

*Rhodine Road North
Community Development District*

Meeting Agenda

December 11, 2025

AGENDA

Rhodine Road North Community Development District

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December 4, 2025

Board of Supervisors Meeting Rhodine Road North Community Development District

Dear Board Members:

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the **Rhodine Road North Community Development District** will be held on **Thursday, December 11, 2025**, at **1:30 PM** at the **Hampton Inn Plant City, 2702 Thonotosassa Rd, Plant City, FL 33563**.

Zoom Video Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88437429117>

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

Meeting ID: 884 3742 9117

Following is the advance agenda for the meeting:

Board of Supervisors Meeting

1. Roll Call
2. Public Comment Period (Public Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes each)
3. Approval of Minutes of the October 15, 2025 Board of Supervisors Meeting
4. Public Hearings
 - A. Public Hearing on the District's Use of the Uniform Method of Levying, Collection, and Enforcement of Non-Ad Valorem Assessments on Boundary Amendment Lands
 - i. Consideration of Resolution 2026-04 Expressing the District's Intent to Utilize the Uniform Method of Collection
 - B. Public Hearing on the Adoption of Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure for the District
 - i. Consideration of Resolution 2026-05 Adopting Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure for the District
5. Ratification of Agreement for Holiday Lighting Services
6. Staff Reports
 - A. Attorney
 - B. Engineer
 - C. Field Manager's Report
 - i. Consideration of Proposal to Trim Trees Bordering Resident Side of Large Pond in Ridgewood North
 - ii. Consideration of Proposal to Add Landscaping Enhancements & Mulch to Ridgewood South Perimeter (Entry & Exit)
 - iii. Consideration of Proposal to Add Servicing One (1) Additional Pet Waste Station to Current Service Agreement (*to be provided under separate cover*)
 - D. District Manager's Report
 - i. Approval of Check Register
 - ii. Balance Sheet & Income Statement
7. Other Business
8. Supervisors Requests and Audience Comments
9. Adjournment

MINUTES

**MINTUES OF MEETING
RHODINE ROAD NORTH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Rhodine Road North Community Development District was held on **Wednesday, October 15, 2025**, at 1:30 p.m. at the Hampton Inn Plant City, 2702 Thonotosassa Rd, Plant City, Florida.

Present and constituting a quorum:

Milton Andrade	Chairman
Brian Walsh	Vice Chairman
Garret Parkinson	Assistant Secretary
Kareyann Ellison	Assistant Secretary
Brent Elliott	Assistant Secretary

Also present were:

Jill Burns	District Manager, GMS
Patrick Collins	District Counsel, Kilinski Van Wyk
Lauren Gentry <i>by Zoom</i>	District Counsel, Kilinski Van Wyk
Clayton Smith	Field Manager, GMS

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call

Ms. Burns called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. All five Supervisors were present in person, constituting a quorum.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comment Period

Ms. Burns opened the public comment period related to agenda items only.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Approval of the Minutes of the July 10, 2025,
Board of Supervisors Meeting**

Ms. Burns presented the minutes for the July 10, 2025, Board of Supervisors meeting and asked for any questions, comments, or corrections from the Board. The Board had no changes to the minutes.

On MOTION by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Andrade, with all in favor, the Minutes of the July 10, 2025, Board of Supervisors Meeting were approved.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Notice of Boundary Amendment

Ms. Burns stated the petition to amend the Districts boundary was approved by the county on October 7th. This notice will be recorded to amend the existing boundaries of the District.

On MOTION by Mr. Andrade, seconded by Mr. Walsh, with all in favor, the Notice of Boundary Amendment, was approved.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2026-01 Setting a Public Hearing Expressing the District's Intent to Utilize the Uniform Method of Levying, Collecting, and Enforcing Non-Ad Valorem Assessments on Boundary Amendment Lands

Ms. Burns stated they have already gone through this process on the existing areas of the District. In order to collect the operations and maintenance assessments they need to add the boundary amendment area. There has been some discussion if there is going to be debt assessments on that area. They would have the ability to collect those should they decide to issue debt there. This will allow the District to collect their assessments. December 11th is the proposed public hearing date which is the regular December meeting.

On MOTION by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Andrade, with all in favor, Resolution 2026-01 Setting a Public Hearing for December 11th Expressing the District's Intent to Utilize the Uniform Method of Levying, Collecting, and Enforcing Non-Ad Valorem Assessments on Boundary Amendment Lands, was approved.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Assignment of a Construction Contract with QGS for Ridgecrest South Phase 2 Site Work

Ms. Burns stated this contract was entered into by the developer and is being assigned from the developer to the CDD and is with QGS.

On MOTION by Mr. Andrade, seconded by Mr. Elliott, with all in favor, the Assignment of a Construction Contract with QGS for Ridgecrest South Phase 2 Site Work, was approved.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Construction Contract Assignment

Ms. Burns stated items six and seven are the same item.

On MOTION by Mr. Andrade, seconded by Mr. Elliott, with all in favor, the Construction Contract Assignment, was approved.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Construction Funding Agreement

Ms. Burns stated this agreement is with Clayton Properties Group. That entity will fund the construction of Phase 2 of Ridgewood South. If there is a future bond issuance, those funds could be reimbursed.

On MOTION by Mr. Andrade, seconded by Mr. Walsh, with all in favor, the Construction Funding Agreement, was approved.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Presentation of Memo Regarding Amendments to District Rules of Procedure

A. Consideration of Resolution 2026-02 Setting a Public Hearing on the Adoption of Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure for the District

Mr. Collins reviewed some changes from the state's latest legislation. Updating public works contract evaluation criteria, updating rule notice requirements requiring 35 days to notice a public hearing. The date for this public hearing is December 11th.

On MOTION by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Andrade, with all in favor, Resolution 2026-02 Setting a public Hearing for December 11th on the Adoption of Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure for the District, was approved.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2026-03 Spending Authorization Resolution

Ms. Burns stated this outlines spending authorizations for various officers or Board members outside of a meeting. The District manager can independently approve \$2,500. The Chair or Vice Chair can approve up to \$10,000 outside of a meeting. The manager and Chair together can approve up to \$25,000.

On MOTION by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Andrade, with all in favor, Resolution 2026-03 Spending Authorization Resolution, was approved.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Ratification of Audit Services Engagement
Letter for Fiscal Year 2025 Audit**

Ms. Burns stated the Board previously awarded a multi-year contract for the audit. This is the renewal for Fiscal Year 2025. It is NTE \$4,900. It has already been signed so just needs a motion to ratify.

On MOTION by Mr. Andrade, seconded by Mr. Walsh, with all in favor, the Audit Services Engagement Letter for Fiscal Year 2025 Audit, was ratified.

TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Staff Reports

A. Attorney

Mr. Collins had nothing further to report.

B. Engineer

Ms. Burns stated the District Engineer is not on the line today.

C. Field Manager's Report

Mr. Smith reviewed the Field Managers Report on page 234 of the agenda package.

D. District Manager's Report

**i. Approval of Amenity Policy Clarification Regarding Access Card
Issuance**

Ms. Burns stated this is a slight modification stating that a resident needs to register for access upon closing.

On MOTION by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Andrade, with all in favor, the Amenity Policy Clarification Regarding Access Card Issuance, was approved.

ii. Approval of Check Register

Ms. Burns stated the check register is included in the agenda package for review and asked for questions.

On MOTION by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Andrade, with all in favor, the Check Register, was approved.

iii. Balance Sheet and Income Statement

Ms. Burns stated the financial statements are included in the package for review. No action is necessary.

THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Other Business

Ms. Burns stated funds for holiday lighting was pulled out of the agenda because there is no power at the Ridgewood North entrance.

The Board discussed holiday décor keeping it under \$5,000.

FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Supervisors' Requests and Audience Comments

Ms. Burns opened the audience comment period.

Saif Ammer – Spoke about focusing on safety first then holiday décor. High priority should be safety in the community, speeding, car theft, needs increased security. Ms. Burns stated the only entity that can enforce laws is the local police department. Spoke about an approved pet station and thorny bushes installed around the boundary to deter people. Ms. Burns stated the additional pet station has been installed near the mailbox area. She stated the wall/thorny bushes were not approved.

Keri Blocher – (Downy Birch in Ridgewood North) – Asked anyone in attendance that represents the CDD to disclose how much they get paid to attend the meetings. Ms. Burns noted all Board members can collect up to \$200 per meeting with a cap of \$4,800 per year for serving on the Board per Florida Statute. The District Engineer & Counsel bill by the hour. If the District Engineer does not attend the meeting, they don't get paid. Management fees is a lump sum annual contract for about \$46,000.

Lauren Toussiant – Spoke about meeting accessibility regarding location and time. It's not convenient for working families. Asked for future meetings to be in a free, accessible public space such as the Riverview Library. Ms. Ellison stated she is on several Boards so spending her nights in different counties/locations is not feasible. Spoke about leasing the playground and who ensures ADA compliance within the playground area. Rubber mulch is environmentally concerning and a safety concern, asked the Board for a safer alternative. Engineer not present at the meetings but getting paid by the hour. Where is the public hearing notice posted? Ms. Burns noted the public hearing notices are placed in the newspaper. Assessment hearings get mailed notices. Asked what the Action Items are in Clayton's report. Asked if they get RFQ's or vendor bids for things such as lighting? Jill stated they

received estimates from vendors. They will get a couple of proposals for the Chair to review. Spoke about the speed bumps and funding.

Melanie Clark (Downy Birch) – Emailed in reference to bushes that need to be cut back. Joel notified Cardinal again to trim the branches back. Would like to have itemized billing to see exactly what she is being charged for, where the money is going and if there are alternatives or other bidders that are cost effective. Ms. Burns stated the check register and financials are in the agenda package on the website. Inquired about the masonry regarding the sidewalks cracking. Ms. Burns stated the sidewalks are part of the roadway tract owned by Hillsborough County so the CDD doesn't own or maintain the sidewalks. Putting an order in with Public Works is the best bet.

Gwen Green (Stone Pine St.) – Inquired about the mailboxes. Ms. Burns noted the mailboxes are owned and maintained by the HOA.

Keri – What is the deciding factor on whether or not the Board wants to answer something?

Ms. Burns stated the CDD fees didn't increase from last year to this year.

FIFTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adjournment

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

On MOTION by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Andrade, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairman / Vice Chairman

SECTION IV

SECTION A

SECTION 1

RESOLUTION 2026-04

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE RHODINE ROAD NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT EXPRESSING ITS INTENT TO UTILIZE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF LEVYING, COLLECTING, AND ENFORCING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS WHICH MAY BE LEVIED BY THE RHODINE ROAD NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 197.3632, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Rhodine Road North Community Development District (“**District**”) was established pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, which authorizes the District to levy certain assessments which include benefit and maintenance assessments and further authorizes the District to levy special assessments pursuant to Chapters 170 and 197, *Florida Statutes*, for the acquisition, maintenance, construction, or reconstruction of assessable improvements authorized by Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the above-referenced assessments are non-ad valorem in nature and, therefore, may be levied and collected under the provisions of Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*, in which the State of Florida has provided a uniform method for the levying, collecting, and enforcing such non-ad valorem assessments (“**Uniform Method**”); and

WHEREAS, the District was established by the Board of County Commissioners for Hillsborough County, Florida, by Ordinance No. 18-35, effective on December 12, 2018, as amended by Ordinance No. 19-18, effective August 15, 2019, and Ordinance No. 21-27, effective July 21, 2021 (together, the “**Ordinance**”); and

WHEREAS, the boundaries of the District were subsequently amended by Ordinance No. 25-47, effective on October 7, 2025 (“**Boundary Amendment Ordinance**”), adding approximately 10.57 acres of land, more or less to the District (“**Expansion Parcel**”); and

WHEREAS, the Board has previously adopted Resolution 2026-01, declaring the intent to use the Uniform Method for the levy, collection and enforcement of non-ad valorem special assessments authorized by Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*, over the Expansion Parcel as described therein; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*, the District has caused notice of a public hearing on the District’s intent to use the Uniform Method to be advertised weekly in a newspaper of general circulation within Hillsborough County for four (4) consecutive weeks prior to such hearing; and

WHEREAS, the District has held a public hearing pursuant to Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*, where public and landowners were allowed to give testimony regarding the use of the Uniform Method; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to use the Uniform Method for the levy, collection and enforcement of non-ad valorem special assessments authorized by Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*, for special assessments, including benefit and maintenance assessments, over all lands in the District, including specifically the Expansion Parcel as further described in **Exhibit A**.

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

SECTION 1. The Rhodine Road North Community Development District, upon conducting its public hearing as required by Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*, hereby expresses its need and intent to use the Uniform Method of collecting assessments imposed by the District over the lands described in **Exhibit A**, as provided in Chapters 170 and 190, *Florida Statutes*, each of which are non-ad valorem assessments which may be collected annually pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, for the purpose of paying principal and interest on any and all of its indebtedness and for the purpose of paying the cost of operating and maintaining its assessable improvements. The legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to a levy of assessments is attached and made a part of this Resolution as **Exhibit A**. The non-ad valorem assessments and the District's use of the Uniform Method of collecting its non-ad valorem assessment(s) may continue in any given year when the Board of Supervisors determines that use of the Uniform Method for that year is in the best interests of the District.

SECTION 2. The District's Secretary is authorized to provide the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector of Hillsborough County and the Department of Revenue of the State of Florida with a copy of this Resolution and enter into any agreements with the Property Appraiser and/or Tax Collector necessary to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of December 2025.

ATTEST:

**RHODINE ROAD NORTH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Legal Description of Expansion Parcel

Exhibit A
Legal Description of Expansion Parcel

A parcel of land being a portion of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 4, Township 31 South, Range 20 East, Hillsborough County, Florida, being described as follows:

Commence at the northeast corner of said Section 4; thence North 89°33'19" West, along the north line of said Section 4, for 663.24 feet to the point of intersection with the east line of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 4; thence South 00°29'29" West, along said east line, for 49.62 feet to the south right-of-way line of Rhodine Road per Official Records Book 8837, Page 1964 of the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida; thence continue South 00°29'29" West, along said line, same being the west boundary line of RIDGEWOOD SOUTH, as recorded in Plat Book 144, Page 19 of the said Public Records of Hillsborough County, for 617.72 feet to the northeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 4 for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue South 00°29'29" West, along said line, for 694.58 feet to the southeast corner of said Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 4; thence North 89°44'32" West, along the south line of said Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 4, for 661.42 feet to the Southwest corner of said Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 4; thence North 00°24'39" East, along the west line of said Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 4, for 697.12 feet to the Northwest corner of said Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 4; thence South 89°31'20" East, along the north line of said Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 4, for 662.39 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Said parcel containing 10.57 acres, more or less.

SECTION B

SECTION 1

RESOLUTION 2026-05

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

WHEREAS, the Rhodine Road North Community Development District (the “**District**”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, as amended (the “**Act**”), and being situated in Hillsborough County, Florida; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of December 2025.

ATTEST:

**RHODINE ROAD NORTH COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure

EXHIBIT A

Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure

**RULES OF PROCEDURE
RHODINE ROAD NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

EFFECTIVE AS OF DECEMBER 11, 2025

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Rule 1.0 General.

- (1) The Rhodine Road North Community Development District (“District”) was created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes, and was established to provide for the ownership, operation, maintenance, and provision of various capital facilities and services within its jurisdiction. The purpose of these rules (“Rules”) is to describe the general operations of the District.
- (2) Definitions located within any section of these Rules shall be applicable within all other sections, unless specifically stated to the contrary.
- (3) Unless specifically permitted by a written agreement with the District, the District does not accept documents filed by electronic mail or facsimile transmission. Filings are only accepted during normal business hours, which are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.
- (4) A Rule of the District shall be effective upon adoption by affirmative vote of the District Board. After a Rule becomes effective, it may be repealed or amended only through the rulemaking procedures specified in these Rules. Notwithstanding, the District may immediately suspend the application of a Rule if the District determines that the Rule conflicts with Florida law. In the event that a Rule conflicts with Florida law and its application has not been suspended by the District, such Rule should be interpreted in the manner that best effectuates the intent of the Rule while also complying with Florida law. If the intent of the Rule absolutely cannot be effectuated while complying with Florida law, the Rule shall be automatically suspended.

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

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

Rule 1.1 Board of Supervisors; Officers and Voting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 1.3 Public Meetings, Hearings, and Workshops.

- (1) Notice. Except in emergencies, or as otherwise required by statute or these Rules, at least seven (7) days' public notice shall be given of any public meeting, hearing or workshop of the Board. Public notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. "General circulation" means a publication that is printed and published at least once a week for the preceding year, offering at least 25% of its words in the English language, qualifies as a periodicals material for postal purposes in the county in which the District is located, is for sale to the public generally, is available to the public generally for the publication of official or other notices, and is customarily containing information of a public character or of interest or of value to the residents or owners of property in the county where published, or of interest or of value to the general public. The annual meeting notice required to be published by Section 189.015 of the Florida Statutes, shall be published in a newspaper not of limited subject matter, which is published at least five days a week, unless the only newspaper in the county is published less than five days a week, and shall satisfy the requirement to give at least seven (7) days' public notice stated herein. Each Notice shall state, as applicable:
 - (a) The date, time and place of the meeting, hearing or workshop;
 - (b) A brief description of the nature, subjects, and purposes of the meeting, hearing, or workshop;
 - (c) The District office address for the submission of requests for copies of the agenda, as well as a contact name and telephone number for verbal requests for copies of the agenda; and
 - (d) The following or substantially similar language: "Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting/hearing/workshop is asked to advise the District Office at least three (3) business days before the meeting/hearing/workshop by contacting the District Manager at (407) 841-5524. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1 (800) 955-8770 or 1 (800) 955-8771, who can aid you in contacting the District Office."
 - (e) The following or substantially similar language: "A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting/hearing/workshop with respect to any matter considered at the meeting/hearing/workshop is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."

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

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

- (2) Mistake. In the event that a meeting is held under the incorrect assumption that notice required by law and these Rules has been given, the Board at its next properly noticed meeting shall cure such defect by considering the agenda items from the prior meeting individually and anew.
- (3) Agenda. The District Manager, under the guidance of District Counsel and the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, shall prepare an agenda of the meeting/hearing/workshop. The agenda and any meeting materials available in an electronic format, excluding any confidential and any confidential and exempt information, shall be available to the public at least seven days before the meeting/hearing/workshop, except in an emergency. Meeting materials shall be defined as, and limited to, the agenda, meeting minutes, resolutions, and agreements of the District that District staff deems necessary for Board approval (“Meeting Materials”). Inclusion of additional materials for Board consideration other than those defined herein as “meeting materials” shall not convert such materials into Meeting Materials. For good cause, which includes but is not limited to emergency situations, time-sensitive matters, or newly discovered information essential for Board consideration, the agenda may be changed after it is first made available for distribution, and additional materials may be added or provided under separate cover at the meeting. The requirement of good cause shall be liberally construed to allow the District to efficiently conduct business and to avoid the expenses associated with special meetings.

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

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

2. Approval of Expenditures

Supervisor's requests and comments

Public comment

Adjournment

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

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

- (9) Public Hearings. Notice of required public hearings shall contain the information required by applicable Florida law and by these Rules applicable to meeting notices and shall be mailed and published as required by Florida law. The District Manager shall ensure that all such notices, whether mailed or published, contain the information required by Florida law and these Rules and are mailed and published as required by Florida law. Public hearings may be held during Board meetings when the agenda includes such public hearing.
- (10) Participation by Teleconference/Videoconference. District staff may participate in Board meetings by teleconference or videoconference. Board members may also participate in Board meetings by teleconference or videoconference if in the good judgment of the Board extraordinary circumstances exist; provided however, at least three Board members must be physically present at the meeting location to establish a quorum. Such extraordinary circumstances shall be presumed when a Board member participates by teleconference or videoconference, unless a majority of the Board members physically present determines that extraordinary circumstances do not exist. Extraordinary circumstances may include, but are not limited to, illness, family emergencies, or other significant schedule conflicts which prevent in-person meeting attendance.
- (11) Board Authorization. The District has not adopted Robert's Rules of Order. For each agenda item, there shall be discussion permitted among the Board members during the meeting. Unless such procedure is waived by the Board, approval or disapproval of resolutions and other proposed Board actions shall be in the form of a motion by one Board member, a second by another Board member, an opportunity for final board discussion and an affirmative vote by the majority of the Board members present. Any Board member, including the Chairperson, can make or second a motion.
- (12) Continuances. Any meeting or public hearing of the Board may be continued without re-notice or re-advertising provided that:
 - (a) The Board identifies on the record at the original meeting a reasonable need for a continuance;
 - (b) The continuance is to a specified date, time, and location publicly announced at the original meeting; and
 - (c) The public notice for the original meeting states that the meeting may be continued to a date and time and states that the date, time, and location of any continuance shall be publicly announced at the original meeting and posted at the District Office immediately following the original meeting.

- (13) Attorney-Client Sessions. An Attorney-Client Session is permitted when the District's attorneys deem it necessary to meet in private with the Board to discuss pending litigation to which the District is a party before a court or administrative agency or as may be authorized by law. The District's attorney must request such session at a public meeting. Prior to holding the Attorney-Client Session, the District must give reasonable public notice of the time and date of the session and the names of the persons anticipated to attend the session. The session must commence at an open meeting in which the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson announces the commencement of the session, the estimated length of the session, and the names of the persons who will be attending the session. The discussion during the session is confined to settlement negotiations or strategy related to litigation expenses or as may be authorized by law. Only the Board, the District's attorneys (including outside counsel), the District Manager, and the court reporter may attend an Attorney-Client Session. During the session, no votes may be taken and no final decisions concerning settlement can be made. Upon the conclusion of the session, the public meeting is reopened, and the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson must announce that the session has concluded. The session must be transcribed by a court-reporter and the transcript of the session filed with the District Secretary within a reasonable time after the session. The transcript shall not be available for public inspection until after the conclusion of the litigation.
- (14) Security and Firesafety Board Discussions. Portions of a meeting which relate to or would reveal a security or firesafety system plan or portion thereof made confidential and exempt by section 119.071(3)(a), Florida Statutes, are exempt from the public meeting requirements and other requirements of section 286.011, *Florida Statutes*, and section 24(b), Article 1 of the State Constitution. Should the Board wish to discuss such matters, members of the public shall be required to leave the meeting room during such discussion. Any records of the Board's discussion of such matters, including recordings or minutes, shall be maintained as confidential and exempt records in accordance with Florida law.

