshine law requires that meetings of public boards or commissions be "open to the public at all times." Thus, use of preassigned numbers, codes or secret ballots would violate the law.

- **Can two members of a public board attend social functions together?**

Members of a public board are not prohibited under the Sunshine law from meeting together socially, provided that matters which may come before the board are not discussed at such gatherings.

- **What is a public record?**

The Florida Supreme Court has determined that public records are all materials made or received by

an agency in connection with official business which are used to perpetuate, communicate or formalize knowledge. They are not limited to traditional written documents. Tapes, photographs, films and sound recordings are also considered public records subject to inspection unless a statutory exemption exists.

- **Can I request public documents over the telephone and do I have to tell why I want them?**
Nothing in the public records law requires that a request for public records be in writing or in person, although individuals may wish to make their request in writing to ensure they have an accurate record of what they requested. Unless otherwise exempted, a custodian of public records must honor a request for records, whether it is made in person, over the telephone, or in writing, provided the required fees are paid. In addition, nothing in the law requires the requestor to disclose the reason for the request.
- **How much can an agency charge for public documents?**
The law provides that the custodian shall furnish a copy of public records upon payment of the fee prescribed by law. If no fee is prescribed, an agency is normally allowed to charge up to 15 cents per one-sided copy for copies that are 14" x 8 1/2" or less. A charge of up to \$1 per copy may be assessed for a certified copy of a public record. If the nature and volume of the records to be copied requires extensive use of information technology resources or extensive clerical or supervisory assistance, or both, the agency may charge a reasonable service charge based on the actual cost incurred.
- **Does an agency have to explain why it denies access to public records?**
A custodian of a public record who contends that the record or part of a record is exempt from inspection must state the basis for that exemption, including the statutory citation. Additionally, when asked, the custodian must state in writing the reasons for concluding the record is exempt.
- **When does a document sent to a public agency become a public document?**
As soon as a document is received by a public agency, it becomes a public record, unless there is a legislatively created exemption which makes it confidential and not subject to disclosure.
- **Are public employee personnel records considered public records?**
The rule on personnel records is the same as for other public documents ... unless the Legislature has specifically exempted an agency's personnel records or authorized the agency to adopt rules limiting public access to the records, personnel records are open to public inspection. There are, however, numerous statutory exemptions that apply to personnel records.
- **Can an agency refuse to allow public records to be inspected or copied if requested to do so by the maker or sender of the documents?**
No. To allow the maker or sender of documents to dictate the circumstances under which documents are deemed confidential would permit private parties instead of the Legislature to determine which public records are public and which are not.
- **Are arrest records public documents?**
Arrest reports prepared by a law enforcement agency after the arrest of a subject are generally considered to be open for public inspection. At the same time, however, certain information such as the identity of a sexual battery victim is exempt.
- **Is an agency required to give out information from public records or produce public records in a particular form as requested by an individual?**
The Sunshine Law provides for a right of access to inspect and copy existing public records. It does not mandate that the custodian give out information from the records nor does it mandate that an agency create new records to accommodate a request for information.
- **What agency can prosecute violators?**
The local state attorney has the statutory authority to prosecute alleged criminal violations of the open meetings and public records law. Certain civil remedies are also available.
- **What is the difference between the Sunshine Amendment and the Sunshine Law?**
The Sunshine Amendment was added to Florida's Constitution in 1976 and provides for full and public disclosure of the financial interests of all public officers, candidates and employees. The Sunshine Law provides for open meetings for governmental boards
- **How can I find out more about the open meetings and public records laws?**
Probably the most comprehensive guide to understanding the requirements and exemptions to Florida's

open government laws is the Government-in-the-Sunshine manual compiled by the Attorney General's Office. The manual is updated each year and is available for purchase through the First Amendment Foundation in Tallahassee. For information on obtaining a copy, contact the **First Amendment Foundation at (850) 224-4555**.

Florida Toll Free Numbers:

- Fraud Hotline 1-866-966-7226
- Lemon Law 1-800-321-5366

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Statement of Financial Interest, Form 1



Financial Disclosure Form 1

- Form 1 filers will file electronically starting January 1, 2024 via the Electronic Financial Disclosure Management System (EFDMS)
- Visit disclosure.floridaethics.gov/Account/Login
- Click on the “I am a Filer” login
- A How to Video is available on this site

Filing Timeline:

- Initially, the Form 1 is to be filed within 30 days of appointment
- Thereafter, the Form 1 is to be filed by July 1 following each calendar year in which they hold their positions
- Finally, a final disclosure form (Form 1F) is to be filed within 60 days of leaving office

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Board Member Compensation

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**Resolution 2025-01,
Canvassing and Certifying the Results of the
Landowners' Election**

RESOLUTION 2025-01

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

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

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

WHEREAS, such landowners' meeting was held on May 6, 2025, the minutes of which are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and at which the below recited persons were duly elected by virtue of the votes cast in his/her favor; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

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

_____	Seat 1	Votes _____
_____	Seat 2	Votes _____
_____	Seat 3	Votes _____
_____	Seat 4	Votes _____
_____	Seat 5	Votes _____

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

_____	4 Year Term
_____	4 Year Term
_____	2 Year Term
_____	2 Year Term
_____	2 Year Term

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chair / Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2025 Landowners' Meeting

EXHIBIT A

Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2025 Landowners' Meeting

**Horse Trials
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**Resolution 2025-02,
Designating Officers**

RESOLUTION 2025-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A CHAIRMAN, A VICE CHAIRMAN, A SECRETARY, AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF THE DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Horse Trials Community Development District (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. Mason Rose is appointed Chairman.

SECTION 2. Brandon Yarusi is appointed Vice Chairman.

SECTION 3. Lynne Mullins is appointed Secretary.

Jennifer Walden is appointed Assistant Secretary.

Jennifer Silguero is appointed Assistant Secretary.

Margaret Emblidge is appointed Assistant Secretary.

----- is appointed Assistant Secretary.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman/ Vice Chairman, Board of Supervisors

**Horse Trials
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**Resolution 2025-03,
Designating Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer(s)**

RESOLUTION 2025-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A TREASURER AND ASSISTANT TREASURERS OF THE DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Horse Trials Community Development District (hereinafter the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District desires to appoint Assistant Treasurer(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

Section 1. Jennifer Glasgow is appointed Treasurer.

Section 2. Amanda Lane is appointed Assistant Treasurer.
 Verona Griffith is appointed Assistant Treasurer.
 Rick Montejano is appointed Assistant Treasurer.
 Amy Champagne is appointed Assistant Treasurer.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman/Vice Chairman

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

**Resolution 2025-04,
Appointing District Manager**

RESOLUTION 2025-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPOINTING AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. PFM Group Consulting LLC, is appointed as District Manager, and shall be compensated for their services in such capacity in the manner prescribed in the agreement incorporated herein by reference as **Exhibit A**.

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6TH DAY OF MAY, 2025.

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary

Chairman/Vice Chairman

Exhibit A:
District Manager Fee Agreement

DISTRICT MANAGEMENT

This District Management Agreement (this "Agreement"), made and entered into this ____ day of _____ 2025 (the "Effective Date") by and between **Horse Trials Community Development District** ("DISTRICT") and **PFM Group Consulting LLC** (hereinafter called the "MANAGER") sets forth the terms and conditions under which MANAGER shall provide services.

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

WHEREAS, MANAGER is capable of providing the necessary services.

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

I. SCOPE OF SERVICES

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

II. WORK SCHEDULE

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

III. COMPENSATION

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

1. Reimbursable Expenses

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

2. Other Services

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

IV. TERM AND TERMINATION

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

V. ASSIGNMENT

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

VI. OWNERSHIP OF INFORMATION, REPORTS, AND DATA

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

VII. NOTICES

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

DISTRICT:

Horse Trials Community Development District
3501 Quadrangle Blvd., Suite 270
Orlando, FL 32817
Attention: District Manager

With A Copy To:

Attention: _____

MANAGER:

PFM Group Consulting LLC
3501 Quadrangle Blvd., Suite 270
Orlando, FL 32817
Attention: Jennifer Walden

VIII. TITLE TRANSFER

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

IX. MANAGER'S REPRESENTATIVES

1. Assignment of Named Individuals

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

2. Changes in Staff Requested by the DISTRICT

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

X. INSURANCE

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

XI. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. MANAGER Not to Participate as Underwriter

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

2. Limitation of Liability; Indemnification

To the extent not referenced herein, MANAGER shall not be responsible for the acts or omissions of any other contractor or any of its subcontractors, suppliers, or of any other individual or entity performing services which are not under the control or supervision of the MANAGER.

DISTRICT INDEMNIFICATION. To the extent allowable under applicable law (and only to the extent of the limitations of liability set forth in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes), and except and to the extent caused by the negligence or reckless and/or willful misconduct of the MANAGER, the DISTRICT agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the MANAGER and its officers, supervisors, staff, and employees from and against any and all liability, claims, actions, suits, demands, assessments or judgments asserted and any and all losses, liabilities, damages, costs, court costs, and expenses, including attorney's fees, that MANAGER may hereafter incur, become responsible for, or be caused to pay out arising out of or relating to the negligent or intentionally wrongful acts or omissions of the DISTRICT. The indemnification provided for herein shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the MANAGER may be entitled and shall continue after the MANAGER has ceased to be engaged under this Agreement.

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

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

3. Disclaimer of MANAGER

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

4. Attorney Fees and Governing Law

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

5. Time of the Essence

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

6. Entire Agreement

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

7. Authority to Execute and Counterparts

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

8. Public Records Disclosure

MANAGER understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the DISTRICT in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and, accordingly, MANAGER agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including but not limited to Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes. Consultant acknowledges that the designated public records custodian for the DISTRICT is PFM Group Consulting LLC ("Public Records Custodian"). Among other requirements and to the extent applicable by law, the MANAGER shall 1) keep and maintain public records required by the DISTRICT to perform the service; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, provide the DISTRICT with the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time period at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes; 3) ensure that public records which are exempt or confidential, and exempt from public records disclosure requirements, are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Agreement term and following the Agreement term if the MANAGER does not transfer the records to the Public Records Custodian of the DISTRICT; and 4) upon completion of the Agreement, transfer to the DISTRICT, at no cost, all public records in MANAGER's possession or, alternatively, keep, maintain and meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records pursuant to Florida laws. When such public records are transferred by the MANAGER, the MANAGER shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the DISTRICT in a format that is compatible with Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats.

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF

9. Independent Contractor

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

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

Horse Trials Community Development District

Sign: _____
Print Name: _____
Title: _____

PFM Group Consulting LLC

Jennifer Walden, Senior District Manager

EXHIBIT A

SCOPE OF SERVICES

I. General Management Services

General Consultation, Meetings, and DISTRICT Representation

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

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

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

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

II. Accounting Services

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

III. Minutes and Records

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

IV. Annual Assessments, Lien Book Maintenance and Disclosure

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

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

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

V. Other Services

Other services requested or required by the DISTRICT, including but not limited to, representation of the DISTRICT in legal proceedings, may be provided at the option of the Manager. If provided, such services shall be billed on a time and materials basis in accordance with Exhibit B or other arrangement mutually agreed upon by the DISTRICT and the Manager.

EXHIBIT B

COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES

MANAGER shall be compensated for the provision of the services described in Exhibit A based on the fee schedule below. The fees do not include *reimbursable expenses* (as described in Section III.1. herein) related to regularly scheduled DISTRICT Board meetings. Fees will be reviewed and may be adjusted annually as reflected in the DISTRICT's approved budget.

<i>District Management*</i>	<i>Annual Fee</i>
Management / Accounting / Administrative	\$25,000
<i>Debt Issue Services</i>	<i>Annual Fee (per series of bonds)</i>
Assessment Administration	\$5,000
Disclosure Services	\$2,000 (quarterly reporting); \$1,000 (annual reporting)
<i>Additional Services**</i>	<i>Cost of Issuance (per series of bonds)</i>
District Management Services Cost of Issuance	\$10,000
Disclosure Services Cost of Issuance	\$1,500

* Maximum of 12 District public meetings per year. Fee billed monthly in advance.

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

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

Any services provided by the MANAGER that has not been outlined in "Exhibit B" above or via separate agreement, will be billed on a time and material basis pursuant to the MANAGER's hourly fee schedule set forth below.

The MANAGER's prevailing hourly rates are as follows:

Title	Hourly Rate
Managing Director	\$ 325
Director / Senior District Manager/ Senior District Accountant	\$ 275
Senior Analyst / District Manager/ District Accountant	\$ 150
Assistant District Manager	\$ 100
Administrative Assistant / Bookkeeper	\$ 50

INSURANCE

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

PFM Group Consulting LLC ("PFM") has a complete insurance program, including property, casualty, general liability, automobile liability and workers compensation. PFM maintains Professional (E&O)/Cyber Liability coverage which total \$5 million single loss/ aggregate.

Our Professional/Cyber Liability policies are a "claims made" policy and our General Liability policy claims would be made by occurrence.

Deductibles/SIR:

Automobile \$100 comprehensive & \$1,000 collision

General Liability \$0

Professional (E&O)/ Cyber Liability \$250,000

Crime \$50,000

Insurance Company & AM Best Rating

Professional Liability (E&O)..... AIG Specialty Insurance Company; (A; Stable)

Cyber Liability. AIG Specialty Insurance Company (A; Stable)

Crime.....Berkley Regional Insurance Company; (A+; Stable)

General Liability. The Continental Insurance Company; (A Stable)

Automobile Liability.....The Continental Insurance Company; (A Stable)

Excess /Umbrella Liability.....The Continental Insurance Company; (A Stable)

Workers Compensation.....The Continental Insurance Company; (A Stable)

& Employers Liability

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

**Resolution 2025-05,
Appointing District Counsel**

RESOLUTION 2025-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPOINTING DISTRICT COUNSEL FOR THE DISTRICT, AND AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Supervisors ("**Board**") may contract for the services of consultants to perform planning, engineering, legal or other appropriate services of a professional nature; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. **APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL.** Kutak Rock LLP is hereby appointed as District Counsel, and shall be compensated for their services, pursuant to the agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, which is hereby approved. This authorization shall be continuing in nature until revoked by the District.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Attorney Retainer Agreement

Exhibit A
Attorney Retainer Agreement

May 6, 2025

Horse Trials Community Development District
Board of Supervisors
3501 Quadrangle Boulevard, Suite 270
Orlando, Florida 32817

Re: Community Development District Representation

Dear Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of Kutak Rock LLP, we are pleased to submit this letter regarding our interest in serving as counsel to the Board of Supervisors of the Horse Trials Community Development District (the "District"). The Tallahassee office of Kutak Rock has extensive experience representing community development districts and other special taxing districts throughout the state of Florida. Our lawyers have been providing clients with advice regarding the operation of community development districts for over 30 years and presently serve as general counsel to approximately 300-plus community development districts and other special taxing districts throughout Florida and have established a number of others.

Kutak Rock regularly provides advice to districts in contractual matters, bidding, budgeting, and the many other issues with which district boards are confronted on a day-to-day basis. We currently represent several districts in Southwest Florida including districts located in Charlotte, Lee and Collier Counties. It is extremely important that counsel to the District be familiar with the significant responsibilities and obligations of the members of the Board of Supervisors. It is also critical that counsel function effectively as a part of the District's "staff" or management team to ensure that the operations of the District are effectively and smoothly administered. In that regard, we have worked with a variety of engineers, consultants, and other attorneys and fully understand the importance of functioning as a team.

For services as counsel to the District, we propose to charge an hourly rate for the attorney performing the work plus direct out-of-pocket expenses for travel costs, postage, and copying charges, etc. For matters related to issuance of debt, if any, we will identify a 'not to exceed' flat fee prior to each such issuance or may track our time hourly. Our rates vary depending generally on the experience of that attorney. For example, my proposed hourly rate is \$425.00. Other work by attorneys and paralegals in the firm would also be performed at their established rates. Our rates are reviewed annually and may be adjusted from time to time in conjunction with such reviews, after providing notice to you. Let me assure you that we will make every effort to keep legal costs as low as possible while providing services consistent with our professional responsibilities. Itemized bills showing all time spent for services are rendered monthly and are

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May 6, 2025

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

With respect to conflicts, it is important to disclose that our firm represents a number of other special districts throughout Florida. Individuals with our firm also assisted Collier Land Holdings, LTD and CDC Investment Properties, LLC in its efforts to establish the Horse Trials Community Development District. However, we are unaware of any ethical conflicts in our representation of the Horse Trials Community Development District. Please note that acceptance of the Fee Agreement will constitute your waiver of any "conflict."

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jonathan T. Johnson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jonathan T. Johnson

KUTAK ROCK LLP
CDD EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

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

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

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

Postage. Postage is billed at actual cost.

Overnight Delivery. Overnight delivery is billed at actual cost.

Local Messenger Service. Local messenger service is billed at 70 cents per mile pursuant to the standard mileage rate for business travel established by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Should the IRS increase the mileage allowance, Kutak Rock shall, without further action, be entitled to reimbursement at the increased rate.

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

Travel. Travel (including air fare, rental cars, taxicabs, hotel, meals, tips, etc.) is billed at actual cost. Where air travel is required, coach class is used wherever feasible. Out-of-town mileage is billed at 70 cents per mile pursuant to the standard mileage rate for business travel established by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Should the IRS increase the mileage allowance, Kutak Rock shall, without further action, be entitled to reimbursement at the increased rate. Reasonable travel-related expenses for meals, lodging, gratuities, taxi fares, tolls, and parking fees shall also be reimbursed.

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

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

RETENTION AND FEE AGREEMENT

I. PARTIES

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

- A. Horse Trials Community Development District (“**Client**”)
c/o PFM Group Consulting, LLC
3501 Quadrangle Boulevard, Suite 270
Orlando, Florida 32817

and

- B. Kutak Rock LLP (“**Kutak Rock**”)
107 West College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

II. SCOPE OF SERVICES

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

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

III. CLIENT FILES

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

IV. FEES

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

Partners	\$425
Associates	\$295
Paralegals	\$175

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

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

V. BILLING AND PAYMENT

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

VI. DEFAULT; VENUE

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

VII. CONFLICTS

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

VIII. ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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

IX. TERMINATION

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

X. EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

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

XI. ENTIRE CONTRACT

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

Accepted and Agreed to:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

KUTAK ROCK LLP

By: _____

By:  .

Its: _____

Its: Partner

Date: _____

Date: May 6, 2025

ATTACHMENT A

KUTAK ROCK LLP CDD EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

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

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

**Resolution 2025-06,
Designating Primary & Local Records Office**

RESOLUTION 2025-06

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

WHEREAS, the Horse Trials Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to designate its primary administrative office as the location where the District’s public records are routinely created, sent, received, maintained, and requested, for the purposes of prominently posting the contact information of the District’s Record’s Custodian; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District’s primary administrative office for purposes of Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*, shall be located at 3501 Quadrangle Boulevard, Suite 270, Orlando, Florida 32817.

SECTION 2. The District’s principal headquarters for purposes of establishing proper venue shall be located in Collier County, Florida.

SECTION 3. The District’s local records office shall be located at 999 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Suite 507, Naples, FL 34108.

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

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

**Resolution 2025-07,
Designating Registered Agent & Office**

RESOLUTION 2025-07

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HORSE TRIALS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A REGISTERED
AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR
AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

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

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

SECTION 1. Lynne Mullins is hereby designated as the Registered Agent for the Horse Trials Community Development District.

SECTION 2. The District’s Registered Office shall be located at 3501 Quadrangle Blvd., Suite 270, Orlando, Florida 32817.

SECTION 3. In accordance with Section 189.014, *Florida Statutes*, the District’s Secretary is hereby directed to file certified copies of this Resolution with Collier County and the Florida Department of Commerce.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

**Resolution 2025-08,
Appointing Interim District Engineer**

RESOLUTION 2025-08

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN INTERIM DISTRICT ENGINEER FOR THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING ITS COMPENSATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Horse Trials Community Development District ("**District**") is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Supervisors ("**Board**") may contract for the services of consultants to perform planning, engineering, architectural or other appropriate services of a professional nature; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to appoint an "Interim District Engineer" and to provide compensation for their services, until a formal request for qualifications for engineering services can be conducted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM DISTRICT ENGINEER; COMPENSATION. The Interim District Engineer is hereby appointed, and shall be compensated for its services, pursuant to the agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, which is hereby approved. This authorization shall be continuing in nature until revoked by the District.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May 2025.

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Interim District Engineer Agreement

Exhibit A

Interim District Engineer Agreement

INTERIM ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into this 6th day of May, 2025, by and between:

Horse Trials Community Development District, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and located in Collier County, Florida, with a mailing address of 3501 Quadrangle Blvd., Suite 270, Orlando, Florida 32817 (the "**District**"); and

LJA Engineering, Inc., a Texas corporation, with a mailing address of 3600 W. Sam Houston Parkway South, Houston, Texas 77042 (the "**Engineer**" and, together with the District, the "**Parties**").

