

*Eagle Trace
Community Development District
Organizational Meeting Agenda
February 4, 2025*

AGENDA

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Tuesday, February 4, 2025
10:15 AM

346 E. Central Ave.
Winter Haven, FL 33880

Zoom Video Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83614568548>

Call-In Information: 1-646-876-9923

Meeting ID: 836 1456 8548

I. Introduction

- A. Call to Order
- B. Public Comment Period
- C. Oath of Office

II. Organizational Matters

- A. Confirmation of Notice of Meeting
- B. Information on Community Development Districts and Public Official Responsibilities and Florida Statutes Chapter 190
- C. Election of Officers
 - 1. Consideration of Resolution 2025-01 Appointing Officers
 - 2. Consideration of Resolution 2025-02 Appointing Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer

III. Consent Agenda

- A. Consideration of Contract for District Management Services
 - 1. Consideration of Resolution 2025-03 Appointing District Manager
- B. Consideration of Contract for District Counsel Services
 - 1. Consideration of Resolution 2025-04 Appointing District Counsel
- C. Consideration of Resolution 2025-05 Selection of Registered Agent and Office
- D. Consideration of Resolution 2025-06 Designating a Qualified Public Depository
- E. Consideration of Resolution 2025-07 Authorization of Bank Account Signatories
- F. Consideration of Resolution 2025-08 Relating to Defense of Board Members
- G. Consideration of Resolution 2025-09 Authorizing District Counsel to Record in the Property Records of Polk County the "Notice of Establishment" in accordance with Chapter 190.0485, Florida Statutes
 - 1. Notice of Establishment
- H. Consideration of Resolution 2025-10 Adopting Investment Guidelines
- I. Consideration of Resolution 2025-11 Authorizing Execution of Public Depositor Report
- J. Consideration of Resolution 2025-12 Designating a Policy for Public Comment
- K. Consideration of Resolution 2025-13 Authorizing the Publication of Legal Advertisements and Public Notices on a Publicly Accessible Website in Polk County
- L. Consideration of Resolution 2025-14 Adopting Prompt Payment Policy
- M. Consideration of Resolution 2025-15 Adopting a Records Retention Policy
- N. Consideration of Compensation to Board Members

- O. Consideration of Resolution 2025-16 Selecting District Records Office Within Polk County
- P. Consideration of Resolution 2025-17 Designating the Primary Administrative Office and Principal Headquarters of the District
- Q. Consideration of Website Services Agreement
- R. Authorization to Prepare Public Facilities Report in Accordance with Chapter 189.08 Florida Statutes to Coincide with Special District Filing Date for Polk County
- S. Consideration of Resolution 2025-18 Authorizing the Disbursement of Funds
- T. Consideration of Resolution 2025-19 Granting the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson the Authority to Execute Plats and Documents Related to the Development of the District's Improvements
- U. Consideration of Resolution 2025-20 Direct Purchase Resolution
- V. Consideration of Resolution 2025-21 Authorizing the Use of Electronic Documents and Signatures
- W. Consideration of Resolution 2025-22 Adopting an Internal Controls Policy
- X. Adopting Goals and Objectives for the District

IV. New Business

- A. Consideration of Resolution 2025-23 Designation of Regular Monthly Meeting Date, Time, and Location for Fiscal Year 2025 Meetings
- B. Consideration of Resolution 2025-24 Designation of Landowner's Meeting Date, Time and Location
- C. Designation of Date of Public Hearing to Adopt Rules of Procedure in accordance with Section 120.54, Florida Statutes
 - 1. Consideration of Resolution 2025-25 Setting a Public Hearing to Consider the Proposed Rules of the District
 - a. Rules of Procedure
- D. Designation of Date of Public Hearing on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025
 - 1. Consideration of Resolution 2025-26 Setting the Public Hearing and Approving the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget
 - 2. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Developer Funding Agreement

V. Other Business

- A. Presentation of Funding Request No. 1
- B. Staff Reports
 - i. Attorney
 - a) E-Verify Memorandum
 - ii. Manager
- C. Supervisors Requests

VI. Adjournment

SECTION II

SECTION C

SECTION 1

RESOLUTION 2025-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPOINTING THE OFFICERS OF EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Eagle Trace Community Development District (hereinafter the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated within the Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (“Board”) desires to appoint the Officers of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

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

Chairperson	_____
Vice Chairperson	_____
Secretary	<u>Jill Burns</u>
Assistant Secretary	_____
Assistant Secretary	_____
Assistant Secretary	_____
Assistant Secretary	<u>George Flint</u>

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

**EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION 2

RESOLUTION 2025-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A TREASURER
AND ASSISTANT TREASURER OF THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, Eagle Trace Community Development District (hereinafter the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated within the Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida; and

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

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

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

SECTION 1. George Flint is appointed Treasurer.

SECTION 2. Katie Costa is appointed Assistant Treasurer.

SECTION 3. Darrin Mossing, Sr. is appointed Assistant Treasurer.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

**EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION III

SECTION A

**AGREEMENT FOR DISTRICT MANAGEMENT SERVICES BETWEEN
EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND
GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES – CENTRAL FLORIDA,
LLC**

Date of Agreement: February 4, 2025

Between: Governmental Management Services - Central Florida, LLC
219 E. Livingston Street
Orlando, Florida 32801

(Hereinafter referred to as "Manager");

And: Eagle Trace Community Development District
A unit of special purpose local government located in
Polk County, Florida

(Hereinafter referred to as "District").

**GENERAL MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND
ACCOUNTING SERVICES**

This engagement is for the Manager to provide District Management Services for the District. The duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

Meetings, Hearings, Workshops, Etc.

- The Manager will organize, conduct, and provide minutes for all meetings of the District. This includes, but is not limited to, scheduling meetings, providing agenda packages and meeting materials in the form requested by the District Board of Supervisors, and publishing Board meeting, public hearing notices, and landowner election notices pursuant to Florida law.
- The Manager will consult with the District Board of Supervisors and its designated representatives, and when necessary, organize such meetings, discussions, project site visits, workshops, and hearings as may pertain to the administration and accomplishment of the various projects and services provided by the District.

Records

- The Manager will maintain “Record of Proceedings” for the District within the boundaries of the local government in which the District is located and include meeting minutes, agreements, resolutions and other records required by law or contract and provide access to such records as necessary for proper District function or compliance with Florida’s public records laws.

District Operations

- The Manager will act as the primary point of contact for District-related matters.
- The Manager will consult with and advise the District on matters related to the operation and maintenance of the District’s public infrastructure.
- The Manager will make recommendations and assist in matters relating to solicitation, approval, rejection, amendment, renewal, and cancellation of contracts for services to the District. In advance of expiration of contracts, the Manager will advise the Board as to need for renewal or additional procurement activities and implement same.
- On or before October 1st of every year, the Manager will prepare an annual inventory of all District owned tangible personal property and equipment in accordance with all applicable rules and standards.
- The Manager will recommend and advise the Board, in consultation with the District Engineer of the appropriate amount and type of insurance and be responsible for procuring all necessary insurance.
- The Manager will ensure compliance with all statutes affecting the District by performing the following tasks (and such other tasks required by law but not specifically identified herein):
 - File name and location of the Registered Agent and Office location annually with Department of Community Affairs and the County.
 - Provide legal description and boundary map as provided by District Engineer to the Supervisor of Elections
 - Provide the regular meeting schedule of the Board to County.
 - File all required financial reports to the Department of Revenue, Auditor General, the County, and other governmental agencies with jurisdiction in compliance with Florida law.

- File request letter to the Supervisor of Election of the County for number of registered voters as of April 15, each year. Report annually the number of registered voters in the District by June 1, of each year.
- Transmit Public Facilities Report and related updates to appropriate agencies.
- Prepare and file annual public depositor report.

Accounting and Reporting

- The Manager will implement an integrated management reporting system compliant with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for government and fund accounting which will allow the District to represent fairly and with full disclosure the financial position of the District. The District's accounting activities will be overseen by a degreed accountant.
- The Manager will prepare reports as appropriate under applicable law, accounting standards, and bond trust indenture requirements. The Manager will track the District's general fund and bond fund activities and provide monthly and annual financial statements (including budget to actual summary).
- The Manager will administer the processing, review and approval, and timely payment of all invoices and purchase orders.
- The Manager will oversee District's capital and general fund accounts.
- The Manager will recommend and implement investment policies and procedures pursuant to State law, and provide Cash Management services to obtain maximum earnings for District operations through investment of surplus funds to the State Board of Administration.

Audits

- The Manager will provide audit support to auditors for the required Annual Audit, and will ensure completion and submission of audit and Annual Financial Statements to the County, Auditor General, and other appropriate government entities in compliance with Florida law.

Budgeting

- The Manager will prepare and provide for a proposed budget for Board approval and submission to County in compliance with state law. The Manager will prepare final budget and backup material for and present the budget at all budget meetings, hearings and workshops. The Manager will ensure that all budget meetings, hearings, and workshops are properly noticed.

- The Manager will administer the adopted budget and prepare budget amendments on an ongoing basis as necessary.

Capital Program Administration

- The Manager will maintain proper capital fund and project fund accounting procedures and records.
- The Manager will coordinate with District staff to provide for appropriate bid and or proposal/qualification processes for Capital Project Construction.
- The Manager will oversee and implement bond issue related compliance, i.e., coordination of annual arbitrage report, transmittal of annual audit and budget to the trustee, transmittal of annual audit to bond holders and underwriters, annual/quarterly disclosure reporting, etc.

Maintenance Contract Administration

- Upon direction by the District's Board of Supervisors and upon mutual agreement of the parties hereto, Manager will provide Maintenance Contract Administration for District in general accordance with the fees outlined in Exhibit A. The parties further understand and recognize that the scope and number of contracts to be administered under said fee may be limited and/or multiple fees may be required. Any Maintenance Contract Administration shall be by separate agreement between the parties.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Assessments & Revenue Collection

- The Manager will develop and administer the annual assessment roll for the District. This includes administering the tax roll for the District for assessments collected by the County and administering assessments for Off Tax Roll parcels/lots.
- The Manager will provide payoff information and pre-payment amounts as requested by property owners, and collect prepayment of assessments as necessary.
- The Manager will monitor development of the District and perform Assessment True-up Analysis when appropriate.
- The Manager will issue estoppel letters as needed for property transfers.

- The Manager will maintain the District's Lien Book, in which is recorded the details of any District debt and the related debt service assessments. The Lien Book will account for all District debt and show the allocation of debt principal to assessed properties within the District.

FEES AND TERM OF SERVICES

All services will be completed on a timely basis in accordance with the District needs and statutory requirements.

The District agrees to compensate the Manager in accordance with the fee schedule set forth in the attached Exhibit A. Payment shall be made in equal monthly installments at the beginning of each month, and may be amended annually as evidenced by the budget approved by the Board.

This Agreement shall automatically renew each Fiscal Year of the District, unless otherwise terminated by either party. The District will consider price adjustments each twelve (12) month period to compensate for market conditions and the planned workload of the District to be performed during the next twelve (12) month period. Evidence of price or fee adjustments will be approved by the Board in its adopted or amended Fiscal Year Budget.

DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

The District shall provide for the timely services of its legal counsel, engineer and any other consultants, contractors or employees, as required, for the Manager to perform the duties outlined in this Contract. Expenses incurred in providing this support shall be the sole responsibility of the District.

TERMINATION OF THIS CONTRACT

This Contract may be terminated as follows:

1. By the District for "good cause," which shall include misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance or dereliction of duties by the Manager which termination may be immediate; or
2. By the Manager or District, for any reason, upon 60 days written notice.

In the event this Contract is terminated in either manner above stated, the Manager will make all reasonable effort to provide for an orderly transfer of the books and records of the District to the District or its designee.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. All invoices are due and payable when received.
2. This Contract shall be interpreted in accordance with and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida.
3. In the event that any provision of this contract shall be determined to be unenforceable or invalid by a court such unenforceability or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of the Contract which shall remain in full force and effect.
4. The rights and obligations of the District as defined by this Contract shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of the District. There shall be no assignment of this Contract by the Manager, without the approval of the District.
5. The District acknowledges that the Manager is not a Municipal Advisor or Securities Broker, nor is the Manager registered to provide such services as described in Section 15B of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Similarly, the District acknowledges that the Manager does not provide the District with financial advisory services or offer investment advice.
6. 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), except to the extent caused by the negligence, 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 grossly 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 Contract.

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 Manager may hereafter incur, become responsible for, or be caused to pay out arising out of or relating to the failure to perform under this Contract or at law, or grossly 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 Contract.

7. 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. Nothing in this Contract shall inure to the benefit of any third party for the purpose of allowing any claim which would otherwise be barred under the Doctrine of Sovereign Immunity or by operation of law.
8. Any amendment or change to this Contract shall be in writing and executed by all parties.
9. The Manager, on behalf of itself and its subcontractors, hereby warrants compliance with all federal immigration laws and regulations applicable to their employees. The Manager further agrees that the District is a public employer subject to the E-Verify requirements provided in Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, and such provisions of said statute are applicable to this Agreement, including, but not limited to registration with and use of the E-Verify system. The Manager agrees to utilize the E-Verify system to verify work authorization status of all newly hired employees. The Manager shall provide sufficient evidence that it is registered with the E-Verify system before commencement of performance under this Agreement. If the District has a good faith belief that the Manager is in violation of Section 448.09(1), Florida Statutes, or has knowingly hired, recruited, or referred an alien that is not duly authorized to work by the federal immigration laws or the Attorney General of the United States for employment under this Agreement, the District shall terminate this Agreement. The Manager shall require an affidavit from each subcontractor providing that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. The Manager shall retain a copy of each such affidavit for the term of this Agreement and all renewals thereof. If the District has a good faith belief that a subcontractor of the Manager performing work under this Agreement is in violation of Section 448.09(1), Florida Statutes, or has knowingly hired, recruited, or referred an alien that is not duly authorized to work by the federal immigration laws or the Attorney General of the United States for employment under this Agreement, the District promptly notify the Manager and order the Manager to immediately terminate its subcontract with the subcontractor. The Manager shall be liable for any additional costs incurred by the District as a result of the termination of any contract, including this

Agreement, based on Manager's failure to comply with the E-Verify requirements referenced in this subsection.

10. In accordance with Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, Manager represents that in entering into this Contract, neither it nor any of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, members, or agents is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Terrorism Sectors List, or the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List created pursuant to Sections 215.4725 and 215.473, Florida Statutes, and in the event such status changes, Manager shall immediately notify District. If Manager is found to have submitted a false statement, has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Terrorism Sectors List, or has been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, or is now or in the future on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, or engaged in a boycott of Israel, the District may immediately terminate this Contract.
11. Manager certifies, by acceptance of the Agreement, that neither it nor its principals utilize coercion for labor or services as defined in section 787.06, Florida Statutes. Manager agrees to execute an affidavit in compliance with section 787.06(13), Florida Statutes.
12. Manager shall, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, comply with the public records laws of the State of Florida. Failure of the Manager to comply with Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, may subject the Manager to penalties pursuant to Section 119.10, Florida Statutes. In the event Manager fails to comply with this section or Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, the District shall be entitled to all remedies at law or in equity. The following statement is required to be included in this Agreement pursuant to Section 119.0701(2), Florida Statutes:

IF THE MANAGER HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE MANAGER'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT/CONTRACT, THE MANAGER MAY CONTACT THE MANAGER CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS FOR THE DISTRICT AT:

GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES-
CENTRAL FLORIDA, LLC
219 EAST LIVINGSTON STREET
ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32801
TELEPHONE: (407) 841-5524

EMAIL: JBURNS@GMSCFL.COM

NOTICES

All notices required in this Agreement shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or express mail with proof of receipt. If sent to the District, notice shall be to:

Eagle Trace Community Development District
219 E. Livingston Street
Orlando, Florida 32801
Attn: Chairperson

With a copy to:

Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC
517 E. College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Attn: Roy Van Wyk

If notice is sent to Manager, it shall be sent to:

Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC
219 E. Livingston Street
Orlando, Florida 32801
Attn: Jill Burns

This Contract shall represent the entire agreement between the Manager and the District. Both Manager and District understand and agree with the terms and conditions as set forth herein.