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

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

Rule 1.4 Internal Controls to Prevent Fraud, Waste and Abuse

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

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

Rule 2.0 Rulemaking Proceedings.

- (1) Commencement of Proceedings. Proceedings held for adoption, amendment, or repeal of a District rule shall be conducted according to these Rules. Rulemaking proceedings shall be deemed to have been initiated upon publication of notice by the District. A “rule” is a District statement of general applicability that implements, interprets, or prescribes law or policy, or describes the procedure or practice requirements of the District (“Rule”). Nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the District to consider or adopt rules unless required by Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes. Policies adopted by the District which do not consist of rates, fees, rentals or other monetary charges may be, but are not required to be, implemented through rulemaking proceedings.
- (2) Notice of Rule Development.
 - (a) Except when the intended action is the repeal of a Rule, the District shall provide notice of the development of a proposed rule by publication of a Notice of Rule Development in a newspaper of general circulation in the District before providing notice of a proposed rule as required by section (3) of this Rule. Consequently, the Notice of Rule Development shall be published at least seven (7) days before the notice of rulemaking described in Section 2.0(3), *infra.*, and at least thirty-five (35) days prior to the public hearing on the proposed rule. The Notice of Rule Development shall indicate the subject area to be addressed by rule development, provide a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed rule, cite the grant of rulemaking authority for the proposed rule and law being implemented, include the proposed rule number, and include a statement of how a person may promptly obtain, without cost, a copy of any preliminary draft, if available.
 - (b) All rules as drafted shall be consistent with Sections 120.54(1)(g) and 120.54(2)(b) of the Florida Statutes.
- (3) Notice of Proceedings and Proposed Rules.
 - (a) Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule other than an emergency rule, the District shall give notice of its intended action, including: a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed action, the proposed rule number (if applicable), a reference to the specific rulemaking authority pursuant to which the rule is adopted, a reference to the section or subsection of the Florida Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific, and the name, e-mail address, and telephone number of the staff member who may be contacted regarding the intended action. The notice shall include a summary of the District’s statement of estimated regulatory costs and the website address where the complete statement of estimated regulatory costs may be viewed, if such a

statement has been prepared pursuant to Section 120.541(2), *Florida Statutes*, and a statement that any person who wishes to provide the District with a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), must do so in writing within twenty-one (21) days after publication of the notice. The notice shall additionally include a statement that any affected person may request a public hearing by submitting a written request within twenty-one (21) days after the date of publication of the notice. Except when intended action is the repeal of a rule, the notice shall include a reference to both the date on which and the place where the Notice of Rule Development required by section (2) of this Rule appeared.

- (b) The notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and each county in which the District is located not less than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the intended action. The proposed rule and any material proposed to be incorporated by reference shall be available for inspection and copying by the public at the time of the publication of notice.
 - (c) The notice shall be mailed, delivered electronically to all persons named in the proposed rule and to all persons who, at least fourteen (14) days prior to publication of the notice, have made requests of the District for advance notice of its rulemaking proceedings. Any person may file a written request with the District Manager to receive notice by mail of District proceedings to adopt, amend, or repeal a rule. Such persons must furnish a mailing address and may be required to pay the cost of copying and mailing.
- (4) Rule Development Workshops. Whenever requested in writing by any affected person, the District must either conduct a rule development workshop prior to proposing rules for adoption or the Chairperson must explain in writing why a workshop is unnecessary. The District may initiate a rule development workshop but is not required to do so.
 - (5) Petitions to Initiate Rulemaking. All Petitions to Initiate Rulemaking proceedings must contain the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner, the specific action requested, the specific reason for adoption, amendment, or repeal, the date submitted, the text of the proposed rule, and the facts showing that the petitioner is regulated by the District or has a substantial interest in the rulemaking. Not later than thirty (30) calendar days following the date of filing a petition, the Board shall initiate rulemaking proceedings or deny the petition with a written statement of its reasons for the denial. If the petition is directed to an existing policy that the District has not formally adopted as a rule, the District may, in its discretion, notice and hold a public hearing on the petition to consider the comments of the public directed to the policy, its scope and application, and to consider whether the public interest is served adequately by the application of the policy on a case-by-case basis, as contrasted with its formal adoption as a rule. However, this section shall not be construed as requiring the District to adopt a rule to replace a policy.

- (6) Rulemaking Materials. After the publication of the notice referenced in section (3) of this Rule, the Board shall make available for public inspection and shall provide, upon request and payment of the cost of copies, the following materials:
- (a) The text of the proposed rule, or any amendment or repeal of any existing rules;
 - (b) A detailed written statement of the facts and circumstances justifying the proposed rule;
 - (c) A copy of the statement of estimated regulatory costs if required by Section 120.541 of the Florida Statutes; and
 - (d) The published notice.
- (7) Hearing. The District may, or, upon the written request of any affected person received within twenty-one (21) days after the date of publication of the notice described in section (3) of this Rule, shall, provide a public hearing for the presentation of evidence, argument, and oral statements, within the reasonable conditions and limitations imposed by the District to avoid duplication, irrelevant comments, unnecessary delay, or disruption of the proceedings. The District shall publish notice of the public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the District either in the text of the notice described in section (3) of this Rule or in a separate publication at least seven (7) days before the scheduled public hearing. The notice shall specify the date, time, and location of the public hearing, and the name, address, and telephone number of the District contact person who can provide information about the public hearing. Written statements may be submitted by any person prior to or at the public hearing. All timely submitted written statements shall be considered by the District and made part of the rulemaking record.
- (8) Emergency Rule Adoption. The Board may adopt an emergency rule if it finds that it is necessitated by immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare which requires immediate action, or if the Legislature authorizes the Board to adopt emergency rules. Prior to the adoption of an emergency rule, the District Manager shall make reasonable efforts to notify a newspaper of general circulation in the District. Notice of the emergency rules together with the Board's findings of immediate danger, necessity, and procedural fairness or a citation to the grant of emergency rulemaking authority shall be published as soon as possible in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. The District may use any procedure which is fair under the circumstances in the adoption of an emergency rule provided that such procedure protects the public interest and complies with applicable law and these provisions.
- (9) Negotiated Rulemaking. The District may use negotiated rulemaking in developing and adopting rules pursuant to Section 120.54(2)(d) of the Florida Statutes, except that any notices required under Section 120.54(2)(d) of the Florida Statutes, may

be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located.

- (10) Rulemaking Record. In all rulemaking proceedings, the District shall compile and maintain a rulemaking record. The record shall include, if applicable:
- (a) The texts of the proposed rule and the adopted rule;
 - (b) All notices given for a proposed rule;
 - (c) Any statement of estimated regulatory costs for the rule;
 - (d) A written summary of hearings, if any, on the proposed rule;
 - (e) All written comments received by the District and responses to those written comments; and
 - (f) All notices and findings pertaining to an emergency rule.
- (11) Petitions to Challenge Existing Rules.
- (a) Any person substantially affected by a rule may seek an administrative determination of the invalidity of the rule on the ground that the rule is an invalid exercise of the District's authority.
 - (b) The petition seeking an administrative determination must state with particularity the provisions alleged to be invalid with sufficient explanation of the facts or grounds for the alleged invalidity and facts sufficient to show that the person challenging a rule is substantially affected by it.
 - (c) The petition shall be filed with the District. Within ten (10) days after receiving the petition, the Chairperson shall, if the petition complies with the requirements of subsection (b) of this section, designate any member of the Board (including the Chairperson), District Manager, District Counsel, or other qualified person as a hearing officer who shall conduct a hearing within thirty (30) days thereafter, unless the petition is withdrawn or a continuance is granted by agreement of the parties. The failure of the District to follow the applicable rulemaking procedures or requirements in this Rule shall be presumed to be material; however, the District may rebut this presumption by showing that the substantial interests of the petitioner and the fairness of the proceedings have not been impaired.
 - (d) Within thirty (30) days after the hearing, the hearing officer shall render a decision and state the reasons therefor in writing.

- (e) Hearings held under this section shall be de novo in nature. The petitioner has a burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the existing rule is an invalid exercise of District authority as to the objections raised. The hearing officer may:
 - (i) Administer oaths and affirmations;
 - (ii) Rule upon offers of proof and receive relevant evidence;
 - (iii) Regulate the course of the hearing, including any pre-hearing matters;
 - (iv) Enter orders; and
 - (v) Make or receive offers of settlement, stipulation, and adjustment.
 - (f) The petitioner and the District shall be adverse parties. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings.
- (12) Variances and Waivers. A “variance” means a decision by the District to grant a modification to all or part of the literal requirements of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule. A “waiver” means a decision by the District not to apply all or part of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule. Variances and waivers from District rules may be granted subject to the following:
- (a) Variances and waivers shall be granted when the person subject to the rule demonstrates that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means by the person, and when application of the rule would create a substantial hardship or would violate principles of fairness. For purposes of this section, "substantial hardship" means a demonstrated economic, technological, legal, safety-related, or other significant type of hardship to the person requesting the variance or waiver. For purposes of this section, "principles of fairness" are violated when the literal application of a rule affects a particular person in a manner significantly different from the way it affects other similarly situated persons who are subject to the rule.
 - (b) A person who is subject to regulation by a District Rule may file a petition with the District, requesting a variance or waiver from the District’s Rule. Each petition shall specify:
 - (i) The rule from which a variance or waiver is requested;
 - (ii) The type of action requested;

- (iii) The specific facts that would justify a waiver or variance for the petitioner; and
 - (iv) The reason why the variance or the waiver requested would serve the purposes of the underlying statute.
 - (c) The District shall review the petition and may request only that information needed to clarify the petition or to answer new questions raised by or directly related to the petition. If the petitioner asserts that any request for additional information is not authorized by law or by Rule of the District, the District shall proceed, at the petitioner's written request, to process the petition.
 - (d) The Board shall grant or deny a petition for variance or waiver and shall announce such disposition at a publicly held meeting of the Board, within ninety (90) days after receipt of the original petition, the last item of timely requested additional material, or the petitioner's written request to finish processing the petition. The District's statement granting or denying the petition shall contain a statement of the relevant facts and reasons supporting the District's action.
- (13) Rates, Fees, Rentals and Other Charges. All rates, fees, rentals, or other charges shall be subject to rulemaking proceedings. Policies adopted by the District which do not consist of rates, fees, rentals or other charges may be, but are not required to be, implemented through rulemaking proceedings.

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

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

Rule 3.0 Competitive Purchase.