RECITALS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

agree to a “not to exceed” amount when utilizing hourly personnel rates for a specific Work Authorization.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 10. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS.

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

B. Engineer shall deliver all Work Product to the District upon completion thereof unless it is necessary for Engineer in the District’s sole discretion, to retain possession for a longer period of time. Upon early termination of Engineer’s services hereunder, Engineer shall deliver all such Work Product whether complete or not. The District shall have all rights to use any and all Work Product. Engineer shall retain copies of the Work Product for its permanent records, provided the Work Product is not used without the District’s prior express written consent. Engineer agrees not to recreate any Work

Product contemplated by this Agreement, or portions thereof, which if constructed or otherwise materialized, would be reasonably identifiable with the project.

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

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

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

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

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

Workers' Compensation

Statutory

General Liability	
Bodily Injury (including Contractual)	\$1,000,000/\$2,000,000
Property Damage (including Contractual)	\$1,000,000/\$2,000,000
Automobile Liability	Combined Single Limit \$1,000,000
Bodily Injury / Property Damage	
Professional Liability for Errors and Omissions	\$1,000,000

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

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

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

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

SECTION 16. COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONS. In performing its obligations under this Agreement, Engineer and each of its agents, contractors, subcontractors, employees or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Engineer, shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and orders of any public or governmental authority having appropriate jurisdiction. If Engineer fails to notify the District in writing within five (5) days of the

receipt of any notice, order, required to comply notice, or a report of a violation of an alleged violation, made by any local, State or Federal governmental body or agency or subdivision thereof with respect to the services being rendered under this Agreement or any action of Engineer or any of its agents, servants, or employees, or fails to comply with any requirement of such agency within five (5) days after receipt of any such notice, order request to comply notice, or report of a violation or an alleged violation, the District may terminate this Agreement, such termination to be effective upon the giving of notice of termination.

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

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

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

PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 558.0035 (2024), AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE OR AGENT MAY NOT BE HELD INDIVIDUALLY LIABLE FOR NEGLIGENCE.

SECTION 20. PUBLIC RECORDS. Engineer understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and, accordingly, Engineer agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling

such records, including, but not limited, to Section 119.0701, *Florida Statutes*. Among other requirements and to the extent applicable by law, Engineer shall 1) keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, hereinafter defined, provide the District with the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time period at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*; 3) ensure that public records which are exempt or confidential, and exempt from public records disclosure requirements, are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of this Agreement term and following this Agreement term if Engineer does not transfer the records to the Public Records Custodian of the District; and 4) upon completion of this Agreement, transfer to the District, at no cost, all public records in Engineer's possession or, alternatively, keep, maintain and meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records pursuant to Florida laws. When such public records are transferred by Engineer, Engineer shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District in a format that is compatible with Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats. Engineer acknowledges that the designated Public Records Custodian for the District is **PFM Group Consulting, LLC**.

IF THE ENGINEER HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, *FLORIDA STATUTES*, TO ENGINEER'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT C/O PFM GROUP CONSULTING, LLC, 3501 QUADRANGLE BLVD., SUITE 270, ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32817 PHONE (407) 723-5900, AND E-MAIL RECORDREQUEST@PFM.COM.

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

A. If to the District: Horse Trials Community Development District
3501 Quadrangle Blvd., Suite 270
Orlando, Florida 32817
Attn: District Manager

With a copy to: Kutak Rock LLP
107 West College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Attn: District Counsel

B. If to Engineer: LJA Engineering, Inc.
3600 W. Sam Houston Parkway South

Houston, Texas 77042

Attn: _____

Except as otherwise provided herein, any Notice shall be deemed received only upon actual delivery at the address set forth herein. Notices delivered after 5:00 p.m. (at the place of delivery) or on a non-business day, shall be deemed received on the next business day. If any time for giving Notice contained in this Agreement would otherwise expire on a non-business day, the Notice period shall be extended to the next succeeding business day. Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays recognized by the United States government shall not be regarded as business days. Counsel for the parties may deliver Notice on behalf of the parties. Any party or other person to whom Notices are to be sent or copied may notify the other parties and addressees of any change in name or address to which Notices shall be sent by providing the same on five (5) days written notice to the parties and addressees set forth herein.

SECTION 22. CONTROLLING LAW. The parties agree that this Agreement shall be controlled and governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Venue shall exclusively be in the court of appropriate jurisdiction, in and for Collier County, Florida.

SECTION 23. ASSIGNMENT. Neither the District nor Engineer shall assign, sublet, or transfer any rights under or interest in this Agreement without the express written consent of the other. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent Engineer from employing such independent professional associates and consultants as Engineer deems appropriate, pursuant to Section 8 herein.

SECTION 24. TERMINATION. The District may terminate this Agreement for cause immediately upon notice to Engineer. The District or Engineer may terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days' written notice. At such time as Engineer receives notification of the intent of the District to terminate this Agreement, Engineer shall not perform any further services unless directed to do so in writing by the District. In the event of any termination or breach of any kind, Engineer shall not be entitled to consequential damages of any kind (including but not limited to lost profits), but instead Engineer's sole remedy will be to recover payment for services rendered to the date of the notice of termination, subject to any offsets the District may have against the Engineer.

SECTION 25. RECOVERY OF COSTS AND FEES. In the event either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the substantially prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other party all costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees, paralegal fees and expert witness fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

SECTION 26. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both of the parties hereto and formally approved by the Board.

SECTION 27. AGREEMENT. This Agreement reflects the negotiated agreement of the parties, each represented by competent legal counsel. Accordingly, this Agreement shall be construed as if both parties jointly prepared it, and no presumption against one party or the other shall govern the interpretation of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION 28. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR. The District and Engineer agree and acknowledge that Engineer shall serve as an independent contractor of the District. Neither Engineer nor employees of Engineer, if any, are employees of the District under the meaning or application of any federal or state unemployment, insurance laws, or any other potentially applicable laws. Engineer agrees to assume all liabilities or obligations by any one or more of such laws with respect to employees of Engineer, if any, in the performance of this Agreement. Engineer shall not have any authority to assume or create any obligation, express or implied, on behalf of the District and Engineer shall have no authority to represent as agent, employee, or in any other capacity the District unless set forth differently herein or authorized by vote of the Board.

SECTION 29. COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall be an original; however, all such counterparts together shall constitute, but one and the same instrument. Signature and acknowledgment pages, if any, may be detached from the counterparts and attached to a single copy of this document to physically form one document.

SECTION 30. E-VERIFY. The Engineer shall comply with and perform all applicable provisions of Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*. Accordingly, to the extent required by Florida Statute, Engineer shall register with and use the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. The District may terminate this Agreement immediately for cause if there is a good faith belief that the Engineer has knowingly violated Section 448.09(1), *Florida Statutes*. By entering into this Agreement, the Engineer represents that no public employer has terminated a contract with the Contractor under Section 448.095(2)(c), *Florida Statutes*, within the year immediately preceding the date of this Agreement.

SECTION 31. COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 20.055, FLORIDA STATUTES. The Engineer agrees to comply with Section 20.055(5), *Florida Statutes*, to cooperate with the inspector general in any investigation, audit, inspection, review, or hearing pursuant such section and to incorporate in all subcontracts the obligation to comply with Section 20.055(5), *Florida Statutes*.

SECTION 32. SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES STATEMENT. Engineer certifies it: (i) is not in violation of Section 287.135, *Florida Statutes*; (ii) is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List; (iii) is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List; (iv) does not have business operations in Cuba or Syria; (v) is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List; and (vi) is not participating in a boycott of Israel. If the Engineer is found to have submitted a false statement with regards to the prior sentence, has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or the Scrutinized Companies

that Boycott Israel List, has engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, and/or has engaged in a boycott of Israel, the District may immediately terminate the Contract.

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

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

WITNESS:

LJA ENGINEERING, INC.

Witness

Print Name: _____
Title: _____

Exhibit A: Work Authorization Number 1

Exhibit B: Schedule of Rates

Exhibit A
May 6, 2025

Horse Trials Community Development District

Subject: **Work Authorization Number 1**

Dear Chairperson, Board of Supervisors:

LJA Engineering, Inc. (the "Engineer") is pleased to submit this work authorization to provide interim engineering services for Horse Trials Community Development District (the "District"). We will provide these services pursuant to our current agreement dated May 5, 2025 ("Interim Agreement") as follows:

I. Scope of Work

The District will engage the services of Engineer on an interim basis to perform those services as necessary for the preparation of a District engineer's report in connection with the issuance of District Bonds, construction administration, and attendance at meetings and bond validation proceedings regarding the District's issuance of bonds.

II. Fees

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

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

Thank you for your consideration.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED

Sincerely,

By: _____
Authorized Representative of Horse Trials
Community Development District

By: _____

Exhibit B

Schedule of Rates

May 2, 2025

Via Email to Mullinsl@pfm.com

Lynn Mullins
Horse Trials Development District
c/o PFM Group Consulting
3501 Quadrangle Blvd, Suite 270
Orlando, FL 32817

**Re: Horse Trials Collier Ranch
LJA PN FL6685-220095
LJA Proposal No. 25-44785**

Dear Ms. Mullins:

LJA Engineering, Inc. ("LJA") is pleased to provide this proposal to Horse Trials Development District c/o PFM Group Consulting (our "Client") for services associated with the above-referenced project. We propose the services outlined in the attached **Exhibit A** in accordance with the attached Professional Services Agreement ("PSA").

1. **ADDITIONAL SERVICES AND EXTRA WORK**

Services not specifically included above will be performed as additional services on an hourly basis, plus reimbursable expenses. Services and fees provided in this Proposal are based upon governmental rules, regulations and policies in effect at the time of execution of this Proposal. Should changes take effect during the period services are being performed and result in additional LJA work requirements, this Proposal will be modified by approval of the parties. In addition, LJA will perform additional services beyond the work described within this Proposal as requested and authorized by the Client. When such work can be identified in advance, LJA will provide a reasonable estimate for such work and written authorization obtained.

Work that is requested which is not included in the scope of this proposal (extra work) must be approved by an authorized representative prior to any time being expended towards the completion of the extra work. A duly authorized change order will be required before any extra work is conducted.

2. **TIME OF PERFORMANCE**

LJA will start services promptly upon receipt of the following: a retainer in the amount of \$ N/A and one (1) executed copy of a signed proposal. Upon receipt of the above listed, LJA will complete its work within a reasonable period of time. All funds provided as retainer shall be credited to the last project billing.

3. OUTSIDE SERVICES

Outside services not specifically included in this Proposal are as follows:

- A. Geotechnical Engineering
- B. Structural Engineering Services
- C. Transportation Planning/Engineering Services
- D. Materials Testing
- E. Hazardous Waste Assessments
- F. Legal Services
- G. Environmental/Wildlife Permitting
- H. Vertical wall design and permitting
- I. Services not specifically described in **Exhibit A** of this Proposal

4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLIENT

LJA's performance under this Proposal is contingent upon the Client or others designated by the Client providing LJA with:

- A. All documents, information relating to special or extraordinary considerations, existing permits, maps, deeds, easements, abstracts, surveys, topography or other information in the Client's possession relating to the project.
- B. In writing of all Client's criteria, design, construction and other requirements for the project.
- C. Any existing surveys of the property.
- D. Guarantee of access to and make provisions for LJA and subcontractors to enter upon public and private lands as required to perform their work under this Proposal.
- E. Client is responsible for all governmental permit fees.
- F. Where survey layout work is included in the scope, you are expected to provide two (2) copies of approved plans on paper media, and current AutoCAD digital files of the work. Any changes to the project throughout the length of construction will be provided to us in the formats and amounts described above. We expect to be provided with the following plans:

Most recent Boundary Survey
Approved Civil Engineering Plans/Site Development Plans
Approved Architectural Plans
Approved Structural Plans
Approved Landscape Architecture Plans
Approved Hardscape Plans
Any other plan of record that describes the work to be laid out

5. FEES AND COMPENSATION

Billing for services and reimbursable expenses will be submitted on a monthly basis and will be based on progress of the work. Any of the work scope that is Time and Material will be billed in accordance with the attached Rate Schedule (**Attachment B**).

Client agrees that LJA has been selected to perform services on this project based on qualifications and expertise in the area of Civil Engineering, Land Surveying, and Land Planning. Client also agrees that the current permitting climate is unpredictable due to continually changing regulations and interpretations of same. Engineer has presented good faith budget estimates based on past performance of similar work but in no way can guarantee that these budgets will be sufficient for the successful completion of the permitting tasks represented herein, or that permits can be obtained for the Client's project.

6. PROVISIONS AND CONDITIONS

- A. Acceptance Period. This proposal is effective for a period of sixty (60) days from the date shown. If not accepted in writing within this period, the LJA reserves the right to modify any portion thereof or withdraw the proposal in its entirety.
- B. Project Coordinator. Due to the fact that this project is located in N/A and our servicing office is located in Collier County, Florida, provision of our services will need to be coordinated with the construction schedule to minimize our trips to the site and when on the site providing for the maximum efficiency of the construction layout process. Incomplete scheduling of our services may be subject to additional charges for lost time due to excessive travel.

If this proposal meets with your approval, your signature below and on the attached Professional Services Agreement will be sufficient authorization to commence the stated work

We appreciate the opportunity to submit this proposal and look forward to working with you on this project. If you have any questions, please call me at (239) 597-3111.

Sincerely,



Dominick J. Amico, P.E.

DJA/lat Attachment

Attachments

ACCEPTANCE

You may designate a person to act as your representative with respect to this Proposal, such person having complete authority to transmit instructions, receive information, make work scope changes, and make or interpret the Client's decisions.

Optional Designated Representative - Printed Name

Client - Printed Name and Title

Optional Designated Representative Signature

Client Signature

Date

By signing above, Client hereby represents and warrants that they have full authority to enter into legal binding contracts affecting the real property described herein, and if listed authorizes the Designated Representative to assume full project direction authority and will be responsible for payment of the fees proposed herein or as directed by work change orders.

EXHIBIT A
Estimated Project Budget
Horse Trials Collier Ranch
May 2, 2025

SCOPE OF SERVICES

LJA Engineering, Inc. is pleased to submit this proposal to provide professional engineering services for the Horse Trials Development District (“District”). The property is located in Collier County, Florida.

Services include the following:

1. Interim General Engineering Services \$10,000 T/M

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

2. Consultant Coordination/Project Meetings \$2,500 T/M

We will meet with you as necessary to keep you informed of the current project status and review planning, engineering, or other items. This will also be used for miscellaneous requests that are not covered in previous tasks.

3. Other Direct Costs \$500 T/M

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

TOTAL \$13,000 T/M

T/M = Time and Materials. Billings will be based on actual time and materials expended in accordance with our rate schedule. Budgets given are an approximate amount.

NOTE: All review fees paid to agencies to be supplied by Client.
Building permit not included.

ATTACHMENT B

HOURLY RATE SCHEDULE FOR COMPENSATION, BILLING AND PAYMENT

Schedule of Hourly Rates

Professional VI	\$275
Professional V	\$220
Professional IV	\$195
Professional III	\$160
Professional II	\$150
Professional I	\$140
Tech VI	\$180
Tech V	\$160
Tech IV	\$130
Tech III	\$110
Tech II	\$ 92
Tech I	\$ 90
Admin	\$ 92
4-Man Survey Crew	\$260
3-Man Survey Crew	\$220
2-Man Survey Crew	\$180
1-Man Survey Crew	\$150

Expert Witness

Expert witness and certificate (merit or lender) duties will be billed at a rate of Hourly Rate x 1.5/hour.

Reimbursable Expenses

Reproduction, telephone, out-of-town travel expenses, and other non-labor charges directly related to the Project will be billed at cost in addition to the fees agreed upon for Services rendered. Filing fees, permit fees, and other special charges which are advanced on behalf of the Client will be billed on a similar basis plus a 15% service charge.

Payments

Billings for Services rendered will be made monthly and payment is requested within forty-five (45) days of receipt of invoice. LJA reserves the right to suspend work should invoices not be paid within the stated terms. Client affirms that the Services to be provided by LJA should not be subject to the addition of any sales tax, value added tax, stamp duty, wage withholding, or similar tax or withholding, including at the source of payment, and as such, requests that LJA not add any such taxes to its invoices. If applicable, Client shall provide LJA with appropriate exemption certificates. The amount of any excise, VAT, or gross receipts tax that may be imposed for professional services shall be added to the compensation as determined above. In the case where Client is obliged to make any deduction or withholding on account of any such addition, the amount paid to LJA by Client for any invoice shall be grossed up to the amount of the invoice so that any fees and other sums payable to LJA are not subject to such taxes.

This Rate Schedule is subject to change at LJA's discretion to reflect increases in costs of operation, inflation, etc.

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

RFQ for District Engineering Services under the CCNA

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES
FOR THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

RFQ for Engineering Services

The Horse Trials Community Development District ("**District**"), located in Collier County, Florida, announces that professional engineering services will be required on a continuing basis for the District's capital improvement plan, including roadways, water, sewer and reclaimed water systems, stormwater management, trails, landscape, streetscape, signage, electric, street lighting, and other public improvements authorized by Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*. The engineering firm selected will act in the general capacity of District Engineer and will provide District engineering services, as required.

Any firm or individual ("**Applicant**") desiring to provide professional services to the District must: 1) hold applicable federal, state and local licenses; 2) be authorized to do business in Florida in accordance with Florida law; and 3) furnish a statement ("**Qualification Statement**") of its qualifications and past experience on U.S. General Service Administration's "Architect-Engineer Qualifications, Standard Form No. 330," with pertinent supporting data. Among other things, Applicants must submit information relating to: a) the ability and adequacy of the Applicant's professional personnel; b) whether the Applicant is a certified minority business enterprise; c) the Applicant's willingness to meet time and budget requirements; d) the Applicant's past experience and performance, including but not limited to past experience as a District Engineer for any community development districts and past experience with Collier County, Florida; e) the geographic location of the Applicant's headquarters and offices; f) the current and projected workloads of the Applicant; and g) the volume of work previously awarded to the Applicant by the District. Further, each Applicant must identify the specific individual affiliated with the Applicant who would be handling District meetings, construction services, and other engineering tasks.

The District will review all Applicants and will comply with Florida law, including the Consultant's Competitive Negotiations Act, Chapter 287, Florida Statutes ("**CCNA**"). All applicants interested must submit eight (8) copies of Standard Form No. 330 and Qualification Statement by _____.m. on _____ to the attention of PFM Group Consulting, LLC, 3501 Quadrangle Boulevard, Suite 270, Orlando, Florida 32817 ("**District Manager's Office**").

The Board shall select and rank the Applicants using the requirements set forth in the CCNA and the evaluation criteria on file with the District Manager, and the highest ranked Applicant will be requested to enter into contract negotiations for a continuing contract. If an agreement cannot be reached between the District and the highest ranked Applicant, negotiations will cease and begin with the next highest ranked Applicant, and if these negotiations are unsuccessful, will continue to the third highest ranked Applicant.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all Qualification Statements. Additionally, there is no express or implied obligation for the District to reimburse Applicants for any expenses

associated with the preparation and submittal of the Qualification Statements in response to this request.

Any protest regarding the terms of this Notice, or the evaluation criteria on file with the District Manager, must be filed in writing, within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the publication of this Notice. The formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. Failure to timely file a notice of protest or failure to timely file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of any right to object or protest with respect to aforesaid Notice or evaluation criteria provisions. Any person who files a notice of protest shall provide to the District, simultaneous with the filing of the notice, a protest bond with a responsible surety to be approved by the District and in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). Additional information and requirements regarding protests are set forth in the District's proposed Rules of Procedure, which are available from the District Manager.

Publish on: _____ (must be published at least 14 days prior to submittal deadline in a newspaper of general circulation. Please set submittal deadline based on when able to publish notice.)

HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

DISTRICT ENGINEER PROPOSALS

COMPETITIVE SELECTION CRITERIA

1) Ability and Adequacy of Professional Personnel (Weight: 25 Points)

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

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

Past performance for other Community Development Districts in other contracts; amount of experience on similar projects; character, integrity, reputation, of respondent; etc.

3) Geographic Location (Weight: 20 Points)

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

4) Willingness to Meet Time and Budget Requirements (Weight: 15 Points)

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

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

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

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

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

7) Volume of Work Previously Awarded to Consultant by District (Weight: 5 Points)

Consider the desire to diversify the firms that receive work from the District; etc.