Approved by:

Board of Supervisors Eagle Trace
Community Development District

Secretary/ Assistant Secretary

Chairperson

Governmental Management
Services – Central Florida, LLC

Witness

George S. Flint, Vice President

EXHIBIT A
DISTRICT MANAGEMENT FEE SCHEDULE
2024

Management, Administrative, and Accounting Services	
• Annual Fee paid in equal monthly payments (plus reimbursables)	\$ 40,000
Annual Assessment Administration (Beginning with the first assessment to individual unit owners, direct assessment or utilizing tax collector)	\$ 6,000
Information Technology Fees & Annual Website Maintenance	
• Annual Fee paid in equal monthly payments (Does not include cost of creation of ADA compliant website, if applicable)	\$ 3,000
Dissemination Agent Services	
• Annual Fee for 1 st Bond Issuance*	\$ 5,000
• (\$1,000 for each additional series of Bonds)	
Other Services**	
• Bond Issuance Cost (per bond issue)	\$ 15,000
• Assessment Methodology Preparation	\$ 15,000
• SERC Preparation & Assistance w/ Petition	\$ 2,500
• Pre-paid Assessment Collection Fee (per lot/unit)	
• Estoppel Fee - One Lot	\$100
• Estoppel Fee - Multiple Lots	\$250
• Estoppel Fee - Partial payoffs	\$299
• Field Services/Contract Administration	
○ At time of landscaping turnover	\$ 15,000
○ Amenity Management	TBD based on units

*Does not include the costs of any software the District may request the Dissemination Agent use to furnish these services.

**Costs for other services shall be by separate agreement, budget approval, or work authorization and may be adjusted based upon the scope of services provided.

SECTION 1

RESOLUTION 2025-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPOINTING AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER; APPOINTING A FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE COORDINATOR; APPOINTING A REGISTERED FINANCIAL ADVISOR IN CONTEMPLATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS; APPOINTING A DESIGNATED INVESTMENT REPRESENTATIVE TO ADMINISTER INVESTMENT DIRECTION WITH REGARD TO DISTRICT FUNDS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Eagle Trace Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being within the Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida; and

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

WHEREAS, the Board desires to appoint a Financial Disclosure Coordinator to create, maintain and update a list of the names, e-mail addresses, physical addresses, and names of the agency of, and the office or position held by, the Board of Supervisors and other persons required by Florida law to file a statement of financial interest due to his or her affiliation with the District; and

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. Governmental Management Services – Central Florida LLC, is appointed as District Manager, Financial Disclosure Coordinator, Registered Financial Advisor, and Designated Investment Representative and shall be compensated for their services in such capacity in the manner prescribed in the agreement incorporated herein by reference as **Exhibit 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 4th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

**EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: District Manager Fee Agreement

EXHIBIT A
DISTRICT MANAGEMENT FEE SCHEDULE
2024

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**Costs for other services shall be by separate agreement, budget approval, or work authorization and may be adjusted based upon the scope of services provided.

SECTION B



KILINSKI | VAN WYK

P.O. Box 6386, Tallahassee, Florida 32314

**KILINSKI | VAN WYK PLLC
FEE AGREEMENT
EAGLE TRACE CDD**

I. PARTIES

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between the following parties:

A. Eagle Trace Community Development District
("Client") c/o Jill Burns
GMS Central Florida
219 E. Livingston Street
Orlando, Florida 32801

and

B. Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC ("Kilinski | Van Wyk")
517 E College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

II. SCOPE OF SERVICES

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

- A. The Client agrees to employ and retain Kilinski | Van Wyk as its general legal counsel.
- B. Kilinski | Van Wyk accepts such employment and agrees to serve as attorney for and provide legal representation to the Client regarding those matters referenced above.

III. FEES

The Client agrees to compensate Kilinski | Van Wyk for services rendered regarding any matters covered by this Agreement according to the hourly billing rates for individual Kilinski | Van Wyk lawyers set forth herein, plus actual expenses incurred by Kilinski | Van Wyk in accordance with the attached standard Expense Reimbursement Policy (**Attachment A**, incorporated herein by reference). For Calendar Year 2025, the discounted hourly rates will be \$395 per hour for partners, \$350 for of-counsel lawyers, \$305 per hour for associates, and \$205 per hour for paralegals. All hourly rates may be increased annually by \$15 per hour.

The Client agrees to pay Kilinski | Van Wyk monthly billings for fees and expenses incurred within thirty (30) days following receipt of a statement from Kilinski | Van Wyk. Kilinski | Van Wyk shall not be obligated to perform further legal services under this Fee Agreement if any such billing statement remains

unpaid longer than thirty (30) days after submittal to and receipt by Client. Non-payment of billing statements shall be a basis for Kilinski | Van Wyk to immediately withdraw from the representation without regard to remaining actions necessitating attention by Kilinski | Van Wyk as part of the representation.

IV. CLIENT FILES

The files and work product materials ("Client File") of the Client generated or received by Kilinski | Van Wyk will be maintained by Kilinski | Van Wyk in accordance with Florida Bar rules. At the conclusion of the representation, the Client File will be stored by Kilinski | Van Wyk for a minimum of five (5) years. After the five (5) year storage period, the Client hereby acknowledges and consents that Kilinski | Van Wyk may confidentially destroy or shred the Client File, unless Kilinski | Van Wyk is provided a written request from the Client requesting return of the Client File, to which Kilinski | Van Wyk will return the Client File at Client's expense.

V. DEFAULT

In the event of a dispute arising under this Agreement, whether or not a lawsuit or other proceeding is filed, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, including attorneys' fees and costs incurred in litigating entitlement to attorneys' fees and costs, as well as in determining or quantifying the amount of recoverable attorneys' fees and costs. The reasonable costs to which the prevailing party is entitled shall include costs that are taxable under any applicable statute, rule, or guideline, as well as non-taxable costs, including, but not limited to, costs of investigation, telephone charges, mailing and delivery charges, information technology support charges, consultant and expert witness fees, travel expenses, court reporter fees, and mediator fees, regardless of whether such costs are otherwise taxable. Venue of any such action shall be exclusive in the state courts of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Leon County, Florida.

VI. CONFLICTS

It is important to disclose that Kilinski | Van Wyk represents a number of special districts, builders, developers, property owners' associations and other entities throughout Florida relating to community development districts and other special districts. In the course of Kilinski | Van Wyk's representation of Client, Kilinski | Van Wyk may be asked to represent Client on transactions between Client and the developer and/or builders involved in the Client's project, when at the same time Kilinski | Van Wyk may be representing such developer and/or builders on matters unrelated to Client. 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) Kilinski | Van Wyk will be able to provide competent and diligent representation of Client, regardless of Kilinski | Van Wyk's other representations; and, (3) there is not a substantial risk that Kilinski | Van Wyk's representation of Client would be materially limited by Kilinski | Van Wyk's responsibilities to another client, a former client or a third person or by a personal interest. Acceptance of this fee proposal will constitute your waiver of any "conflict" with Kilinski | Van Wyk's representation of various special districts, builders, developers, property owners' associations and other entities relating to community development districts and other special districts in Florida.

VII. 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.

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IX. ENTIRE CONTRACT

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

Accepted and agreed to by:

EAGLE TRACE CDD

By: _____

Its: _____

Date: _____

KILINSKI | VAN WYK, PLLC



By: Roy Van Wyk

Its: Authorized Member

Date: February 4, 2025

ATTACHMENT A
KILINSKI | VAN WYK, PLLC
EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

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SECTION 1

RESOLUTION 2025-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPOINTING LEGAL COUNSEL
FOR THE DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION AND PROVIDING
FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, Eagle Trace Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being within the Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 190.011, *Florida Statutes*, the District’s Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) may contract for the services of consultants to perform planning, engineering, legal or other appropriate services of a professional nature; and

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

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

SECTION 1. Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC, is appointed as District Counsel and shall be compensated for their services in such capacity in the manner prescribed in **Exhibit A**.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

**EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Attorney Retainer Agreement



KILINSKI | VAN WYK

P.O. Box 6386, Tallahassee, Florida 32314

**KILINSKI | VAN WYK PLLC
FEE AGREEMENT
EAGLE TRACE CDD**

I. PARTIES

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between the following parties:

A. Eagle Trace Community Development District
("Client") c/o Jill Burns
GMS Central Florida
219 E. Livingston Street
Orlando, Florida 32801

and

B. Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC ("Kilinski | Van Wyk")
517 E College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

II. SCOPE OF SERVICES

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

- A. The Client agrees to employ and retain Kilinski | Van Wyk as its general legal counsel.
- B. Kilinski | Van Wyk accepts such employment and agrees to serve as attorney for and provide legal representation to the Client regarding those matters referenced above.

III. FEES

The Client agrees to compensate Kilinski | Van Wyk for services rendered regarding any matters covered by this Agreement according to the hourly billing rates for individual Kilinski | Van Wyk lawyers set forth herein, plus actual expenses incurred by Kilinski | Van Wyk in accordance with the attached standard Expense Reimbursement Policy (**Attachment A**, incorporated herein by reference). For Calendar Year 2025, the discounted hourly rates will be \$395 per hour for partners, \$350 for of-counsel lawyers, \$305 per hour for associates, and \$205 per hour for paralegals. All hourly rates may be increased annually by \$15 per hour.

The Client agrees to pay Kilinski | Van Wyk monthly billings for fees and expenses incurred within thirty (30) days following receipt of a statement from Kilinski | Van Wyk. Kilinski | Van Wyk shall not be obligated to perform further legal services under this Fee Agreement if any such billing statement remains

unpaid longer than thirty (30) days after submittal to and receipt by Client. Non-payment of billing statements shall be a basis for Kilinski | Van Wyk to immediately withdraw from the representation without regard to remaining actions necessitating attention by Kilinski | Van Wyk as part of the representation.

IV. CLIENT FILES

The files and work product materials ("Client File") of the Client generated or received by Kilinski | Van Wyk will be maintained by Kilinski | Van Wyk in accordance with Florida Bar rules. At the conclusion of the representation, the Client File will be stored by Kilinski | Van Wyk for a minimum of five (5) years. After the five (5) year storage period, the Client hereby acknowledges and consents that Kilinski | Van Wyk may confidentially destroy or shred the Client File, unless Kilinski | Van Wyk is provided a written request from the Client requesting return of the Client File, to which Kilinski | Van Wyk will return the Client File at Client's expense.

V. DEFAULT

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KILINSKI | VAN WYK, PLLC



By: Roy Van Wyk

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SECTION C

RESOLUTION 2025-05

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

WHEREAS, Eagle Trace 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 the Town of Lake Hamilton, 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
EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

SECTION 1. Jillian Burns is hereby designated as the Registered Agent for Eagle Trace Community Development District.

SECTION 2. The District’s Registered Office shall be located at Governmental Management Services—Central Florida, LLC, 219 E. Livingston St., Orlando, FL 32801 .

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 the Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida and Polk County, and the Florida Department of Commerce.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

**EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION D

RESOLUTION 2025-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A PUBLIC DEPOSITORY FOR FUNDS OF THE DISTRICT; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ANY AND ALL FINANCIAL REPORTS REQUIRED BY RULE, STATUTE, LAW, ORDINANCE OR REGULATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Eagle Trace Community Development District (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated within the Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (“Board”) is statutorily authorized to select a depository as defined in Section 280.02, *Florida Statutes*, which meets all the requirements of Chapter 280, *Florida Statutes*, and has been designated by the State Chief Financial Officer as a qualified public depository; and

WHEREAS, the District has had no District revenues and has therefore made no public deposits nor has the District heretofore delegated to a Treasurer, or to any other person, responsibility for handling public deposits; and

WHEREAS, the District, prior to making any public deposit, is required to furnish to the Chief Financial Officer its official name, address, federal employer identification number, and the name of the person or persons responsible for establishing accounts; and

WHEREAS, the Board, having organized by appointing a Treasurer and other officers, is now in a position to select a public depository and to comply with the requirements for public depositors; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to designate a public depository for District funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. Truist Financial Corporation is hereby designated as the public depository for funds of the District.

SECTION 2. In accordance with Section 280.17(2), *Florida Statutes*, the District’s Secretary is hereby directed to take the following steps:

- A.** Ensure that the name of the District is on the account or certificate or other form provided to the District by the qualified public depository in a manner sufficient to identify that the account is a Florida public deposit.
- B.** Execute the form prescribed by the Chief Financial Officer for identification of each public deposit account and obtain acknowledgement of receipt on the form from the qualified public depository at the time of opening the account.

- C. Maintain the current public deposit identification and acknowledgement form as a valuable record.

SECTION 3. The District's Treasurer, upon assuming responsibility for handling the funds of the District, is directed to furnish the Chief Financial Officer annually, not later than November 30 of each year, the information required in accordance with Section 280.17(6), *Florida Statutes*, and otherwise take the necessary steps to ensure that all other requirements of Section 280.17, *Florida Statutes*, have been met.

SECTION 4. The District Manager, Treasurer, and/or Assistant Treasurer are hereby authorized on behalf of the District to execute and deliver any and all other financial reports required by any other rule, statute, law, ordinance or regulation.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

**EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION E

RESOLUTION 2025-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DIRECTING GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES – CENTRAL FLORIDA LLC, TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL BANK ACCOUNT AT TRUIST FINANCIAL CORPORATION FOR THE DISTRICT AND APPOINT THE DISTRICT SECRETARY, DISTRICT TREASURER, AND DISTRICT ASSISTANT TREASURERS AS SIGNORS ON THE ACCOUNT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Eagle Trace Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and situated within the Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors desires to establish a local bank account for the District and appoint the District Secretary, District Treasurer, and District Assistant Treasurers as signors on the account.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1. Governmental Management Services – Central Florida LLC is directed to establish a local bank account at Truist Financial Corporation for the District.

SECTION 2. The District Secretary, District Treasurer, and District Assistant Treasurers 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 4th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

**EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION F

RESOLUTION 2025-08

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) and the officers and staff of Eagle Trace Community Development District (the “District”) are constantly presented with the necessity for making decisions regarding various phases of the 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 members of 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 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 EAGLE TRACE 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 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 protect the

Board and its officers from liability through its laws, 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 Indemnatee while performing the duties and functions of his or her position.

SECTION 4. This Resolution is intended to evidence the District's support of Indemnitees who perform acts and render decisions in the good faith performance of their duties and functions. The District will neither support nor defend those actions or omissions committed by an individual outside the scope of his or her office or committed in bad faith or with malicious purpose or in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property. By adoption of this Resolution, the Indemnatee(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 Indemnatee 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 attorneys' fees and costs, arising from any complaint for damages or injuries suffered as a result of any action or omission of action of any Indemnatee 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 Indemnatee were outside the scope of his or her duties and authority; or
- B. The acts or omissions of the Indemnatee 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 Indemnatee 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 Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, 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 Indemnatee; and
- B.** The Indemnatee 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 Indemnatee 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 attorneys' 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 4th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

**EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION G

RESOLUTION 2025-09

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT RATIFYING THE RECORDING OF
THE NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, Eagle Trace 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 the Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District was established by Ordinance O-2024-15, adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida, which became effective on January 7, 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 rule; and

WHEREAS, the organizational meeting of the District’s Board of Supervisors was scheduled for February 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Kilinski | Van Wyk, PLLC, arranged the recording of the “Notice of Establishment of Eagle Trace Community Development District” with Polk County prior to the organizational meeting to ensure compliance with Florida law.