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

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

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

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

- (o) “Request for Proposals” or “RFP” is a written or electronically posted solicitation for sealed proposals with the title, date, and hour of the public opening designated and requiring the manual signature of an authorized representative. It may provide general information, applicable laws and rules, statement of work, functional or general specifications, qualifications, proposal instructions, work detail analysis, and evaluation criteria as necessary.
- (p) “Responsive and Responsible Bidder” means an entity or individual that has submitted a bid that conforms in all material respects to the Invitation to Bid and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. “Responsive and Responsible Vendor” means an entity or individual that has submitted a proposal, reply, or response that conforms in all material respects to the Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. In determining whether an entity or individual is a Responsive and Responsible Bidder (or Vendor), the District may consider, in addition to factors described in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, the following:
 - (i) The ability and adequacy of the professional personnel employed by the entity/individual;
 - (ii) The past performance of the entity/individual for the District and in other professional employment;
 - (iii) The willingness of the entity/individual to meet time and budget requirements;
 - (iv) The geographic location of the entity’s/individual’s headquarters or office in relation to the project;
 - (v) The recent, current, and projected workloads of the entity/individual;
 - (vi) The volume of work previously awarded to the entity/individual, provided that for a public works project as defined in Section 255.0992, *Florida Statutes*, the District may not penalize a bidder for performing a larger volume of construction work for the District or reward a bidder for performing a smaller volume of construction work for the District;

- (vii) Whether the cost components of the bid or proposal are appropriately balanced; and
- (viii) Whether the entity/individual is a certified minority business enterprise as defined in Section 287.0943, *Florida Statutes*.
- (q) “Responsive Bid,” “Responsive Proposal,” “Responsive Reply,” and “Responsive Response” all mean a bid, proposal, reply, or response which conforms in all material respects to the specifications and conditions in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation document and these Rules, and the cost components of which, if any, are appropriately balanced. A bid, proposal, reply or response is not responsive if the person or firm submitting it fails to meet any material requirement relating to the qualifications, financial stability, or licensing of the bidder.

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

Law Implemented: §§ 190.033, 255.0992, 255.20, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.1 Procedure Under the Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act.

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

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

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

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

(4) Competitive Selection.

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

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

(5) Competitive Negotiation.

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.2 Procedure Regarding Auditor Selection.

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

(1) Definitions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

place for submitting proposals.

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

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

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

Rule 3.3 Purchase of Insurance.

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

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

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

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

Law Implemented: § 112.08, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.4 Pre-qualification

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

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

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

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

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

(3) Suspension, Revocation, or Denial of Qualification

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

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

shall remain suspended, revoked, or denied until the documents are furnished.

- viii. The vendor failed to notify the District within 10 days of the vendor, or any of its affiliates, being declared in default or otherwise not completing work on a contract or being suspended from qualification to bid or denied qualification to bid by any other public or semi-public agency.
 - ix. The vendor did not pay its subcontractors or suppliers in a timely manner or in compliance with contract documents.
 - x. The vendor has demonstrated instances of poor or unsatisfactory performance, deficient management resulting in project delay, poor quality workmanship, a history of payment of liquidated damages, untimely completion of projects, uncooperative attitude, contract litigation, inflated claims or defaults.
 - xi. An affiliate of the vendor has previously been determined by the District to be non-responsible, and the specified period of suspension, revocation, denial, or non-responsibility remains in effect.
 - xii. The vendor or affiliate(s) has been convicted of a contract crime.
 - 1. The term “contract crime” means any violation of state or federal antitrust laws with respect to a public contract or any violation of any state or federal law involving fraud, bribery, collusion, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation with respect to a public contract.
 - 2. The term “convicted” or “conviction” means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a contract crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record as a result of a jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.
 - xiii. Any other circumstance constituting “good cause” under Section 337.16(2), *Florida Statutes*, exists.
- (b) The pre-qualified status of a contractor found delinquent under Section 337.16(1), *Florida Statutes*, shall be denied, suspended, or revoked. A denial, suspension, or revocation shall prohibit the vendor from being a subcontractor on District work during the period of denial, suspension, or revocation, except when a prime contractor’s bid has used prices of a subcontractor who becomes disqualified after the bid, but before the request for authorization to sublet is presented.
- (c) The District shall inform the vendor in writing of its intent to deny, suspend, or

revoke its pre-qualified status and inform the vendor of its right to a hearing, the procedure which must be followed, and the applicable time limits. If a hearing is requested within ten (10) days after the receipt of the notice of intent, the hearing shall be held within thirty (30) days after receipt by the District of the request for the hearing. The decision shall be issued in writing within fifteen (15) business days after the hearing.

- (d) Such suspension or revocation shall not affect the vendor's obligations under any preexisting contract.
- (e) If a contractor's pre-qualified status is revoked, suspended, or denied and the contractor receives an additional period of revocation, suspension, or denial of its pre-qualified status, the time periods will run consecutively.
- (f) In the case of contract crimes, the vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be revoked indefinitely. For all violations of Rule 3.4(3)(a) other than for the vendor's conviction for contract crimes, the revocation, denial, or suspension of a vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be for a specific period of time based on the seriousness of the deficiency.

Examples of factors affecting the seriousness of a deficiency are:

- i. Impacts on project schedule, cost, or quality of work;
 - ii. Unsafe conditions allowed to exist;
 - iii. Complaints from the public;
 - iv. Delay or interference with the bidding process;
 - v. The potential for repetition;
 - vi. Integrity of the public contracting process;
 - vii. Effect on the health, safety, and welfare of the public.
- (g) The District shall deny or revoke the pre-qualified status of any contractor and its affiliates for a period of 36 months when it is determined by the District that the contractor has, subsequent to January 1, 1978, been convicted of a contract crime within the jurisdiction of any state or federal court. Any such contractor shall not act as a prime contractor, material supplier, subcontractor, or consultant on any District contract or project during the period of denial or revocation.

(4) Reapplication and Reinstatement

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

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

- (b) If the petition for reapplication or reinstatement is denied, the contractor cannot petition for a subsequent hearing for a period of nine months following the date of the final order of revocation or denial.
- (c) If the petition for reapplication or reinstatement is granted, the contractor must file a current Application for Qualification with the Contracts Administration Office. Reinstatement shall not be effective until issuance of a Certificate of Qualification.

(5) Emergency Suspension and Revocation

- (a) The District may summarily issue an emergency suspension of a contractor's qualification to bid if it finds that imminent danger exists to the public health, safety, or welfare.
- (b) The written notice of emergency suspension shall state the specific facts and reasons for finding an imminent danger to the public health, safety, or welfare exists.
- (c) The District, within 10 days of the emergency suspension, shall initiate formal suspension or revocation proceedings in compliance with Rule 3.4(3), except the 10-day notice requirement shall not be construed to prevent a hearing at the earliest time practicable upon request of the aggrieved party.

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

Law Implemented: §§ 190.033, 255.0525, 255.20, Fla. Stat.; §§ 14-22.012, 14-22.0121, 14-22.014, Fla. Admin. Code.

Rule 3.5 Construction Contracts, Not Design-Build.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of construction services, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the construction services without further competitive selection processes.

- (3) Sole Source; Government. Construction services that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Construction services provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of construction services, which may include goods, supplies, or materials, that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules. A contract for construction services is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process.
- (4) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (5) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules only when there exists an immediate and serious need for construction services that cannot be met through normal procurement methods and the lack of such services would seriously threaten: (i) the District's ability to perform essential services; (ii) the preservation or protection of property or improvements; or (iii) the health, safety, or welfare of any person. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary, along with a detailed description of the basis for the emergency determination, shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board Meeting.
- (6) Exceptions. This Rule is inapplicable when:
 - (a) The project is undertaken as repair or maintenance of an existing public facility;
 - (b) The funding source of the project will be diminished or lost because the time required to competitively award the project after the funds become available exceeds the time within which the funding source must be spent;
 - (c) The District has competitively awarded a project and the contractor has abandoned the project or the District has terminated the contract; or
 - (d) The District, after public notice, conducts a public meeting under Section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes, and finds by a majority vote of the Board

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

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

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

Rule 3.6 Construction Contracts, Design-Build.

- (1) Scope. The District may utilize Design-Build Contracts for any public construction project for which the Board determines that use of such contract is in the best interest of the District. When letting a Design-Build Contract, the District shall use the following procedure:
- (2) Procedure.
 - (a) The District shall utilize a Design Criteria Professional meeting the requirements of Section 287.055(2)(k) of the Florida Statutes, when developing a Design Criteria Package, evaluating the proposals and qualifications submitted by Design-Build Firms, and determining compliance of the project construction with the Design Criteria Package. The Design Criteria Professional may be an employee of the District, may be the District Engineer selected by the District pursuant to Section 287.055 of the Florida Statutes, or may be retained pursuant to Rule 3.1. The Design Criteria Professional is not eligible to render services under a Design-Build Contract executed pursuant to the Design Criteria Package.
 - (b) A Design Criteria Package for the construction project shall be prepared and sealed by the Design Criteria Professional. If the project utilizes existing plans, the Design Criteria Professional shall create a Design Criteria Package by supplementing the plans with project specific requirements, if any.
 - (c) The Board may either choose to award the Design-Build Contract pursuant to the competitive proposal selection process set forth in Section 287.055(9) of the Florida Statutes, or pursuant to the qualifications-based selection process pursuant to Rule 3.1.
 - (i) Qualifications-Based Selection. If the process set forth in Rule 3.1 is utilized, subsequent to competitive negotiations, a guaranteed maximum price and guaranteed completion date shall be established.
 - (ii) Competitive Proposal-Based Selection. If the competitive proposal selection process is utilized, the Board, in consultation with the Design Criteria Professional, shall establish the criteria, standards

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

1. A Request for Proposals shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located. The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of sealed proposals, unless the Board, for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate. Any project projected to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) must be noticed at least thirty (30) days prior to the date for submittal of proposals.
2. The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Requests for Proposals. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, or hand delivery, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
3. In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, a firm must, at the time of receipt of the proposals:
 - a. Hold the required applicable state professional licenses in good standing, as defined by Section 287.055(2)(h) of the Florida Statutes;
 - b. Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - c. Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the proposer is a corporation;
 - d. Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Request for Proposals and Design Criteria Package.

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

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

4. The proposals, or the portions of which that include the price, shall be publicly opened at a meeting noticed in accordance with Rule 1.3, and at which at least one district representative is present. The name of each bidder and the price submitted in the bid shall be announced at such meeting and shall be made available upon request. Minutes should be taken at the meeting and maintained by the District. In consultation with the Design Criteria Professional, the Board shall evaluate the proposals received based on evaluation criteria and procedures established prior to the solicitation of proposals, including but not limited to qualifications, availability, and past work of the firms and the partners and members thereof. The Board shall then select no fewer than three (3) Design-Build Firms as the most qualified.
5. The Board shall have the right to reject all proposals if the proposals are too high, or rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of proposal preparation or submittal from the District.
6. If less than three (3) Responsive Proposals are received, the District may purchase design-build services or may reject the proposals for lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Proposals are received, the District may proceed with the procurement of design-build services in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the design-build services without further competitive selection processes.

7. Notice of the rankings adopted by the Board, including the rejection of some or all proposals, shall be provided in writing to all consultants by United States Mail, hand delivery, electronic mail, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's rankings under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
8. The Board shall negotiate a contract with the firm ranking the highest based on the evaluation standards and shall establish a price which the Board determines is fair, competitive and reasonable. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the second most qualified firm, based on the ranking by the evaluation standards. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the second most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the third most qualified firm. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the third most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with any of the selected firms, the Board shall select additional firms in order of their rankings based on the evaluation standards and continue negotiations until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.
9. After the Board contracts with a firm, the firm shall bring to the Board for approval, detailed working drawings of the project.
10. The Design Criteria Professional shall evaluate the compliance of the detailed working drawings and project construction with the Design Criteria Package and shall provide the Board with a report of the same.