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

**Resolution 2025-09,
Authorizing the Chair and Vice Chair
to Execute Conveyance Documents**

RESOLUTION 2025-09

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

WHEREAS, the Horse Trials Community Development District (the "**District**") is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that granting to the Chairman and Vice Chairman the Conveyance Authority is in the best interests of the District so that the development of the Improvements may proceed expeditiously, subject to the terms and limitations imposed by this Resolution.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

- 1. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS.** The recitals so stated are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated into and form a material part of this Resolution.
- 2. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.** The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the District’s Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized to sign, accept or execute Permits and Conveyances as defined above. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary of the District’s Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized to countersign any such Permits and Conveyances signed by the Chairman or Vice Chairman. Such authority shall be subject to the District Engineer and District Counsel’s review and approval.
- 3. SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
- 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

**Resolution 2025-10,
Delegating Authority to Chairman to Execute Certain
Contracts, Agreements and Other Documents**

RESOLUTION 2025-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRPERSON TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTIONS TO AWARD CERTAIN CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Horse Trials Community Development District (“District”) was established pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, as amended, and is validly existing under the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Section 190.011(5), *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to adopt resolutions which may be necessary for the conduct of District business; and

WHEREAS, the District has a need to retain independent contractors to provide a variety of operational, maintenance, construction and other services within and around the District (“Services”); and

WHEREAS, the Board finds it necessary, for the efficient conduct of District business, that certain contracts, agreements and other documents, that do not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), by and between the District and any contractor be processed in a timely fashion; and

WHEREAS, in order to expedite District business matters, the Board desires to authorize and delegate the necessary authority to the District Chairperson to review the proposals for Services and award contracts for Services to the most qualified contractors; and

WHEREAS, any contracts, agreements or other documents executed by the District Chairperson will be brought before the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting for ratification purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Board determines this resolution is in the best interest of the District and is necessary for the efficient conduct of District business; the health, safety and welfare of the residents within the District; and the preservation of District assets and liabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. All of the representations, findings and determinations contained within the recitals stated above are recognized as true and accurate and are expressly incorporated into this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The Board hereby authorizes and delegates authority to the District Chairperson to take all actions necessary in order to award and execute contracts, agreements or other documents related to the engagement of contractors for Services; provided however, that the amounts of such contracts do not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00). Any contracts, agreements or other documents related to the engagement of contractors for Services that exceeds Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) shall be submitted to the Board for consideration at a regularly scheduled and publicly noticed Board meeting.

SECTION 3. Any such contracts, agreements and other documents executed by the District Chairperson shall be ratified by the Board at its next publicly noticed meeting.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

Establishment of Auditor Selection Committee

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

**Resolution 2025-11,
Adopting Annual Meeting Schedule Fiscal Year 2025**

RESOLUTION 2025-11

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING THE ANNUAL MEETING
SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
DATE**

WHEREAS, the Horse Trials Community Development District (“**District**”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 meeting schedule attached as **Exhibit A**.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

1. **ADOPTING ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE.** The Fiscal Year 2024-2025 annual meeting schedule attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved and shall be published in accordance with the requirements of Florida law and also provided to applicable governing authorities.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson, Board of
Supervisors

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Meeting Schedule

EXHIBIT A

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING DATES
HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025**

September 3, 2025

All meetings will convene at 10:00 a.m. at the
Office of Collier Enterprises
999 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Suite 507, Naples, FL 34108

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

**Resolution 2025-12,
Approving FY 2025 Proposed Budget & Setting Hearing a
Public Hearing Date**

RESOLUTION 2025-12

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPROVING THE PROPOSED BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 AND SETTING PUBLIC HEARINGS THEREON
PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Horse Trials Community Development District (the “District”) was established by Ordinance No. 25-21, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Collier County, Florida, effective as of April 29, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the District Manager has prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors of the District (the “Board”) the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025, which concludes September 30, 2025 (the “Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget”); and

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

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

SECTION 1. PROPOSED BUDGET APPROVED. The proposed budget prepared by the District Manager for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved as the basis for conducting public hearings to adopt said proposed budget.

SECTION 2. SETTING PUBLIC HEARING. The public hearing on the said approved proposed budget is hereby declared and set for the following date, time and location, and District staff is directed to provide notice of the same in accordance with Florida law:

DATE: _____, 2025

TIME: _____

LOCATION: _____

SECTION 3. TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET TO LOCAL GENERAL-PURPOSE GOVERNMENT; POSTING OF PROPOSED BUDGET. The District Manager is hereby directed to (i) submit copies of the proposed budget to the applicable local general-purpose government at least 60 days prior to its adoption, and (ii) post the approved proposed budget on the District’s website in accordance with Chapter 189, *Florida Statutes*.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or any part thereof.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Proposed FY 2024/2025 Budget

Exhibit A
FY 2024/2025 proposed budget

[See attached]

Horse Trials CDD
FY 2025 Proposed O&M Budget

	FY 2025 Proposed Budget
<u>Revenues</u>	
Developer Contributions	\$ 79,745.00
Net Revenues	\$ 79,745.00
<u>General & Administrative Expenses</u>	
Public Officials' Insurance	3,100.00
Management	25,000.00
Engineering	5,000.00
District Counsel	10,000.00
Audit	6,000.00
Property Appraiser	500.00
Travel and Per Diem	500.00
Postage and shipping	500.00
Copies	500.00
Telephone / Webex	50.00
Legal Advertising	10,000.00
Website maintenance	6,420.00
Dues, Licences and Fees	175.00
General Insurance	3,500.00
Property and Casualty	3,500.00
Contingency	5,000.00
Total General & Administrative Expenses	\$ 79,745.00
Total Expenses	\$ 79,745.00
Net Income (Loss)	\$ -

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Funding Agreement

BUDGET FUNDING AGREEMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2025

This Agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered into this 6th day of May, 2025, by and between:

Horse Trials Community Development District, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and located in Collier County, Florida, with a mailing address of PFM Group Consulting, LLC, 3501 Quadrangle Boulevard, Suite 270, Orlando, Florida 32817 (the "District"); and

Collier Land Holdings, LTD and CDC Investment Properties, LLC, a Florida limited partnership and Florida limited liability company, respectively, (together "Developer") and the developer of the lands in the District (and together with the District, the "**Parties**") with a mailing address of 999 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Suite 507, Naples, Florida 34108. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "**Property**" shall refer to that certain property within the CDD owned by the Developer on the Effective Date of this Agreement.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, the District was established for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure, and is authorized to levy such taxes, special assessments, fees, and other charges as may be necessary in furtherance of the District's activities and services; and

WHEREAS, Developer presently owns and/or is developing the Property within the District, which Property will benefit from the timely construction and acquisition of the District's facilities, activities, and services and from the continued operations of the District; and

WHEREAS, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025 ("**FY 2025**"), the Board of Supervisors ("**Board**") of the District adopted its general fund budget ("**Budget**") attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Parties recognize the Budget may be amended from time to time in the sole discretion of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has the option of levying non-ad valorem assessments on all lands within the District benefitting from the activities, operations and services set forth in the Budget, including the Property, or utilizing such other revenue sources as may be available to it; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Developer and District agree such Budget funding obligation by the Developer may be secured and collection enforced pursuant to the methods provided herein.

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

1. **FUNDING.** The Developer agrees to make available to the District the monies (“**Funding Obligation**”) necessary for the operation of the District as called for in the Budget attached hereto as **Exhibit A** within thirty (30) days of written request by the District. **Exhibit A** attached hereto may be amended from time to time pursuant to Florida law, subject to the Developer’s consent to such amendments to incorporate them herein; provided however, that amendments adopted by the Board at a duly noticed meeting shall have the effect of amending this Agreement without further action of the Parties. As a point of clarification, the District shall only request as part of the Funding Obligation that the Developer fund the actual expenses of the District, and the Developer is not required to fund the total general fund Budget in the event that actual expenses are less than the projected total general fund Budget, as may be amended as provided herein. The funds shall be placed in the District’s general checking account. In the event the Developer sells any of the Property during the term of this Agreement, the Developer’s rights and obligations under this Agreement shall remain the same.

2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.** The District hereby finds, and the Developer acknowledges and agrees, that the activities, operations and services set forth in the Budget provide a special and peculiar benefit to the Property, which benefit is initially allocated on an equal developable acreage basis. These payments are made by the Developer in lieu of taxes, fees, or assessments which might otherwise be levied or imposed by the District. Nothing contained herein shall constitute or be construed as a waiver of the District’s right to levy assessments, including on the Property, in the event of a funding deficit.

3. **COLLECTION METHODS.** The District may enforce the collection of funds due under this Agreement using one or more of the following collection methods:

- a. *[Contractual Lien]*. The District shall have the right to file a continuing lien (“**Lien**”) upon all or a portion of the Property, which Lien shall be effective as of the date and time of the recording of a “Notice of Lien” in the public records of the County.
- b. *[Enforcement Action]* The District shall have the right to file an action against the Developer in the appropriate judicial forum in and for the County.
- c. *[Uniform Method; Direct]* The District may certify amounts due hereunder as a non-ad valorem assessment on all or any part of the Property for collection, either through the Uniform Method of Collection set forth in Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, or under any method of direct bill and collection authorized by Florida law.

The enforcement of the collection of funds in any of the above manners, including which method(s) to utilize, shall be in the sole discretion of the District Manager on behalf of the District, without the need of further Board action authorizing or directing such.

4. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT; AMENDMENTS.** This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of the agreement among the Parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both of the Parties hereto.

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

6. **ASSIGNMENT.** This Agreement may be assigned, in whole or in part, by either party only upon the written consent of the other. Any purported assignment without such consent shall be void.

7. **DEFAULT.** A default by either Party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which shall include, but not be limited to, the right of damages, injunctive relief and/or specific performance.

8. **ENFORCEMENT.** In the event that any party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the parties agree that the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other all costs incurred, including interest accrued on an unsatisfied Funding Obligation, reasonable fees and costs incurred by the District incident to the collection of the Funding Obligation or for enforcement of the Lien, or reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

9. **THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES.** This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the formal Parties herein and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason hereof, to or for the benefit of any third party not a formal party hereto. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the Parties hereto any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any provisions or conditions hereof; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants and conditions herein contained shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the Parties hereto and their respective representatives, successors and assigns.

10. **CHOICE OF LAW.** This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida.

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

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

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

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman/Vice Chairman

COLLIER LAND HOLDINGS, LTD

Witness

By: _____
Its: _____

CDC INVESTMENT PROPERTIES, LLC

Witness

By: _____
Its: _____

EXHIBIT A: FY 2025 Budget

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

**Resolution 2025-13,
Setting Hearing on Rules of Procedure**

Rules of Procedure
Note of Rule Development
Notice of Rulemaking

RESOLUTION 2025-13

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

WHEREAS, the Horse Trials Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (the “Board”) is authorized by Section 190.011(5), *Florida Statutes*, to adopt rules and orders pursuant to Chapter 120, *Florida Statutes*.

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

SECTION 1. A Public Hearing will be held to adopt Rules of Procedure on _____,
2025, at _____ .m., at
_____.

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**RULES OF PROCEDURE
HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

EFFECTIVE AS OF _____, 2025

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Rule 1.0 General.

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

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

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

Rule 1.1 Board of Supervisors; Officers and Voting.

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

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

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

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

If the Board member was elected at a landowner's election or appointed to fill a vacancy of a seat last filled at a landowner's election, the Board member may vote or abstain from voting on the matter at issue. If the Board member was elected by electors residing within the District, the Board member is prohibited from voting on the matter at issue. In the event that

the Board member intends to abstain or is prohibited from voting, such Board member shall not participate in the discussion on the item subject to the vote.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 1.3 Public Meetings, Hearings, and Workshops.

- (1) Notice. Except in emergencies, or as otherwise required by statute or these Rules, at least seven (7) days, but no more than thirty (30) days public notice shall be given of any public meeting, hearing or workshop of the Board. Public notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. "General circulation" means a publication that is printed and published at least once a week for the preceding year, offering at least 25% of its words in the English language, qualifies as a periodicals material for postal purposes in the county in which the District is located, is for sale to the public generally, is available to the public generally for the publication of official or other notices, and is customarily containing information of a public character or of interest or of value to the residents or owners of property in the county where published, or of interest or of value to the general public. The annual meeting notice required to be published by Section 189.015 of the Florida Statutes, shall be published in a newspaper not of limited subject matter, which is published at least five days a week, unless the only newspaper in the county is published less than five days a week. Each Notice shall state, as applicable:
 - (a) The date, time and place of the meeting, hearing or workshop;
 - (b) A brief description of the nature, subjects, and purposes of the meeting, hearing, or workshop;
 - (c) The District office address for the submission of requests for copies of the agenda, as well as a contact name and telephone number for verbal requests for copies of the agenda; and
 - (d) The following or substantially similar language: "Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting/hearing/workshop is asked to advise the District Office at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting/hearing/workshop by contacting the District Manager at (407) 723-5900. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1 (800) 955-8770 or 1 (800) 955-8771, who can aid you in contacting the District Office."
 - (e) The following or substantially similar language: "A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting/hearing/workshop with respect to any matter considered at the meeting/hearing/workshop is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 1.4 Internal Controls to Prevent Fraud, Waste and Abuse

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

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

Rule 2.0 Rulemaking Proceedings.

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

of publication of the notice. Except when intended action is the repeal of a rule, the notice shall include a reference to both the date on which and the place where the Notice of Rule Development required by section (2) of this Rule appeared.

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

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

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

(11) Petitions to Challenge Existing Rules.

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

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

the District shall proceed, at the petitioner's written request, to process the petition.

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.0 Competitive Purchase.

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

- (e) “Design-Build Firm” means a partnership, corporation or other legal entity that:
 - (i) Is certified under Section 489.119 of the Florida Statutes, to engage in contracting through a certified or registered general contractor or a certified or registered building contractor as the qualifying agent; or
 - (ii) Is certified under Section 471.023 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice engineering; certified under Section 481.219 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice architecture; or certified under Section 481.319 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice landscape architecture.
- (f) “Design Criteria Package” means concise, performance-oriented drawings or specifications for a public construction project. The purpose of the Design Criteria Package is to furnish sufficient information to permit Design-Build Firms to prepare a bid or a response to the District’s Request for Proposals, or to permit the District to enter into a negotiated Design-Build Contract. The Design Criteria Package must specify performance-based criteria for the public construction project, including the legal description of the site, survey information concerning the site, interior space requirements, material quality standards, schematic layouts and conceptual design criteria of the project, cost or budget estimates, design and construction schedules, site development requirements, provisions for utilities, stormwater retention and disposal, and parking requirements applicable to the project. Design Criteria Packages shall require firms to submit information regarding the qualifications, availability, and past work of the firms, including the partners and members thereof.
- (g) “Design Criteria Professional” means a firm who holds a current certificate of registration under Chapter 481 of the Florida Statutes, to practice architecture or landscape architecture, or a firm who holds a current certificate as a registered engineer under Chapter 471 of the Florida Statutes, to practice engineering, and who is employed by or under contract to the District to provide professional architect services, landscape architect services, or engineering services in connection with the preparation of the Design Criteria Package.
- (h) “Emergency Purchase” means a purchase necessitated by a sudden unexpected turn of events (for example, acts of God, riot, fires, floods, hurricanes, accidents, or any circumstances or cause beyond the control of the Board in the normal conduct of its business), where the Board finds that the delay incident to competitive purchase would be detrimental to the interests of the District. This includes, but is not limited to, instances where

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

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

requiring the manual signature of an authorized representative. It may provide general information, applicable laws and rules, statement of work, functional or general specifications, qualifications, proposal instructions, work detail analysis, and evaluation criteria as necessary.

- (p) “Responsive and Responsible Bidder” means an entity or individual that has submitted a bid that conforms in all material respects to the Invitation to Bid and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. “Responsive and Responsible Vendor” means an entity or individual that has submitted a proposal, reply, or response that conforms in all material respects to the Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. In determining whether an entity or individual is a Responsive and Responsible Bidder (or Vendor), the District may consider, in addition to factors described in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, the following:
 - (i) The ability and adequacy of the professional personnel employed by the entity/individual;
 - (ii) The past performance of the entity/individual for the District and in other professional employment;
 - (iii) The willingness of the entity/individual to meet time and budget requirements;
 - (iv) The geographic location of the entity’s/individual’s headquarters or office in relation to the project;
 - (v) The recent, current, and projected workloads of the entity/individual;
 - (vi) The volume of work previously awarded to the entity/individual;
 - (vii) Whether the cost components of the bid or proposal are appropriately balanced; and
 - (viii) Whether the entity/individual is a certified minority business enterprise.
- (q) “Responsive Bid,” “Responsive Proposal,” “Responsive Reply,” and “Responsive Response” all mean a bid, proposal, reply, or response which conforms in all material respects to the specifications and conditions in the

Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation document and these Rules, and the cost components of which, if any, are appropriately balanced. A bid, proposal, reply or response is not responsive if the person or firm submitting it fails to meet any material requirement relating to the qualifications, financial stability, or licensing of the bidder.

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

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

Rule 3.1 Procedure Under the Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act.

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

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

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

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

(4) Competitive Selection.

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

by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's ranking decisions under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

(5) Competitive Negotiation.

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

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

- (7) Continuing Contract. Nothing in this Rule shall prohibit a Continuing Contract between a consultant and the District.
- (8) Emergency Purchase. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these Rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

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

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

Rule 3.2 Procedure Regarding Auditor Selection.

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

(1) Definitions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.3 Purchase of Insurance.

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

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

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

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

Law Implemented: § 112.08, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.4 Pre-qualification

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

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

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

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

shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's pre-qualification decisions under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11; provided however, protests related to the pre-qualification criteria and procedures for construction services shall be resolved in accordance with section (2)(b) of this Rule and Section 255.20(1)(b) of the Florida Statutes.

(3) Suspension, Revocation, or Denial of Qualification

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

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

revocation, or denial set forth above, the vendor's pre-qualified status shall remain suspended, revoked, or denied until the documents are furnished.

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

hearing shall be held within 30 days after receipt by the District of the request for the hearing. The decision shall be issued within 15 days after the hearing.

- (d) Such suspension or revocation shall not affect the vendor's obligations under any preexisting contract.
- (e) In the case of contract crimes, the vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be revoked indefinitely. For all violations of Rule 3.4(3)(a) other than for the vendor's conviction for contract crimes, the revocation, denial, or suspension of a vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be for a specific period of time based on the seriousness of the deficiency.

Examples of factors affecting the seriousness of a deficiency are:

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

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

Rule 3.5 Construction Contracts, Not Design-Build.

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

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

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

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

- (f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses, or the portions of which that include the price, shall be publicly opened at a meeting noticed in accordance with Rule 1.3, and at which at least one district representative is present. The name of each bidder and the price submitted in the bid shall be announced at such meeting and shall be made available upon request. Minutes should be taken at the meeting and maintained by the District. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and these Rules. Minor variations in the bids,

proposals, replies, or responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.

- (g) The lowest Responsive Bid submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder in response to an Invitation to Bid shall be accepted. In relation to a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, the Board shall select the Responsive Proposal, Reply, or Response submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Vendor which is most advantageous to the District. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, and responses.
- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No contractor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, response, or reply preparation or submittal from the District.
- (i) The Board may require potential contractors to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
- (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses, shall be provided in writing to all contractors by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's purchase of construction services under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
- (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase construction services or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may

proceed with the procurement of construction services, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the construction services without further competitive selection processes.

- (3) Sole Source; Government. Construction services that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Construction services provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of construction services, which may include goods, supplies, or materials, that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules. A contract for construction services is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process.
- (4) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (5) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board Meeting.
- (6) Exceptions. This Rule is inapplicable when:
 - (a) The project is undertaken as repair or maintenance of an existing public facility;
 - (b) The funding source of the project will be diminished or lost because the time required to competitively award the project after the funds become available exceeds the time within which the funding source must be spent;
 - (c) The District has competitively awarded a project and the contractor has abandoned the project or the District has terminated the contract; or
 - (d) The District, after public notice, conducts a public meeting under Section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes, and finds by a majority vote of the Board that it is in the public's best interest to perform the project using its own services, employees, and equipment.

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

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

Rule 3.6 Construction Contracts, Design-Build.

- (1) Scope. The District may utilize Design-Build Contracts for any public construction project for which the Board determines that use of such contract is in the best

interest of the District. When letting a Design-Build Contract, the District shall use the following procedure:

(2) Procedure.