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

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OR RATIFICATION. Ratification of the actions of Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC in recording the Notice of Establishment (Official Records of Polk County, BK {____} Pages {____}), attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, of Eagle Trace Community Development District are hereby authorized.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

**EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Notice of Establishment

SECTION 1

*Item will be
provided under
separate cover.*

SECTION H

RESOLUTION 2025-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE 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*, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Eagle Trace 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 the Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) is required to adopt an investment policy in accordance with Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, Board desires to adopt the alternative investment guidelines for the investment of public funds in excess of amounts needed to meet current operating expenses, in accordance with Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes*.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE 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 4th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

**EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION I

RESOLUTION 2025-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE 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 Eagle Trace 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 Public Depositor Report and all other financial reports required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE 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 4th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

**EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION J

RESOLUTION 2025-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE 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, Eagle Trace 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 the Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida; 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 (the "Board") finds that it is in the best interests of the District to adopt by resolution a policy (the "Public Comment Policy") for immediate use and application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE 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 (the "Presiding Officer"), shall ensure that there is at least one (1) period of time (the "Public Comment Period") in the District's meeting agenda whereby the public has an opportunity to be heard on propositions before the Board, as follows:

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

B. Speakers shall be permitted to address any agenda item 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. 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 4th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

**EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION K

RESOLUTION 2025-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS AND PUBLIC NOTICES ON A PUBLICALLY ACCESSABLE WEBSITE; GRANTING THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH POLK COUNTY; APPROVING THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT AGENCY ORDER; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THE USE OF PUBLICALLY ACCESSABLE WEBSITE; AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH CHAPTER 50, FLORIDA STATUTES AND POLK COUNTY ORDINANCE 2024-041 AND IMPLIMENTING RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Eagle Trace Community Development District (“**District**”) is a local unit of special purpose government¹ created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and situated within Lake Hamilton, Polk County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District is a political subdivision of the State of Florida and a “governmental agency” as that term is defined in Section 1.01(8) and Section 50.0311, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 50, *Florida Statutes*, provides that a governmental agency may publish certain statutorily required legal advertisements, publications and notices on a Publicly Accessible Website, as defined below, if the cost of publication is less than the cost of publication in a newspaper; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Supervisors has determined that the cost of publication of legally required advertisements and public notices on the Polk County Publicly Accessible Website is less than the cost of publishing advertisements and public notices in a newspaper; and

WHEREAS, Polk County, Florida has adopted Ordinance 2024-041 and Resolutions 24-124 and 24-125 (“**County Regulations**”), designating the Publicly Accessible Website of URL <http://polkcounty.column.us/search> (“**Publicly Accessible Website**”) for the publication of Legal Notices and Advertisements, such Ordinance and Resolutions are hereby adopted by this reference as if fully set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, Polk County Resolution 2024-124 also designates the Publicly Accessible Website for the use of governmental agencies within Polk County; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to publish all legal advertisements and public notices on the Publicly Accessible Website to the extent authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors finds that granting to the District Manager and the Chairman the authority to enter into the Participation Agreement and the Government Agency Order in the

¹ Section 190.003(6), *Florida Statutes*.

substantial form as set forth in **Composite Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated by this reference, is in the best interests of the District.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF THE EAGLE TRACE 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. AUTHORIZATION. The District hereby authorizes the use of the Publicly Accessible Website, as allowed by law, to be used for the publication of legal advertisements and public notices.

3. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY. The District Manager and the Chairman are hereby authorized to sign, accept or execute a Participation Agreement and Government Agency Order in substantially the form attached hereto as **Composite Exhibit A**.

4. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE AND REGISTRY. The District Manager shall cause notice of the use of the Publicly Accessible Website for legal advertisements and public notices to be published annually in a newspaper of general circulation within the jurisdiction of the District and to maintain a registry of property owners and residents as set forth in Section 50.0311(6), *Florida Statutes*.

5. AUTHORIZATION. The District Manager is hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to provide for the implementation of this Resolution and comply with the specific requirements of Section 50.0311, *Florida Statutes*, and the County Regulations.

6. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS. All District Rules, Policies or Resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby suspended.

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

8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4th day of February 2025.

**EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Chair/ Vice Chair

Print Name: _____

Composite Exhibit A

Governmental Agency Order

D-R Media and Investments, LLC Publicly Accessible Website Agreement

This Order is between County/[Governmental Agency] ("County")/("Governmental Agency") and D-R Media and Investments, LLC ("Contractor" or "D-R Media") pursuant to Contractor's Agreement with Polk County. Contractor affirms that the representations and warranties in the Agreement are true and correct as of the date this Order is executed by Contractor. In the event of any inconsistency between this Order and the Agreement, the provisions of the Agreement shall govern and control.

Services to be provided pursuant to this Order:

[COMPOSE SIMPLE SUMMARY INCLUDING GO-LIVE DATE]

The time period for this Order, unless otherwise extended or terminated by either party, is as follows:

Contractor shall provide notices on the Publicly Accessible Website at no charge to the County/Governmental Agency as provided in the Agreement.

Additional Terms:

- a. **Form of Notice.** County/Governmental Agency shall comply with all applicable requirements, obligations, duties, and procedures set forth in Chapter 50, Florida Statutes ("Notice Requirements"), as may be amended from time to time, relating to any Notices published on the Website. County/Governmental Agency shall be solely responsible for compliance with the Notice Requirements.
- b. **Sovereign Immunity.** Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed a waiver, expressed or implied, of the County/Governmental Agency's sovereign immunity or an increase in the limits of liability pursuant to Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, regardless of whether any such obligations are based in tort, contract, statute, strict

liability, negligence, product liability or otherwise nor shall anything included herein be construed as consent by County/Governmental Agency to be sued by a third party in any matter arising out of this Order.

c. Notices. Parties shall ensure any Notices are provided in accordance with the "Notices" section of the Agreement at the address for Contractor listed in the Agreement and the address for County/Governmental Agency listed in the Participation Agreement.

d. Public Records. The provisions of Section 119.0701 are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein. Governmental Agency's public records custodian is as follows:

Warranties and Disclaimer.

a. Each person signing this Order, represents and warrants that they are duly authorized and have legal capacity to execute and bind the respective party to the terms and conditions of this Order. Each party represents and warrants to the other that the execution and delivery of the Order and the performance of such Party's obligations thereunder have been duly authorized and that this Order is a valid and legal agreement binding on such Party and enforceable in accordance with its terms.

b. D-R Media warrants that the Services will perform substantially in accordance with the Agreement, documentation, and marketing proposals, and free of any material defect. D-R Media warrants to the Governmental Agency that, upon notice given to D-R Media of any defect in design or fault or improper workmanship, D-R Media shall remedy any such defect. D-R Media makes no warranty regarding, and will have no responsibility for, any claim arising out of: (i) a modification of the Services made by anyone other than D- R Media, even in a situation where D-R Media approves of such modification in writing; or (ii) use of the Services in combination with a third-party service, web hosting service, or server not authorized by D-R Media.

c. EXCEPT FOR THE EXPRESS WARRANTIES IN THE AGREEMENT AND THIS ORDER, D-R MEDIA HEREBY DISCLAIMS ALL WARRANTIES, WHETHER EXPRESS, IMPLIED, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY OF

MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, OR ARISING FROM A PRIOR COURSE OF DEALING.

d. EACH PROVISION OF THIS ORDER THAT PROVIDES FOR A LIMITATION OF LIABILITY, DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES, OR EXCLUSION OF DAMAGES IS TO ALLOCATE THE RISKS OF THIS ORDER BETWEEN THE PARTIES. THIS ALLOCATION IS REFLECTED IN THE PRICING OFFERED BY D-R MEDIA TO GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY AND IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF THE BASIS OF THE BARGAIN BETWEEN THE PARTIES. EACH OF THESE PROVISIONS IS SEVERABLE AND INDEPENDENT OF ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDER.

Ownership and Content Responsibility.

a. Upon completion of the Initial Implementation and go-live date, County/Governmental Agency shall assume full responsibility for County/Governmental Agency Content maintenance and administration. County/Governmental Agency, not D- R Media, shall have sole responsibility for the accuracy, quality, integrity, legality, reliability, appropriateness, and intellectual property ownership or right to use of all Governmental Agency Content.

b. At any time during the term of the applicable Order, County/Governmental Agency shall have the ability to download the County/Governmental Agency Content and export the County/Governmental Agency data through the Services.

Responsibilities of the Parties.

a. D-R Media will not be liable for any failure of performance that is caused by or the result of any act or omission by Governmental Agency or any entity employed/contracted on the Governmental Agency's behalf.

b. County/Governmental Agency shall be responsible for all activity that occurs under County/Governmental Agency's accounts by or on behalf of County/Governmental Agency. County/Governmental Agency agrees to (a) be solely responsible for all designated and authorized individuals chosen by Governmental Agency ("User") activity, which must be in accordance with this Order; (b) be solely responsible for County/Governmental Agency content and data; (c) obtain and maintain during the term

all necessary consents, agreements and approvals from end-users, individuals, or any other third parties for all actual or intended uses of information, data, or other content County/Governmental Agency will use in connection with the Services; (d) use commercially reasonable efforts to prevent unauthorized access to, or use of, any User's log-in information and the Services, and notify D-R Media promptly of any known unauthorized access or use of the foregoing; and (e) use the Services only in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

c. The Parties shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws, treaties, regulations, and conventions in connection with its use and provision of any of the Services or D-R Media Property.

d. In the event of a security breach at the sole fault of the negligence, malicious actions, omissions, or misconduct of D-R Media, D-R Media, as the data custodian, shall comply will all remediation efforts as required by applicable federal and state law.

(Signatures appear on the following page.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have made and executed this Order,
effective as of the date the last party signs this Order.

GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY NAME

ATTEST:

By: _____
GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY NAME/TITLE

CITY CLERK

Print Name
____ day of _____, 20__

Contractor

Signature

Print/Type Name

Title

**Form Participation Agreement for Publication of Legal Notices on County Designated
Publicly Accessible Website**

This Form Participation Agreement ("Participation Agreement") is made and entered into by and between Polk County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida ("County"), and _____, a local government existing under the laws of the State of Florida ("Local Government") (each a "Party," and collectively the "Parties").

RECITALS

- A. During the 2022 legislative session, the Florida Legislature enacted House Bill 7049, which created Section 50.0311, Florida Statutes.
- B. Effective January 1, 2023, Section 50.0311, Florida Statutes, authorizes a local governmental agency to publish legal notices under specified conditions on a publicly accessible website, owned or designated by the applicable county, instead of in a print newspaper.
- C. Local Government represents that it is a governmental agency as defined in Section 50.0311, Florida Statutes. Local Government desires to utilize County's designated publicly accessible website for certain required notices and advertisements.
- D. Pursuant to Section 50.0311, Florida Statutes, County designated the website operated by D-R Media ("Website") as County's publicly accessible website for publication of notices and advertisements ("Publications").

Now, therefore, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

- 1. Recitals. The truth and accuracy of each clause set forth above is acknowledged by the Parties.
- 2. Designation of Website. County has entered into an agreement with Website ("Website Contract") for Publications. County may at any time, upon at least ninety (90) days prior to written notice to Local Government in accordance with the Notices section of this Participation

Agreement, designate a different entity as County's publicly accessible website pursuant to Section 50.0311, Florida Statutes. Parties shall consider any such new designation as automatically effective upon the date stated in County's notice without the need for an amendment to this Participation Agreement, and upon the effective date the new website shall be the "Website" for purposes of this Participation Agreement.

3. Utilization of Website. Local Government may utilize the Website for its Publications if and to the extent it elects to do so. Nothing in this Participation Agreement obligates Local Government to utilize the Website for any Publication. However, any utilization of Website by Local Government for Publications pursuant to Section 50.0311, Florida Statutes, shall be obtained exclusively through the Website Contract and not through any other contract or procurement method. Local Government agrees that no other website is County's designated publicly accessible website, and Local Government agrees it may not take any action to challenge or otherwise attempt to disqualify the designation of Website (or any substitute website pursuant to Section 2 above) as the properly designated website of County pursuant to Section 50.0311, Florida Statutes.

4. Term. The term of this Participation Agreement shall commence upon the date it is fully executed by the Parties ("Effective Date") and shall continue until terminated by either Party as otherwise provided herein.

5. Compliance with Notice Requirements. For the duration of this Participation Agreement, Local Government shall comply with all applicable requirements, obligations, duties, and procedures set forth in Chapter 50, Florida Statutes ("Notice Requirements"), as may be amended from time to time, relating to any Publications published on the Website. County shall have no responsibility for ensuring that Local Government, the Website, or the Publications comply with the Notice Requirements or any other applicable law, rule, or regulation.

6. County Actions are Ministerial. Local Government acknowledges that any and all Publications of Local Government are prepared by Local Government and not by County Local Government shall construe any and all actions of County in conjunction with, or

relating to, the designation of the Website for use by Local Government as, purely ministerial acts.

7. Costs and Payment. Local Government shall be solely responsible for the timely payment of all fees and costs associated with its Publications and use of the Website. Local Government shall utilize the Website Contract to obtain from Website any applicable services Local Government requires relating to Publications and shall pay Website directly for all such services provided in connection with Publications. Additionally, Local Government shall be solely responsible for payment of any and all mailing costs or other costs associated with the Publications or otherwise incurred relating to the Publications pursuant to Chapter 50, Florida Statutes, including without limitation Section 50.0311(6), Florida Statutes. County shall not be responsible for any fees or costs associated with: (a) use of the Website by Local Government; (b) any Publication; or (c) compliance with Chapter 50, Florida Statutes. Local Government recognizes and agrees that if Local Government fails to timely pay Website, then Website may terminate Local Government's access to the Website, and County shall have no liability to Local Government for such termination or lack of access, or any subsequent costs which Local Government might incur due to such termination or lack of access. Likewise, Local Government acknowledges that County has no control over payment processing services.

8. Sovereign Immunity. Except to the extent sovereign immunity may be deemed waived by entering into this Participation Agreement, nothing herein is intended to serve as a waiver of sovereign immunity by either Party nor shall anything included herein be construed as consent by either Party to be sued by a third party in any matter arising out of this Participation Agreement.

9. Indemnification. Local Government shall indemnify and hold harmless County and all of County's current, past, and future officers, agents, and employees (collectively, "Indemnified Party") from and against any and all causes of action, demands, claims, losses, liabilities, and expenditures of any kind, including attorneys' fees, court costs, and expenses, including through the conclusion of any appellate proceedings, raised or asserted by any person or entity not a party to this Participation Agreement, and caused

or alleged to be caused, in whole or in part, by any breach of this Participation Agreement by Local Government, or any intentional, reckless, or negligent act or omission of Local Government, its officers, employees, or agents, arising from, relating to, or in connection with this Participation Agreement or any Publication. The obligations of this section shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Participation Agreement.

10. Termination.

10.1. Termination without cause. Either Party may terminate this Participation Agreement without cause upon at least ninety (90) days' prior written notice to the other Party.

10.2. Termination with cause. If the Party in breach has not corrected the breach within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice from the aggrieved Party identifying the breach, then the aggrieved Party may terminate this Participation Agreement for cause.

10.3. Automatic Termination. If the publication of electronic notices is determined to be illegal by a court of competent jurisdiction, or if the Florida Legislature modifies Florida law to prohibit utilization of County's designated publicly accessible website for Publications, then this Participation Agreement will be deemed automatically terminated upon such finding becoming final or such law becoming effective, as applicable.

11. Notices. In order for a notice to a Party to be effective under this Participation Agreement, notice must be sent via U.S. first-class mail, with a contemporaneous copy sent via e-mail, to the addresses listed below and shall be effective upon mailing. The addresses for notice shall remain as set forth herein unless and until changed by providing notice of such change in accordance with the provisions of this section.

FOR COUNTY:

County Manager

Polk County Board of County Commissioners

P.O. Box 9005

Bartow, Florida 33830

With a copy to:

County Attorney

Polk County Board of County Commissioners

P.O. Box 9005, Drawer AT01 Bartow,

Florida 33830

FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

Email address: _____

12. Prior Agreements. Parties shall consider this Participation Agreement as representing the final and complete understanding of the subject matter of this Participation Agreement and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous negotiations and discussions regarding same. All commitments, agreements, and understandings of the Parties concerning the subject matter of this Participation Agreement are contained herein.

13. Assignment. Neither this Participation Agreement nor any term or provision hereof or right hereunder may be assignable by either Party without the prior written consent of the other Party. Any assignment, transfer, encumbrance, or subcontract in violation of this section shall be void and ineffective.

14. Interpretation. The headings contained in this Participation Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not in any way affect the meaning or interpretation of this Participation Agreement. All personal pronouns used in this Participation Agreement shall include any other gender, and the singular shall include the plural, and vice versa, unless the context otherwise requires. Terms such as "herein" refer to this Participation Agreement as a whole and not to any particular sentence, paragraph, or section where they appear, unless the context otherwise requires. Whenever reference is made to a section or article of this Participation Agreement, such reference is to the section or article as a whole, including all of

the subsections of such section, unless the reference is made to a particular subsection or subparagraph of such section or article.

15. Third-Party Beneficiaries. Neither Local Government nor County intends to directly or substantially benefit a third party by this Participation Agreement. Therefore, the Parties acknowledge that there are no third-party beneficiaries to this Participation Agreement and that no third party shall be entitled to assert a right or claim against either of them based upon this Participation Agreement.