- (3) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (4) Emergency Purchase. The Board may, in case of public emergency, declare an emergency and immediately proceed with negotiations with the best qualified Design-Build Firm available at the time. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.
- (5) Exceptions. This Rule is inapplicable when:
 - (a) The project is undertaken as repair or maintenance of an existing public facility;
 - (b) The funding source of the project will be diminished or lost because the time required to competitively award the project after the funds become available exceeds the time within which the funding source must be spent;
 - (c) The District has competitively awarded a project and the contractor has abandoned the project or the District has terminated the contractor; or
 - (d) The District, after public notice, conducts a public meeting under Section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes, and finds by a majority vote of the Board that it is in the public's best interest to perform the project using its own services, employees, and equipment.

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

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

Rule 3.7 Payment and Performance Bonds.

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

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

Law Implemented: § 255.05, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.8 Goods, Supplies, and Materials.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.9 Maintenance Services.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.10 Contractual Services.

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Filing.

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

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

- (d) The District does not accept documents filed by electronic mail or facsimile transmission. Filings are only accepted during normal business hours, which are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.
- (2) Contract Execution. Upon receipt of a notice of protest which has been timely filed, the District shall not execute the contract under protest until the subject of the protest is resolved. However, if the District sets forth in writing particular facts and circumstances showing that delay incident to protest proceedings will jeopardize the funding for the project, will materially increase the cost of the project, or will create an immediate and serious danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, the contract may be executed.
- (3) Informal Proceeding. If the Board determines a protest does not involve a disputed issue of material fact, the Board may, but is not obligated to, schedule an informal proceeding to consider the protest. Such informal proceeding shall be at a time and place determined by the Board. Notice of such proceeding shall be sent via certified mail, hand delivery, or email with delivery confirmation to the protestor and any substantially affected persons or parties not less than three (3) calendar days prior to such informal proceeding. Within thirty (30) calendar days following the informal proceeding, the Board shall issue a written decision setting forth the factual, legal, and policy grounds for its decision.
- (4) Formal Proceeding. If the Board determines a protest involves disputed issues of material fact or if the Board elects not to use the informal proceeding process provided for in section (3) of this Rule, the District shall schedule a formal hearing to resolve the protest. The Chairperson shall designate any member of the Board (including the Chairperson), District Manager, District Counsel, or other qualified person as a hearing officer to conduct the hearing. The hearing officer may:
 - (a) Administer oaths and affirmations;
 - (b) Rule upon offers of proof and receive relevant evidence;
 - (c) Regulate the course of the hearing, including any pre-hearing matters;

(d) Enter orders; and

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

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

(5) Intervenors. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors by filing a motion to intervene within 10 calendar days of the initial protest filing, on terms that shall not unduly delay the proceedings.

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

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

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

Law Implemented: § 190.033, Fla. Stat.

Rule 4.0 Effective Date.

These Rules shall be effective December 11, 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 V

AGREEMENT FOR HOLIDAY LIGHTING SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into this 3rd day of November 2025, by and between:

RHODINE ROAD NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and having a mailing address c/o Governmental Management Services - Central Florida, LLC, 219 E. Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801 (“District”); and

SPARKLING POOLS AND LIGHTS, LLC D/B/A FESTIVE GLOW, a Florida limited liability company, with a mailing address of 6333 Southwest 46th Drive, Gainesville, Florida 32608 (“Contractor” and, together with the District, the “Parties”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District is a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to and governed by Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, which was established for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain public infrastructure supporting community development within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has a need to retain an independent contractor to provide the holiday lighting services described herein; and

WHEREAS, Contractor submitted a proposal and represents that it is qualified to provide the services identified in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement (“Services”); and

WHEREAS, the District and Contractor warrant and agree that they have all right, power and authority to enter into and be bound by this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the recitals, agreements, and mutual covenants contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the Parties, the Parties agree as follows:

SECTION 1. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS. The recitals stated above are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated herein as a material part of this Agreement.

SECTION 2. DUTIES. District agrees to use Contractor to provide the Services in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The duties, obligations, and responsibilities of the Contractor are described in **Exhibit A** hereto.

A. Scope. Contractor shall provide the Services identified in **Exhibit A**, including any effort reasonably necessary to allow the District to receive the maximum benefit of all of the Services and items described herein. To the extent any of the provisions

of this Agreement conflict with the provisions of **Exhibit A**, this Agreement controls. Should any error or inconsistency appear in the Services, Contractor, before proceeding with the Services, must notify the District for the proper adjustment, and in no case proceed with the Services in uncertainty.

- B. *Property.*** This Agreement grants to Contractor the right to enter the District property that is subject to this Agreement, for those purposes described in this Agreement, and Contractor hereby agrees to comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. To the extent the Contractor needs to use or access non-District property while providing the Services, Contractor shall coordinate such use in advance with the District Representative (as defined herein).
- C. *Permits and License.*** All permits or licenses necessary for the Contractor to perform under this Agreement shall be obtained and paid for by the Contractor.
- D. *Standard of Performance.*** Contractor shall perform all Services in a neat and workmanlike manner and shall use industry best practices and procedures when carrying out the Services. In the event the District in its sole determination, finds that the work of Contractor is not satisfactory to District, District shall have the right to immediately terminate this Agreement and will only be responsible for payment of work satisfactorily completed and for materials incorporated into the Services.
- E. *Means and Methods.*** Contractor shall be solely responsible for the means, manner and methods by which its duties, obligations and responsibilities are met to the satisfaction of the District. While providing the Services, the Contractor shall assign such experienced staff as may be required, and such staff shall be responsible for coordinating, expediting, and controlling all aspects of the Services to ensure efficient and full completion.
- F. *District Representative.*** Contractor shall report directly to Jill Burns, who serves as District Manager, or her designee (the “District Representative”). Contractor shall use all due care to protect the property of the District, its residents, and landowners from damage. Contractor agrees to complete repair of any damage resulting from Contractor’s activities within twenty-four (24) hours in instances affecting health, safety or welfare, and otherwise within five (5) calendar days.
- G. *Timing.*** Contractor shall coordinate commencement and completion of the Services with the District Representative. Initial installation shall be completed no later than November 24, 2025. Removal shall be completed no later than January 16, 2026. Contractor shall notify the District Representative in writing immediately upon recognizing any potential for a delay delivering the Services caused by itself or another contractor. Contractor must coordinate the Services with others performing work for the District as may be necessary to successfully and safely complete the Services or as the District directs.

- H. ***Clean-Up.*** Contractor shall keep the premises and surrounding area free from accumulation of waste materials or rubbish caused by operations under the Agreement. At completion of the Services, the Contractor shall remove from the site waste materials, rubbish, tools, construction equipment, machinery and surplus materials. If the Contractor fails to clean up as provided herein, the District may do so, and the cost thereof shall be charged to the Contractor and may be applied as an offset to the final payment to Contractor.
- I. ***Subcontractors.*** Contractor shall be as fully responsible to the District for the acts and omissions of its subcontractors, and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by them, as Contractor is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by Contractor. Nothing contained herein shall create contractual relationships between any subcontractor and the District.

SECTION 3. COMPENSATION AND PAYMENT.

- A. ***Amount.*** The District shall pay Contractor a total of **Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$4,800.00)**, in accordance with unit prices set forth in **Exhibit A**, payable upon final completion and acceptance by the District, for the Services identified in **Exhibit A**. Such amounts include all equipment, materials, permits and labor necessary for full execution of the Services. Contractor shall maintain records conforming to usual accounting practices.
- B. ***Payments and Invoices.*** All payments and invoices shall be subject to Florida's Local Government Prompt Payment Act, Sections 218.70 through 218.80, *Florida Statutes*, and the District's adopted *Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures*. The invoice shall contain, at a minimum, the District's name, Contractor's name, the invoice date, an invoice number, an itemized listing of all costs billed on each invoice with a sufficient description of each, the timeframe within which the Services were provided, and the address or bank information to which payment is to be remitted.
- C. ***Additional Services.*** If the District should desire additional work or services, the Contractor agrees to negotiate in good faith to undertake such additional work or services. Upon successful negotiations, the Parties shall agree in writing to an addendum, addenda, or change order(s) to this Agreement. The Contractor shall be compensated for such agreed additional work or services based upon a payment amount acceptable to the Parties and agreed to in writing.
- D. ***Conditions Precedent to Payment.*** The District may require, as a condition precedent to making any payment to the Contractor, that all subcontractors, material men, suppliers or laborers be paid and require evidence, in the form of lien releases or partial waivers of lien, to be submitted to the District by those subcontractors, material men, suppliers or laborers, and further require that the Contractor provide an affidavit relating to the payment of said indebtedness. Further, the District shall have the right to require, as a condition precedent to making any payment, evidence

from the Contractor, in a form satisfactory to the District, that any indebtedness of the Contractor, as to services to the District, has been paid and that the Contractor has met all of the obligations with regard to the withholding and payment of taxes, Social Security payments, Workmen's Compensation, Unemployment Compensation contributions, and similar payroll deductions from the wages of employees.

SECTION 4. TERM AND TERMINATION.

- A. *Term.*** This Agreement shall become effective as of the date first above written and shall terminate upon completion of the Services set forth herein and described in any amendment hereto, unless terminated in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- B. *Termination.*** The District agrees that Contractor may terminate this Agreement for cause by providing thirty (30) days' written notice of termination to the District. Contractor agrees that the District may terminate this Agreement immediately for cause by providing a written notice of termination to Contractor. The District shall provide thirty (30) days' written notice of termination without cause. Upon any termination of this Agreement, Contractor shall be entitled to payment for all material and labor provided up until the effective termination of this Agreement, subject to whatever claims or offsets the District may have against Contractor.

SECTION 5. WARRANTY. The Contractor warrants to the District that all materials furnished by Contractor under this Agreement shall be new, and that all services and materials shall be of good quality, free from faults and defects, and will conform to the standards and practices for projects of similar design and complexity in an expeditious and economical manner consistent with the best interest of the District. In addition to all manufacturer warranties for materials purchased for purposes of this Agreement, if any, which Contractor shall assign to the District as necessary to give the District the benefit of said warranties, all Services provided by the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement shall be warranted for labor and workmanship for one (1) year from the date of acceptance of the Services by the District. Contractor shall replace or repair warranted items to the District's satisfaction and in the District's discretion. Neither final acceptance of the Services, nor final payment therefor, nor any provision of the Agreement shall relieve Contractor of responsibility for defective or deficient materials or Services. If any of the materials or Services are found to be defective, deficient or not in accordance with the Agreement, without intending to limit any other remedies, Contractor shall correct, remove and replace it promptly after receipt of a written notice from the District and correct and pay for any other damage resulting therefrom to District property or the property of landowners within the District.