- (a) The District shall utilize a Design Criteria Professional meeting the requirements of Section 287.055(2)(k) of the Florida Statutes, when developing a Design Criteria Package, evaluating the proposals and qualifications submitted by Design-Build Firms, and determining compliance of the project construction with the Design Criteria Package. The Design Criteria Professional may be an employee of the District, may be the District Engineer selected by the District pursuant to Section 287.055 of the Florida Statutes, or may be retained pursuant to Rule 3.1. The Design Criteria Professional is not eligible to render services under a Design-Build Contract executed pursuant to the Design Criteria Package.
- (b) A Design Criteria Package for the construction project shall be prepared and sealed by the Design Criteria Professional. If the project utilizes existing plans, the Design Criteria Professional shall create a Design Criteria Package by supplementing the plans with project specific requirements, if any.
- (c) The Board may either choose to award the Design-Build Contract pursuant to the competitive proposal selection process set forth in Section 287.055(9) of the Florida Statutes, or pursuant to the qualifications-based selection process pursuant to Rule 3.1.
 - (i) Qualifications-Based Selection. If the process set forth in Rule 3.1 is utilized, subsequent to competitive negotiations, a guaranteed maximum price and guaranteed completion date shall be established.
 - (ii) Competitive Proposal-Based Selection. If the competitive proposal selection process is utilized, the Board, in consultation with the Design Criteria Professional, shall establish the criteria, standards and procedures for the evaluation of Design-Build Proposals based on price, technical, and design aspects of the project, weighted for the project. After a Design Criteria Package and the standards and procedures for evaluation of proposals have been developed, competitive proposals from qualified firms shall be solicited pursuant to the design criteria by the following procedure:
 - 1. A Request for Proposals shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located. The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of sealed proposals, unless the Board,

for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate. Any project projected to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) must be noticed at least thirty (30) days prior to the date for submittal of proposals.

2. The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Requests for Proposals. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
3. In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, a firm must, at the time of receipt of the proposals:
 - a. Hold the required applicable state professional licenses in good standing, as defined by Section 287.055(2)(h) of the Florida Statutes;
 - b. Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - c. Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the proposer is a corporation;
 - d. Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Request for Proposals and Design Criteria Package.

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

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the proposal if required by the District. Failure to

submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the proposal.

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.7 Payment and Performance Bonds.

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

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

Law Implemented: § 255.05, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.8 Goods, Supplies, and Materials.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, reply, or response preparation or submittal from the District.
 - (i) The Board may require bidders and proposers to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
 - (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's purchase of goods, supplies, and materials under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
 - (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase goods, supplies, or materials, or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of goods, supplies, and materials, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the goods, supplies, and materials without further competitive selection processes.
- (3) Goods, Supplies, and Materials included in a Construction Contract Awarded Pursuant to Rule 3.5 or 3.6. There may be occasions where the District has

undergone the competitive purchase of construction services which contract may include the provision of goods, supplies, or materials. In that instance, the District may approve a change order to the contract and directly purchase the goods, supplies, and materials. Such purchase of goods, supplies, and materials deducted from a competitively purchased construction contract shall be exempt from this Rule.

- (4) Exemption. Goods, supplies, and materials that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Goods, supplies, and materials provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. A contract for goods, supplies, or materials is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of goods, supplies or materials that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules.
- (5) Renewal. Contracts for the purchase of goods, supplies, and/or materials subject to this Rule may be renewed for a maximum period of five (5) years.
- (6) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

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

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

Rule 3.9 Maintenance Services.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.10 Contractual Services.

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Filing.

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

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

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

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

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

- (5) Intervenors. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings.
- (6) Rejection of all Qualifications, Bids, Proposals, Replies and Responses after Receipt of Notice of Protest. If the Board determines there was a violation of law, defect, or an irregularity in the competitive solicitation process, the Bids, Proposals, Replies, and Responses are too high, or if the Board determines it is otherwise in the District's best interest, the Board may reject all qualifications, bids, proposals, replies, and responses and start the competitive solicitation process anew. If the Board decides to reject all qualifications, bids, proposals, replies, and responses and start the competitive solicitation process anew, any pending protests shall automatically terminate.
- (7) Settlement. Nothing herein shall preclude the settlement of any protest under this Rule at any time.

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

Law Implemented: § 190.033, Fla. Stat.

Rule 4.0 Effective Date.

These Rules shall be effective _____, 2025, except that no election of officers required by these Rules shall be required until after the next regular election for the Board.

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

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

**NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT BY THE
HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

In accord with Chapters 120 and 190, *Florida Statutes*, the Horse Trials Community Development District ("**District**") hereby gives notice of its intention to develop Rules of Procedure to govern the operations of the District.

The Rules of Procedure will address such areas as the Board of Supervisors, officers and voting, district offices, public information and inspection of records, policies, public meetings, hearings and workshops, rulemaking proceedings and competitive purchase including procedure under the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act, procedure regarding auditor selection, purchase of insurance, pre-qualification, construction contracts, goods, supplies and materials, maintenance services, contractual services and protests with respect to proceedings, as well as any other area of the general operation of the District.

The purpose and effect of the Rules of Procedure is to provide for efficient and effective District operations and to ensure compliance with recent changes to Florida law. The legal authority for the adoption of the proposed Rules of Procedure includes Sections 190.011(5), 190.011(15) and 190.035, *Florida Statutes* (2024). The specific laws implemented in the Rules of Procedure include, but are not limited to, Sections 112.08, 112.3143, 112.31446, 112.3145, 119.07, 119.0701, 189.053, 189.069(2)(a)16, 190.006, 190.007, 190.008, 190.011(3), 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 190.033, 190.035, 218.33, 218.391, 255.05, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 286.0105, 286.011, 286.0113, 286.0114, 287.017, 287.055 and 287.084, *Florida Statutes* (2024).

A copy of the proposed Rules of Procedure may be obtained by contacting the District Manager, at PFM Group Consulting LLC, 3501 Quadrangle Boulevard, Suite 270, Orlando, Florida 32817, 407-723-5900.

Lynne Mullins, District Manager

**NOTICE OF RULEMAKING REGARDING THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE
HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

A public hearing will be conducted by the Board of Supervisors of the Horse Trials Community Development District ("District") on _____, 2025, at __:__ p/a.m. at _____.

In accord with Chapters 120 and 190, Florida Statutes, the District hereby gives the public notice of its intent to adopt its proposed Rules of Procedure. The purpose and effect of the proposed Rules of Procedure is to provide for efficient and effective District operations and to ensure compliance with recent changes to Florida law. Prior notice of rule development was published in the _____ on _____, 2025.

The Rules of Procedure may address such areas as the Board of Supervisors, officers and voting, district offices, public information and inspection of records, policies, public meetings, hearings and workshops, rulemaking proceedings and competitive purchase including procedure under the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act, procedure regarding auditor selection, purchase of insurance, pre-qualification, construction contracts, goods, supplies and materials, maintenance services, contractual services and protests with respect to proceedings, as well as any other area of the general operation of the District.

Specific legal authority for the adoption of the proposed Rules of Procedure includes Sections 190.011(5), 190.011(15) and 190.035, Florida Statutes (2024). The specific laws implemented in the Rules of Procedure include, but are not limited to, Sections 112.08, 112.3143, 112.31446, 112.3145, 119.07, 119.0701, 189.053, 189.069(2)(a)16, 190.006, 190.007, 190.008, 190.011(3), 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 190.033, 190.035, 218.33, 218.391, 255.05, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 286.0105, 286.011, 286.0113, 286.0114, 287.017, 287.055 and 287.084, Florida Statutes (2024).

A copy of the proposed Rules of Procedure may be obtained by contacting the District Manager's Office at PFM Group Consulting LLC, 3501 Quadrangle Boulevard, Suite 270, Orlando, Florida 32817, 407-723-5900.

Any person who wishes to provide the District with a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), Florida Statutes, must do so in writing within twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice to the District Manager's Office.

This public hearing may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the hearing without additional notice. If anyone chooses to appeal any decision of the Board with respect to any matter considered at a public hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and should accordingly ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which includes the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based. At the hearing, staff or Supervisors may participate in the public hearing by speaker telephone.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771 or 1-800-955-8770 for aid in contacting the District Office.

Lynne Mullins, District Manager

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

**Resolution 2025-14,
Setting Uniform Method Hearing**

RESOLUTION 2025-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE DISTRICT'S INTENT TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD FOR THE LEVY, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 197.3632, *FLORIDA STATUTES*; AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF SUCH HEARING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. A Public Hearing will be held to adopt the Uniform Method on _____, 2025 at _____ .m., at _____.

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May 2025.

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

**Resolution 2025-15,
Approving FY 2026 Proposed Budget & Setting a Public
Hearing Date**

RESOLUTION 2025-15

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPROVING THE PROPOSED BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 AND SETTING PUBLIC HEARINGS THEREON
PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Horse Trials Community Development District (the “District”) was established by Ordinance No. 25-21, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Collier County, Florida, effective as of April 29, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the District Manager has prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors of the District (the “Board”) the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026, which concludes September 30, 2026 (the “Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget”); and

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

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

SECTION 1. PROPOSED BUDGET APPROVED. The proposed budget prepared by the District Manager for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved as the basis for conducting public hearings to adopt said proposed budget.

SECTION 2. SETTING PUBLIC HEARING. The public hearing on the said approved proposed budget is hereby declared and set for the following date, time and location, and District staff is directed to provide notice of the same in accordance with Florida law:

DATE: _____, 2025

TIME: _____

LOCATION: _____

SECTION 3. TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET TO LOCAL GENERAL-PURPOSE GOVERNMENT; POSTING OF PROPOSED BUDGET. The District Manager is hereby directed to (i) submit copies of the proposed budget to the applicable local general-purpose government at least 60 days prior to its adoption, and (ii) post the approved proposed budget on the District’s website in accordance with Chapter 189, *Florida Statutes*.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or any part thereof.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Proposed FY 2025/2026 Budget

Exhibit A
FY 2025/2026 Proposed Budget

[See attached]

Horse Trials CDD
FY 2026 Proposed O&M Budget

	FY 2026 Proposed Budget
<u>Revenues</u>	
Developer Contributions	\$ 79,745.00
Net Revenues	\$ 79,745.00
<u>General & Administrative Expenses</u>	
Public Officials' Insurance	3,100.00
Management	25,000.00
Engineering	5,000.00
District Counsel	10,000.00
Audit	6,000.00
Property Appraiser	500.00
Travel and Per Diem	500.00
Postage and shipping	500.00
Copies	500.00
Telephone / Webex	50.00
Legal Advertising	10,000.00
Website maintenance	6,420.00
Dues, Licences and Fees	175.00
General Insurance	3,500.00
Property and Casualty	3,500.00
Contingency	5,000.00
Total General & Administrative Expenses	\$ 79,745.00
Total Expenses	\$ 79,745.00
Net Income (Loss)	\$ -

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

**Resolution 2025-16,
Setting Legal Defense Policy**

RESOLUTION 2025-16

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors ("Board") and the officers and staff of the Horse Trials Community Development District ("District") are constantly presented with the necessity for making decisions regarding various phases of District policy and management; and

WHEREAS, it is absolutely essential to the effective operation of the District that such decisions be made in an environment where the threat of personal liability for the Board and its officers and staff is maintained at a minimum; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to formalize a policy with regard to the support and legal protection of the Board and its officers and staff so as to reduce the threat of personal liability to such individuals and allow for an effective decision-making environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

provided, however, that the District determines such compromise or settlement to be in the District's best interest.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 10. In the event legal representation or defense is provided pursuant to this Resolution, the Indemnatee may either:

- A. Retain legal counsel appointed by the District, in which case legal counsel shall be paid directly by the District; or
- B. Retain legal counsel chosen by the Indemnatee, in which case the District shall have the right to:
 - i. Approve, in advance, any agreement for legal fees or disbursements; and
 - ii. Pay all or part of the legal fees, costs and other disbursements and to set a maximum for legal fees, costs and other disbursements; and
 - iii. Direct the defense and settle or compromise the action or claim; and
 - iv. Reduce or offset any monies that may be payable by the District by any court costs or attorney's fees awarded to the Indemnatee.

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

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

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May 2025.

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

**Obtaining (General Liability and)
Public Officers Insurance**

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

**Resolution 2025-17,
Designating Public Comment Period**

RESOLUTION 2025-17

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

**Resolution 2025-18,
Adopting Records Retention Schedule**

RESOLUTION 2025-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A RECORDS MANAGEMENT LIAISON OFFICER; PROVIDING THE DUTIES OF THE RECORDS MANAGEMENT LIAISON OFFICER; ADOPTING A RECORDS RETENTION POLICY; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Horse Trials Community Development District (“District”) is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

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

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

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

SECTION 3. The District hereby adopts as its Records Retention Policy the applicable provisions of Section 257.36(5), Florida Statutes, the rules adopted by the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State ("Division") pursuant to Section 257.36, Florida Statutes, and the General Records Schedules established by the Division. However, the District hereby extends the minimum retention guidelines contained in the General Records Schedules so that the District will retain all public records relating to District business until the Board of Supervisors amends the Records Retention Policy to address the disposition of the same. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the District shall retain Transitory Messages until the Transitory Message is obsolete, superseded or administrative value is lost in accordance with the General Records Schedule for State and Local Government Agencies, Item #146, as incorporated by reference in Rule 1B-24.003(1)(a), Florida Administrative Code. The District hereby determines the electronic record shall be considered the official record of all public records relating to District business and any paper originals are designated as duplicates which may be disposed of unless prohibited by any law, rule or ordinance. To the extent the above statute, rules, or schedules are amended or supplemented in the future, the District's Records Retention Policy shall automatically incorporate such amendment or supplement provided that such automatic amendment does not permit the disposition of District records without further

action of the Board. The Records Retention Policy shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the Board amends the Policy.

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

**Resolution 2025-19,
Adoption of Travel Reimbursement Policy**

RESOLUTION 2025-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING A POLICY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL EXPENSES; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Horse Trials Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

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

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

EXHIBIT A

HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT POLICY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL EXPENSES

1.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- 1.1** The usual, ordinary, and incidental travel expenditures necessarily incurred by the District board members, employees, consultants, or advisors in the performance of their official duties shall be reimbursed by the Horse Trials Community Development District (the “**District**”).
- 1.2** Except as otherwise provided, prior authorization for travel is not required, but reimbursable expenses will be limited to those expenses incurred in the performance of official duties undertaken in connection with such public purposes as the District has been authorized by law to perform.
- 1.3** All claims submitted for reimbursement must be accompanied by a written statement that they are true and correct as to every material matter.

2.0 TRANSPORTATION.

- 2.1** All travel must be by a reasonably direct or usually traveled route. In the event a person travels by an indirect route for his/her own convenience, any additional cost shall be borne by the traveler and reimbursement for expenses shall be based on the usually traveled route.
- 2.2** Commercial travel shall be by the most economical method, tourist or coach class. First class rates will be paid only in the event that a statement is attached to the claim certifying that tourist or coach seating was unavailable.
- 2.3** When available without penalty for cancellation, travelers should take advantage of discount fares.
- 2.4** Transportation by common carrier when traveling on official business and paid for by the traveler shall be substantiated by a receipt.
- 2.5** Rental car expenses shall be substantiated by a copy of the rental agreement.
- 2.6** Whenever travel is by a privately-owned vehicle, the traveler shall be entitled to a mileage allowance based on the standard mileage rate for business travel established by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Should the IRS increase the mileage allowance, the District shall, without further action, be permitted to reimburse travelers at the increased rate. As of January 1, 2025, the mileage rate is 70 cents per mile.

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

3.0 INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

- 3.1** Reasonable travel-related expenses for meals, lodging, gratuities, taxi fares, tolls, parking fees, and business-related telephone, telegraph, and facsimile charges shall also be reimbursed if substantiated by receipts.
- 3.2** Registration fees and other actual and necessary expenses for conventions, conferences and seminars which will serve a direct public purpose related to District activities will be considered reimbursable if persons attending such meetings receive prior approval. In the event room or meal expenses are included in the registration fee, reimbursement for these expenses will be reduced accordingly.

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

**Resolution 2025-20,
Adoption of Prompt Payment Policies**

RESOLUTION 2025-20

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

WHEREAS, the Horse Trials Community Development District (“**District**”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (“**Board**”) accordingly finds that it is in the best interests of the District to establish by resolution the Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures attached hereto as **Exhibit A** for immediate use and application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

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

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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

MAY 6, 2025

Horse Trials Community Development District
Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures
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I. Purpose

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

II. Scope

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

III. Definitions

A. Agent

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

B. Construction Services

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

C. Contractor or Provider of Construction Services

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

D. Date Stamped

Each original and revised invoice or payment request received by the District shall be marked electronically or manually, by use of a date stamp or other method, which date marking clearly indicates the date such invoice or payment request is first delivered to the District through its Agent. In the event that the Agent receives an invoice or payment request, but fails to timely or physically mark on the document the date received, "Date Stamped" shall mean the date of actual receipt by the Agent.

- E. Improper Invoice**
An invoice that does not conform to the requirements of a Proper Invoice.
- F. Improper Payment Request**
A request for payment for Construction Services that does not conform to the requirements of a Proper Payment Request.
- G. Non-Construction Goods and Services**
All labor, services, goods and materials provided in connection with anything other than construction, alteration, repair, demolition, reconstruction, or other improvements to real property.
- H. Proper Invoice**
An invoice that conforms to all statutory requirements, all requirements of these Policies and Procedures not expressly waived by the District and any additional requirements included in the agreement for goods and/or services for which the invoice is submitted not expressly waived by the District.
- I. Proper Payment Request**
A request for payment for Construction Services which conforms to all statutory requirements, all requirements of these Policies & Procedures not expressly waived by the District and any additional requirements included in the Construction Services agreement for which the Payment Request is submitted not expressly waived by the District.
- J. Provider**
Includes any Vendor, Contractor or Provider of Construction Services, as defined herein.
- K. Purchase**
The purchase of goods, materials, services, or Construction Services; the purchase or lease of personal property; or the lease of real property by the District.
- L. Vendor**
Any person or entity that sells goods or services, sells or leases personal property, or leases real property directly to the District, not including Construction Services.

IV. Proper Invoice/Payment Request Requirements

A. General

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

B. Sales Tax

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

C. Federal Identification and Social Security Numbers

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

Providers should notify the District Manager when changes in data occur (telephone (407) 723-5900, email [REDACTED]).

D. Proper Invoice for Non-Construction Goods and Services

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

1. Name of Vendor
2. Remittance address
3. Invoice Date
4. Invoice number
5. The "Bill To" party must be the District or the Board, or other entity approved in writing by the Board of the District Manager
6. Project name (if applicable)

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

E. Proper Payment Request Requirements for Construction Services

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

V. Submission of Invoices and Payment Requests

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

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

1. **Mailing and Drop Off Address**
Horse Trials Community Development District
c/o PFM Group Consulting LLC
3501 Quadrangle Boulevard, Suite 270
Orlando, Florida 32817
2. **Email Address**

VI. Calculation of Payment Due Date

A. Non-Construction Goods and Services Invoices

1. **Receipt of Proper Invoice**
Payment is due from the District forty-five (45) days from the date on which a Proper Invoice is Date Stamped.
2. **Receipt of Improper Invoice**
If an Improper Invoice is received, a required invoice is not received, or invoicing of a request for payment is not required, the time when payment is due from the District is forty-five (45) days from the latest date of the following:
 - a. On which delivery of personal property is fully accepted by the District;
 - b. On which services are completed and accepted by the District;
 - c. On which the contracted rental period begins (if applicable); or
 - d. On which the District and the Vendor agree in a written agreement that provides payment due dates.
3. **Rejection of an Improper Invoice**
The District may reject an Improper Invoice. Within ten (10) days of receipt of the Improper Invoice by the District, the Vendor must be notified that the invoice is improper and be given an opportunity to correct the deficient or missing information, remedy the faulty work, replace the defective goods, or take other necessary, remedial action.

The District's rejection of an Improper Invoice must:

1. Be provided in writing;
2. Specify any and all known deficiencies; and
3. State actions necessary to correct the Improper Invoice.

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

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

4. Payment of Undisputed Portion of Invoice

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

B. Payment Requests for Construction Services

1. Receipt of Proper Payment Request

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

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

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

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

2. Receipt and Rejection of Improper Payment Request

a. If an Improper Payment Request is received, the District must reject the Improper Payment Request within twenty (20) business days after the date on which the payment request is Date Stamped.

b. The District's rejection of the Improper Payment Request must:

1. Be provided in writing;
2. Specify any and all known deficiencies; and
3. State actions necessary to correct the Improper Invoice.

c. If a Provider submits a payment request which corrects the deficiency specified in the District's written rejection, the District must pay or reject the corrected submission no later than ten (10) business days after the date the corrected payment request is Date Stamped.

3. Payment of Undisputed Portion of Payment Request

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

VII. Resolution of Disputes

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

A. Dispute between the District and a Provider

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

B. Dispute Resolution Procedures

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

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

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

VIII. Purchases Involving Federal Funds or Bond Funds

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

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

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

X. Late Payment Interest Charges

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

A. Related to Non-Construction Goods and Services

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

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

B. Related to Construction Services

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

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

C. Report of Interest

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

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

**Resolution 2025-21,
Ratifying Notice of Establishment**

RESOLUTION 2025-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT RATIFYING, CONFIRMING AND APPROVING THE RECORDING OF THE NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TWO RIDGES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Horse Trials Community Development District (“**District**”) is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District was established by an ordinance of Collier County, Florida, which became effective on April 29, 2025; and

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

WHEREAS, the organizational meeting of the District’s Board of Supervisors was scheduled for May 6, 2025 (the “Organizational Meeting”); and

WHEREAS, prior to the date of the Organizational Meeting, Kutak Rock LLP arranged for the recording of the “Notice of Establishment of the Horse Trials Community Development District” in the Collier County Official Records to ensure compliance with Florida law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. RATIFICATION. The actions of Kutak Rock LLP in recording the Notice of Establishment of the Horse Trials Community Development District are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

**Agreement Between the District
and VGlobalTech for Website Services**

Proposal For

Horse Trials Community Development District

Website Accessibility for People with Disabilities as per Nondiscrimination requirements of Title II of the American Disabilities Act (ADA) & WCAG

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1.0 The Law

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189.069 Special districts; required reporting of information; web-based public access. —

(1) Beginning on October 1, 2015, or by the end of the first full fiscal year after its creation, each special district shall maintain an official website containing the information required by this section. Each special district shall submit its official website address to the department.