16. Law. Jurisdiction. Venue. Waiver of Jury Trial. This Participation Agreement shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Florida. The exclusive venue for any lawsuit arising from, related to, or in connection with this Participation Agreement shall be in the state courts of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Polk County, Florida. If any claim arising from, related to, or in connection with this Participation Agreement must be litigated in federal court, then the exclusive venue for any such lawsuit shall be in the United States District Court, or the United States Bankruptcy Court, for the Middle District of Florida. EACH PARTY EXPRESSLY, VOLUNTARILY, INTENTIONALLY, IRREVOCABLY, AND KNOWINGLY WAIVES ANY RIGHTS IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY OF ANY CIVIL LITIGATION RELATED TO THIS PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT.

17. Amendments. No modification, amendment, or alteration in the terms or conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written document prepared with the same or similar formality as this Participation Agreement and executed on behalf of County and Local Government, respectively, by persons authorized to execute same on their behalf.

18. Representation of Authority. Each individual executing this Participation Agreement on behalf of a Party represents and warrants that they are, on the date they sign this Participation Agreement, duly authorized by all necessary and appropriate action to execute this Participation Agreement on behalf of such Party and that they do so with full legal authority.

19. Counterparts and Multiple Originals. This Participation Agreement may be executed in multiple originals, and may be executed in counterparts, whether signed physically or electronically, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of

which, taken together, shall constitute one and the same Participation Agreement.

20. Materiality and Waiver or Breach. Each requirement, duty, and obligation set forth herein was bargained for at arm's-length. Each requirement, duty, and obligation set forth herein is substantial and important to the formation of this Participation Agreement, and each is, therefore, a material term. Any Party's failure to enforce any provision of this Participation Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such provision or modification of this Participation Agreement. A waiver of any breach of a provision of this Participation Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach and shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this Participation Agreement. For a waiver to be effective, any waiver must be in writing signed by an authorized signatory of the Party granting the waiver.

21. Compliance with Laws. Each Party shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, codes, ordinances, rules, and regulations in performing its duties, responsibilities, and obligations pursuant to this Participation Agreement.

(Remainder of this page intentionally left blank.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have signed this Agreement and through their duly authorized signatories on the dates noted below their names.

ATTEST:

POLK COUNTY

Stacy M. Butterfield

Clerk to the Board

a political subdivision of the State of Florida

By: _____

By: _____

Deputy Clerk

County Manager

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Local Government.

Signature

Signature

Print Name

Print Name

Title

Title

SECTION L

RESOLUTION 2025-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE 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, Eagle Trace 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 the Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida; and

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (the “Board”) accordingly finds that it is in the best interest 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 EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

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

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of February 2025

ATTEST:

**EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

**EAGLE TRACE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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

February 4, 2025

Eagle Trace Community Development District
Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

I. Purpose

In accordance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act, as amended (Chapter 218, Part VII, *Florida Statutes*) (“PPA”), the purpose of the Eagle Trace 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 407-841-5524), email: jburns@gmscfl.com.

D. Proper Invoice for Non-Construction Goods and Services

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

1. Name of Vendor
2. Remittance address
3. Invoice Date
4. Invoice number
5. The “Bill To” party must be the District or the Board, or other entity approved in writing by the Board of the District Manager
6. Project name (if applicable)
7. In addition to the information required in Section IV.D.1-6 above, invoices involving the *purchase of goods* should also contain:
 - a. A complete item description
 - b. Quantity purchased
 - c. Unit price(s)
 - d. Total price (for each item)
 - e. Total amount of invoice (all items)
 - f. The location and date(s) of delivery of the goods to the District
8. In addition to the information required in Section IV.D.1-6 above, invoices involving the *purchase of services* should also contain:

- a. Itemized description of services performed
 - b. The location and date of delivery of the services to the District
 - c. Billing method for services performed (i.e., approved hourly rates, percentage of completion, cost plus fixed fee, direct/actual costs, etc.)
 - d. Itemization of other direct, reimbursable costs (including description and amount)
 - e. Copies of invoices for other direct, reimbursable costs (other than incidental costs such as copying) and one (1) of the following:
 - i. Copy of both sides of a cancelled check evidencing payment for costs submitted for reimbursement
 - ii. Paid receipt
 - iii. Waiver/lien release from subcontractor (if applicable)
9. Any applicable discounts
 10. Any other information or documentation, which may be required or specified under the terms of the purchase order or agreement

E. Proper Payment Request Requirements for Construction Services

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

V. Submission of Invoices and Payment Requests

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

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

1. Mailing and Drop Off Address

Eagle Trace Community Development District
c/o Governmental Management Services-CF, LLC
219 E. Livingston Street
Orlando, Florida 32801
Attn: District Manager

2. Email Address

jburns@gmscfl.com

VI. Calculation of Payment Due Date

A. Non-Construction Goods and Services Invoices

1. Receipt of Proper Invoice

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

2. Receipt of Improper Invoice

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

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

3. Rejection of an Improper Invoice

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

The District's rejection of an Improper Invoice must:

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

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

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

4. Payment of Undisputed Portion of Invoice

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

B. Payment Requests for Construction Services

1. Receipt of Proper Payment Request

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

- a. If an Agent must approve the payment request before it is submitted to the District Manager, payment (whether full or partial) is due twenty-five (25)

business days after the payment request is Date Stamped. The Provider may send the District an overdue notice. If the payment request is not rejected within four (4) business days after Date Stamp of the overdue notice, the payment request shall be deemed accepted, except for any portion of the payment request that is fraudulent, misleading or is the subject of dispute.

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

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

2. Receipt and Rejection of Improper Payment Request

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

3. Payment of Undisputed Portion of Payment Request

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

VII. Resolution of Disputes

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

A. Dispute between the District and a Provider

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

B. Dispute Resolution Procedures

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

Construction Services by more than ten percent (10%) or Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000).

6. A written explanation of the final decision shall be sent to the Provider, via certified mail, within five (5) business days from the date on which such final decision is made. A copy of the written explanation of the final decision shall be provided to the Chairperson of the Board simultaneously with the certified mailing to the Provider.
7. If a Provider does not accept in writing the final decision within five (5) days after receipt by the Provider, the District may immediately contract with third parties to provide the goods and services subject to the dispute and deduct the costs of such third party purchases from amounts owed to the Provider. If the costs of the third party purchases exceed the amount the District owes to the Provider, the District may seek to recover such excess from the Provider in a court of law or as otherwise provided in an agreement between the District and the Provider. Nothing contained herein shall limit or affect the District's ability to enforce all of its legal and contractual rights and remedies against the Provider.

VIII. Purchases Involving Federal Funds or Bond Funds

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

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

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

X. Late Payment Interest Charges

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

A. Related to Non-Construction Goods and Services

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

SECTION M

MEMORANDUM

TO: Eagle Trace Community Development District
Board of Supervisors

FROM: Kilinski | Van Wyk, PLLC

DATE: February 4, 2025

RE: Public Records Retention

The purpose of this memorandum is to outline the District's responsibilities in relation to the retention and disposition of its public records ("Records Retention") and to present a choice between two different resolutions for the Board to consider. Historically, most districts have not engaged in the disposition of records and have simply chosen to keep all records. However, current state law provides for the disposition of many records after a specified period of time. In order to devise a Records Retention Policy which makes sense, there are three primary sources for legal requirements that must be considered.

Overview of State Law Records Retention Requirements

Florida Law sets forth a comprehensive scheme governing Records Retention. Section 257.36, *Florida Statutes*, entitled "Records and Information Management" created the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State ("DLIS") which is charged with the duty to set forth policies and rules regulating Records Retention. To this end, DLIS has adopted comprehensive rules and policies applicable to community development districts ("CDDs") which are set forth in the Florida Administrative Code sections 1B-24.001, 1B-24.003, 1B-26.0021, and 1B-26.003. DLIS adopts records retention schedules which provide the minimum amount of time that different public records must be kept before they are disposed ("Schedules"). The Schedules typically applicable to CDDs are GS1-SL (General Records Schedule for State and Local Government Agencies), GS3 (General Records Schedule for Election Records), and GS14 (General Records Schedule for Public Utilities). GS1-SL and GS3 will apply to every CDD, while GS14 will apply to just those CDDs operating water and sewer utilities. Each of these three schedules is further broken down into categories of similar documents.

Under Florida law, all documents of a particular type must be retained for the minimum amount of time set forth in the applicable section of the Schedules. In the event a District record exists that does not fall into one of the specified categories, the District is responsible for requesting that an "Individual Records Schedule" be created by DLIS.

Florida law allows CDDs to adopt policies that extend the amount of time a record must be kept. However, CDDs do not have the power to shorten the time periods in the Schedules.

Overview of Federal Law Records Retention Requirements by Virtue of Tax-Exempt Bond Issuance

If a District has issued tax exempt bonds, there are various requirements imposed by federal law relating to Records Retention. The general principle is that documents in any way related to the issuance of tax-exempt bonds, revenues securing bonds, and the use of the bond proceeds should be kept until at least three (3) years after the bonds are redeemed. If refunding bonds are issued, records for the refunding bonds



and the bonds refunded should be kept until at least three (3) years after the refunding bonds are redeemed. The records which must be kept include, but are not limited to:

1. Basic records relating to the bond transaction (including the trust indenture, loan agreements, and bond counsel opinion); and
2. Documentation evidencing the expenditure of bond proceeds; and
3. Documentation evidencing use of bond-financed property by public and private sources (i.e., copies of management contracts and research agreements); and
4. Documentation evidencing all sources of payment or security for the bonds, such as assessments; and
5. Documentation pertaining to any investment of bond proceeds (including the purchase and sale of securities, SLGS subscriptions, yield calculations for each class of investments, actual investment income received from the investment of proceeds, guaranteed investment contracts, and rebate calculations).

Overview of Trust Indenture Requirements to Retain Records

Most, if not all, trust indentures require CDDs that have issued bonds to maintain records which demonstrate that the District has not taken any action to jeopardize the tax-exempt status of the bonds.

Current Responsibilities for District Records Retention

Section 119.021(2)(b), *Florida Statutes*, provides that the District must comply with the DLIS rules establishing retention schedules and disposal processes. Section 119.021(2)(c), *Florida Statutes*, provides that each public official shall systematically dispose of records no longer needed, subject to the consent of DLIS. Although the ultimate responsibility rests with the Secretary, the District needs to formally appoint a Records Management Liaison Officer to interact with DLIS. The attached resolutions appoint a Records Management Liaison Officer and outline such person's duties.

District Options for Records Retention Policy

At this point in time, the District really has two options to ensure compliance with applicable Records Retention laws.

First, the District can adopt the Florida Records Retention Schedules modified to ensure the District is also retaining the records required by federal law and the trust indenture. This option allows for the timely destruction of records while ensuring that the District's policy is in compliance with state and federal laws. Kilinski | Van Wyk, PLLC has prepared a resolution that implements this option, and it is attached hereto as **Option 1**.

Second, a District can adopt the Florida Records Retention Schedules as written and adopt a policy that states that the District will not be destroying any records at this point in time. While this seems like the easiest approach, it has its drawbacks and is inconsistent with the structure intended by Florida law. Not disposing of documents in a timely manner increases the cost of maintaining records thereby shifting valuable financial resources away from core functions. In addition, unnecessary Records Retention may disadvantage a District in future litigation and may be viewed as a lackadaisical approach to records management, thereby undermining the public's confidence in the integrity of the Records Retention system. Despite these concerns, the District could choose to keep all records. Kilinski | Van Wyk, PLLC has prepared a resolution that implements this option, and it is attached hereto as **Option 2**.



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It is important to note that the District could change its Records Retention policy at a later date so long as the District's amendment was consistent with the notice and hearing provisions found in Chapter 190.

Electronic Recordkeeping

Electronic recordkeeping is one of the many subjects under consideration by the Florida Legislature and our office will circulate an update on any legislative developments that occur. Presently, electronic recordkeeping is authorized by Rule 1B-26.003, Florida Administrative Code, which provides control standards relating to the same. The DLIS recently released the "Electronic Recordkeeping Strategic Plan," which focuses on recording strategies as they relate to electronic records. The Strategic Plan, as well as a multitude of resources for records managers, is made available for review by DLIS at the following address: http://dlis.dos.state.fl.us/index_RecordsManagers.cfm.

OPTION 1

RESOLUTION 2025-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE 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 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Eagle Trace 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 the Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida; 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 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 (the “Records Management Liaison Officer”); and

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE 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;
- B.** Coordinate the District's records inventory;
- C.** Maintain records retention and disposition forms;
- D.** Coordinate District records management training;
- E.** Develop records management procedures consistent with the attached Records Retention Policy, as amended;
- F.** Participate in the development of the District's development of electronic record keeping systems;
- G.** Submit annual compliance statements;
- 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 will retain certain records longer than required by the General Records Schedules established by the Division as set forth in **Exhibit A**. 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 shall not reduce the retention times set forth in **Exhibit A**. 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 4th day February 2025.

ATTEST:

**EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: District Amendments to General Records Schedules Established by the Division

Exhibit A

District Amendments to General Records Schedules established by the Division

ADVERTISEMENTS: LEGAL (Item #25)

The District shall retain mailed and published legal advertisements, and corresponding affidavits, relating to proceedings under uniform method of collection of debt assessments permanently. The District shall retain mailed and published legal advertisements, and corresponding affidavits, relating to the levy of assessments securing bonds for five (5) fiscal years provided applicable audits have been released, or until three (3) calendar years after related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later.

AUDITS: INDEPENDENT (Item #56)

The District shall retain the record copy of independent audits for ten (10) fiscal years or until three (3) calendar years after all related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later.

DISBURSEMENT RECORDS: DETAIL (Item #340)

The District shall retain the record copy of disbursement records relating to the use of bonds for five (5) fiscal years provided applicable audits have been released or until three (3) calendar years after related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later.

DISBURSEMENT RECORDS: SUMMARY (Item #341)

The District shall retain the record copy of disbursement records relating to the use of bonds for ten (10) fiscal years provided applicable audits have been released or until three (3) calendar years after related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNUAL REPORTS (Item #107)

The District shall retain the record copy of disbursement records relating to the use of bonds for ten (10) fiscal years provided applicable audits have been released or until three (3) calendar years after all related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later.

INCIDENT REPORT FILES (Item #241)

The District shall retain incident reports for five (5) anniversary years from the date of the incident.

MINUTES: OFFICIAL MEETINGS (PRELIMINARY/AUDIO RECORDINGS/VIDEO RECORDINGS (Item #4)

The District shall retain audio recordings of board of supervisor meetings for five (5) calendar years after adoption of the official minutes.

PROJECT FILES: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT (Item #136)

The District shall retain the record copy of project files for projects funded with bonds for ten (10) fiscal years after completion of the project provided applicable audits have been released or until three (3) calendar years after all related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later.

REAL PROPERTY RECORDS: CONDEMNATION/DEMOLITION (Item #364)

The District shall retain the record copy of project files for condemnation/demolition projects funded with bonds for five (5) anniversary years after final action or until three (3) calendar years after all related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later. The record copy of deeds and easements shall be kept permanently.

REAL PROPERTY RECORDS: PROPERTY ACQUIRED (Item #172)

The District shall retain the record copy of documents related to property acquisitions funded with bonds for three (3) fiscal years after final disposition of the property provided applicable audits have been released or until three (3) calendar years after all related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later. The record copy of deeds and easements shall be kept permanently.

OPTION 2

RESOLUTION 2025-15

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

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- D. Coordinate District records management training;
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- F. Participate in the District's development of electronic record keeping systems.
- G. Submit annual compliance statements;
- 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. 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 change 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 4th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

**EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Composite Exhibit A: General Records Schedules, GS1-SL and GS3

Composite Exhibit A

General Records Schedules Established by the Division (GS1-SL and GS3)

[attach, if Option 2 adopted]

SECTION O

RESOLUTION 2025-16

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING THE
LOCATION OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT RECORDS OFFICE AND
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, Eagle Trace 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 the Town of Lake Hamilton , Polk County, Florida; and

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

WHEREAS, District records are available for public review and inspection at the offices of the Cassidy Organization at 346 East Central Avenue, Winter Haven, Florida 33880.