Contractor hereby covenants to the District that it shall perform the Services: (i) using its best skill and judgment and in accordance with generally accepted professional and design standards and practices for projects of similar design and complexity as the development occurring within the District; (ii) in compliance with all applicable federal, state, county municipal, building and zoning, land use, environmental, public safety, non-discrimination and disability accessibility laws, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, all professional

registration (both corporate and individual) for all required basic disciplines that it shall perform; and (iii) in an expeditious and economical manner consistent with the best interest of the District.

SECTION 6. INSURANCE.

A. *Limits.* The Contractor shall maintain throughout the term of this Agreement maintain insurance with limits of liability not less than the following:

Workers Compensation	In accordance with the laws of Florida
Employer’s Liability Coverage	\$1,000,000 per accident or disease
General Liability*	
<i>Bodily Injury (including contractual)</i>	\$1,000,000/\$2,000,000
<i>Property Damage (including contractual)</i>	\$1,000,000/\$2,000,000
<i>*Must include Independent Contractors Coverage for bodily injury and property damage in connection with any subcontractors’ operation</i>	
Automobile Liability covering any owned, non-owned, or hired automobiles, trailers, or other equipment required to be licensed	
<i>Bodily Injury and Property Damage</i>	\$1,000,000 combined single limit

B. *Requirements.* The District and its officers, supervisors, agents, managers, counsel, engineers, staff and representatives (together, “Additional Insureds”) shall be named as additional insured parties on the Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability policies. The Contractor shall furnish the District with a Certificate of Insurance evidencing compliance with this requirement prior to commencing the Services. No certificate shall be acceptable to the District unless it provides that any change or termination within the policy periods of the insurance coverage, as certified, shall not be effective within thirty (30) days of prior written notice to the District. Insurance coverage shall be from a reputable insurance carrier, licensed to conduct business in the State of Florida, shall be considered primary and non-contributory with respect to the Additional Insureds, and shall be endorsed to provide for a waiver of underwriter’s rights of subrogation in favor of the Additional Insureds.

C. *Failure to Obtain Insurance.* If the Contractor fails to have secured and maintained the required insurance, the District has the right but not the obligation to secure

such required insurance in which event the Contractor shall pay the cost for that required insurance and shall furnish, upon demand, all information that may be required in connection with the District's obtaining the required insurance.

SECTION 7. INDEMNIFICATION.

- A. *Indemnification by Contractor.*** To the fullest extent permitted by law, and in addition to any other obligations of Contractor under this Agreement or otherwise, Contractor shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the District and its officers, supervisors, agents, managers, counsel, engineers, staff and representatives (together, "Indemnitees"), from all claims, liabilities, damages, losses and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, to the extent caused, in part or in whole, by (i) the negligent, reckless, or intentionally wrongful misconduct of the Contractor, or any employee, agent, subcontractor, or any individual or entity directly or indirectly employed or used by any of them to perform any of the Services, (ii) the Contractor's performance of, or failure to perform, Contractor's obligations pursuant to this Agreement or any Services or Contractor's performance of any activities in connection therewith, and (iii) any breach of any warranty, representation, covenant, or agreement made by Contractor in this Agreement or any Services.
- B. *Obligations.*** Obligations under this section shall include the payment of all settlements, judgments, damages, liquidated damages, penalties, forfeitures, back pay awards, court costs, arbitration and/or mediation costs, litigation expenses, attorneys' fees, paralegal fees (incurred in court, out of court, on appeal, or in bankruptcy proceedings), any interest, expenses, damages, penalties, fines, or judgments against the District. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to waive or alter any other remedies that the District may have as against the Contractor. The provisions of this Section 7 are independent of, and will not be limited by, any insurance required to be obtained by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement or otherwise obtained by Contractor, and the provisions of this Section 7 survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement with respect to any claims or liability arising in connection with any event occurring prior to such expiration or termination.
- C. *Subcontractors.*** Contractor shall ensure that all subcontracts related to the Services include this Section for the benefit of the Indemnitees.

SECTION 8. LIMITATION OF GOVERNMENTAL LIABILITY. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed as a waiver of the District's sovereign immunity or the District's limits of liability as set forth in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or other statute, and nothing in this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of any third party for the purpose of allowing any claim which would otherwise be barred under such limitations of liability or by operation of law.

SECTION 9. COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION. In performing its obligations under this Agreement, Contractor and each of its employees, agents, subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws,

ordinances, rules, regulations, and orders of any public or governmental authority having appropriate jurisdiction, including all laws, regulations and rules relating to immigration and/or the status of foreign workers. Contractor shall initiate, maintain, and supervise all safety precautions and programs in connection with its obligations herein. Contractor shall ensure that all of Contractor's employees, agents, subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Contractor observe Contractor's rules and regulations of safety and conduct. Contractor shall take all reasonable precautions for the safety of and shall provide all reasonable protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to all its employees, agents and subcontractors performing its obligations herein and other persons who may be affected, and any material, equipment and other property. Contractor shall remedy all damage or loss to any property caused in whole or in part by Contractor, its employees, agents, subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Contractor, or by anyone for whose acts Contractor may be liable. Contractor shall indemnify District for all damage or losses it may incur or be exposed to because of Contractor or any of its employees, agents, subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Contractor's failure to comply with the provisions contained herein.

SECTION 10. LIENS AND CLAIMS. The Contractor shall promptly and properly pay for all labor employed, materials purchased, and equipment hired by it to perform under this Agreement. The Contractor shall keep the District's property free from any materialmen's or mechanic's liens and claims or notices in respect to such liens and claims, which arise by reason of the Contractor's performance under this Agreement, and the Contractor shall immediately discharge any such claim or lien. If the Contractor does not pay or satisfy such claim or lien within three (3) business days after the filing of notice thereof, the District, in addition to all other remedies available under this Agreement, may terminate this Agreement to be effective immediately upon the giving of notice of termination.

SECTION 11. DEFAULT AND ENFORCEMENT.

- A. ***Remedies.*** A default by either Party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which may include, but not be limited to, the right of actual damages and/or specific performance.
- B. ***Applicable Law and Venue.*** This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. Each Party consents that the venue for any litigation arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be in Hillsborough County, Florida.
- C. ***Attorney Fees.*** If 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 fees and costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees, paralegal fees, and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.
- D. ***Third-Party Interference.*** The District shall be solely responsible for enforcing its rights under this Agreement against any interfering third party. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall limit or impair the District's right to protect its rights from interference by a third party to this Agreement.

- E. ***Claims for Construction Defects.*** To the extent any of the Services described herein are classified as construction services, CLAIMS FOR CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE NOTICE AND CURE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 558, *FLORIDA STATUTES*.

SECTION 12. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS. It is understood and agreed that at all times the relationship of Contractor and its employees, agents, subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Contractor to the District is the relationship of an independent contractor and not that of an employee, agent, joint venturer or partner of the District. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted or construed as creating or establishing the relationship of employer and employee between the District and Contractor or any of its employees, agents, subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Contractor. The Parties acknowledge that Contractor is not an employee for state or federal tax purposes. Contractor shall hire and pay all of Contractor's employees, agents, subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Contractor, all of whom shall be employees of Contractor and not employees of District and at all times entirely under Contractor's supervision, direction and control.

In particular, the District will not: i) withhold FICA (Social Security) from Contractor's payments; ii) make state or federal unemployment insurance contributions on Contractor's behalf; iii) withhold state or federal income tax from payment to Contractor; iv) make disability insurance contributions on behalf of Contractor; or v) obtain workers' compensation insurance on behalf of Contractor.

SECTION 13. NOTICES. All notices, requests, consents and other communications under this Agreement ("Notices") shall be in writing and shall be delivered, mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, or overnight delivery service, to the Parties, as follows:

A. If to Contractor: Sparkling Pools and Lights, LLC d/b/a Festive Glow
6333 Southwest 36th Drive
Gainesville, Florida 32608
Attn: Jeb Bennett

B. If to District: Rhodine Road North CDD
c/o Governmental Management Services – Central
Florida, LLC
219 East Livingston Street
Orlando, Florida 32801
Attn: District Manager

With a copy to: Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC
517 East College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Attn: District Counsel

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, any Notice shall be deemed received only upon actual delivery at the address set forth above. Notices delivered after 5:00 p.m. (at the place of delivery) or on a non-business day, shall be deemed received on the next business day. If any

time for giving Notice contained in this Agreement would otherwise expire on a non-business day, the Notice period shall be extended to the next succeeding business day. Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays recognized by the United States government shall not be regarded as business days. Counsel for the District and counsel for Contractor may deliver Notice on behalf of the District and Contractor. Any Party or other person to whom Notices are to be sent or copied may notify the other Parties and addressees of any change in name or address to which Notices shall be sent by providing the same on five (5) days' written notice to the Parties and addressees set forth herein.

SECTION 14. THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the Parties hereto and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason, to or for the benefit of any third party not a formal party to this Agreement. 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 of the provisions or conditions of this Agreement; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants, and conditions contained in this Agreement shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the Parties hereto and their respective representatives, successors, and assigns.

SECTION 15. PUBLIC RECORDS. Contractor understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and, accordingly, Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including but not limited, to Section 119.0701, *Florida Statutes*. Among other requirements and to the extent applicable by law, Contractor shall 1) keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, provide the District with the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time period at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*; 3) ensure that public records which are exempt or confidential, and exempt from public records disclosure requirements, are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following the contract term if Contractor does not transfer the records to the Public Records Custodian of the District; and 4) upon completion of the contract, transfer to the District, at no cost, all public records in Contractor's possession or, alternatively, keep, maintain and meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records pursuant to Florida laws. When such public records are transferred by Contractor, Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District in a format that is compatible with Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats. Contractor acknowledges that, pursuant to Section 287.058(c), *Florida Statutes*, the District may unilaterally cancel this Agreement if the Contractor refuses to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other material made or received by the Contractor in conjunction with this Agreement, unless such records are exempt under Florida law. Contractor acknowledges that the designated Public Records Custodian for the District is **Jill Burns**.

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

**MANAGEMENT SERVICES – CENTRAL FLORIDA, LLC, 219
EAST LIVINGSTON STREET, ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32801,
PHONE (407) 841-5524, OR BY EMAIL AT
JBURNS@GMSCFL.COM.**

SECTION 16. CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATIONS.

- A. *Capability.*** Contractor has the capacity to furnish (directly or by subcontract or through vendors) any tools, materials, supplies, equipment and labor necessary to complete the Services required of Contractor under this Agreement and Contractor has sufficient experience and competence to perform the Services under the Agreement and meets the qualification standards set forth herein.
- B. *Authorization.*** Contractor is authorized to do business in Hillsborough County and the State of Florida and is properly licensed (to the extent required by law) by all necessary governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Services.
- C. *E-Verify Requirements.*** Contractor shall comply with and perform all applicable provisions of Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*. Accordingly, 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 and shall comply with all requirements of Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*, as to the use of subcontractors. The District may terminate the Agreement immediately for cause if there is a good faith belief that the Contractor has knowingly violated Section 448.091, *Florida Statutes*. 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.
- D. *Scrutinized Companies.*** In accordance with Section 287.135, *Florida Statutes*, Contractor represents that in entering into this Agreement, 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, Contractor shall immediately notify the District. If Contractor 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 Agreement.
- E. *Anti-Human Trafficking.*** Contractor 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*. Contractor agrees to execute an affidavit in compliance with Section 787.06(13), *Florida Statutes*, and acknowledges that if

Contractor refuses to sign said affidavit, the District may terminate this Agreement immediately.