(a) Each independent special district shall maintain a separate website.

(b) Each dependent special district shall be prominently displayed on the home page of the website of the local general-purpose government upon which it is dependent with a hyperlink to such webpages as are necessary to provide the information required by this section. A dependent special district may maintain a separate website providing the information required by this section.

(2)(a) A special district shall post the following information, at a minimum, on the district's official website:

1. The full legal name of the special district.
2. The public purpose of the special district.
3. The name, official address, official e-mail address, and, if applicable, term and appointing authority for each member of the governing body of the special district.
4. The fiscal year of the special district.
5. The full text of the special district's charter, the date of establishment, the establishing entity, and the statute or statutes under which the special district operates, if different from the statute or statutes under which the special district was established. Community development districts may reference chapter 190 as the uniform charter but must include information relating to any grant of special powers.
6. The mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number, and website uniform resource locator of the special district.
7. A description of the boundaries or service area of, and the services provided by, the special district.
8. A listing of all taxes, fees, assessments, or charges imposed and collected by the special district, including the rates or amounts for the fiscal year and the statutory authority for the levy

of the tax, fee, assessment, or charge. For purposes of this subparagraph, charges do not include patient charges by a hospital or other health care provider.

9. The primary contact information for the special district for purposes of communication from the department.

10. A code of ethics adopted by the special district, if applicable, and a hyperlink to generally applicable ethics provisions.

11. The budget of the special district and any amendments thereto in accordance with s.189.016.

12. The final, complete audit report for the most recent completed fiscal year and audit reports required by law or authorized by the governing body of the special district.

13. A listing of its regularly scheduled public meetings as required by s. 189.015(1).

14. The public facilities report, if applicable.

15. The link to the Department of Financial Services' website as set forth in s. 218.32(1)(g).

16. At least 7 days before each meeting or workshop, the agenda of the event, along with any meeting materials available in an electronic format, excluding confidential and exempt information. The information must remain on the website for at least 1 year after the event.

(b) The department's website list of special districts in the state required under s. 189.061 shall include a link for each special district that provides web-based access to the public for all information and documentation required for submission to the department pursuant to subsection

2.0 ADA & WCAG Compliance – Introduction

Every individual must have equal access to information whether it is in person service or online. This is a general agreement and understanding of access.

The Internet has dramatically changed the way state and local governments do business. Today, government agencies routinely make much more information about their programs, activities, and services available to the public by posting it on their websites. As a result, many people can easily access this information seven day a week, 24 hours a day.

Many government services and activities are also provided on websites because the public is able to participate in them at any time of day and without the assistance of government personnel. Many government websites offer a low cost, quick, and convenient way of filing tax returns, paying bills, renewing licenses, signing up for programs, applying for permits or funding, submitting job applications, and performing a wide variety of other activities.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and, if the government entities receive federal funding, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 generally require that state and local governments provide qualified individuals with disabilities equal access to their programs, services, or activities unless doing so would fundamentally alter the nature of their programs, services, or activities or would impose an undue burden. One way to help meet these requirements is to ensure that government websites have accessible features for people with disabilities, using the simple steps described in this document. An agency with an inaccessible website may also meet its legal obligations by providing an alternative accessible way for citizens to use the programs or services, such as a staffed telephone information line. These alternatives, however, are unlikely to provide an equal degree of access in terms of hours of operation and the range of options and programs available.

The World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) sets the main international standards for the World Wide Web and its accessibility. W3C created the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.0 and 2.1) which are similar to Section 508, but on an international level. WCAG 2.0 and 2.1 requires specific techniques for compliance and is more current than Section 508.

Many countries and international organizations require compliance with WCAG 2.0 and 2.1. The guidelines are categorized into three levels of compliance: A (must support), AA (should support), and AAA (may support). Representatives from the accessibility community around the world participate in the evolution of these guidelines.

Source: <https://www.w3.org/WAI/standards-guidelines/wcag/>

Visit <http://vglobaltech.com/website-compliance/> for more details, do a website compliance check on your website and to download a PDF proposal.

2.1 Common Problems and Solutions in Website Accessibility?

2.1.1 Problem: Images Without Text Equivalents

Solution: Add a Text Equivalent to Every Image

Adding a line of simple HTML code to provide text for each image and graphic will enable a user with a vision disability to understand what it is. Add a type of HTML tag, such as an “alt” tag for brief amounts of text or a “longdesc” tag for large amounts, to each image and graphic on your agency’s website.

The words in the tag should be more than a description. They should provide a text equivalent of the image. In other words, the tag should include the same meaningful information that other users obtain by looking at the image. In the example of the mayor’s picture, adding an “alt” tag with the words “Photograph of Mayor Jane Smith” provides a meaningful description.

In some circumstances, longer and more detailed text will be necessary to convey the same meaningful information that other visitors to the website can see. For example, a map showing the locations of neighborhood branches of a city library needs a tag with much more information in text format. In that instance, where the map conveys the locations of several facilities, add a “longdesc” tag that includes a text equivalent description of each location shown on the map – e.g., “City Center Library, 433 N. Main Street, located on North Main Street between 4th Avenue and 5th Avenue.”

2.1.2 Problem: Documents Are Not Posted in an Accessible Format

Solution: Post Documents in a Text-Based Format

Always provide documents in an alternative text-based format, such as HTML or RTF (Rich Text Format), in addition to PDF. Text-based formats are the most compatible with assistive technologies.

2.1.3 Problem: Specifying Colors and Font Sizes

Solution: Avoid Dictating Colors and Font Settings

Websites should be designed so they can be viewed with the color and font sizes set in users’ web browsers and operating systems. Users with low vision must be able to specify the text and background colors as well as the font sizes needed to see webpage content.

2.1.4 Problem: Videos and Other Multimedia Lack Accessible Features

Solution: Include Audio Descriptions and Captions

Videos need to incorporate features that make them accessible to everyone. Provide audio descriptions of images (including changes in setting, gestures, and other details) to make videos accessible to people who are blind or have low vision. Provide text captions synchronized with the video images to make videos and audio tracks accessible to people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

2.1.5 Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG)

Understanding the Four Principles of Accessibility

The guidelines and Success Criteria are organized around the following four principles, which lay the foundation necessary for anyone to access and use Web content. Anyone who wants to use the Web must have content that is:

1. **Perceivable** - Information and user interface components must be presentable to users in ways they can perceive.
 - This means that users must be able to perceive the information being presented (it can't be invisible to all of their senses)
2. **Operable** - User interface components and navigation must be operable.
 - This means that users must be able to operate the interface (the interface cannot require interaction that a user cannot perform)
3. **Understandable** - Information and the operation of user interface must be understandable.
 - This means that users must be able to understand the information as well as the operation of the user interface (the content or operation cannot be beyond their understanding)
4. **Robust** - Content must be robust enough that it can be interpreted reliably by a wide variety of user agents, including assistive technologies.
 - This means that users must be able to access the content as technologies advance (as technologies and user agents evolve, the content should remain accessible)

If any of these are not true, users with disabilities will not be able to use the Web.

Under each of the principles are guidelines and Success Criteria that help to address these principles for people with disabilities. There are many general usability guidelines that make content more **usable by all people**, including those with disabilities. However, in WCAG 2.1, we only include those guidelines that address problems particular to people with disabilities. This includes issues that block access or interfere with access to the Web more severely for people with disabilities.

See reference section at the end of this document for more information and websites for ADA, Usability and other important compliance issues and solutions.

VGlobalTech development and business management team shall study these compliance guidelines and with our technical capabilities apply these to make your website accessible, compatible and fully functional for all people, including those with disabilities.

Visit <https://vglobaltech.com/website-compliance/> for details of our compliance process and expertise in this area.

Please see References section for several resources on compliance.

3.0 Pricing

Website Complexity: **Medium Level Websites**

**VGlobalTech team shall complete the following critical tasks for client website.
All costs below are per website / CDD:**

3.1 Existing Website Remediation / New Website Build:

	Task
1.	Remediate existing website / Build new website from start as per Florida Statute Chapter 189 requirements. Ensure ADA & WCAG compliance requirements. Customer shall provide all documents and content required. ALL webpages on the website shall be made ADA compliant by our team. Create accessibility documents, code review, html updates, plugins / security updates required for ADA and WCAG compliance
2.	Cross-Device Check (Website needs to appear as per ADA standards on Mobile Phones, Tablets, Desktops etc.). Braille Readers, Other assistance technology compatibility
3.	ADA Standards application (as per Section 1 above). ADA.gov, Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG)
4.	PDF Documents conversion (to Text, HTML etc.) as needed for ADA Compliance / Reader Compliance (up to 2 years of documents shall be converted)
5.	Create a webpage showing websites ADA Compliance efforts
6.	Create customized footers with VGlobalTech' s ADA Compliance Seal (renewed quarterly as long as contract is in place)
	Web Design Total: \$3000/- (one time) <i>*Existing website will need only remediation and cleanup as per ADA & WCAG. Rebuild is NOT required.</i>

3.2 ADA Compliance Monthly Maintenance Email and Hosting

Maintenance contract starts after initial conversion is completed (It is critical to maintain compliance as websites get updated):

The Annual Maintenance **DOES NOT** include the quarterly audits proposed in the next section. Maintenance contract is required for VGlobalTech's proprietary document conversion software (PDF to RTF) to be used that allows faster, accurate and batch processing for document conversion.

	Task
1.	Full content upload support to regularly keep site updated (includes all documents, audit reports, agendas, meeting minutes, events etc). Ensure content is in ADA and WCAG compliance for the entire site. Section 508 stipulations (applicable to CDD) and FIA /eGIS insurance requirements are met. These points are very critical to maintain a fully compliant website at all times. <i>Update turnaround time – less than 24 hrs from customer sending the content and documents to be updated to VGT team.</i>
2.	PDF Documents conversion (to Text, HTML etc) as needed (<i>new documents during the maintenance year only</i>) for ADA Compliance / Reader Compliance. VGlobalTech's proprietary batch conversion software shall be used by our team for faster batch-conversion processing as long as the contract is valid (big time saver that creates compliant documents that can be uploaded to the website). There is no limit on how many documents or pages per document can be converted per month using VGlobalTech's software. If Auto conversion fails, VGlobalTech team shall perform manual OCR and conversion within 24 hrs.
3.	Update footer with VGlobalTech's ADA Compliance Seal
	Total Monthly Maintenance with full content upload, document conversion and Hosting: \$185 / month *Support beyond 8 hrs. / month / CDD shall be billed at \$55 / hr. separately (VGlobalTech team shall be responsible to track and report hours exceeded, if any) **Monthly price discounted for existing customers ***Monthly maintenance must be paid before the 10 th of every month

3.3 Quarterly Technical and Human Audit

This audit is as per the Florida Insurance Alliance guidelines. Please check with your insurance agency for specific requirements. **Read more here:** https://vglobaltech.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/FIA_ADA_Guidelines-2019-2020.pdf

VGlobalTech has developed a unique program for digital accessibility that is run by a highly skilled and experienced team in human auditing of websites and software as per the section 508 stipulations. Read more about our partnership here:

<https://vglobaltech.com/website-compliance/>

Digital Asset Technical Compliance Seal:



VGlobalTech in-house technical team shall remediate / test the website / software for ADA, WCAG compliance. VGlobalTech's technical design & development team is fully aware of the Americans with Disability Act (ADA), Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG), **Section 508** of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and overall, the design principles of a professional, accessible, functional and responsive web design. The entire team has taken dedicated time and efforts to learn these design principles firsthand.

Our purpose is clear – **Universal, Creative Web design that works for everyone, everywhere and every time!**

Cost for Audit: **\$300 / per quarter**

- Can be paid yearly for all 4 audits (\$1200) or can be paid per audit every quarter
- All CDD required website documents' conversions to compatible formats included
- Seals renewed every quarter
- Audits are conducted by VGlobalTech dev and ADA Expert Team

This proposal includes the following points, stipulations, terms and conditions:

*(1) conference call or in person meetings per month with client to review metrics, results and monthly recaps **unless otherwise noted*

* Email and phone communication

*Anything out of the scope of work in the above proposal will be addressed and client will be immediately notified. After notification of additional work, a subsequent quote will be provided to cover that work.

*The client is responsible to adhering to timelines as far as information required to complete the task is concerned. If timelines are not adhered to and exceed 15 business days past the current marketing months, on the last day, all work will end. A new month with new allocated costs will be presented for future work to commence. No refunds and owed work will be due unless otherwise agreed upon. **An Invoice will be provided once signature approval of this project proposal. Payments will be made to VGLOBALTECH**

*The client is responsible for verifying the quality of work, providing feedback, verifying that compliance has been met as required. The VGlobalTech team shall not be responsible for any legal ramifications arising from work not done as per external agencies / organizations / associations needs if proper feedback is not provided by the customer. VGlobalTech's work will be in the best faith but cannot guarantee all compliance / legal needs since we are not the final authority in the ADA or WCAG compliance area. VGlobalTech shall not be liable for any legal ramifications arising from compliance issues and cannot be held responsible for any legal or other lawsuits.

Refund Policy: The client may halt work and request a refund within seven days of the date of signing this services agreement by mailing a signed letter to the main address listed on www.VGlobalTech.com website. If the client requests a refund within seven days of the date of signing their agreement, they shall be liable to pay for all the work completed and will be refunded the remaining balance of the initial payment if the billable work has not exceeded a charge that would be greater than the client's initial payment. If the client requests a refund after seven days from the date of the signing of the agreement the client is liable to pay for all work completed plus an additional 25% of any remaining balance that may still be due. Once line-item projects are complete no refunds will be issued. Confidentiality: All information between client and service provider inclusive of technical and business information relating to proprietary ideas, patentable ideas and/or trade secrets, existing and/or contemplated products and services, research and development, production, costs, profit and margin information, finances and financial projections, customers, clients, marketing, and current or future business plans and models, regardless of whether such information is designated as "Confidential Information" at the time of its disclosure and will be treated as such and with absolute confidentiality and will not be shared or used, which will be maintained at all times. The client is

not allowed to disclose their price with any third party. Doing so is in breach of this agreement. All information development will be shared and proprietary information and property between client and service providers.

4.0 Proposal Acceptance:

The VGlobalTech proposed solution, and terms have been accepted by the customer and the VGlobalTech can proceed with the project. All payments shall be made according to this agreement.

Signatures:

For Customer Date

VB Joshi
For VGlobalTech Date

5.0 References:

ADA Best Practices Tool Kit for State and Local Governments:

<https://www.ada.gov/pcatoolkit/chap5toolkit.htm>

U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section

<https://www.ada.gov/websites2.htm>

Web design Standards: <https://www.w3schools.com/>

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) <https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG21/>

VGlobalTech Web Content Accessibility Implementation and Checkpoints:

<http://vglobaltech.com/website-compliance/>



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**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

**Resolution 2025-22,
Authorizing Execution of Public Depositor Report**

RESOLUTION 2025-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT MANAGER OR TREASURER TO EXECUTE THE PUBLIC DEPOSITORS REPORT; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ANY OTHER FINANCIAL REPORTS AS REQUIRED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) of the Horse Trials Community Development District (the “District”) has established the positions of District Manager and Treasurer for the purposes of maintaining the financial records of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to authorize District staff to execute the Public Depositor Report and all other financial reports required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District Manager or Treasurer are hereby authorized, on behalf of the District, to execute the Public Depositor Report and to transmit same to the Treasurer of the State of Florida as required by Chapter 280, *Florida Statutes*, as amended, and any and all other financial reports required by any other rule, statute, law, ordinance or regulation.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

**Resolution 2025-23,
Authorization to Establish Checking Account and
Designation of Authorized Signatories for Operating
Account(s)**

RESOLUTION 2025-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DIRECTING PFM GROUP CONSULTING LLC, TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL BANK ACCOUNT AT VALLEY NATIONAL BANK FOR THE DISTRICT AND APPOINT THE CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY, TREASURER AND ASSISTANT TREASURERS AS SIGNORS ON THE ACCOUNT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Horse Trials Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and situated entirely within Collier County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors desires to establish a local bank account for the District and appoint Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer(s) as signors on the account.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1. PFM Group Consulting LLC is directed to establish a local bank account at Valley National Bank for the District.

SECTION 2. The Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer(s) shall be appointed as signors on the account.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6TH day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

**Resolution 2025-24,
Authorizing the Disbursement of Funds**

RESOLUTION 2025-24

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

WHEREAS, the Horse Trials Community Development District ("**District**") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated in the Collier County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Section 190.011(5), *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to adopt resolutions which may be necessary for the conduct of District business; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Supervisors ("**Board**") meets as necessary to conduct the business of the District, including authorizing the payment of District operating and maintenance expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Board may establish monthly, quarterly or other meeting dates, or may cancel scheduled meetings from time to time; and

WHEREAS, to conduct the business of the District in an efficient manner, recurring, non-recurring and other disbursements for goods and services must be processed and paid in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the Board determines this Resolution is in the best interest of the District and is necessary for the efficient conduct of District business; the health, safety, and welfare of the residents within the District; and the preservation of District assets or facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. CONTINUING EXPENSES. The Board hereby authorizes the payment of invoices of continuing expenses, which meet the following requirements:

- a) The invoices must be due on or before the next scheduled meeting of the Board.
- b) The invoice must be pursuant to a contract or agreement authorized by the Board.

- c) The total amount paid under such contract or agreement, including the current invoice, must be equal to or less than the amount specified in the contract or agreement.
- d) The invoice amount will not cause payments to exceed the adopted budget of the District.

2. NON-CONTINUING EXPENSES. The Board hereby authorizes the disbursement of funds for payment of invoices of non-continuing expenses which are (i) required to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents within the District; or (ii) required to repair, control, or maintain a District facility or asset beyond the normal, usual, or customary maintenance required for such facility or assets, or (iii) are necessary to avoid an unnecessary expense that may be imposed on the District in connection with a District project; or (iv) are for routine services performed on an annual basis and the amount of such services is reflected in the District's annual budget, or (v) are otherwise for an emergency circumstance, pursuant to the following schedule:

- a) Non-Continuing Expenses Not Exceeding \$5,000 - with approval of the District Manager; and
- b) Non-Continuing Expenses Exceeding \$5,000 - with approval of the District Manager and Chairperson of the Board (or Vice Chairperson in the Chairperson's absence).

3. BOARD RATIFICATION. Any payment made pursuant to the Resolution shall be submitted to the Board at the next scheduled meeting for approval and ratification.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6TH day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

**Resolution 2025-25,
Adopting Investment Guidelines**

RESOLUTION 2025-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, ADOPTING THE ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT GUIDELINES FOR INVESTING PUBLIC FUNDS IN EXCESS OF AMOUNTS NEEDED TO MEET CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 218.415(17), FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Horse Trials Community Development District (the “**District**”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statute and situated entirely within Collier, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors (the “**Board**”) is required to adopt an investment policy in accordance with Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt the alternative investment guidelines for the investment of public funds in excess of amounts needed to meet current operating expenses, in accordance with Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

Section 1. The District hereby adopts the alternative investment guidelines for the investment of public funds in excess of the amounts needed to meet current operating expenses, in accordance with Section 218.415(17), *Florida Statutes*. The District may invest in the following instruments and may divest itself of investments, at prevailing prices or rates:

- a. The Local Government Surplus Trust Fund, or any intergovernmental investment pool authorized pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act, as provided in Section 163.01, *Florida Statutes*.
- b. Securities and Exchange Commission registered money market funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency.
- c. Interest-bearing time deposits or savings accounts in qualified public depositories, as defined in Section 280.02, *Florida Statutes*.
- d. Direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury.

Section 2. Securities listed in paragraphs c. and d. shall be invested to provide sufficient liquidity to pay obligations as they come due.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

**Resolution 2025-26,
Adopting Internal Controls Policy**

RESOLUTION 2025-26

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING AN INTERNAL
CONTROLS POLICY CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 218.33, FLORIDA
STATUTES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Horse Trials Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

EXHIBIT "A"

HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT INTERNAL CONTROLS POLICY

1. Purpose.

- 1.1. The purpose of this internal controls policy is to establish and maintain internal controls for the Horse Trials Community Development District.
- 1.2. Consistent with Section 218.33(3), *Florida Statutes*, the internal controls adopted herein are designed to:
 - 1.2.1. Prevent and detect Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (as hereinafter defined).
 - 1.2.2. Promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices.
 - 1.2.3. Support economical and efficient operations.
 - 1.2.4. Ensure reliability of financial records and reports.
 - 1.2.5. Safeguard Assets (as hereinafter defined).