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

SECTION 1. The District’s local records office shall be located at:

The Cassidy Organization
346 East Central Avenue
Winter Haven, Florida 33880

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

**EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION P

RESOLUTION 2025-17

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING THE PRIMARY
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AND PRINCIPAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE
DISTRICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, Eagle Trace 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 the Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to designate its primary administrative office as the location where the District’s public records are routinely created, sent, received, maintained, and requested, for the purposes of prominently posting the contact information of the District’s Record’s Custodian in order to provide citizens with the ability to access the District’s records and ensure that the public is informed of the activities of the District in accordance with Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District additionally 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 EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

SECTION 1. The District’s primary administrative office for purposes of Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*, shall be located at Governmental Management Services – Central Florida LLC, 219 E. Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801.

SECTION 2. The District’s principal headquarters for purposes of establishing proper venue shall be located at the Cassidy Organization, 346 East Central Avenue, Winter Haven, Florida 33880 within Polk County, Florida.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

**EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION Q



Align the future. ReAlign the past.

Customized ADA Compliant Website Proposal
for:

**Eagle Trace
Community Development District**

January 13, 2025

Project Scope

Website Design Overview

1. Project Background and Description

Eagle Trace CDD (the client) is seeking an ADA compliant website.

2. Project Scope

ReAlign Web Design (the company) will create and design a new website for **the client**. The website will aim to portray the CDD in a professional image while serving several functions such as; district information center, document storage, Florida statute requirement fulfillment, and ADA compliance.

The website will have standard security including antivirus, firewall and SSL encryption. The website will be compliant with Section 508 of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and will maintain a conformance level of AA with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1 (WCAG 2.1).

The project is considered finished when **the client** is satisfied with the implementation of the website provided, within reason. **The company** will provide an invoice upon completion and implementation of the website. Any further revisions beyond the finished website may be subject to a fee.

3. Deliverables

The company: One completed website, site content and images, website security, antivirus and firewall, SSL implementation, domain transfer (if necessary), DNS and hosting setup, ADA Section 508 compliance and WCAG 2.1 AA conformity.

The client: Payment upon completion and invoice receipt and any content required to complete the project within the scope of work including proprietary property.

4. Price - \$1,750 Upon Completion

The company will bill \$1,750 upon completion of the finished website and acceptance by **the client**.

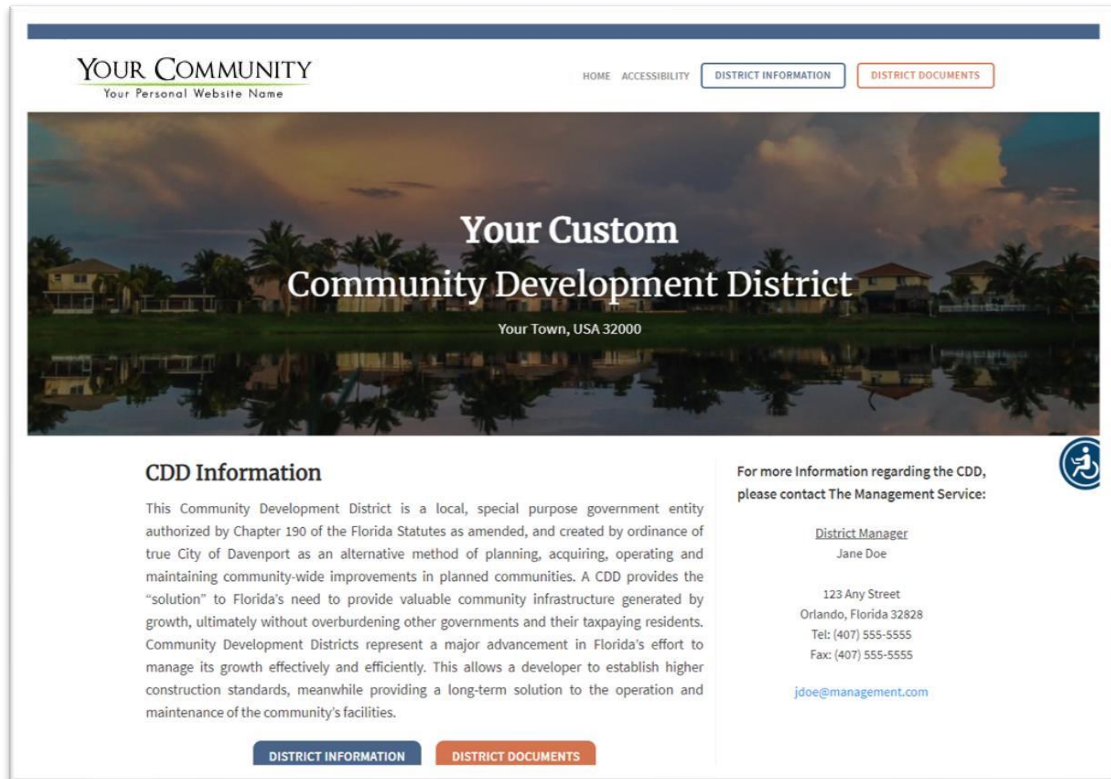
5. High-Level Timeline/Schedule

The company will utilize best efforts to deliver the completed website within one month of an executed agreement and authority to proceed.

Demo Content – Everything is Customized

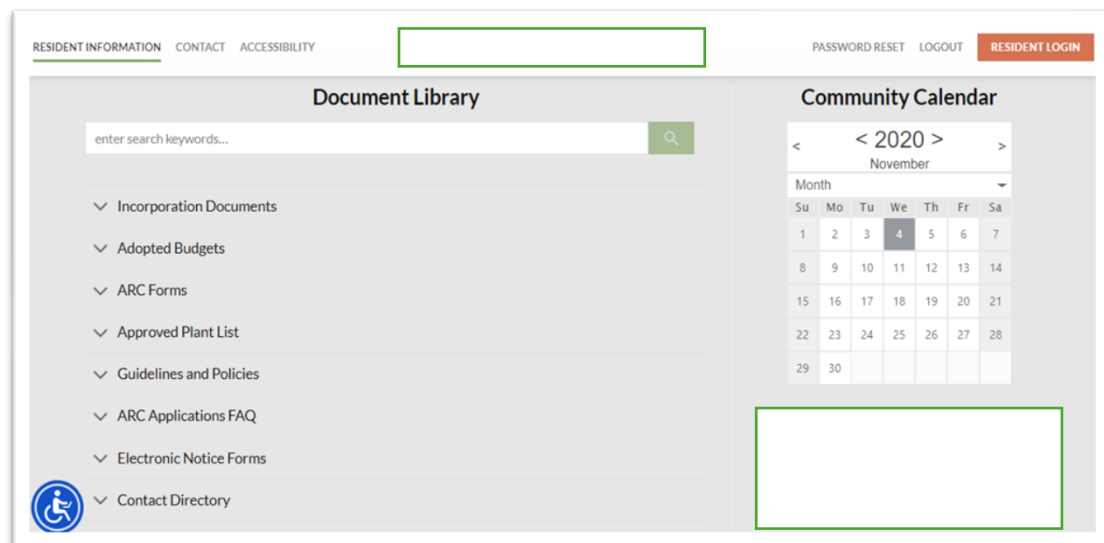
Custom Website Design

Featuring a welcome page with public information, community features and documents.



Document Storage

Quickly search, find, and download community documents like budgets, notices, and more.







Community Information

Display the current board, meeting notices, and other important information.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CDD Board

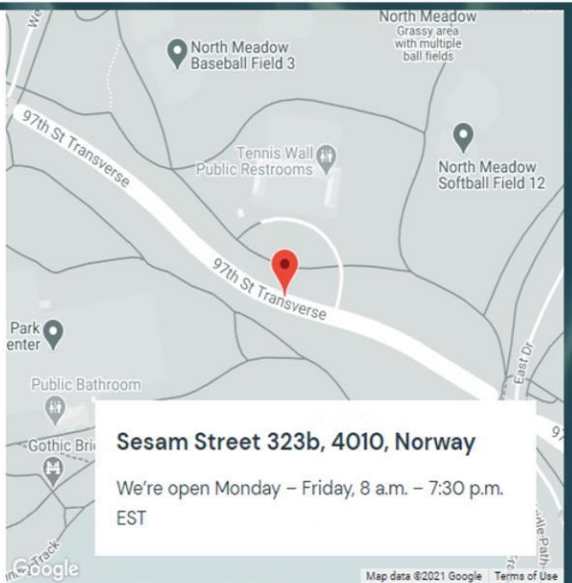
			
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Easy Contact

Custom contact options that notify the board and/or management company.

GET IN TOUCH

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Sesam Street 323b, 4010, Norway

We're open Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. EST

Indemnification: The Company warrants that all accessibility compliance seals warrant a passing grade from the UserWay accessibility testing widget at the time of testing according to the standards set forth by UserWay. The Company does not independently verify the accuracy of accessibility tests. The Client specifically recognizes and acknowledges that ADA Section 508 guidelines and WCAG 2.1 guidelines are constantly changing and that at the time of this Agreement there is no single definitive authority on digital accessibility standards. Upon acceptance of the completed website, the Client assumes title to the website along with all responsibility for maintaining ADA 508 and WCAG 2.1 conformity and compliance. At the moment of transfer of title of the website to the Client and thereafter in perpetuity, the Client shall indemnify, defend and hold Company and its owners, shareholders, officers, directors, partners, partnerships, affiliates, subsidiaries, divisions or employees, authorized agents, independent contractors and permitted assigns ("Company Indemnified Parties") harmless from and against any and all claims, suits, actions, demands, and proceedings of any kind ("Claims"), threatened, asserted or filed against Company or any and all Company Indemnified Parties by any third party, and any damages, losses, expenses, liabilities or costs of any kind (including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees, witness fees and court costs) which may be incurred in connection with such Claims (including those necessary to successfully establish the right to indemnification), regarding non-compliance with any ADA Section 508 guidelines and WCAG 2.1 guidelines or similar regulations and cannot be held liable for any lawsuits arising therefrom.

Approval and Authority to Proceed

We approve the project as described above and authorize the team to proceed.

Service	Acceptance
Website creation - \$1,750 one-time fee	
ADA Compliance Audits - \$960 annually	

Approved By _____

Date _____

SECTION S

RESOLUTION 2025-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE 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, Eagle Trace Community Development District (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated within the Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida; and

WHEREAS, section 190.011(5), *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to adopt resolutions that 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 not on a monthly basis, 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 EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

Section 1. Continuing Expenses: The Board hereby authorizes the payment of invoices of continuing expenses that meet the following requirements:

1. The invoices must be due on or before the next scheduled meeting of the Board.
2. The invoice must be pursuant to a contract or agreement authorized by the Board.
3. 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.
4. The invoice amount will not cause payments to exceed the adopted budget of the District.

Section 2. Non-Continuing Expenses: The Board hereby authorizes the disbursement of funds for payment of invoices of non-continuing expenses that are: 1) required to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents within the District; or 2) required to repair, control, or maintain a District facility or asset beyond the normal, usual, or customary maintenance required for such facility or assets, pursuant to the following schedule:

1. Non-Continuing Expenses Not Exceeding \$5,000 - with approval of the District Manager;

2. Non-Continuing Expenses Exceeding \$5,000 - with approval of the District Manager and Chairperson of the Board.

Section 3. Any payment made pursuant to the Resolution shall be submitted to the Board at the next scheduled meeting for approval and ratification.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

**EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION T

RESOLUTION 2025-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT GRANTING THE CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON 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, Eagle Trace Community Development District ("District") is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and situated within the Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to construct, install, operate, and/or maintain systems and facilities for certain basic infrastructure, including but not limited to, earthwork, water, sewer, reuse and drainage system, roadway improvements, recreation improvements, wetland mitigation, and landscape and hardscape improvements; and

WHEREAS, the District intends to adopt a Master Engineer's Report ("Engineer's Report"), which sets forth the scope of the District's capital improvement plan and the improvements that are to be constructed thereto ("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 ("**Permits and Conveyances**"); and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the efficient development of the Improvements, the District desires to authorize the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson to approve and execute the Permits and Conveyances necessary to finalize the development of the District's capital improvement plan ("**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 Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson 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 EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS. The recitals so stated are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated into and form a material part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY. The Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson of the District's Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign, accept, or execute Permits and Conveyances as defined above. The Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary of the District's Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized to countersign any such Permits and Conveyances signed by the Chairperson or the Vice Chairperson, respectively. Such authority shall be subject to the District Engineer and District Counsel's review and approval.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

**EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION U

RESOLUTION 2025-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT ENGINEER, OR ANOTHER 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 Eagle Trace 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 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 EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District Engineer, the District Manager or another individual as shall be appointed by the Board ("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 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 authorized 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 (also referred to as "Owner").

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 and/or the Board, and are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed in 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.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

**EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A

Form of Work Authorization

Comp. Exhibit B

Procurement Procedures for Direct Purchase Material

EXHIBIT A

Work Authorization

_____, 2025

Board of Supervisors
Eagle Trace Community Development District
c/o Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC
219 East Livingston Street
Orlando, Florida 32801

Subject: **Work Authorization Number 2**
Eagle Trace Community Development District

Dear Chairperson, Board of Supervisors:

Dewberry Engineers Inc., (“Engineer”) is pleased to submit this work authorization to provide engineering services for the Eagle Trace Community Development District. We will provide these services pursuant to our current agreement dated _____, 2025 (“Engineering Agreement”) as follows:

I. Scope of Work

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

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.

Engineer hereby represents it understands and will abide by all terms of the District’s Procurement Procedures for Direct Purchase Materials (also referred to as “Owner Purchased Materials”). In preparing and executing any documentation for purposes of ordering or purchasing materials in the name of and on behalf of the District, the Engineer will affirm that the vendor supplying the Direct Purchase Materials is not also the installer of the Direct Purchase Materials, and further, will affirm that the installer of the Direct Purchase Materials did not manufacture, fabricate or furnish the Direct Purchase Materials.

This work authorization, together with the Engineering Agreement, as amended and supplemented, represents the entire understanding between the District and Engineer with regard to the referenced services herein. 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.

Sincerely,

Reinardo Malave, P.E.
Dewberry Engineers Inc.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED

Authorized Representative of Eagle Trace
Community Development District
Date: _____

COMPOSITE EXHIBIT B

PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES FOR DIRECT PURCHASE MATERIAL

1. Purchase Requisition Request Forms. At least ten (10) calendar days prior to CONTRACTOR ordering construction materials, CONTRACTOR shall prepare and forward to 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 substantially the form attached hereto as **Attachment 2**, or as modified from time to time in the District's discretion, 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 Direct Purchase Materials (also referred to as "Owner Purchased Material(s)") 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 Direct Purchase Materials specified in each Purchase Order, CONTRACTOR shall verify the purchase of the Direct Purchase Materials in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Order and in a manner to assure timely delivery of the Direct Purchase 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 Direct Purchase 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 Direct Purchase

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 Direct Purchase 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 Direct Purchase 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 Direct Purchase Materials within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of said Direct Purchase 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 Direct Purchase Materials and shall not be entitled to retain the standard five percent (5%) to ten percent (10%) 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 DIRECT PURCHASE MATERIALS IS NOT ALSO THE INSTALLER OF THE DIRECT PURCHASE MATERIALS. CONTRACTOR SHALL FURTHER AFFIRM THAT THE INSTALLER OF THE DIRECT PURCHASE MATERIALS DID NOT MANUFACTURE, FABRICATE OR FURNISH THE DIRECT PURCHASE 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 Direct Purchase 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 Direct Purchase 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 Direct Purchase Materials. The CONTRACTOR shall provide all services required for the unloading, handling and storage of construction materials through installation including Direct Purchase Materials. The CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the OWNER from any and all claims of whatever nature resulting from non-payment for Direct Purchase Materials arising from CONTRACTOR actions.

7.1 Inspection and Documentation. As Direct Purchase 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 Direct Purchase 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 Direct 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 fifteenth (15th) and last day of each month (or the next succeeding business day), CONTRACTOR shall review all invoices submitted by all suppliers of Direct Purchase Materials delivered to the project sites during that month and either concur or object to the OWNER's issuance of payment to the suppliers, based upon CONTRACTOR's records of Direct Purchase Materials delivered to the site and whether any defects or non-conformities exist in such Direct Purchase 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 Direct Purchase 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 Direct Purchase Materials it incorporates into the work from the stock of Direct Purchase Materials in its possession as bailee. The CONTRACTOR shall account monthly to the OWNER for any Direct Purchase 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 Direct Purchase 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 Direct Purchase 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 Direct Purchase 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 any available liquidated or delay damages.