- F. ***Public Entity Crimes.*** Contractor represents that in entering into this Agreement, Contractor has not been placed on the convicted vendor list as described in Section 287.133(3)(a), *Florida Statutes*, within the last thirty-six (36) months and, if Contractor is placed on the convicted vendor list, Contractor shall immediately notify the District whereupon this Agreement may be terminated by the District.
- G. ***Foreign Influence.*** Contractor understands that under Section 286.101, *Florida Statutes*, that Contractor must disclose any current or prior interest, any contract with, or any grant or gift from a foreign country of concern as that term is defined within the above referenced statute.

SECTION 17. MISCELLANEOUS.

- A. ***Severability.*** The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Agreement, or any part of this Agreement not held to be invalid or unenforceable.
- B. ***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 any doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against any party.
- C. ***Execution.*** This instrument may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which, when executed and delivered, shall constitute an original, and such counterparts together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Signature and acknowledgment pages, if any, may be detached from the counterparts and attached to a single copy of this document to physically form one document. The Parties agree that electronic signatures may be used to sign this Agreement and shall have the same force and effect as a written signature.
- D. ***Headings for Convenience Only.*** The descriptive headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall neither control nor affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions of this Agreement.
- E. ***Agreement; Amendments.*** This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of 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 Parties.
- F. ***Custom and Usage.*** It is hereby agreed, any law, custom, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding, that the District shall have the right at all times to enforce the conditions and agreements contained in this Agreement in strict accordance with the terms of this Agreement, notwithstanding any conduct or custom on the part of

the District in refraining from so doing; and further, that the failure of the District at any time or times to strictly enforce its rights under this Agreement shall not be construed as having created a custom in any way or manner contrary to the specific conditions and agreements of this Agreement, or as having in any way modified or waived the same.

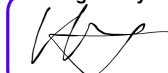
- G. *Successors; Assignment.*** This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns of the Parties to this Agreement, except as expressly limited in this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither the District nor the Contractor may assign this Agreement without the prior written approval of the other. Any purported assignment without such approval shall be void.
- H. *Authorization.*** The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of the Parties, the Parties have complied with all the requirements of law, and the Parties have full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

[Signatures on following page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have signed this Agreement to be effective on the day and year first written above.

**RHODINE ROAD NORTH COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Signed by:



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☒ Chairperson/ ☐ Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

Date: 2025-11-03

SPARKLING POOLS AND LIGHTS, LLC
D/B/A FESTIVE GLOW, a Florida limited
liability company

By: Jeb Bennett

Print: Jeb Bennett

Its: Owner

Date: 11-04-2025

Exhibit A: Scope of Services

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Festive Glow

PROPOSAL

Checks payable to: Festive Glow

6333 SW 46th Drive Gainesville, FL 32608

P: (561) 329-3356

FestiveGlowLighting.com



Residential • Commercial • Community
Supplies • Installation • Removal
FestiveGlow@outlook.com

Customer: Ridgewood: Rhodine Road – Attn: Joel Blanco Date: 10 / 30 / 2025
Address: 219 E Livingston Street City: Orlando Zip: 32801
Phone W: (407) 841-5524 C: E-mail: jblanco@gmscfl.com

Ridgewood Holiday Lighting – 2025 Holiday Lighting Proposal

Option A → Entrance monument x 4:

- Stone Pine Street & Rhodine Road
- Fish Tail Avenue & Rhodine Road
- Lily Magnolia Lane & Rhodine Road
- Cypress Branch Street & Rhodine Road

Commercial grade battery operated garland lit with warm white LED mini lights will be installed on the wooden beam across the top of each entry sign. Red/Gold UV-protected Canvas bows will be hung on the garland. One commercial grade battery operated teardrop spray lit with warm white LED mini lights will be centered and hung on the stone pillar on the right side of the sign. Battery operated commercial grade materials utilize a 6-hour nightly timer. Timer will be set from 6 pm – midnight unless otherwise specified by client.

→ Cost - \$1,200.00 per sign



***Price includes design, lease of commercial grade products, installation, removal, and storage**

***Commercial Grade battery operated materials will be utilized due to unavailable power supply at most entrance signs.**

Proposal Total - \$4,800.00 (Option A)

Festive Glow - Proposal

SECTION VI

SECTION C

Rhodine Road North CDD Field Management Action Items List					
<i>Description</i>	<i>Vendor</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Proposal \$</i>	<i>Completion</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Installation of Additional Dog Waste Station in Ridgewood - South	Maintenance Staff	Completed		December 2025	Station installed at the end of Treetop Trace Ct. Service vendor has been notified.
Pressure Washing Amenity (Phase 1)	Maintenance Staff	Completed		October 2025	Amenity walkway and mailbox area were completed.
Playground Maintenance	Maintenance Staff	Completed		November 2025	Gate hinges were replaced, stopper installed, and swing set chains adjusted.
Entrance Sign Pressure Washing	Maintenance Staff	Completed		December 2025	All entrance signs, in both Ridgewood North and South were pressure washed.
Entrance Holiday Light Installation	Festive Glow	Completed		November 2025	All holiday decor has been installed and tested at all (4) entrances.
Amenity Shower Repair	Maintenance Staff	Pending			New valve and double door were ordered.
Pressure Washing Amenity (Phase 2)	Maintenance Staff	Pending			Scheduling pressure washing of playground equipment and gate.
Replace (1) Pool Motor	West Coast Pools	Discussion	\$ 2,740.00		Vendor reported pool motor is operating at 70% and declining. Recommendation is to replace the motor. Proposal to be sent.
Trimming Wax Myrtles Along Large Pond.	Cardinal Landscaping	Discussion	\$ 8,975.00		Trimming back overgrown wax myrtles on resident side of the large pond on Stone Pine St.
Entrance Enhancements for Ridgewood - South	Cardinal Landscaping	Discussion	\$ 9,519.00		Adding plantings to the Ridgewood - South entrance and brown mulch identical to Ridgewood - North enhancements that were completed. This would include common area in front of the model home.

Rhodine Road North - CDD

Field Management Report – Photo Supplement

Holiday Entrance Décor



Photo Description:

- Holiday Décor has been installed at all (4) entrances.

Dog Waste Station Installation – Ridgewood South



Photo Description:

- 📍 (1) Dog waste station installed at the end of Treetop Trace Cir.

Amenity Pressure Washing (Phase 1)



Photo Description:

- 📍 Amenity entrance walkway and mailbox area were completed.

Entrance Sign Pressure Wash



Photo Description:

- 🗺️ All (4) entrance signs were pressured washed prior to holiday light install.



SECTION 1



Cardinal Landscaping services of Tampa, Inc.

817 E. Okaloosa Ave.

Tampa, FL 33604

+18139159696

Estimate

ADDRESS

Mr. Joel Blanco
Rhodine Road North CDD
11650 Rhodine Road North
Riverview, FL 33579

ESTIMATE

14620

DATE

12/05/2025

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Tree Removal	Tree Removal of Clusters Around Pond Embankment and Uplift Wax Myrtles for a Better Visual look	1	8,975.00	8,975.00
TOTAL				\$8,975.00

Accepted By

Accepted Date

SECTION 2



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Estimate

ADDRESS

Mr. Joel Blanco
Rhodine Road North CDD
11650 Rhodine Road North
Riverview, FL 33579

ESTIMATE

14621

DATE

12/05/2025

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
	Rhodine South Entry Side			
Variegated Pittosporum	3 g. Installed	28	30.00	840.00
Copper Leaf	3g. Installed	16	30.00	480.00
Flax Lilly	1g. Installed	36	12.00	432.00
Site prep-work	Site Prep Work - Includes Irrigation Adjustments	1	500.00	500.00
	Rhodine South Exit Side			
Variegated Pittosporum	3 g. Installed	12	30.00	360.00
Copper Leaf	3g. Installed	36	30.00	1,080.00
Flax Lilly	1g. Installed	16	12.00	192.00
Site prep-work	Site Prep Work - Includes Irrigation Adjustments	1	500.00	500.00
Coco Mulch	Coco (Brown) Mulch Installed - Entire Front Entrance	65	79.00	5,135.00

TOTAL

\$9,519.00

Accepted By

Accepted Date

SECTION 3

*Item will be
provided under
separate cover.*

SECTION D

SECTION 1

Rhodine Road North Community Development District

Summary of Check Register

October 1, 2025 to November 30, 2025

Fund	Date	Check No.'s	Amount
General Fund	10/7/25	822-828	\$ 6,378.47
	10/21/25	829-835	\$ 27,077.49
	11/4/25	836-842	\$ 15,603.96
	11/17/25	843-848	\$ 11,113.04
		Subtotal	\$ 60,172.96
General Fund - Auto Pay	10/31/25	8001-8003	\$ 6,184.32
	11/30/25	8004-8006	\$ 6,377.60
		Subtotal	\$ 12,561.92
Total Amount			\$ 72,734.88

CHECK DATE	VEND#	INVOICE..... DATE INVOICE	EXPENSED TO... YRMO DPT ACCT# SUB	SUBCLASS	VENDOR NAME	STATUS	AMOUNT	CHECK..... AMOUNT	#
10/07/25	00045	9/25/25 45108	202509 330-57200-48100	PEST CONTROL	ALL AMERICAN LAWN AND TREE SPECIAL	*	120.00	120.00	000822
10/07/25	00014	5/31/25 22470	202502 310-51300-49100	SERVICES THRU 2.28		*	465.00		
		6/30/25 22493	202506 310-51300-49100	SERVICES THRU 6.30	ABSOLUTE ENGINEERING, INC.	*	275.25	740.25	000823
10/07/25	00056	9/16/25 37	202509 320-53800-48000	TOUCH UP PAINT ON SIGNS		*	643.78		
		9/16/25 38	202509 320-53800-48000	FILLIN HOLES IN PLAYGROUN		*	195.42		
		9/16/25 39	202509 320-53800-48000	PAVER REPAIRS		*	220.00		
		9/16/25 40	202509 320-53800-48000	FAN REPAIRS	GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES-TP	*	220.00	1,279.20	000824
10/07/25	00042	9/25/25 INV0023	202509 330-57200-48200	AMENITY CLEANING	JNJ CLEANING SERVICES LLC	*	520.00	520.00	000825
10/07/25	00033	6/15/25 12515	202505 310-51300-49100	BA ATTORNEY THRU 5.31		*	943.00		
		9/19/25 13147	202508 310-51300-31500	ATTORNEY FEES	KILINSKI VAN WYK, PLLC	*	406.50	1,349.50	000826
10/07/25	00022	10/03/25 118670	202510 320-53800-47300	OCT LAKE MAINT	REMSON AQUATICS	*	1,165.00	1,165.00	000827
10/07/25	00027	10/07/25 10072025	202510 300-15500-10000	OCT25 PLAYGROUND LEASE	WHFS, LLC	*	1,204.52	1,204.52	000828
10/21/25	00017	10/06/25 27317	202510 320-53800-46200	LANDSCAPE MAINT	CARDINAL LANDSCAPING SVCS OF TAMPA	*	10,470.13	10,470.13	000829
10/21/25	00043	9/26/25 113755	202509 330-57200-34500	SECURITY CAM REPAIR	CURRENT DEMANDS ELECTRICAL &	*	732.45	732.45	000830
RRNC RHODINE ROAD N HHENRY									