2. Definitions.

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

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

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

3. Control Environment.

3.1. Ethical and Honest Behavior.

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

4. Risk Assessment.

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

4.1.2. Evaluating the likelihood and extent of harm.

4.1.3. Identifying cost-justified precautions and implementing those precautions.

5. Control Activities.

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

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

5.1.1.1. Identifying and segregating incompatible duties and/or implementing mitigating controls.

5.1.1.2. Performing accounting functions in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) standards.

5.1.1.3. Requiring proper authorizations to access and/or modify accounting software.

5.1.1.4. Implementing computerized accounting techniques (e.g. to help identify coding errors, avoid duplicate invoices, etc.).

5.1.1.5. Maintaining a schedule of the District's material fixed Assets.

5.1.1.6. Maintaining physical control over the District's material and vulnerable Assets (e.g. lock and key, computer passwords, network firewalls, etc.).

5.1.1.7. Retaining and restricting access to sensitive documents.

5.1.1.8. Performing regular electronic data backups.

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

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

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

6. Information and Communication.

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

7. Monitoring Activities.

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

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

Effective date: January 14, 2025

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

**Resolution 2025-27,
Authorizing the Direct Purchases**

RESOLUTION 2025-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING AN INDIVIDUAL DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ACT AS THE DISTRICT'S PURCHASING AGENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCURING, ACCEPTING, AND MAINTAINING ANY AND ALL CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS NECESSARY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE OR COMPLETION OF THE DISTRICT'S INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THE DISTRICT'S ADOPTED IMPROVEMENT PLAN; PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL OF A WORK AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF MATERIALS; APPROVING THE FORM OF A PURCHASE REQUISITION REQUEST; APPROVING THE FORM OF A PURCHASE ORDER; APPROVING THE FORM OF A CERTIFICATE OF ENTITLEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF INSURANCE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

WHEREAS, the District Board of Supervisors (the "Board"), upon recommendation of the District Engineer, has adopted or will adopt an improvement plan for the construction and installation of certain infrastructure improvements within the District (the "Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, the District has or will enter into various construction contracts for the construction and installation of the Improvements (the "Construction Contracts"); and

WHEREAS, the Construction Contracts allow, or will be amended to allow, for the direct purchase by the District of certain construction materials necessary for those contracts; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that such direct purchase of construction materials will provide a significant construction cost reduction that is in the best interest of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to have a District representative who is familiar with the project and who is knowledgeable in the area of procuring and handling construction materials act as its representative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District Engineer, the District Manager or another individual as shall be appointed by the Board (the “Purchasing Agent”) shall have the full authority of the District to issue purchase orders or enter into purchase agreements on behalf of the District at such times and intervals as it determines necessary for the timely receipt of construction materials required by the Contractor for the prosecution of the construction project.

SECTION 2. The Purchasing Agent shall purchase on behalf of the District only those materials identified in the Construction Contracts and in amounts not to exceed the cost amount contained therein and as included in the Construction Contracts.

SECTION 3. The Purchasing Agent shall be authorized to purchase on behalf of the District any additional construction materials that are identified in a schedule of values associated with any change order(s) to the Construction Contracts or that of any subcontractor to the Contractor which is approved by the District.

SECTION 4. Should the District Engineer act as the Purchasing Agent for any given Construction Contract, a work authorization of the District Engineer, a form of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, is hereby approved and/or ratified, and the District Engineer shall be paid such reasonable fees, costs and expenses, related to its actions as the District’s Purchasing Agent as provided for in the District Engineer’s agreement with the District.

SECTION 5. The Purchasing Agent is further authorized to take any other administrative actions that are consistent with his/her duties as the District’s Purchasing Agent, including but not limited to, negotiating for lower prices on materials from other suppliers, arranging for the storage, delivery, and protection of purchased materials, and sending and receiving notices and releases as are required by law.

SECTION 6. The District Manager is hereby directed to purchase Builders All Risk Insurance on behalf of the District and with the District as the named insured in such amounts as are necessary to cover the estimated costs of the construction materials pursuant to the Construction Contract.

SECTION 7. The procurement procedures and its exhibits, attached hereto as **Composite Exhibit B** and incorporated herein by reference, are hereby approved and/or ratified, and shall be used by the Purchasing Agent for the purchase of construction materials on behalf of the District.

SECTION 8. The actions of current and prior members of the Board and District staff in effectuating the District’s direct purchase of materials relative to the Construction Contracts, including but not limited to the execution of any documents related therewith, are hereby determined to be in accordance with the prior authorizations of the District’s Chairman, Vice Chair in the Chairman’s absence, and/or the Board, and are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed all respects.

SECTION 9. If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

EXHIBIT A

Work Authorization

May 6, 2025

Board of Supervisors
Horse Trials Community Development District

Subject: **Work Authorization Number 2**
Horse Trials Community Development District

Dear Chairman, Board of Supervisors:

LJA (the "Engineer") is pleased to submit this work authorization to provide engineering services for the Horse Trials Community Development District (the "District"). We will provide these services pursuant to our current agreement dated May 6, 2025 (the "Engineering Agreement") as follows:

I. Scope of Work

The Engineer will act as Purchasing Agent for the District with respect to the direct purchase of construction materials for the District's Improvements in accordance with the procurement procedures adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

II. Compensation

The Engineer will be compensated for this work at the hourly rates established pursuant to the Engineering Agreement.

III. Other Direct Costs

Other direct costs include items such as printing, drawings, travel, deliveries, et cetera, pursuant to the Engineering Agreement.

This work authorization, together with the Engineering Agreement, represents the entire understanding between the District and the Engineer with regard to the referenced services and supersedes any previously executed proposal or agreement related to the provision of such services. If you wish to accept this work authorization, please sign where indicated and return to our office. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED

Sincerely,

By:

Authorized Representative of District

Date:

By: _____

COMPOSITE EXHIBIT B

PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES FOR OWNER PURCHASED MATERIAL

1. **Purchase Requisition Request Forms.** At least ten (10) calendar days prior to CONTRACTOR ordering construction materials, CONTRACTOR shall prepare and forward to the Horse Trials Community Development District (the "OWNER") a separate Purchasing Requisition Request Form for each supplier in the form attached hereto as **Attachment 1**, specifically identifying the construction materials which CONTRACTOR plans to order from each supplier so that OWNER may, in its sole discretion, elect to purchase directly such construction materials.
2. **Purchase Orders.** After receipt of the Purchasing Requisition Request Form, the OWNER shall prepare Purchase Orders in the form attached hereto as **Attachment 2**, for construction materials which the OWNER wishes to purchase directly. Purchase Orders shall require that the supplier provide required shipping and handling insurance. Purchase Orders shall also require the delivery of the Owner Purchased Materials on the delivery dates provided by the CONTRACTOR in the Purchasing Requisition Request Form. Pursuant to the Purchase Order, the supplier will provide the CONTRACTOR the required quantities of construction material at the price established in the supplier's quote less any associated sales tax.
3. **Certificate of Entitlement.** The OWNER shall execute a separate Certificate of Entitlement for each Purchase Order in the form attached hereto as **Attachment 3**, and furnish a copy of same to the supplier and to the CONTRACTOR in accordance with Section 4. Each Certificate of Entitlement must have attached thereto the corresponding Purchase Order.

Each Certificate of Entitlement shall acknowledge that if the Department of Revenue determines the purchase is not a tax exempt purchase by a governmental entity, then the governmental entity will be responsible for any tax, penalties and interest determined to be due.

Each Certificate of Entitlement shall affirm that: (1) the attached Purchase Order is being issued directly to the vendor supplying the tangible personal property the CONTRACTOR will use in the identified public works; (2) the vendor's invoice will be issued directly to the governmental entity; (3) payment of the vendor's invoice will be made directly by the governmental entity to the vendor from public funds; (4) the governmental entity will take title to the tangible personal property from the vendor at the time of purchase or of delivery by the vendor; and (5) the governmental entity assumes the risk of damage or loss at the time of purchase or delivery by the vendor.

4. **Transmission of Certificate of Entitlement and Attached Purchase Order.** At least two (2) calendar days prior to CONTRACTOR placing OWNER'S order for the construction materials, OWNER shall forward each Certificate of Entitlement, together with the attached Purchase Order, to CONTRACTOR and to supplier. Promptly upon receipt of the Owner Purchased Materials specified in each Purchase Order, CONTRACTOR shall verify the purchase of the Owner Purchased Materials

in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Order and in a manner to assure timely delivery of the Owner Purchased Materials.

5. Notice of Reduction in Contract Price. On or about the last business day of each month, OWNER shall deliver to the CONTRACTOR a Notice of Reduction in Contract Price (hereinafter "Notice"). Each Notice shall list all Owner Purchased Materials for the respective month and the total price for all such construction materials, plus all sales taxes which would have been associated with such construction materials had the CONTRACTOR purchased the construction materials. Each Notice may also include the total price and sales tax (had CONTRACTOR purchased) for any previously purchased Owner Purchased Materials which for any reason were not previously deducted from the contract price. The contract price will be reduced automatically and as a ministerial task by the amount set forth in each Notice. Each Notice will also reflect the amended contract balance reflecting the deductions taken in said Notice.

The intent of this provision is to cause the contract price to be reduced automatically by the amount OWNER pays for Owner Purchased Materials plus the amount of applicable sales tax that would have been paid for such construction materials, had the CONTRACTOR or any other non-tax exempt entity purchased the construction materials. All savings of sales taxes shall accrue solely to the benefit of OWNER, and CONTRACTOR shall not benefit whatsoever from savings of any such taxes.

6. Payment for Owner Purchased Materials. In order to arrange for the prompt payment to suppliers, the CONTRACTOR shall provide to the OWNER a list indicating on behalf of the owner of the Owner Purchased Materials within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of said Owner Purchased Materials. The list shall include a copy of the applicable Purchase Orders, invoices, delivery tickets, written acceptance of the delivered items, and such other documentation as may be reasonably required by the OWNER. Upon receipt of the appropriate documentation, the OWNER shall prepare a check drawn to the supplier based upon the receipt of data provided. OWNER will make payment to each supplier. The CONTRACTOR agrees to assist the OWNER to immediately obtain appropriate partial or final release of waivers.

OWNER shall be responsible for the full payment of all valid and due invoices for Owner Purchased Materials and shall not be entitled to retain the standard ten (10%) percent amount of the progress payment due to the CONTRACTOR as is otherwise provided for in the contract documents.

CONTRACTOR shall affirm that the vendor supplying the Owner Purchased Materials is not also the installer of the Owner Purchased Materials. CONTRACTOR shall further affirm that the installer of the Owner Purchased Materials did not manufacture, fabricate or furnish the Owner Purchased Materials.

7. CONTRACTOR Responsibilities. CONTRACTOR shall be fully responsible for all matters relating to ordering, storing, protecting, receipt, and handling for all construction materials including Owner Purchased Materials, in accordance with these procedures including, but not limited to,

verifying correct quantities, verifying documents of orders in a timely manner, coordinating purchases, providing and obtaining all warranties and guarantees required by the contract documents, inspection and acceptance on behalf of the owner of the construction materials at the time of delivery, and loss or damage to the construction materials following acceptance of construction materials, due to the negligence of the CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall serve as bailee with respect to such Owner Purchased Materials. The CONTRACTOR shall coordinate delivery schedules, sequence of delivery, loading orientation, and other arrangements normally required by the CONTRACTOR for the construction materials furnished including Owner Purchased Materials. The CONTRACTOR shall provide all services required for the unloading, handling and storage of construction materials through installation including Owner Purchased Materials. The CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the OWNER from any and all claims of whatever nature resulting from non-payment for Owner Purchased Materials arising from CONTRACTOR actions.

7.1 Inspection and Documentation. As Owner Purchased Materials are delivered to the job site, CONTRACTOR shall visually inspect all shipments from the suppliers, and approve the vendor's invoice for construction materials delivered. The CONTRACTOR shall assure that each delivery of Owner Purchased Material is accompanied by documentation adequate to identify the Purchase Order against which the purchase is made. This documentation may consist of a delivery ticket and an invoice from the supplier conforming to the Purchase Order together with such additional information as the OWNER may require. All invoices for Owner Purchase Materials shall include the Owner's consumer certificate of exemption number. The CONTRACTOR will then forward all such invoices to the OWNER. On or about the 15th and last day of each month (or the next succeeding business day), CONTRACTOR shall review all invoices submitted by all suppliers of Owner Purchased Materials delivered to the Project site(s) during that month and either concur or object to the OWNER's issuance of payment to the suppliers, based upon CONTRACTOR's records of Owner Purchased Materials delivered to the site and whether any defects or non-conformities exist in such Owner Purchased Materials.

7.2 Warranties, Guarantees, Repairs and Maintenance. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for obtaining and managing on behalf of the Owner all warranties and guarantees for all construction materials as required by the contract documents and shall fully warrant all construction materials including all Owner Purchased Materials. OWNER's purchase of various construction materials shall not in any manner impact or reduce CONTRACTOR's duty to warrant said construction materials. The OWNER may forward all repair, maintenance, non-conforming construction materials calls, or any other issues relating to the construction materials to the CONTRACTOR for resolution with the appropriate supplier, vendor, or subcontractor. The CONTRACTOR shall resolve all such calls or issues.

7.3 Records and Accountings. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain records of all Owner Purchased Materials it incorporates into the work from the stock of Owner Purchased Materials in its possession as bailee. The CONTRACTOR shall account monthly to the OWNER for any Owner Purchased Materials delivered into the CONTRACTOR's possession, indicating portions of all such construction materials which have been incorporated into the work.

7.4 Defective or Non-conforming Construction Materials. The CONTRACTOR shall ensure that Owner Purchased Materials conform to specifications, and determine prior to incorporation into the work if such construction materials are defective or non-conforming, whether such construction materials are identical to the construction materials ordered, and match the description on the bill of lading. If the CONTRACTOR discovers defective or non-conforming Owner Purchased Material upon such visual inspection, the CONTRACTOR shall not utilize such non-conforming or defective construction materials in the work and instead shall promptly notify the OWNER of the defective or non-conforming conditions so repair or replacement of such construction materials can occur without any undue delay or interruption to the Project. If the CONTRACTOR fails to adequately and properly perform such inspection or otherwise incorporates into the Project defective or non-conforming Owner Purchased Materials, the condition of which it either knew or should have known by performance of an inspection, CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for all damages to OWNER resulting from CONTRACTOR's incorporation of such construction materials into the Project, including liquidated or delay damages.

8. Title. Notwithstanding the transfer of Owner Purchased Materials by the OWNER to the CONTRACTOR's possession as bailee for the OWNER, the OWNER shall retain legal and equitable title to any and all Owner Purchased Materials.

9. Insurance and Risk of Loss. The OWNER shall purchase and maintain Builder's Risk Insurance sufficient to protect against any loss or damage to Owner Purchased Materials. Owner shall be the named insured and such insurance shall cover the full value of any Owner Purchased Materials not yet incorporated into the Project during the period between the time the OWNER first takes title to any such Owner Purchased Materials and the time when the last of such Owner Purchased Materials is incorporated into the Project or consumed in the process of completing the Project.

10. No Damages for Delay. The OWNER shall in no way be liable for, and CONTRACTOR waives all claims for, any damages relating to or caused by alleged interruption or delay due to ordering or arrival of Owner Purchased Materials, defects, or other problems of any nature with such construction materials, late payment for such construction materials, or any other circumstance associated with Owner Purchased Materials, regardless of whether OWNER's conduct caused, in whole or in part, such alleged damages. The foregoing waiver by CONTRACTOR includes damages for acceleration and inefficiencies. CONTRACTOR accepts from OWNER as further and specific consideration for the foregoing waivers, OWNER's undertaking to pay for and finance all Owner Purchased Materials.

Attachment 1

PURCHASE REQUISITION REQUEST FORM

1. Contact Person for the material supplier.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

2. Manufacturer or brand, model or specification number of the item.

3. Quantity needed as estimated by CONTRACTOR. _____

4. The price quoted by the supplier for the construction materials identified above.
\$ _____

5. The sales tax associated with the price quote. \$ _____

6. Shipping and handling insurance cost. \$ _____

7. Delivery dates as established by CONTRACTOR. _____

OWNER: Horse Trials Community Development District

Authorized Signature (Title)

Date

CONTRACTOR: _____

Authorized Signature (Title)

Date

Attachment 2

PURCHASE ORDER

1. **SEE ATTACHED PURCHASE REQUISITION REQUEST FORM DATED**_____, **20**__.
2. Horse Trials Community Development District State of Florida sales tax exemption certificate number: _____

Horse Trials Community Development District is the Purchaser of the construction materials purchased pursuant to this Purchase Order. Supplier shall provide for the required shipping and handling insurance cost for delivery of the construction materials by the delivery date specified in this Purchase Order.

OWNER: Horse Trials Community Development District

Authorized Signature (Title)

Date

CONTRACTOR: _____

Authorized Signature (Title)

Date

Attachment 3

CERTIFICATE OF ENTITLEMENT

The undersigned authorized representative of Horse Trials Community Development District (hereinafter "Governmental Entity"), Florida Consumer's Certificate of Exemption Number _____, affirms that the tangible personal property purchased pursuant to Purchase Order Number _____ from _____ (Vendor) on or after _____, 20__ (date) will be incorporated into or become a part of a public facility as part of a public works contract pursuant to Contract # _____ with _____ (Name of Contractor) for the construction of _____.

The Governmental Entity affirms that the purchase of the tangible personal property contained in the attached Purchase Order meets the following exemption requirements contained in Section 212.08(6), F.S., and Rule 12A-1.094, F.A.C.:

You must initial each of the following requirements.

- ____ 1. The attached Purchase Order is issued directly to the vendor supplying the tangible personal property the Contractor will use in the identified public works.
- ____ 2. The vendor's invoice will be issued directly to Governmental Entity.
- ____ 3. Payment of the vendor's invoice will be made directly by Governmental Entity to the vendor from public funds.
- ____ 4. Governmental Entity will take title to the tangible personal property from the vendor at the time of purchase or of delivery by the vendor.
- ____ 5. Governmental Entity assumes the risk of damage or loss at the time of purchase or delivery by the vendor.

The Governmental Entity affirms that if the tangible personal property identified in the attached Purchase Order does not qualify for the exemption provided in Section 212.08(6), F.S., and Rule 12A-1.094, F.A.C., the Governmental Entity will be subject to the tax, interest, and penalties due on the tangible personal property purchased. If the Florida Department of Revenue determines that the tangible personal property purchased tax-exempt by issuing this Certificate does not qualify for the exemption, the Governmental Entity will be liable for any tax, penalty, and interest determined to be due.

I understand that if I fraudulently issue this certificate to evade the payment of sales tax I will be liable for payment of the sales tax plus a penalty of 200% of the tax and may be subject to conviction of a third degree felony. Under the penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing Certificate of Entitlement and the facts stated in it are true.

Signature of Authorized Representative
of Governmental Entity

Title

Horse Trials Community Development District

Purchaser's Name

Date

Federal Employer Identification Number: _____

Telephone Number: _____

You must attach a copy of the Purchase Order to this Certificate of Entitlement. Do not send to the Florida Department of Revenue. This Certificate of Entitlement must be retained in the Vendor's and the Contractor's books and records.

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

**Resolution 2025-28,
Adopting Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures,
and Standards**

RESOLUTION 2025-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND STANDARDS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Horse Trials Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2024, the Florida Legislature adopted House Bill 7013, codified as Chapter 2024-136, Laws of Florida (“HB 7013”) and creating Section 189.0694, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to HB 7013 and Section 189.0694, Florida Statutes, beginning October 1, 2024, the District shall establish goals and objectives for the District and create performance measures and standards to evaluate the District’s achievement of those goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, the District Manager has prepared the attached goals, objectives, and performance measures and standards and presented them to the Board of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors (“Board”) finds that it is in the best interests of the District to adopt by resolution the attached goals, objectives and performance measures and standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

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

SECTION 2. The District Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the goals, objectives and performance measures and standards as provided in **Exhibit A**. The District Manager shall take all actions to comply with Section 189.0694, Florida Statutes, and shall prepare an annual report regarding the District’s success or failure in achieving the adopted goals and objectives for consideration by the Board of the District.

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

SECTION 4. This resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Performance Measures/Standards and Annual Reporting

Exhibit A

Exhibit A:
Goals, Objectives and Annual Reporting Form

**Performance Measures/Standards &
Annual Reporting Form**

October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025

1. Community Communication and Engagement

Goal 1.1: Public Meetings Compliance

Objective: Hold at least two regular Board of Supervisor meetings per year to conduct CDD related business and discuss community needs.