8. Title. Notwithstanding the transfer of Direct Purchase 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 Direct Purchase 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 Direct Purchase Materials. Owner shall be the named insured and such insurance shall cover the full value of any Direct Purchase Materials not yet incorporated into the Project during the period between the time the OWNER first takes title to any such Direct Purchase Materials and the time when the last of such Direct Purchase 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

Direct Purchase Materials, defects, or other problems of any nature with such construction materials, late payment for such construction materials, or any other circumstance associated with Direct Purchase 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 Direct Purchase Materials.

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. _____

8. By signing below, Contractor affirms that it (i) is not the manufacturer of the materials, (ii) does not have exclusive rights from the manufacturer of the materials to furnish and install the materials, and (iii) has not already purchased the materials, and that (iv) the contractor or subcontractor installing the materials is not also selling the materials to the District.

OWNER: Eagle Trace Community Development District

Authorized Signature (Title)

Date

CONTRACTOR: _____

Authorized Signature (Title)

Date

PURCHASE ORDER
EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

“Owner”		“Seller”	
Owner:	Eagle Trace CDD	Seller:	
Address:	219 E. Livingston St. Orlando, FL 32801	Address:	
Phone:	(407) 841-5524	Phone:	

“Project”			
Project Name:	<u>Eagle Trace Phase</u>	Contract Date:	
Project Address:	Polk County, Florida		

Description of Goods or Services – The Owner and Seller are entering into this Purchase Order Agreement for the purpose of the Owner purchasing the items (“**Goods**”) listed in the proposal attached as **Exhibit 1**.

Schedule – The Goods shall be delivered within _____ days from the date of this Order.

Price – \$ _____

Certificate of Exemption # _____ (See **Exhibit 3**)

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the parties have executed this Order effective as of the date executed below. By executing this document below, Seller acknowledges that it has read all of the terms and provisions of this Order, including the Terms and Conditions attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**, and agrees to deliver the Goods as described herein and comply fully with the terms and conditions hereof.

Eagle Trace Community Development District

Owner <hr/> By: <hr/> Name: <hr/> Title: <hr/> Date Executed: <hr/>	Seller <hr/> By: <hr/> Name: <hr/> Title: <hr/> Date Executed: <hr/>
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- EXHIBIT 1:** Proposal
EXHIBIT 2: Terms and Conditions
EXHIBIT 3: District’s Certificate of Exemption

EXHIBIT 1

[Attach proposal]

EXHIBIT 2

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **PRICE.** The Price set forth above includes all Goods, insurance, warranties and other materials or services (including without limitation all packing, loading or freight) necessary to produce and deliver the Goods.
2. **SCHEDULE.** Time is of the essence with respect to this Order, and all Goods shall be produced and delivered within the times set forth in the Schedule. Owner may cancel this Order or any part thereof or reject delivery of Goods if such delivery or performance is not in material accordance with the specifications of this Order, including the Schedule.
3. **DELIVERY AND INSPECTION.**
 - a. All shipments of Goods are to be made, with all shipping costs prepaid by Seller (e.g., insurance, packing, loading, freight, etc.), to the receiving point specified above. Title, and risk of loss, shall pass to Owner at the time such Goods are delivered at the Project site and accepted by Owner or Owner's contractor, provided however that Owner shall have a reasonable opportunity to inspect such Goods prior to acceptance.
 - b. All Goods are subject to inspection and approval by Owner at a reasonable time post-delivery. Owner may return Goods not meeting specifications (including over-shipments) at the Seller's expense and risk. Owner will notify Seller of failure. Return authorizations for Goods not received within 30 days will deem such Goods as donations to Owner.
4. **TERMS OF PAYMENT.** Seller's Invoice ("**Invoice**") must be submitted before payment will be made by Owner pursuant to this Order. Owner shall make payment within 30 days of receipt of a proper invoice, and pursuant to the Local Government Prompt Payment Act, Sections 218.70 et seq., *Florida Statutes*. Any indebtedness of Seller to Owner may, at Owner's option, be credited against amounts owing by Owner hereunder.
5. **WARRANTY.** Seller shall take all necessary steps to assign any manufacturer's warranties to the Owner. Seller warrants that the title to Goods conveyed shall be good, that the transfer of the Goods shall be rightful, and that the Goods shall be free from any security interest, lien or encumbrance. Seller further warrants that the Goods are free of any rightful claim of infringement, and shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Indemnitees (defined below) against any such claim. Further, the Goods shall be new, shall be free from defects, shall be of merchantable quality, and shall be fit for use on the District's properties for the purposes with which the District makes such purchase. Seller agrees, without prejudice to any other rights Owner may have, to replace or otherwise remedy any defective Goods without further cost to Owner or, at Owner's option, to reimburse Owner for its cost of replacing defective Goods. All Goods are subject to inspection by Owner before, upon, and within a reasonable time after delivery. Goods shall not be replaced without Owner's prior written instructions. Any acceptance by Owner shall not prevent Owner from later rejecting non-conforming Goods. The warranty provided herein shall survive the completion or termination of this Order and is in addition to any warranties provided by law.
6. **COMPLIANCE WITH LAW.** Seller agrees that at all times it will comply with all applicable federal, state, municipal and local laws, orders and regulations.
7. **INDEMNITY.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, and in addition to any other obligations of Seller under the Order or otherwise, Seller shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend Owner, and Owner's supervisors, staff, consultants, agents, subcontractors, and employees (together, "**Indemnitees**") from all liabilities, damages, losses and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent caused in whole or in part by the negligence, recklessness or intentional wrongful misconduct of the Seller, or any subcontractor, any supplier, or any individual or entity directly or indirectly employed by any of them, and arising out of or incidental to the performance of this Order. The Seller shall ensure that any and all subcontractors include this express provision for the benefit of the Indemnitees. The parties agree that this paragraph is fully enforceable pursuant to Florida law. In the event that this section is determined to be unenforceable, this paragraph shall be reformed to give the paragraph the maximum effect allowed by Florida law and for the benefit of the Indemnitees. The provisions of this section shall survive the completion or earlier termination of this Order, and are not intended to limit any of the other rights and/or remedies provided to the District hereunder.
8. **INSURANCE.** At all times during the term of this Order agreement, Seller, at its sole cost and expense, shall maintain insurance coverages of the types and amounts set forth below:
 - a. Commercial general liability insurance with minimum limits of liability not less than \$1,000,000. Such insurance shall include coverage for contractual liability.
 - b. Workers' Compensation Insurance covering all employees of Seller in statutory amounts, and employer's liability insurance with limits of not less than \$100,000 each accident.
 - c. Comprehensive automobile liability insurance covering all automobiles used by Seller, with limits of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence combined single limit bodily injury and property damage.
9. **DEFAULT.** Upon any material default by Seller hereunder, Owner may, in addition to any other remedies available to Owner at law or in equity, cancel this Order without penalty or liability by written notice to Seller.
10. **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.** Nothing herein shall be construed to be a waiver of the Owner's limit of liability contained in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or other statute or law.
11. **WAIVER.** Any failure of Owner to enforce at any time, or for any period of time, any of the provisions of this Order shall not constitute a waiver of such provisions or a waiver of Owner's right to enforce each and every provision.

12. MODIFICATIONS. This Order supersedes all prior discussions, agreements and understandings between the parties and constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the transaction herein contemplated. Changes, modifications, waivers, additions or amendments to the terms and conditions of this Order shall be binding on Owner only if such changes, modifications, waivers, additions or amendments are in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of Owner.
13. APPLICABLE LAW. The validity, interpretation, and performance of this Order shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida, in force at the date of this Order. Where not modified by the terms herein, the provisions of Florida's enactment of Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code shall apply to this transaction.
14. MECHANIC'S LIENS. Notwithstanding that Owner is a local unit of special-purpose government and not subject to the lien provisions of Chapter 713, *Florida Statutes*, Seller agrees to keep the District's property free of all liens, including equitable liens, claims or encumbrances (collectively, "**Liens**") arising out of the delivery of any Goods by Seller, and shall furnish Owner with appropriate lien waivers from all potential claimants upon request of Owner. If any Liens are filed, Owner may without waiving its rights based on such breach by Seller or releasing Seller from any obligations hereunder, pay or satisfy the same and in such event the sums so paid by Owner shall be due and payable by Seller immediately and without notice or demand, with interest from the date paid by Owner through the date paid by Seller, at the highest rate permitted by law.
15. PERMITS AND LICENSES. Before commencing performance hereunder, Seller shall obtain all permits, approvals, certificates and licenses necessary for the proper performance of this Order and pay all fees and charges therefore. The originals of all such documents shall be delivered to Owner upon receipt by Seller.
16. PARTIAL INVALIDITY. If in any instance any provision of this Order shall be determined to be invalid or unenforceable under any applicable law, such provision shall not apply in such instance, but the remaining provisions shall be given effect in accordance with their terms.
17. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING. This Order shall not be assigned or transferred by Seller without prior written approval by Owner, and any attempted assignment or transfer without such consent shall be void.
18. RELATIONSHIP. The relationship between Owner and Seller shall be that of independent contractor, and Seller, its agents and employees, shall under no circumstances be deemed employees, agents or representatives of Owner.
19. NOTICES. Any notice, approval or other communication required hereunder must be in writing and shall be deemed given if delivered by hand or mailed by registered mail or certified mail addressed to the parties hereto as indicated on page 1.
20. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES. Seller certifies, by acceptance of this purchase order, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction per the provisions of Section 287.133(2)(a), *Florida Statutes*.
21. SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES. Supplier certifies, by acceptance of this purchase order, that neither it nor any of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, members, or agents is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to Section 215.473, *Florida Statutes*, and in the event such status changes, Seller shall immediately notify Owner.
22. TERMINATION. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Owner shall have the right, at its sole election, to terminate this Order for any cause whatsoever upon the delivery of written notice to Seller. Upon such termination, Seller shall have no remedy against Owner, other than for payment of Goods already produced pursuant to specific written direction by Owner pursuant to Section 2 above, subject to any offsets or claims that Owner may have.
23. PUBLIC RECORDS. Seller acknowledges that this Agreement and all the documents pertaining thereto may be public records and subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*.
24. CONFLICTS. To the extent of any conflict between this document and the Purchase Order or **Exhibit 1**, this document shall control.

EXHIBIT 3

[Attach Certificate of Exemption]

CERTIFICATE OF ENTITLEMENT

The undersigned authorized representative of **Eagle Trace 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 _____, 2025 (date) will be incorporated into or become a part of a public facility as part of a public works contract pursuant to Contract dated _____, with _____ (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

Eagle Trace 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. This form supplements and supersedes (to the extent of any conflict) any prior certificates addressing the same purchase.

SECTION V

RESOLUTION 2025-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS AND SIGNATURES; ADOPTING AND IMPLEMENTING ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT CONTROL PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Eagle Trace Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and situated within the Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida; 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, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District Board of Supervisors to enter into various contracts for the purposes set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Supervisors finds that it is the interest of the District and its residents to reduce waste, costs, and to enhance services; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Supervisors recognizes that the Florida Legislature, through the passage of The Electronic Signature Act of 1996, intended to, among other goals, facilitate economic development and efficient delivery of government services by means of reliable electronic messages and foster the development of electronic commerce through the use of electronic signatures to lend authenticity and integrity to writings in any electronic medium; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Supervisors wishes to further these goals through the use of electronic documents and signatures.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS. The recitals so stated are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated into and form a material part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. FORCE AND EFFECT OF ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS AND SIGNATURES. Unless otherwise provided by law, electronic documents and signatures submitted to and on behalf of the District may be used for all purposes and shall have the same force and effect as printed documents and manual signatures.

SECTION 3. AUTHORIZING UTILIZATION OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES AND DOCUMENTS. All contractors and personnel associated with the District are hereby authorized and encouraged to utilize electronic documents and signatures when reasonably practicable and as permitted by law. The District Manager is authorized and directed to obtain the provision of electronic document services or platforms offered by nationally recognized third-party vendors that increase the efficiency of the District’s operations.

SECTION 4. CONTROLS PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES. The District Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the District Manager to create control processes and procedures consistent with Florida Law to ensure adequate integrity, security, confidentiality, and auditability of all transactions conducted using electronic commerce.

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 take effect upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

**EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chairperson

SECTION W

RESOLUTION 2025-22

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING AN INTERNAL CONTROLS POLICY CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 218.33, *FLORIDA STATUTES*; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

- 1. POLICY.** The attached Internal Controls Policy attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby adopted pursuant to this Resolution.
- 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 4th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

**EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

EXHIBIT “A”

EAGLE TRACE 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 Eagle Trace 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: February 4, 2025

SECTION X



KILINSKI | VAN WYK

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Supervisors; District Manager
From: Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC
Date: February 4, 2025
Re: Section 189.0694, *Florida Statutes* (Performance Measures and Standards Reporting)

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide you with additional information regarding new performance measures and standards reporting requirements for special districts. This new requirement was enacted during Florida's 2024 Legislative Session and was originally reported in our legislative newsletters. It has been codified as Section 189.0694, *Florida Statutes*, effective July 1, 2024.

What is required?

The new statute requires special districts (including community development districts) to establish goals and objectives for its programs and activities and performance measures and standards to determine if its goals and objectives have been achieved. The goals, objectives, and performance measures and standards must be established by **October 1, 2024**, or by the end of the first full fiscal year after a District's creation, whichever is later.

The new statute also requires annual reporting each **December 1** (beginning December 1, 2025) on whether the goals and objectives were achieved, which goals or objectives were not achieved, and what measures were used to make the determination.

Are there any mandated goals, objectives, or performance measures/standards?

No. The new statute allows a great deal of flexibility for special districts to adopt the goals, objectives, and performance measures and standards that fit their needs. It is likely that many special districts with similar activities and programs may adopt similar measures, but special districts may also add specialized measures if they wish. Attached is a potential starting point for development of these goals, objectives and performance measures/standards in **Attachment A**. If you have questions about the new legal requirements, please consult your Kilinski | Van Wyk attorney.

Text of the Bill: 189.0694 Special districts; performance measures and standards.

(1) Beginning October 1, 2024, or by the end of the first full fiscal year after its creation, whichever is later, each special district must establish goals and objectives for each program and activity undertaken by the district, as well as performance measures and standards to determine if the district's goals and objectives are being achieved.

(2) By December 1 of each year thereafter, each special district must publish an annual report on the district's website describing:

- (a) The goals and objectives achieved by the district, as well as the performance measures and standards used by the district to make this determination.
- (b) Any goals or objectives the district failed to achieve.

Exhibit A:

Goals, Objectives and Annual Reporting Form

**Eagle Trace Community Development District
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 regular Board of Supervisor meetings 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 three board meetings were held during the Fiscal Year or more as may be necessary or required by local ordinance and establishment requirements.

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 by at least two methods (i.e., newspaper, CDD website, electronic communications, annual meeting schedule).

Achieved: Yes ☐ No ☐

Goal 1.3: Access to Records Compliance

Objective: Ensure that meeting minutes and other 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 meeting minutes and 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 2.1: Annual Budget Preparation

Objective: Prepare and approve the annual proposed budget by June 15 and adopt the final budget 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, current fiscal year budget with any amendments, and most recent financials within the latest agenda package.

Measurement: Annual audit, previous years' budgets, and financials 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, most recently adopted/amended fiscal year budget, and most recent agenda package with updated financials.

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: _____

Eagle Trace Community Development District

District Manager: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: Jill Burns

Eagle Trace Community Development District

SECTION IV

SECTION A

RESOLUTION 2025-23

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING THE ANNUAL
MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025;
AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, Eagle Trace 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 the Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt the annual meeting schedule for the remainder of fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025 (“Fiscal Year 2024/2025”), attached as Exhibit A.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

SECTION 1. 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.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

**EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Annual Meeting Schedule

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING DATES
EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025**

The Board of Supervisors of Eagle Trace Community Development District will hold their regular meetings for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2024/2025 at 346 East Central Avenue, Winter Haven, Florida 33880, on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 11:00 AM unless otherwise indicated as follows:

April 1, 2025 (Landowners' Meeting & Election)

May 6, 2025

June 3, 2025

July 1, 2025

August 5, 2025

September 2, 2025

The meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provision of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. The meetings may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. A copy of the agenda for these meetings may be obtained from Governmental Management Services – Central Florida LLC, 219 E. Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801 or by calling (407) 841-5524.

There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors or staff will participate by telephone. Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (407) 841-5524 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Office.

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

District Manager

SECTION B

RESOLUTION 2025-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION FOR LANDOWNERS' MEETING OF THE DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Eagle Trace Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and Town of Lake Hamilton Ordinance O-2024-15, effective January 7, 2025, being situated entirely within the Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the District is statutorily required to hold a meeting of the landowners of the District for the purpose of electing five (5) supervisors for the District within ninety (90) days after the effective date of the Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. In accordance with Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*, the initial meeting of the landowners to elect five (5) supervisors of the District, shall be held on **1st day of April 2025 at 10:00 AM at 346 E. Central Ave., Winter Haven, Florida 33880.**

SECTION 2. The District's Secretary is hereby directed to publish notice of this landowners' meeting and election in accordance with the requirements of Section 190.006(2)(a), *Florida Statutes*.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to Section 190.006(2)(b), *Florida Statutes*, the landowners' meeting and election is hereby announced at the Board's organizational meeting held on the 12th day of March 2024. A sample notice of landowners' meeting and election, proxy, ballot form and instructions were presented at such meeting and are attached hereto as **Composite Exhibit A**. Such documents are available for review and copying during normal business hours at the Office of the District Manager, Governmental Management Services – Central Florida LLC, located at 219 E. Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801, (407) 841-5524.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

**EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Composite Exhibit A: Sample Notice of Landowners' Meeting and Election, Proxy, Ballot Form and Instructions

Composite Exhibit A:

Sample Notice of Landowners' Meeting and Election, Proxy, Ballot Form and Instructions

**NOTICE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING AND ELECTION AND MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given to the public and all landowners within Eagle Trace Community Development District (the "District"), the location of which is generally described as comprising a parcel or parcels of land containing approximately 186.71 acres, generally located north of Weiberg Road, south of Lake Hatchineha Road, east of Detour Road, and west of Alford Road, situated entirely within the Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida, advising that a meeting of landowners will be held for the purpose of electing five (5) persons to the District Board of Supervisors. Immediately following the landowners' meeting and election, there will be convened a meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the purpose of considering certain matters of the Board to include election of certain District officers, and other such business which may properly come before the Board.

DATE: Tuesday, April 1, 2025
TIME: ____:____ AM
PLACE: 346 E. Central Ave.
Winter Haven, Florida 33880

Each landowner may vote in person or by written proxy. Proxy forms may be obtained upon request at the office of the District Manager, c/o Governmental Management Services – Central Florida LLC, located at 219 E. Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801 (the "District Office"). At said meeting each landowner or his or her proxy shall be entitled to nominate persons for the position of Supervisor and cast one vote per acre of land, or fractional portion thereof, owned by him or her and located within the District for each person to be elected to the position of Supervisor. A fraction of an acre shall be treated as one acre, entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Platted lots shall be counted individually and rounded up to the nearest whole acre. The acreage of platted lots shall not be aggregated for determining the number of voting units held by a landowner or a landowner's proxy. At the landowners' meeting the landowners shall select a person to serve as the meeting chair and who shall conduct the meeting.

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

Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in these meetings is asked to contact the District Office at (407) 841-5524, at least forty-eight (48) hours before the hearing. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 7-1-1 or (800) 955-8770 for aid in contacting the District Office.

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

Jill Burns
District Manager
Run Date(s): _____ & _____

LANDOWNER PROXY
EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
TOWN OF LAKE HAMILTON, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned, the fee simple owner of the lands described herein, hereby constitutes and appoints _____
(“Proxy Holder”) for and on behalf of the undersigned, to vote as proxy at the meeting of the landowners of Eagle Trace Community Development District to be held at 346 E. Central Ave., Winter Haven, FL 33880 on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at ____:____ AM and at any adjournments thereof, according to the number of acres of unplatted land and/or platted lots owned by the undersigned landowner that the undersigned would be entitled to vote if then personally present, upon any question, proposition, or resolution or any other matter or thing that may be considered at said meeting including, but not limited to, the election of members of the Board of Supervisors. Said Proxy Holder may vote in accordance with his or her discretion on all matters not known or determined at the time of solicitation of this proxy, which may legally be considered at said meeting.

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

Printed Name of Legal Owner

Signature of Legal Owner

Date

Parcel Description

Acreage

Authorized Votes

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

Total Number of Authorized Votes: _____

NOTES: Pursuant to Section 190.006(2)(b), *Florida Statutes* (2023), a fraction of an acre is treated as one (1) acre entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Moreover, two (2) or more persons who own real property in common that is one acre or less are together entitled to only one vote for that real property.

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

OFFICIAL BALLOT
EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
TOWN OF LAKE HAMILTON, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025

For Election (5 Supervisors): The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will each receive a four (4) year term, and the three (3) candidates receiving the next highest number of votes will each receive a two (2) year term, with the term of office for the successful candidates commencing upon election.

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

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

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

or

Attach Proxy.

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

NAME OF CANDIDATE	NUMBER OF VOTES
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

SECTION C

SECTION 1

RESOLUTION 2025-25

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

WHEREAS, Eagle Trace 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 the Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida; 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 EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. A Public Hearing will be held to adopt Rules of Procedure on **Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 11:00 AM at 346 East Central Avenue, Winter Haven, Florida 33880.**

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 4th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

**EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION (a)

**RULES OF PROCEDURE
EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

EFFECTIVE AS OF _____, 2025

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Rule 1.0 General.

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

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

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

Rule 1.1 Board of Supervisors; Officers and Voting.

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

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

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

- (f) The Board may assign additional duties to District officers from time to time, which include, but are not limited to, executing documents on behalf of the District.
 - (g) The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and any other person authorized by District Resolution may sign checks and warrants for the District, countersigned by the Treasurer or other persons authorized by the Board.
- (3) Committees. The Board may establish committees of the Board, either on a permanent or temporary basis, to perform specifically designated functions. Committees may include individuals who are not members of the Board. Such functions may include, but are not limited to, review of bids, proposals, and qualifications, contract negotiations, personnel matters, and budget preparation.
- (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' public notice shall be given of any public meeting, hearing or workshop of the Board. Public notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. "General circulation" means a publication that is printed and published at least once a week for the preceding year, offering at least 25% of its words in the English language, qualifies as a periodicals material for postal purposes in the county in which the District is located, is for sale to the public generally, is available to the public generally for the publication of official or other notices, and is customarily containing information of a public character or of interest or of value to the residents or owners of property in the county where published, or of interest or of value to the general public. The annual meeting notice required to be published by Section 189.015 of the Florida Statutes, shall be published in a newspaper not of limited subject matter, which is published at least five days a week, unless the only newspaper in the county is published less than five days a week, and shall satisfy the requirement to give at least seven (7) days' public notice stated herein. Each Notice shall state, as applicable:
 - (a) The date, time and place of the meeting, hearing or workshop;
 - (b) A brief description of the nature, subjects, and purposes of the meeting, hearing, or workshop;
 - (c) The District office address for the submission of requests for copies of the agenda, as well as a contact name and telephone number for verbal requests for copies of the agenda; and
 - (d) The following or substantially similar language: "Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting/hearing/workshop is asked to advise the District Office at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting/hearing/workshop by contacting the District Manager at (407) 841-5524. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1 (800) 955-8770 or 1 (800) 955-8771, who can aid you in contacting the District Office."
 - (e) The following or substantially similar language: "A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting/hearing/workshop with respect to any matter considered at the meeting/hearing/workshop is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."

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

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

- (2) Mistake. In the event that a meeting is held under the incorrect assumption that notice required by law and these Rules has been given, the Board at its next properly noticed meeting shall cure such defect by considering the agenda items from the prior meeting individually and anew.
- (3) Agenda. The District Manager, under the guidance of District Counsel and the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, shall prepare an agenda of the meeting/hearing/workshop. The agenda and any meeting materials available in an electronic format, excluding any confidential and any confidential and exempt information, shall be available to the public at least seven days before the meeting/hearing/workshop, except in an emergency. Meeting materials shall be defined as, and limited to, the agenda, meeting minutes, resolutions, and agreements of the District that District staff deems necessary for Board approval. 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

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- (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, renovation, repair, modification, or demolition of any facility, building, portion of building, utility, park, parking lot, or structure or other improvement to real property entered into pursuant to Chapter 255 of the Florida Statutes, and Rules 3.5 or 3.6.

- (d) “Design-Build Contract” means a single contract with a Design-Build Firm for the design and construction of a public construction project.
- (e) “Design-Build Firm” means a partnership, corporation or other legal entity that:
 - (i) Is certified under Section 489.119 of the Florida Statutes, to engage in contracting through a certified or registered general contractor or a certified or registered building contractor as the qualifying agent; or
 - (ii) Is certified under Section 471.023 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice engineering; certified under Section 481.219 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice architecture; or certified under Section 481.319 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice landscape architecture.
- (f) “Design Criteria Package” means concise, performance-oriented drawings or specifications for a public construction project. The purpose of the Design Criteria Package is to furnish sufficient information to permit Design-Build Firms to prepare a bid or a response to the District’s Request for Proposals, or to permit the District to enter into a negotiated Design-Build Contract. The Design Criteria Package must specify performance-based criteria for the public construction project, including the legal description of the site, survey information concerning the site, interior space requirements, material quality standards, schematic layouts and conceptual design criteria of the project, cost or budget estimates, design and construction schedules, site development requirements, provisions for utilities, stormwater retention and disposal, and parking requirements applicable to the project. Design Criteria Packages shall require firms to submit information regarding the qualifications, availability, and past work of the firms, including the partners and members thereof.
- (g) “Design Criteria Professional” means a firm who holds a current certificate of registration under Chapter 481 of the Florida Statutes, to practice architecture or landscape architecture, or a firm who holds a current certificate as a registered engineer under Chapter 471 of the Florida Statutes, to practice engineering, and who is employed by or under contract to the District to provide professional architect services, landscape architect services, or engineering services in connection with the preparation of the Design Criteria Package.
- (h) “Emergency Purchase” means a purchase necessitated by a sudden unexpected turn of events (for example, acts of God, riot, fires, floods, hurricanes, accidents, or any circumstances or cause beyond the control of the Board in the normal conduct of its business), where the Board finds

that the delay incident to competitive purchase would be detrimental to the interests of the District. This includes, but is not limited to, instances where the time to competitively award the project will jeopardize the funding for the project, will materially increase the cost of the project, or will create an undue hardship on the public health, safety, or welfare.

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

- (o) “Request for Proposals” or “RFP” is a written solicitation for sealed proposals with the title, date, and hour of the public opening designated and requiring the manual signature of an authorized representative. It may provide general information, applicable laws and rules, statement of work, functional or general specifications, qualifications, proposal instructions, work detail analysis, and evaluation criteria as necessary.
- (p) “Responsive and Responsible Bidder” means an entity or individual that has submitted a bid that conforms in all material respects to the Invitation to Bid and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. “Responsive and Responsible Vendor” means an entity or individual that has submitted a proposal, reply, or response that conforms in all material respects to the Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. In determining whether an entity or individual is a Responsive and Responsible Bidder (or Vendor), the District may consider, in addition to factors described in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, the following:
 - (i) The ability and adequacy of the professional personnel employed by the entity/individual;
 - (ii) The past performance of the entity/individual for the District and in other professional employment;
 - (iii) The willingness of the entity/individual to meet time and budget requirements;
 - (iv) The geographic location of the entity’s/individual’s headquarters or office in relation to the project;
 - (v) The recent, current, and projected workloads of the entity/individual;
 - (vi) The volume of work previously awarded to the entity/individual;
 - (vii) Whether the cost components of the bid or proposal are appropriately balanced; and
 - (viii) Whether the entity/individual is a certified minority business enterprise.

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

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

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

- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, reply, or response preparation or submittal from the District.
- (i) The Board may require bidders and proposers to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
- (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's purchase of goods, supplies, and materials under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
- (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase goods, supplies, or materials, or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of goods, supplies, and materials, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct

purchase of the goods, supplies, and materials without further competitive selection processes.

- (3) Goods, Supplies, and Materials included in a Construction Contract Awarded Pursuant to Rule 3.5 or 3.6. There may be occasions where the District has undergone the competitive purchase of construction services which contract may include the provision of goods, supplies, or materials. In that instance, the District may approve a change order to the contract and directly purchase the goods, supplies, and materials. Such purchase of goods, supplies, and materials deducted from a competitively purchased construction contract shall be exempt from this Rule.
- (4) Exemption. Goods, supplies, and materials that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Goods, supplies, and materials provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. A contract for goods, supplies, or materials is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of goods, supplies or materials that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules.
- (5) Renewal. Contracts for the purchase of goods, supplies, and/or materials subject to this Rule may be renewed for a maximum period of five (5) years.
- (6) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

Specific Authority: §§ 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.

SECTION D

SECTION 1

RESOLUTION 2025-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPROVING THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Eagle Trace Community Development District (the “District”) was established by Ordinance O-2024-15, adopted by Town Council of the Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida, effective as of January 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the District Manager has prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors of Eagle Trace Community Development District (the “Board”) the proposed budget for the remainder of fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025 (the “Proposed Budget”); and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. PROPOSED BUDGETS APPROVED. The Proposed Budget prepared by the District Manager for Fiscal Year 2024/2025, attached hereto **Exhibit A** is hereby approved as the basis for conducting a public hearing to adopt said Proposed Budget.

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

DATE: Tuesday, May 6, 2025

HOUR: 11:00 AM

LOCATION: 346 E. Central Ave.
Winter Haven, FL 33880

SECTION 3. TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET TO LOCAL GENERAL PURPOSE GOVERNMENTS. The District Manager is hereby directed to submit a copy of the Proposed Budget to the Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida and Polk County at least sixty (60) days prior to the hearing set above.

SECTION 4. POSTING OF PROPOSED BUDGET. In accordance with Section 189.016, *Florida Statutes*, the District’s Secretary is further directed to post the approved Proposed Budget on the District’s website at least two (2) days before the budget hearing date as set forth in Section 2, and shall remain on the website for at least forty-five (45) days.

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

SECTION 6. 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 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

**EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Proposed Budget

Eagle Trace
Community Development District

Proposed Budget
FY2025



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General Fund

Description	Proposed Budget FY2025*
<u>Revenues</u>	
Developer Contributions	\$ 85,942
Total Revenues	\$ 85,942
<u>Expenditures</u>	
<i><u>General & Administrative</u></i>	
Supervisor Fees	\$ 8,000
FICA Expense	\$ 600
Engineering	\$ 10,000
Attorney	\$ 16,667
Management Fees	\$ 26,667
Information Technology	\$ 1,200
Website Maintenance **	\$ 2,550
Postage & Delivery	\$ 667
Insurance	\$ 5,000
Copies	\$ 667
Legal Advertising	\$ 10,000
Other Current Charges	\$ 3,333
Office Supplies	\$ 417
Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions	\$ 175
Total Expenditures	\$ 85,942
Excess Revenues/(Expenditures)	\$ -

*Budget is prorated from February 2025 to September 2025.

** FY25 Budget amount includes a one-time website creation fee.

Eagle Trace

Community Development District

General Fund Budget

Revenues:

Developer Contributions

The District will enter into a funding agreement with the Developer to fund the General Fund expenditures for the Fiscal Year.

Expenditures:

General & Administrative:

Supervisor Fees

Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, allows for each Board member to receive \$200 per meeting, not to exceed \$4,800 per year paid to each Supervisor for the time devoted to District business and meetings.

FICA Expense

Represents the Employer's share of Social Security and Medicare taxes withheld from Board of Supervisor checks.

Engineering

The District's engineer, Honeycutt & Associates, Inc provides general engineering services to the District, e.g. attendance and preparation for monthly board meetings, review invoices and various projects as directed by the Board of Supervisors and the District Manager.

Attorney

The District's legal counsel, Cob Cole, provides general legal services to the District, e.g. attendance and preparation for meetings, preparation and review of agreements, resolutions, etc. as directed by the Board of Supervisors and the District Manager.

Management Fees

The District receives Management, Accounting and Administrative services as part of a Management Agreement with Governmental Management Services-Central Florida, LLC. The services include but are not limited to, recording and transcription of board meetings, administrative services, budget preparation, all financial reports, annual audits, etc.