Measurement: Number of public board meetings held annually as evidenced by meeting minutes and legal advertisements.

Standard: A minimum of two board meetings were held during the Fiscal Year.

Achieved: Yes ☐ No ☐

Goal 1.2: Notice of Meetings Compliance

Objective: Provide public notice of each meeting at least seven days in advance, as specified in Section 190.007(1), using at least two communication methods.

Measurement: Timeliness and method of meeting notices as evidenced by posting to CDD website, publishing in local newspaper and via electronic communication.

Standard: 100% of meetings were advertised with 7 days notice per statute on at least two mediums (i.e., newspaper, CDD website, electronic communications).

Achieved: Yes ☐ No ☐

Goal 1.3: Access to Records Compliance

Objective: Ensure that public records are readily available and easily accessible to the public by completing monthly CDD website checks.

Measurement: Monthly website reviews will be completed to ensure other public records are up to date as evidenced by District Management's records.

Standard: 100% of monthly website checks were completed by District Management.

Achieved: Yes ☐ No ☐

2. Financial Transparency and Accountability

Goal 3.1: Annual Budget Preparation

Objective: Prepare and approve the annual proposed budget by June 15 and final budget was adopted by September 30 each year.

Measurement: Proposed budget was approved by the Board before June 15 and final budget was adopted by September 30 as evidenced by meeting minutes and budget documents listed on CDD website and/or within district records.

Standard: 100% of budget approval & adoption were completed by the statutory deadlines and posted to the CDD website.

Achieved: Yes ☐ No ☐

Goal 2.2: Financial Reports

Objective: Publish to the CDD website the most recent versions of the following documents: Annual audit and current fiscal year budget with any amendments.

Measurement: Annual audit and current fiscal years' budgets are accessible to the public as evidenced by corresponding documents on the CDD's website.

Standard: CDD website contains 100% of the following information: Most recent annual audit and most recent adopted/amended fiscal year budget.

Achieved: Yes ☐ No ☐

Goal 2.3: Annual Financial Audit

Objective: Conduct an annual independent financial audit per statutory requirements and publish the results to the CDD website for public inspection, and transmit to the State of Florida.

Measurement: Timeliness of audit completion and publication as evidenced by meeting minutes showing board approval and annual audit is available on the CDD's website and transmitted to the State of Florida.

Standard: Audit was completed by an independent auditing firm per statutory requirements and results were posted to the CDD website and transmitted to the State of Florida.

Achieved: Yes ☐ No ☐

Chair/Vice Chair: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

District Manager: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

**Resolution 2025-29,
Declaring the Intent to Accept Responsibility for the Perpetual
Operation, Maintenance, and Funding of the Stormwater and
Surface Water Management Facilities and Wetland
Conservation Areas, Mitigation Areas, and Wildlife Habitats**

RESOLUTION 2025-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DECLARING THE DISTRICT'S INTENT TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PERPETUAL OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND FUNDING OF THE STORMWATER AND SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES AND WETLAND CONSERVATION AREAS, MITIGATION AREAS, AND WILDLIFE HABITATS.

WHEREAS, the Horse Trials Community Development District (the "**District**") is a local unit of special-purpose government established by Collier County, Florida pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes* and for the purpose of providing, operating and maintaining infrastructure improvements, facilities and services to the lands within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District is a perpetual-existing government entity that operates in the public interest and is governed by the public records laws, open government laws, and code of ethics of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized to finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate, and maintain systems, facilities, and basic infrastructures for storm water management improvements, conservation areas, mitigation areas, wildlife habitat, and any related interest in real or personal property, pursuant to its establishing ordinance and Section 190.012(1), *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District's operations and maintenance special assessments are a reliable source of funding which are enforced in the same manner as county taxes, and constitute a lien on the property against which assessed from the date of imposition thereof until paid, coequal with the lien of state, county, municipal, and school board taxes, pursuant to Section 190.021, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the owner and developer of the lands located within the District is in the process of seeking an Environmental Resource Permit from the South Florida Water Management District for the construction and development of the Horse Trials project within the District's boundaries (the "**Permit**"), which Permit will include requirements for the construction and eventual operation and maintenance of certain stormwater and surface water management facilities and wetland conservation areas, mitigation areas, and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, the District has declared its intent to finance, construct, acquire, operate and/or maintain stormwater and surface water management facilities (the "**Stormwater System**"), and wetland conservation areas, mitigation areas, and wildlife habitat (the "**Preserves**") as part of the District's adopted capital improvement plan;

WHEREAS, consistent with its adopted capital improvement plan, the District intends to assume operation and maintenance responsibility for the Stormwater System and Preserves in

accordance with applicable regulatory requirements as determined by the South Florida Water Management District and in accordance with the Permit; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the issuance of the Permit, the District's Board of Supervisors desires to adopt this Resolution evidencing its intent relative to same.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

1. RECITALS. The foregoing statement of background and purpose is hereby adopted as part of this Resolution for all purposes.

2. PERPETUAL OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND FUNDING OBLIGATION. The District acknowledges and agrees that it will accept and cooperate in the transfer of responsibility for ownership, operation, and maintenance of the Stormwater System, Preserves, and associated real and personal property and in the transfer of the Permit for acceptance of operation and maintenance responsibilities thereunder upon transfer of the permit from the construction phase to the operation and maintenance phase. The District acknowledges and agrees that consistent with its powers and purpose, it will perpetually operate, maintain, and fund the Stormwater System and Preserves as required by the Permit.

3. ANNUAL BUDGETING AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDS. Upon the transfer of the Stormwater System and Preserves to the operation phase, the District shall include the anticipated associated operation and maintenance costs within its annual operations and maintenance budget in an amount sufficient to comply with the Permit. The District agrees to fund such operational and maintenance activities through landowner funding or through the annual levy of operation and maintenance special assessments as authorized under Florida law, including Section 190.021(3), *Florida Statutes*.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take immediate effect upon its adoption.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this 6th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman/Vice Chairman

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

Bond Financing Team Funding Agreement

BOND FINANCING TEAM FUNDING AGREEMENT

This Bond Financing Team Funding Agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2025, by and between:

Horse Trials Community Development District, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and located in Collier County, Florida, with a mailing address of c/o PFM Group Consulting, LLC, 3501 Quadrangle Boulevard, Suite 270, Orlando, Florida 32817 (the "District"); and

Collier Land Holdings, LTD and CDC Investment Properties, LLC, a Florida limited partnership and Florida limited liability company, respectively, (together "Developer") and the developers of the lands in the District with a mailing address of 999 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Suite 507, Naples, Florida 34108.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District was established by an ordinance adopted by Collier County, Florida, for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the District presently expects to access the public bond market to provide for the financing of certain capital improvements, facilities, and services to benefit the lands within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District and the Developer desire to enter into this Agreement to provide funds to enable the District to commence its financing program.

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

SECTION 1. PROVISION OF FUNDS. Developer agrees to make available to the District such monies as are necessary to proceed with the issuance of bonds or other indebtedness to fund the District's improvements, facilities and services.

A. Developer agrees to provide to the District any such monies upon receipt of an invoice from the District requesting such funds. Such funds, and all future funds provided pursuant to this Agreement, may be supplied by check, cash, wire transfer or other form of payment deemed satisfactory in the sole discretion of the District as determined by the District Manager. The District agrees to authorize District staff, including the District Engineer, District Manager, and District Counsel to proceed with the work contemplated by this Agreement, and

to retain a Bond Counsel and Assessment Consultant and other professional assistance as may be necessary to proceed with the work contemplated by this Agreement.

B. Developer and the District agree that all fees, costs or other expenses incurred by the District for the services of the District's Engineer, Counsel, Assessment Consultant or other professionals, for the work contemplated by this Agreement shall be paid solely from the funds provided by Developer pursuant to this Agreement. Such payments shall be made in accordance with the District's normal invoice and payment procedures. The District agrees that any funds provided by Developer pursuant to this Agreement shall be used solely for fees, costs, and expenses arising from or related to the work contemplated by this Agreement.

C. The District agrees to provide to Developer, on a monthly basis, copies of all invoices, requisitions, or other bills for which payment is to be made from the funds provided by Developer. The District agrees to provide to Developer, monthly, a statement from the District Manager showing funds on deposit prior to payment, payments made, and funds remaining on deposit with the District.

D. Developer agrees to provide funds within fifteen (15) days of receipt of written notification from the District Manager of the need for such funds.

E. In the event that Developer fails to provide any such funds pursuant to this Agreement, Developer and the District agree the work may be halted until such time as sufficient funds are provided by Developer to ensure payment of the costs, fees or expenses which may be incurred in the performance of such work.

SECTION 2. TERMINATION. Developer and District agree that Developer may terminate this Agreement without cause by providing ten (10) days written notice of termination to the District. Any such termination by Developer is contingent upon Developer's provision of sufficient funds to cover any and all fees, costs or expenses incurred by the District in connection with the work to be performed under this Agreement as of the date by when notice of termination is received. Developer and the District agree that the District may terminate this Agreement due to a failure of Developer to provide funds in accordance with Section 1 of this Agreement, by providing ten (10) days written notice of termination to Developer; provided, however, that the Developer shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to cure any such failure.

SECTION 3. CAPITALIZATION. The parties agree that all funds provided by Developer pursuant to this Agreement may be reimbursable from proceeds of District financing for capital improvements, and that within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the proceeds by the District of bonds or notes for the District's capital projects, the District shall reimburse Developer in full, exclusive of interest, for these advances; provided, however, that in the event Bond Counsel determines that any such monies are not properly reimbursable, such funds shall be deemed paid in lieu of taxes or assessments. In the event that District bonds are not issued within five

(5) years of the date of this Agreement, all funds provided by Developer pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed paid in lieu of taxes or assessments.

SECTION 4. DEFAULT. A default by either party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which may include, but not be limited to, the right of damages, injunctive relief and/or specific performance.

SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT OF AGREEMENT. In the event that either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the substantially prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all fees and costs incurred, including reasonable attorney's fees, paralegal fees and expert witness fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

SECTION 6. AGREEMENT. This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of this Agreement between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

SECTION 7. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both of the parties hereto.

SECTION 8. AUTHORIZATION. The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of all parties hereto, each party has complied with all the requirements of law, and each party has full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

SECTION 9. NOTICES. All notices, requests, consents and other communications hereunder ("Notices") shall be in writing and shall be delivered, mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, or overnight delivery service, to the parties, as follows:

A. If to District: Horse Trials Community Development District
3501 Quadrangle Boulevard, Suite 270
Orlando, Florida 32817
Attn: District Manager

With a copy to: Kutak Rock LLP
107 West College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Attn: District Counsel

B. If to Developer: Collier Land Holdings, LTD
CDC Investment Properties, LLC
999 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Suite 507
Naples, Florida 34108

Attn: _____

Except as otherwise provided herein, any Notice shall be deemed received only upon actual delivery at the address set forth herein. Notices delivered after 5:00 p.m. (at the place of delivery) or on a non-business day, shall be deemed received on the next business day. If any time for giving Notice contained in this Agreement would otherwise expire on a non-business day, the Notice period shall be extended to the next succeeding business day. Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays recognized by the United States government shall not be regarded as business days. Counsel for the parties may deliver Notice on behalf of the parties. Any party or other person to whom Notices are to be sent or copied may notify the other parties and addressees of any change in name or address to which Notices shall be sent by providing the same on five (5) days written notice to the parties and addressees set forth herein.

SECTION 10. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the parties herein and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason hereof, to or for the benefit of any third party not a party hereto. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the parties hereto any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any provisions or conditions hereof; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants and conditions herein contained shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective representatives, successors and assigns.

SECTION 11. ASSIGNMENT. Neither party may assign this Agreement or any monies to become due hereunder without the prior written approval of the other party.

SECTION 12. CONTROLLING LAW; VENUE. This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. Venue shall be in Collier County, Florida.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVE DATE. The Agreement shall be effective after execution by both parties hereto and shall remain in effect unless terminated by either of the parties hereto.

SECTION 14. PUBLIC RECORDS. Developer understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District or to District Staff in connection with the work contemplated under this Agreement are public records and are treated as such in accordance with Florida law.

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

ATTEST:

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

COLLIER LAND HOLDINGS, LTD

Witness

By: _____
Its: _____

CDC INVESTMENT PROPERTIES, LLC

Witness

By: _____
Its: _____

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

Underwriter Agreement



MBS CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC

AGREEMENT FOR UNDERWRITING SERVICES HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

May 6, 2025

Board of Supervisors
Horse Trials Community Development District

Dear Supervisors:

MBS Capital Markets, LLC (the "Underwriter") offers to enter into this agreement (the "Agreement") with the Horse Trials Community Development District (the "District") which, upon your acceptance of this offer, will be binding upon the District and the Underwriter. This agreement relates to the proposed issuance of bonds (the "Bonds") to acquire and/or construct certain public infrastructure improvements constituting the initial phase of infrastructure within the District. This Agreement will cover the engagement for the Bonds and will be supplemented for future bond issuances as may be applicable.

1. **Scope of Services:** MBS intends to serve as the underwriter, and not as a financial advisor or municipal advisor, in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The scope of services to be provided in a non-fiduciary capacity by the Underwriter for this transaction will include those listed below.

- Advice regarding the structure, timing, terms, and other similar matters concerning the particular municipal securities described above.
- Preparation of rating strategies and presentations related to the issue being underwritten.
- Preparations for and assistance with investor "road shows," if any, and investor discussions related to the issue being underwritten.
- Advice regarding retail order periods and institutional marketing if the District decides to engage in a negotiated sale.
- Assistance in the preparation of the Preliminary Official Statement, if any, and the Final Official Statement.
- Assistance with the closing of the issue, including negotiation and discussion with respect to all documents, certificates, and opinions needed for the closing.
- Coordination with respect to obtaining CUSIP numbers and the registration with the Depository Trust Company.
- Preparation of post-sale reports for the issue, if any.
- Structuring of refunding escrow cash flow requirements, but not the recommendation of and brokerage of particular municipal escrow investments.



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2. **Fees:** The Underwriter will be responsible for its own out-of-pocket expenses other than the fees and disbursements of underwriter's or disclosure counsel which fees shall be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds up to the maximum amount of \$35,000 with the Underwriter responsible for any amount in excess thereof. Any fees payable to the Underwriter will be contingent upon the successful sale and delivery or placement of the Bonds. The underwriting fee for the sale or placement of the Bonds will be 2.0% of the par amount of Bonds issued.
3. **Termination:** Both the District and the Underwriter will have the right to terminate this Agreement without cause upon 90 days written notice to the non-terminating party.
4. **Purchase Contract:** At or before such time as the District gives its final authorization for the Bonds, the Underwriter and its counsel will deliver to the District a purchase or placement contract (the "Purchase Contract") detailing the terms of the Bonds.
5. **Notice of Meetings:** The District shall provide timely notice to the Underwriter for all regular and special meetings of the District. The District will provide, in writing, to the Underwriter, at least one week prior to any meeting, except in the case of an emergency meeting for which the notice time shall be the same as that required by law for the meeting itself, of matters and items for which it desires the Underwriter's input.
6. **Disclosures Concerning the Underwriter's Role Required by MSRB Rule G-17.** The Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's Rule G-17 requires underwriters to make certain disclosures to issuers in connection with the issuance of municipal securities. Those disclosures are attached hereto as "Exhibit A." By execution of this Agreement, you are acknowledging receipt of the same. If you or any other Issuer officials have any questions or concerns about these disclosures, please make those questions or concerns known immediately to the undersigned. In addition, you should consult with the Issuer's own financial and/or municipal, legal, accounting, tax and other advisors, as applicable, to the extent you deem appropriate. It is our understanding that you have the authority to bind the Issuer by contract with us, and that you are not a party to any conflict of interest relating to the subject transaction. If our understanding is incorrect, please notify the undersigned immediately.



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This Agreement shall be effective upon your acceptance hereof and shall remain effective until such time as the Agreement has been terminated in accordance with Section 3 hereof.

We are required to seek your acknowledgement that you have received the disclosures referenced herein and attached hereto as Exhibit A. By execution of this agreement, you are acknowledging receipt of the same.

Sincerely,
MBS Capital Markets, LLC

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "BSealy", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Brett Sealy
Managing Partner

Approved and Accepted By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____



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EXHIBIT A

Disclosures Concerning the Underwriter's Role

- (i) MSRB Rule G-17 requires an underwriter to deal fairly at all times with both municipal issuers and investors.
- (ii) The underwriter's primary role is to purchase the Bonds with a view to distribution in an arm's-length commercial transaction with the Issuer. The underwriters has financial and other interests that differ from those of the District.
- (iii) Unlike a municipal advisor, the underwriter does not have a fiduciary duty to the District under the federal securities laws and are, therefore, is required by federal law to act in the best interests of the District without regard to their own financial or other interests.
- (iv) The underwriter has a duty to purchase the Bonds from the Issuer at a fair and reasonable price but must balance that duty with their duty to sell the Bonds to investors at prices that are fair and reasonable.
- (v) The underwriter will review the official statement for the Bonds in accordance with, and as part of, its respective responsibilities to investors under the federal securities laws, as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction.

Disclosure Concerning the Underwriter's Compensation

The underwriter will be compensated by a fee and/or an underwriting discount that will be set forth in the bond purchase agreement to be negotiated and entered into in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. Payment or receipt of the underwriting fee or discount will be contingent on the closing of the transaction and the amount of the fee or discount may be based, in whole or in part, on a percentage of the principal amount of the Bonds. While this form of compensation is customary in the municipal securities market, it presents a conflict of interest since the underwriter may have an incentive to recommend to the District a transaction that is unnecessary or to recommend that the size of the transaction be larger than is necessary.

Conflicts of Interest

The Underwriter has not identified any additional potential or actual material conflicts that require disclosure including those listed below.



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Payments to or from Third Parties. There are no undisclosed payments, values, or credits to be received by the Underwriter in connection with its underwriting of this new issue from parties other than the District, and there are no undisclosed payments to be made by the Underwriter in connection with this new issue to parties other than the District (in either case including payments, values, or credits that relate directly or indirectly to collateral transactions integrally related to the issue being underwritten). In addition, there are no third-party arrangements for the marketing of the District's securities.

Profit-Sharing with Investors. There are no arrangements between the Underwriter and an investor purchasing new issue securities from the Underwriter (including purchases that are contingent upon the delivery by the District to the Underwriter of the securities) according to which profits realized from the resale by such investor of the securities are directly or indirectly split or otherwise shared with the Underwriter.

Credit Default Swaps. There will be no issuance or purchase by the Underwriter of credit default swaps for which the reference is the District for which the Underwriter is serving as underwriter, or an obligation of that District.

Retail Order Periods. For new issues in which there is a retail order period, the Underwriter will honor such agreement to provide the retail order period. No allocation of securities in a manner that is inconsistent with a District's requirements will be made without the District's consent. In addition, when the Underwriter has agreed to underwrite a transaction with a retail order period, it will take reasonable measures to ensure that retail clients are bona fide.

Dealer Payments to District Personnel. Reimbursements, if any, made to personnel of the District will be made in compliance with MSRB Rule G-20, on gifts, gratuities, and non-cash compensation, and Rule G-17, in connection with certain payments made to, and expenses reimbursed for, District personnel during the municipal bond issuance process.

Disclosures Concerning Complex Municipal Securities Financing

Since the Underwriter has not recommended a "complex municipal securities financing" to the Issuer, additional disclosures regarding the financing structure for the Bonds are not required under MSRB Rule G-17.

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

Bond Counsel Agreement

BOND COUNSEL RETAINER AGREEMENT

By and Between

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
and
BRYANT MILLER OLIVE P.A.**

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BOND COUNSEL RETAINER AGREEMENT

THIS BOND COUNSEL RETAINER AGREEMENT (the “Retainer Agreement”) is entered into by and between **HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT** (the “District”) and the law firm of Bryant Miller Olive P.A. (“Bryant Miller Olive” or the “Firm”) as of the 6th day of May, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Firm and its members have a local and statewide presence, have provided, and continue to provide bond counsel, disclosure counsel and special counsel and consulting services to local governments throughout Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District and the Firm desire to document and memorialize the availability of the Firm to serve on an as-needed basis as bond counsel, disclosure counsel, special counsel and/or consultant to the District; and

WHEREAS, the District and Bryant Miller Olive desire to respectively receive and provide services specifically described herein pursuant to this Retainer Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

1. RETAINER AGREEMENT. This Retainer Agreement shall memorialize and supplant any prior agreements between the parties concerning the provision of bond counsel, disclosure counsel, and special counsel legal services and consulting services. With respect to services rendered pursuant to this Retainer Agreement, the District shall be the Firm’s client and the Firm shall represent the interests of the District.