Information Technology

Represents costs related to the District's information systems, which include but are not limited to video conferencing services, cloud storage services and servers, security, accounting software, etc. Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC provides these systems.

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Website Maintenance

Represents the costs associated with monitoring and maintaining the District's website created in accordance with Chapter 189, Florida Statutes. These services include site performance assessments, security and firewall maintenance, updates, document uploads, hosting and domain renewals, website backups, etc. Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC provides these services.

Postage & Delivery

The District incurs charges for mailing of Board meeting agenda packages, overnight deliveries, correspondence, etc.

Insurance

The District's general liability and public official's liability insurance coverage is provided by the Florida Insurance Alliance (FIA). FIA specializes in providing insurance coverage to governmental agencies.

Printing & Binding

Printing and Binding agenda packages for board meetings, printing of computerized checks, stationary, envelopes, etc.

Legal Advertising

The District is required to advertise various notices for monthly Board meetings, public hearings, etc. in a newspaper of general circulation.

Other Current Charges

Bank charges and any other miscellaneous expenses incurred during the year.

Office Supplies

Any supplies that may need to be purchased during the fiscal year, e.g., paper, minute books, file folders, labels, paper clips, etc.

Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions

The District is required to pay an annual fee to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for \$175. This is the only expense under this category for the District.

SECTION 2

**EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 FUNDING AGREEMENT**

This agreement (“**Agreement**”) is made and entered into this 4th day of February 2025, by and between:

Eagle Trace Community Development District, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and located in Polk County, Florida ("**District**"), and

Cassidy Land Development, LLC, a Florida limited liability company and a landowner in the District ("**Developer**") with an address of 346 E. Central Avenue, Winter Haven, Florida 33880.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District was established by an ordinance adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida, for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the District, pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, 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 majority of all real property described in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated herein (“**Property**”), within the District, which Property will benefit from the timely construction and acquisition of the District's facilities, activities and services and from the continued operations of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District is adopting its general fund budget for the remainder of fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025 (“**Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget**”); and

WHEREAS, this Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget, which both parties recognize may be amended from time to time in the sole discretion of the District, is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as **Exhibit B**; and

WHEREAS, the District has the option of levying non-ad valorem assessments on all land, including the Property, that will benefit from the activities, operations and services set forth in the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget, or utilizing such other revenue sources as may be available to it; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Developer and District desire to secure such budget funding through the imposition of a continuing lien against the Property described in **Exhibit A** and otherwise as 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 necessary for the operation of the District as called for in the budget attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, as may be amended from time to time in the District's sole discretion, within fifteen (15) days of written request by the District. Amendments to the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget as shown on **Exhibit B** adopted by the District at a duly noticed meeting shall have the effect of amending this Agreement without further action of the parties. Funds provided hereunder shall be placed in the District's general checking account. These payments are made by the Developer in lieu of taxes, fees, or assessments which might otherwise be levied or imposed by the District.

2. **CONTINUING LIEN.** District shall have the right to file a continuing lien upon the Property described in **Exhibit A** for all payments due and owing under the terms of this Agreement and for interest thereon, and for reasonable attorneys' fees, paralegals' fees, expenses and court costs incurred by the District incident to the collection of funds under this Agreement or for enforcement this lien, and all sums advanced and paid by the District for taxes and payment on account of superior interests, liens and encumbrances in order to preserve and protect the District's lien. The lien shall be effective as of the date and time of the recording of a "Notice of Lien for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget" in the public records of Polk County, Florida ("**County**"), stating among other things, the description of the real property and the amount due as of the recording of the Notice, and the existence of this Agreement. The District Manager, in its sole discretion, is hereby authorized by the District to file the Notice of Lien for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget on behalf of the District, without the need of further Board action authorizing or directing such filing. At the District Manager's direction, the District may also bring an action at law against the record title holder to the Property to pay the amount due under this Agreement, or may foreclose the lien against the Property in any manner authorized by law. The District may partially release any filed lien for portions of the Property subject to a plat if and when the Developer has demonstrated, in the District's sole discretion, such release will not materially impair the ability of the District to enforce the collection of funds hereunder. In the event the Developer sells any of the Property described in **Exhibit A** after the execution of this Agreement, the Developer's rights and obligations under this Agreement shall remain the same, provided however that the District shall only have the right to file a lien upon the remaining Property owned by the Developer.

3. **ALTERNATIVE COLLECTION METHODS.**

a. In the alternative or in addition to the collection method set forth in Paragraph 2 above, the District may enforce the collection of funds due under this Agreement by action against the Developer in the appropriate judicial forum in and for the County. The enforcement of the collection of funds in this manner shall be in the sole discretion of the District Manager on behalf of the District. In the event that

either 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 reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

b. The District hereby finds that the activities, operations and services set forth in **Exhibit B** provide a special and peculiar benefit to the Property, which benefit is initially allocated on an equal developable acreage basis. The Developer agrees that the activities, operations and services set forth in **Exhibit B** provide a special and peculiar benefit to the Property equal to or in excess of the costs set forth in **Exhibit B**, on an equal developable acreage basis. Therefore, in the alternative or in addition to the other methods of collection set forth in this Agreement, the District, in its sole discretion, may choose to certify amounts due hereunder as a non-ad valorem assessment on all or any part of the Property for collection, either through the Uniform Method of Collection set forth in Chapter 197, *Florida Statutes*, or under any method of direct bill and collection authorized by Florida law. Such assessment, if imposed, may be certified on the next available tax roll of the County property appraiser.

4. **AGREEMENT; AMENDMENTS.** This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of the agreement between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both of the parties hereto.

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 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, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

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 specific performance and specifically including the ability of the District to enforce any and all payment obligations under this Agreement in the manner described herein in Paragraphs 2 and 3 above.

8. **THIRD-PARTY RIGHTS; TRANSFER OF PROPERTY.** 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. In the event the Developer sells or otherwise disposes of its business or of all or substantially all of its assets relating to improvements, work product, or lands within the District, the Developer shall continue to be bound by the terms of this Agreement and additionally shall expressly require that the purchaser agree to be bound by the terms of this Agreement. The Developer shall give ninety (90) days prior written notice to the District under this Agreement of any such sale or disposition.

9. **FLORIDA LAW GOVERNS.** This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida.

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

11. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The Agreement shall be effective after execution by both parties hereto. The enforcement provisions of this Agreement shall survive its termination, until all payments due under this Agreement are paid in full.

12. **ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING.** Developer certifies, by acceptance of this Agreement, that neither it nor its principals utilize coercion for labor or services as defined in Section 787.06, *Florida Statutes*. Developer agrees to execute an affidavit in compliance with Section 787.06(13), *Florida Statutes*, and acknowledges that if Developer refuses to sign said affidavit, the District may terminate this Agreement immediately.

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

**EAGLE TRACE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

By: _____
Its: _____

**CASSIDY LAND DEVELOPMENT, LLC
a Florida limited liability company**

By: _____
Its: _____

EXHIBIT A: Property Description
EXHIBIT B: Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget

EXHIBIT A
Legal Description

A PORTION OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 28 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 22; THENCE N89°18'33"E, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 22, A DISTANCE OF 662.35 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 22; THENCE S00°21'01"E, ALONG SAID WEST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 666.06 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 22; THENCE N89°20'54"E, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 662.15 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 22; THENCE N00°20'00"W, ALONG SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 666.52 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 22; THENCE N89°18'33"E, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1324.69 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 22; THENCE DEPARTING SAID NORTH LINE RUN S00°17'59"E ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 22, A DISTANCE OF 667.42 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID EAST LINE RUN S89°20'54"W, A DISTANCE OF 15.00 FEET; THENCE S00°17'59"E, A DISTANCE OF 652.41 FEET; THENCE S89°23'16"W, A DISTANCE OF 646.95 FEET; THENCE S00°18'59"E, A DISTANCE OF 15.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 22; THENCE S89°23'16"W, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 661.95 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 22; THENCE S89°23'16"W, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 661.95 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 22; THENCE S00°21'01"E, ALONG SAID WEST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 666.06 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 22; THENCE S89°25'37"W, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 661.75 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 22; THENCE S89°23'43"W, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1324.48 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 22; THENCE S00°21'23"E, ALONG SAID WEST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 458.58 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID WEST LINE, RUN S89°38'46"W, A DISTANCE OF 401.70 FEET; THENCE S00°00'00"E, A DISTANCE OF 188.51 FEET; THENCE S89°24'17"W, A DISTANCE OF 259.42 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 22; THENCE N00°21'03"W, ALONG SAID WEST LINE A DISTANCE OF 295.28 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID WEST LINE, RUN S89°22'51"W, A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET; THENCE N00°21'03"W, A DISTANCE OF 25.03 FEET; THENCE N89°23'43"E, A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 22; THENCE N00°21'03"W, ALONG SAID WEST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 175.00 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID WEST LINE, RUN S89°23'43"W, A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET; THENCE N00°21'03"W, A DISTANCE OF 149.97 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 22; THENCE S89°24'48"W, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 98.00 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID NORTH LINE, RUN S00°21'03"E, A DISTANCE OF 645.24 FEET; THENCE S89°24'17"W, A DISTANCE OF 439.30 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 22; THENCE N00°20'43"W, ALONG SAID WEST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1310.34 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 22; THENCE N89°23'09"E, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 662.18 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 22; THENCE N00°21'03"W, ALONG SAID WEST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1330.56 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 22; THENCE N89°22'01"E, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1324.10 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF THE

NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 22; THENCE S00°21'43"E, ALONG SAID WEST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 665.50 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 22; THENCE N89°22'35"E, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 662.11 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 22; THENCE N00°22'02"W, ALONG SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 665.61 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 8,132,926 SQUARE FEET OR 186.71 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

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Proposed Budget
FY2025



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Proposed Budget

General Fund

Description	Proposed Budget FY2025*
<u>Revenues</u>	
Developer Contributions	\$ 85,942
Total Revenues	\$ 85,942
<u>Expenditures</u>	
<i><u>General & Administrative</u></i>	
Supervisor Fees	\$ 8,000
FICA Expense	\$ 600
Engineering	\$ 10,000
Attorney	\$ 16,667
Management Fees	\$ 26,667
Information Technology	\$ 1,200
Website Maintenance **	\$ 2,550
Postage & Delivery	\$ 667
Insurance	\$ 5,000
Copies	\$ 667
Legal Advertising	\$ 10,000
Other Current Charges	\$ 3,333
Office Supplies	\$ 417
Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions	\$ 175
Total Expenditures	\$ 85,942
Excess Revenues/(Expenditures)	\$ -

*Budget is prorated from February 2025 to September 2025.

** FY25 Budget amount includes a one-time website creation fee.

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General Fund Budget

Revenues:

Developer Contributions

The District will enter into a funding agreement with the Developer to fund the General Fund expenditures for the Fiscal Year.

Expenditures:

General & Administrative:

Supervisor Fees

Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, allows for each Board member to receive \$200 per meeting, not to exceed \$4,800 per year paid to each Supervisor for the time devoted to District business and meetings.

FICA Expense

Represents the Employer's share of Social Security and Medicare taxes withheld from Board of Supervisor checks.

Engineering

The District's engineer, Honeycutt & Associates, Inc provides general engineering services to the District, e.g. attendance and preparation for monthly board meetings, review invoices and various projects as directed by the Board of Supervisors and the District Manager.

Attorney

The District's legal counsel, Cob Cole, provides general legal services to the District, e.g. attendance and preparation for meetings, preparation and review of agreements, resolutions, etc. as directed by the Board of Supervisors and the District Manager.

Management Fees

The District receives Management, Accounting and Administrative services as part of a Management Agreement with Governmental Management Services-Central Florida, LLC. The services include but are not limited to, recording and transcription of board meetings, administrative services, budget preparation, all financial reports, annual audits, etc.

Information Technology

Represents costs related to the District's information systems, which include but are not limited to video conferencing services, cloud storage services and servers, security, accounting software, etc. Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC provides these systems.

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Website Maintenance

Represents the costs associated with monitoring and maintaining the District's website created in accordance with Chapter 189, Florida Statutes. These services include site performance assessments, security and firewall maintenance, updates, document uploads, hosting and domain renewals, website backups, etc. Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC provides these services.

Postage & Delivery

The District incurs charges for mailing of Board meeting agenda packages, overnight deliveries, correspondence, etc.

Insurance

The District's general liability and public official's liability insurance coverage is provided by the Florida Insurance Alliance (FIA). FIA specializes in providing insurance coverage to governmental agencies.

Printing & Binding

Printing and Binding agenda packages for board meetings, printing of computerized checks, stationary, envelopes, etc.

Legal Advertising

The District is required to advertise various notices for monthly Board meetings, public hearings, etc. in a newspaper of general circulation.

Other Current Charges

Bank charges and any other miscellaneous expenses incurred during the year.

Office Supplies

Any supplies that may need to be purchased during the fiscal year, e.g., paper, minute books, file folders, labels, paper clips, etc.

Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions

The District is required to pay an annual fee to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for \$175. This is the only expense under this category for the District.

SECTION V

SECTION A

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Bill to: Cassidy

Funding Request #1
January 28, 2025

Payee		General Fund FY25	
1	Initial Administrative Maintenance Funding	\$	2,500.00
2	Insurance - Fiscal Year 2025	\$	5,000.00
3	ADA Website Creation	\$	1,750.00
4	Legal Advertising	\$	5,000.00
		\$	14,250.00
		Total:	\$ 14,250.00

Please make check payable to:

Eagle Trace
Community Development District
6200 Lee Vista Blvd, Suite 300
Orlando, FL 32822

SECTION B

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SECTION (a)

E-Verify Memorandum

TO: District Manager

FROM: Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC

DATE: February 4, 2025

RE: Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes* / E-Verify Requirements

As you may be aware, the Florida Legislature recently enacted Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*, which, generally speaking, requires that all employers verify employment eligibility using the United States Department of Homeland Security's "E-Verify" system. Specifically, Section 448.095(2)(a) provides:

"Beginning January 1, 2021, every public employer, contractor, and subcontractor shall register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. A public employer, contractor, or subcontractor may not enter into a contract unless each party to the contract registers with and uses the E-Verify system."

Section 448.095(1), F.S., defines "public employer" to be any "regional, county, local, or municipal government . . . that employs persons who perform labor or services for that employer in exchange for salary, wages, or other remuneration or that enters or attempts to enter into a contract with a contractor." Because all CDDs and stewardship districts (together, "Special Districts") enter into contracts with contractors (and many Special Districts have employees), all Special Districts are subject to the new E-Verify requirements.

As a District Manager, there are two steps that need to be taken:

1. Enroll your Special Districts on the E-Verify system, at: <https://www.e-verify.gov/>. An E-Verify enrollment checklist is available at <https://www.e-verify.gov/employers/enrolling-in-e-verify/enrollment-checklist>. In order to enroll, all Special Districts must enter into a memorandum of understanding ("MOU") which must be executed by the chairperson of each board. Under the MOU, the responsibilities of the Special Districts include provision of contact information, display of notices to prospective employees, completion of an E-Verify tutorial, familiarization with the E-Verify User Manual, and other obligations.
2. On a going forward basis, include the following contract provision in Special District contracts:

E-VERIFY REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor shall comply with and perform all applicable provisions of Section 448.095, Florida Statutes. Accordingly, beginning January 1, 2021, to the extent required by Florida Statute, Contractor 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 Contractor has knowingly violated Section 448.091, Florida Statutes.

If the Contractor anticipates entering into agreements with a subcontractor for the Work, Contractor will not enter into the subcontractor agreement without first receiving an affidavit from the subcontractor regarding compliance with Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, and stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. Contractor shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the agreement and provide a copy to the District upon request.

In the event that the District has a good faith belief that a subcontractor has knowingly violated Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, but the Contractor has otherwise complied with its obligations hereunder, the District shall promptly notify the Contractor. The Contractor agrees to immediately terminate the agreement with the subcontractor upon notice from the District. Further, absent such notification from the District, the Contractor or any subcontractor who has a good faith belief that a person or entity with which it is contracting has knowingly violated s. 448.09(1), Florida Statutes, shall promptly terminate its agreement with such person or entity.

By entering into this Agreement, the Contractor represents that no public employer has terminated a contract with the Contractor under Section 448.095(5)(c), Florida Statutes, within the year immediately preceding the date of this Agreement.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding the new law. We appreciate your attention to this matter, and I can be reached at (877) 350-0372.