2. BOND COUNSEL SERVICES.

(A) As bond counsel, the Firm will, when requested by the District, perform the following services with respect to the issuance of bonds, notes or other debt obligations of the District (for purposes herein, “Bonds”) and matters relating thereto:

(1) review of proposed financing programs as to legal feasibility, compliance with applicable law and pending or proposed revisions to the law, including United States tax law;

(2) advise as to structuring considerations, required approvals and filings, schedule of events for timely debt issuance, and other legal matters relative to such debt;

(3) attend meetings with District staff, District Counsel and other District officials, the District’s financial advisor, the underwriter(s) and others as appropriate for development of the plan of finance, debt materials or dissemination of information in connection therewith;

(4) prepare ordinances and/or resolutions and any supplements and amendments thereto to authorize the debt;

(5) prepare or review trust indentures, loan agreements, escrow agreements, and any other agreements or similar documents necessary, related or incidental to a financing;

(6) assist the District Counsel in the preparation of all validation pleadings, including complaint, notice of service, proposed answer, memorandum of law, and proposed order and attend to assist with any validation proceeding;

(7) if sale is by competitive bid, assist in preparation of the bid documents, notice of sale, evaluation of bids and any other documentation or action necessary to conduct a sale of the Bonds in that manner;

(8) review preliminary and final Official Statements and other disclosure documents prepared and authorized by the District, but only insofar as such documents describe the Bonds and summarize the underlying documents or describe the federal income tax treatment of interest on the related Bonds;

(9) prepare, obtain, deliver and file all closing documents necessary in connection with any debt, including, but not limited to, certified copies of all minutes, ordinances, resolutions, and orders; certificates such as officers, seal, incumbency, signature, no prior pledge; and verifications, consents and opinions from accountants, engineers, special consultants and attorneys;

(10) review the transcripts of all proceedings in connection with the foregoing and indicate any necessary corrective action; and

(11) subject to the completion of proceedings to the Firm's satisfaction, render its standard legal opinion regarding the validity and binding effect of the Bonds, the source of payment and security for the Bonds, as applicable, the excludability of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes and, as applicable, the defeasance of refunded debt.

(B) The Firm's duties as bond counsel in this engagement are limited to those expressly set forth herein, and unless otherwise specifically engaged, do not include:

(1) assisting in the preparation or review of an official statement, if any, or any other disclosure document with respect to the Bonds, or performing an independent investigation to determine the accuracy, completeness or sufficiency of any such document or rendering advice that the official statement or other disclosure document does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements contained therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

(2) preparing requests for tax rulings from the Internal Revenue Service;

- (3) preparing blue sky or investment surveys with respect to the Bonds;
- (4) drafting state constitutional or legislative amendments;
- (5) pursuing test cases or other litigation, such as contested validation proceedings, except as set forth above;
- (6) making an investigation or expressing any view as to the creditworthiness of the District or source of security for the payment of the Bonds, any credit enhancement provider, or, providing services related to derivative financial products (e.g. interest rate swaps and related documents or opinions);
- (7) assisting in the preparation of, or opining on, a continuing disclosure undertaking pertaining to the Bonds or, after closing, providing advice concerning any actions necessary to assure compliance with any continuing disclosure undertaking;
- (8) representing the District in Internal Revenue Service examinations or inquiries, or Securities and Exchange Commission investigations;
- (9) after closing, providing continuing advice to the District or any other party concerning any changes in law or interpretations thereof or other legal developments, actions necessary to assure that interest paid on the Bonds will continue to be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes (e.g., the Firm's engagement as bond counsel does not include post-closing arbitrage rebate calculations or analysis);
- (10) provision of bankruptcy legal services, review of post-closing investment contracts, or provision of legal services in connection with interest rate swap or other financial product agreements; or
- (11) providing business, financial or accounting advice;
- (12) services relating to the acquisition, construction or permitting of any financed Project.

(C) Based upon (i) our understanding of the terms, structure, size and schedule of the financing represented by each series of Bonds; (ii) the duties we will undertake pursuant to this agreement; (iii) the time we anticipate devoting to the financing; and (iv) the responsibilities we will assume in connection therewith, we will submit a fee for your approval prior to the issuance of each series of Bonds. Our fee may vary: (a) if the principal amount of Bonds actually issued differs significantly from the amount originally anticipated; (b) if material changes in the structure or schedule of the financing occur; or (c) if unusual or unforeseen circumstances arise which require a significant increase in our time or responsibility. If, at any time, we believe that circumstances require an adjustment of our original fee, we will advise you and request your prior approval. All fees will be inclusive of expenses incurred and expenses will not be separately billed. Our fee is usually paid at the closing for a Bond issue, and we customarily do not submit

any statement until the closing unless there is a substantial delay in completing the financing. If for any reason the financing represented by an issue of Bonds is not consummated or is completed without the delivery of our bond opinion as Bond Counsel, or our services are otherwise terminated, we will expect to be compensated at our normal hourly rates (currently ranging from \$150 to \$450, depending on personnel) for time actually spent on your behalf.

(D) While this Retainer Agreement provides for the continuing availability of the Firm to provide services hereunder, the engagement and responsibility of the Firm as bond counsel with respect to a particular debt issuance shall terminate upon the closing of such debt transaction and the rendering by the Firm of its bond counsel opinion as described in paragraph 2(A)(11) above, subject to the provision of closing document transcripts as requested by the District, unless subsequently engaged to provide additional services.

3. SPECIAL COUNSEL AND CONSULTING SERVICES. Upon the request of the District, the Firm shall also be available to assist the District with non-public finance, special legal and/or consulting services identified and agreed to by the District and the Firm from time to time. Fees for such additional services may be based on hourly rates or a flat fee, to be negotiated at the time the services are needed based on the nature and scope of the services to be provided.

4. OTHER REPRESENTATIONS. The Firm has disclosed to the District that it currently and may in the future, serve as bond counsel, disclosure counsel, special counsel, or general counsel to other local governments and as special counsel to underwriters, banks, trustees and other parties that may from time to time transact business with the District in unrelated public finance matters. Such representations are standard and customary within the industry and the Firm can effectively represent the District and the discharge of the Firm's professional responsibilities to the District will not be prejudiced as a result, either because such engagements will be sufficiently different or because the potential for such prejudice is remote and minor and outweighed by consideration that it is unlikely that advice given to the other client will be relevant in any respect to the subject matter. The District acknowledges and agrees that the Firm's role as bond counsel, disclosure counsel, or special counsel to any local governmental entity or to any financial institution in conjunction with unrelated public finance transactions is not likely to create or cause any actual conflict, and service as disclosure, bond, or special counsel to other Firm clients will not per se be construed as a conflict or be objectionable to the District. Accordingly, the District expressly consents to such representation by the Firm consistent with the circumstances described above and waives any conflict of interest with respect thereto. The foregoing consent and waiver shall not apply and the Firm agrees not to undertake any representation in a controversy or litigation between the District and any other client of the Firm, unless otherwise consented to in writing by the District.

5. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION.

(A) For ease and convenience of administration, the District hereby also designates its District Manager and District Counsel to provide policy direction and instructions to the Firm in the administration of its duties hereunder, approving and authorizing work orders, when

required, and all other matters necessary to administer this Retainer Agreement on behalf of the District.

(B) The Firm shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon direction received from the District Manager and District counsel.

6. GENERAL.

(A) The Firm's bond counsel opinions rendered pursuant to this agreement will be based on facts and law existing as of their date. The Firm will not be obligated to update any such opinion after the date rendered due to subsequent changes in law of the interpretation thereof or changed circumstances that may affect the opinions rendered. In rendering an opinion, the Firm will rely on the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials, officers of the District and other persons furnished to the Firm without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation, and the Firm will assume continuing compliance by the District with applicable laws relating to its debt instruments. The Firm will rely on the District to provide complete and timely information on all developments pertaining to any aspect of its debt instruments, the use of proceeds of its debt instruments, and the security therefor.

(B) Should legal or other services be required in connection with matters for which the Firm provides services hereunder that fall outside the scope of services provided herein, the District hereby represents, with the intention and understanding that the Firm will rely upon this representation, that it will either independently obtain such services or will conclude to forego such services and that the Firm shall in no case be responsible for either course of action. While the Firm may advise the District if, in its opinion, such services may be advisable or necessary, such advice is not required hereunder and neither such advice nor the omission of such advice shall render the Firm responsible for obtaining or providing such services on behalf of the District or for any claims or liability of any kind arising from the obtaining or failure to obtain such services.

(C) This Retainer Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. **In the event of any dispute arising out of or relating to this Retainer Agreement, the parties agree to waive trial by jury** and agree that venue shall lie in Collier County, Florida. In the case of litigation of such disputes, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover attorney fees and costs from the other party. This Retainer Agreement is the entire agreement between the parties regarding its subject matter. This Retainer Agreement may be amended only by a written agreement entered into by the parties.

(D) This Retainer Agreement may be terminated with or without cause by the District or by the Firm at any time upon ninety (90) days prior written notice. In the event of termination, the Firm shall assume responsibility for completion of and shall be compensated for all representation requested prior to the notice of termination. Provided however, the District may terminate this Retainer Agreement for breach by the Firm with such notice as may be reasonable under the circumstances. In the event of termination, with or without cause, the Firm shall be

compensated in accordance herewith for approved time and expenses expended prior to the date of termination.

(E) This Agreement will be effective for a term of five years from its date of execution and will be automatically extended without any action required for successive one year renewals following the initial term unless terminated by either the District or the Firm pursuant to subsection (D) of this Section.

(F) This Retainer Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts.

(G) This Retainer Agreement shall be effective on the date first written above.

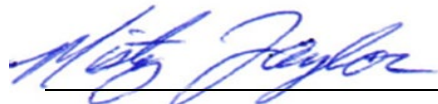
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Horse Trials Community Development District and Bryant Miller Olive have caused this Bond Counsel Retainer Agreement to be executed as of the dates below and effective as of the day first above written.

**HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Chair/Vice Chair

BRYANT MILLER OLIVE P.A.



Shareholder and Authorized Signatory

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

Trustee Agreement



April 4, 2025

Lynne Mullins – District Manager
PFM Group Consulting LLC
3501 Quadrangle Boulevard, Suite 270
Orlando, FL 32817

Re: Proposal to serve as Trustee, Paying Agent and Registrar for Horse Trials Community
Development District

Dear Lynne:

On behalf of U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, I am pleased to submit our proposal to provide Trustee, Registrar and Paying Agent Services for the Horse Trials Community Development District.

By way of background, U.S. Bank is the fifth largest and strongest bank in the United States and is the top ranked provider for municipal corporate trust services both nationally and locally in the state of Florida.

U.S. Bank has made a long-term commitment to remain in the corporate trust business and to expand its corporate trust services through acquisitions and the establishment of offices in key areas. The following are just a few of the many advantages that make U.S. Bank Global Corporate Trust an excellent choice for corporate trust services:

- Trust officers with extensive experience in working with all parties of the financing team.
- Local presence through our Orlando, Jacksonville and South Florida offices to ensure responsiveness for you and the bondholders.

U.S. Bank now offers our clients Pivot, a web-based secure and centralized online platform which provides real-time deal and account information that matters most. Pivot is a customizable, user-friendly interface, developed by experts and fully supported by our team of specialists. With easy online access to real-time account data and analysis tools, our updated platform increases efficiency and gives our clients confidence to make strategic decisions that enhance their operations. Pivot features include: straightforward account summary dashboard, document delivery with notification tools, quick view and multi-level data summaries with efficient shortcuts, customizable data-reporting automation and account grouping, large data download capabilities, reference to 15 months of historical data, comprehensive training, tech assistance and support.

We look forward to working with Horse Trials Community Development District and growing a strong banking relationship. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me directly at (407) 835-3820, or via email at: James.Audette@usbank.com.

Best regards,

James Audette
Vice President
Client Manager | Southeast Region



Horse Trials Community Development District For Trustee, Paying Agent & Registrar Services

Acceptance Fee

\$2,400.00 One Time, Payable in Advance

Covers review of documents, participation in document conferences, establishing records/accounts, authentication/delivery of bonds, receipt of funds, establishment of procedures and ticklers necessary to perform our duties and monitor the various terms and covenants in the financing documents.

Annual Administration Fee*

\$4,350.00 Per Series, Payable in Advance

(0.033% of Bonds O/S, Min \$4,350 & Max \$8,250)

Maintenance of records in connection with the control of the bonds outstanding; review and compliance of document provisions; receive, pay out and control the movement of funds; pay periodic interest and principal; and prepare periodic accountings and reports. Bond Registrar and Paying Agent services are included. Standard Trustee disclosure information is provided in our services.

Trustee Counsel Fees

Billed at Cost, Not to Exceed \$6,500.00

Initial counsel fees paid at closing. Any additional ongoing legal fees and expenses would be billed at cost.

Incidental Expenses

7.75% of Annual Admin. Fee

Incidental expenses, such as travel and closing expenses, wires, postage, copies, mailings, courier expenses, etc.

Pivot

Waived

Pivot provides our clients the real-time deal and account information that matters most. Through a customizable, user-friendly interface, Pivot offers our clients a secure and centralized online platform.

Extraordinary Expenses / Other Services

Billed at Cost

Extraordinary Administration Services ("EAS") are duties, responsibilities or activities not expected to be provided by the trustee or agent at the outset of the transaction, not routine or customary, and/or not incurred in the ordinary course of business, and may require analysis or interpretation. Billing for fees and expenses related to EAS is appropriate in instances where particular inquiries, events or developments are unexpected, even if the possibility of such circumstances could have been identified at the inception of the transaction, or as changes in law, procedures, or the cost of doing business demand. At our option, EAS may be charged on an hourly (time expended multiplied by current hourly rate), flat or special fee basis at such rates or in such amounts in effect at the time of such services, which may be modified by us in our sole discretion from time to time. In addition, all fees and expenses incurred by the trustee or agent, in connection with the trustee's or agent's EAS and ordinary administration services and including without limitation the fees and expenses of legal counsel, financial advisors and other professionals, charges for document amendments and substitutions, tenders, optional redemptions, UCC filings, investment agreements, outside held money market funds, default administration, wire transfers, checks, internal transfers and securities transactions, travel expenses, communication costs, postage (including express mail and overnight delivery charges), copying charges and the like will be payable, at cost, to the trustee or agent. EAS fees are due and payable in addition to annual or ordinary administration fees. Failure to pay for EAS owed to U.S. Bank within 45 days may result in interest being charged on amounts owed to U.S. Bank for extraordinary administration services fees and expenses at the prevailing market rate.

** The quoted fee does not include services as Disclosure/Dissemination Agent pursuant to Securities & Exchange commission Rule 15c12-12, as amended. U.S. Bank will discuss this service with the Obligor if applicable pursuant to the terms of the bond issue.*

Account approval is subject to review and qualification. Fees are subject to change at our discretion and upon written notice. Fees paid in advance will not be prorated. The fees set forth above and any subsequent modifications thereof are part of your agreement. Finalization of the transaction constitutes agreement to the above fee schedule, including agreement to any subsequent changes upon proper written notice. In the event your transaction is not finalized, any related out-of-pocket expenses will be billed to the client directly. Absent your written instructions to sweep or otherwise invest, all sums in your account will remain uninvested and no accrued interest or other compensation will be credited to the account. Payment of fees constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions set forth.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR OPENING A NEW ACCOUNT:

To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. For a nonindividual person such as a business entity, a charity, a trust or other legal entity, we ask for documentation to verify its formation and existence as a legal entity. We may also ask to see financial statements, licenses, identification and authorization documents from individuals claiming authority to represent the entity or other relevant documentation.



**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

Funding Request No. 1

Horse Trials
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Funding Request No. 001

4/30/2025

Item No.	Vendor	Invoice Number	General Fund
1	Developer Funding Request	--	\$ 20,000.00
TOTAL			\$ 20,000.00

Board Member

Please Return To:
Horse Trials CDD
c/o PFM Group Consulting
12051 Corporate Boulevard
Orlando, FL 32817

**Horse Trials
Community Development District**

Attorney Report

RESOLUTION 2025-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DECLARING THE DISTRICT'S INTENT TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE, PERMITTING, CONSTRUCTION AND/OR PERPETUAL OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND FUNDING OF THE PRESERVE-MITIGATION AREA AND SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the Horse Trials Community Development District ("**District**") is a local unit of special-purpose government established by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, (the "**Act**") for the purpose of providing, operating and maintaining infrastructure improvements, facilities and services to the lands within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District is a perpetual, government entity that operates in the public interest, is governed by the public records laws, open government laws, and code of ethics of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized to finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate, and maintain systems, facilities, and basic infrastructures for storm water management improvements and permit requirements, and any related interest in real or personal property, pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, the District's operations and maintenance special assessments are a reliable source of funding which are enforced in the same manner as county taxes, and constitute a lien on the property against which assessed from the date of imposition thereof until paid, coequal with the lien of state, county, municipal, and school board taxes, pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, the South Florida Water Management District and State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection are anticipated to issue permits necessary for the construction and development within the District which are expected to require perpetual maintenance of a preserve area and for the construction and operation of a surface water management system (collectively, the "**Permits**") ; and

WHEREAS, as part of the District's to-be-adopted capital improvement plan, the District intends to permit, operate and maintain the conservation, mitigation and preserve area ("**Preserve Area**") as depicted in the attached **Exhibit "A"**, and the surface water management system ("**Surface Water Management System**") located within the boundaries of the District and, upon transfer of the project from the construction to operation phase, the District can assume operation and maintenance responsibility for the Preserve Area and Surface Water Management System; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, and to help facilitate the above-referenced approval and permitting processes, the District desires now to declare its intention to serve as the operation and maintenance entity for the Preserve Area and Surface Water Management System, in accordance with the preliminary plan ("**Plan**") attached hereto as **Exhibit "B;"** and

WHEREAS, in addition, at the request of the current permittee under the Permits, District desires to become either a co-permittee under any or all of the Permits or the sole permittee under the Permits; and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized to perpetually operate and maintain mitigation areas required by development approval or other permit requirements for the project (regardless of whether such mitigation and preserve areas are located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the District or outside of such jurisdictional boundaries), desires to perpetually operate and maintain Preserve Area and Surface Water Management System in accordance with the Plan, and enter into funding agreements with various neighborhood associations, and to levy annual assessments for the purpose of operating and maintaining the Preserve Area and Surface Water Management System, if needed, and to ensure funds will be available if needed for corrective action; and

WHEREAS, upon conversion of the Preserve Area and Surface Water Management System to the operation phase, the District desires to accept responsibility as the perpetual maintenance entity responsible for operating, maintaining and funding the Preserve Area and Surface Water Management System in accordance with all applicable regulations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

1. **RECITALS.** The foregoing statement of background and purpose is hereby adopted as part of this Resolution for all purposes.

2. **PERMITTING AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE.** At the request of the current landowner/permittee, the District shall become either a co-permittee under any or all of the Permits or the sole permittee under any or all of the Permits (regardless of whether such request is made by the current permittee prior to final issuance of such Permits or during construction of the improvements contemplated by such Permits).

3. **PERPETUAL OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND FUNDING OBLIGATION – PRESERVE AREAS.** The District acknowledges and agrees that, upon conversion of the Preserve Area from the construction to operation phase, the District shall perpetually operate, maintain and fund the Preserve Area pursuant to applicable agreement as described in the Plan and in accordance with the requirements of any conservation easements required by any of the Permits. The District agrees to fund such operational and maintenance activities from any legally available source including but not limited to through the annual levy of maintenance special assessments as authorized under the Act.

4. **PERPETUAL OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND FUNDING OBLIGATION – SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.** The District acknowledges and agrees that, upon conversion of the surface water management system from the construction to operation phase, the District will perpetually operate, maintain and fund such system pursuant to applicable Permits. The District agrees to fund such operational and maintenance activities from any legally available source including but not limited to through the annual levy of maintenance special assessments as authorized under the Act.

5. **FUTURE COOPERATION.** The District may enter into an agreement with the current land owners (Collier Land Holdings, LTD and CDC Investment Properties, or their assignees) pursuant to which the District may agree to cooperate (as co-permittee or sole permittee under any of the Permits), if future modifications to any of the Permits are requested (or required) to develop any portion of the real property within the boundaries of the District.

6. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take immediate effect upon its adoption.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this 6th day of May, 2025.

HORSE TRIALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson

EXHIBIT A

EXHIBIT B

MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR PRESERVE AREA

- Conduct any monitoring and maintenance of the Preserve Area to ensure that the District is in compliance with applicable laws, permits, easements, and other requirements.

MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Monthly / As-Needed:

- Conduct any monitoring and maintenance of any Stormwater System ponds and improvements to ensure that the District is in compliance with applicable laws, permits, easements, and other requirements.
- Common mowing of the pond banks, and weeding, edging and tree trimming will be done on an as needed basis, and in compliance with applicable permits.

Yearly:

- Visual inspection of stormwater facilities and repair as needed.
- Visual inspection of landscaping and other improvements to ensure that no dangerous conditions exist.