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						FLORIDACOMMERCE			175.00	000831
10/21/25	00010	9/15/25 207	202510 310-51300-31700			ASSESSMENT ROLL	*	5,732.00		
		10/01/25 208	202510 310-51300-34000			MGMT FEES	*	3,862.50		
		10/01/25 208	202510 310-51300-35200			WEBSITE ADMIN	*	116.83		
		10/01/25 208	202510 310-51300-35100			INFORMATION TECH	*	172.00		
		10/01/25 208	202510 310-51300-31300			DISS AGENT	*	556.50		
		10/01/25 208	202510 330-57200-12000			AMENITY ACCESS	*	1,072.92		
		10/01/25 208	202510 310-51300-51000			OFFICE SUPPLIES	*	.09		
		10/01/25 208	202510 310-51300-42000			POSTAGE	*	54.90		
		10/01/25 209	202510 320-53800-12000			FIELD MGMT	*	1,504.67		
						GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES			13,072.41	000832
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						KILINSKI VAN WYK, PLLC			512.50	000833
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						RAINMAKER PRESSURE CLEANING, LLC			315.00	000834
10/21/25	00062	10/03/25 9892	202510 330-53800-51000			OCT POOL SRVC	*	1,800.00		
						WEST COAST AQUATICS			1,800.00	000835
11/04/25	00045	10/24/25 45910	202510 330-57200-48100			PEST CONTROL	*	120.00		
						ALL AMERICAN LAWN AND TREE SPECIAL			120.00	000836
11/04/25	00014	7/31/25 022516	202507 310-51300-31100			ENGINEERING FEES	*	150.00		
						ABSOLUTE ENGINEERING, INC.			150.00	000837
11/04/25	00017	10/21/25 27357	202510 320-53800-46200			OCT LANDSCAPE MAINT	*	10,470.13		
						CARDINAL LANDSCAPING SVCS OF TAMPA			10,470.13	000838
						RRNC RHODINE ROAD N HHENRY				

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				ELI PREMIER SERVICES LLC			520.00 000839
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		9/30/25 42	202509 330-57200-48000	PU/DO DAMAGED POOL CHAIRS	*	210.00	
		9/30/25 43	202509 330-57200-48000	PU REPAIRED POOL CHAIRS	*	1,035.00	
				GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES-TP			1,974.31 000840
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				REMSON AQUATICS			1,165.00 000841
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				WHFS, LLC			1,204.52 000842
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				ALL AMERICAN LAWN AND TREE SPECIAL			180.00 000843
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		11/01/25 211	202511 310-51300-34000	MGMT FEES	*	3,862.50	
		11/01/25 211	202511 310-51300-35200	WEBSITE ADMIN	*	116.83	
		11/01/25 211	202511 310-51300-35100	INFORMATION TECH	*	172.00	
		11/01/25 211	202511 310-51300-31300	DISS AGENT	*	556.50	
		11/01/25 211	202511 330-57200-12000	AMENITY ACCESS	*	1,072.92	
		11/01/25 211	202511 310-51300-51000	OFFICE SUPPLIES	*	2.68	
		11/01/25 211	202511 310-51300-42000	POSTAGE	*	46.74	
		11/01/25 211	202511 310-51300-49000	MEETING ROOM RENTAL	*	162.60	
		11/01/25 211	202511 310-51300-49000	CURRENT DEMANDS KEY TAG	*	5.00	
				GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES			7,502.44 000844

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CHECK DATE	VEND#	INVOICE..... DATE INVOICE	...EXPENSED TO... YRMO DPT ACCT# SUB SUBCLASS	VENDOR NAME	STATUS	AMOUNT	CHECK..... AMOUNT #
11/17/25	00060	11/03/25 99528	202511 330-57200-34500	SECURITY OFFICER	*	223.60	
				NATION SECURITY SERVICES			223.60 000845
11/17/25	00054	11/04/25 4866	202511 330-57200-48200	PET WASTE STATIONS	*	315.00	
				RAINMAKER PRESSURE CLEANING, LLC			315.00 000846
11/17/25	00008	11/05/25 61747-11	202511 310-51300-48000	LEGAL ADVERTISING	*	410.00	
		11/12/25 61752-11	202511 310-51300-48000	LEGAL ADVERTISING	*	682.00	
				TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY			1,092.00 000847
11/17/25	00062	11/04/25 9916	202511 330-53800-51000	OCT POOL MAINT	*	1,800.00	
				WEST COAST AQUATICS			1,800.00 000848
TOTAL FOR BANK A						60,172.96	

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10/31/25	00065	10/31/25	OCT25 FR 202510 330-57200-44000 OCT25 FRONTIER INTERNET	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	*	74.49	74.49 008001
10/31/25	00064	10/31/25	OCT25 HI 202510 320-53800-43200 OCT25 WATER/SEWER		*	118.77	
		10/31/25	OCT25 HI 202510 330-57200-43200 OCT25 AMENITY WATER/SEWER	HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY BOCC	*	334.19	452.96 008002
10/31/25	00015	10/31/25	OCT25 TE 202510 320-53800-43000 OCT25 TECO ELECTRIC		*	100.66	
		10/31/25	OCT25 TE 202510 320-53800-43100 OCT25 TECO STREETLIGHTS		*	5,312.44	
		10/31/25	OCT25 TE 202510 330-57200-43000 OCT25 TECO AMENITY	TECO TAMPA ELECTRIC	*	243.77	5,656.87 008003
11/30/25	00065	11/30/25	NOV25 FR 202511 330-57200-44000 NOV25 FRONTIER INTERNET	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	*	74.49	74.49 008004
11/30/25	00064	11/30/25	NOV25 HI 202511 320-53800-43200 NOV25 WATER/SEWER		*	261.82	
		11/30/25	NOV25 HI 202511 330-57200-43200 NOV25 AMENITY WATER/SEWER	HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY BOCC	*	310.88	572.70 008005
11/30/25	00015	11/30/25	NOV25 TE 202511 320-53800-43000 NOV25 TECO ELECTRIC		*	100.72	
		11/30/25	NOV25 TE 202511 320-53800-43100 NOV25 TECO STREETLIGHTS		*	5,312.44	
		11/30/25	NOV25 TE 202511 330-57200-43000 NOV25 TECO AMENITY	TECO TAMPA ELECTRIC	*	317.25	5,730.41 008006
TOTAL FOR BANK Z						12,561.92	
TOTAL FOR REGISTER						72,734.88	

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SECTION 2

Rhodine Road North
Community Development District

Unaudited Financial Reporting
November 30, 2025



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Rhodine Road North
Community Development District
Combined Balance Sheet
November 30, 2025

	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Debt Service Funds</i>	<i>Capital Funds</i>	<i>Totals Governmental Funds</i>
Assets:				
<u>Cash:</u>				
Operating Account	\$ 199,502	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 199,502
Capital Projects Account	-	-	24,938	24,938
<u>Investments:</u>				
Money Market Account	-	-	43,361	43,361
State Board of Administration	313,617	-	-	313,617
<u>Series 2019</u>				
Reserve	-	253,713	-	253,713
Revenue	-	144,913	-	144,913
Prepayment	-	756	-	756
Construction	-	-	0	0
<u>Series 2022</u>				
Reserve	-	130,110	-	130,110
Revenue	-	43,717	-	43,717
Construction	-	-	18	18
Due from General Fund	-	27,517	-	27,517
Due from Capital Projects	-	-	25,000	25,000
Prepaid Expenses	1,205	-	-	1,205
Total Assets	\$ 514,323	\$ 600,725	\$ 93,317	\$ 1,208,364
Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable	\$ 7,575	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,575
Accrued Expenses	12,270	-	-	12,270
Due to Debt Service	27,517	-	-	27,517
Due to Capital Reserve	-	-	25,000	25,000
Total Liabilities	\$ 47,362	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 72,362
Fund Balance:				
Nonspendable:				
Prepaid Items	\$ 1,205	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,205
Restricted for:				
Debt Service - Series 2019	-	417,574	-	417,574
Debt Service - Series 2022	-	183,150	-	183,150
Capital Projects - Series 2019	-	-	(62)	(62)
Capital Projects - Series 2022	-	-	18	18
Assigned for:				
Capital Reserves	-	-	68,361	68,361
Unassigned	465,756	-	-	465,756
Total Fund Balances	\$ 466,961	\$ 600,725	\$ 68,317	\$ 1,136,002
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$ 514,323	\$ 600,725	\$ 93,317	\$ 1,208,364

Rhodine Road North
Community Development District
General Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
For The Period Ending November 30, 2025

	Adopted	Prorated Budget	Actual	
	Budget	Thru 11/30/25	Thru 11/30/25	Variance

Revenues:

Assessments - Tax Roll	\$ 628,057	\$ 22,504	\$ 22,504	\$ -
Assessments - Direct Bill	\$ 9,403	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Boundary Amendment Contributions	-	-	-	-
Interest Income	5,000	833	2,199	1,366
Total Revenues	\$ 642,460	\$ 23,337	\$24,703	\$ 1,366

Expenditures:

General & Administrative:

Supervisor Fees	\$ 12,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
FICA Expense	918	153	77	77
Engineering	12,500	2,083	-	2,083
Attorney	20,000	3,333	2,098	1,235
Annual Audit	4,900	817	-	817
Assessment Administration	5,732	5,732	5,732	-
Arbitrage	900	150	-	150
Dissemination	7,678	1,280	1,113	167
Trustee Fees	11,012	4,135	4,135	-
Management Fees	46,350	7,725	7,725	-
Information Technology	2,064	344	344	0
Website Maintenance	1,402	234	234	0
Postage & Delivery	500	83	102	(18)
Insurance	7,750	7,750	7,029	721
Copies	500	83	-	83
Legal Advertising	5,000	833	1,092	(259)
Other Current Charges	2,500	417	168	249
Boundary Amendment Expenses	-	-	-	-
Office Supplies	500	83	3	81
Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions	175	175	175	-
Total General & Administrative	\$ 142,381	\$ 37,411	\$ 31,025	\$ 6,385

Rhodine Road North
Community Development District
General Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
For The Period Ending November 30, 2025

	Adopted	Prorated Budget	Actual	
	Budget	Thru 11/30/25	Thru 11/30/25	Variance
<u>Operations & Maintenance</u>				
Field Expenditures				
Property Insurance	\$ 13,200	\$ 13,200	\$ 7,925	\$ 5,275
Field Management	18,056	3,009	3,009	(0)
Landscape Maintenance	130,676	21,779	20,940	839
Landscape Replacement	20,000	3,333	-	3,333
Lake Maintenance	17,820	2,970	2,330	640
Streetlights	80,000	13,333	10,625	2,708
Electric	1,650	275	201	74
Water & Sewer	20,000	3,333	381	2,953
Irrigation Repairs	7,500	1,250	-	1,250
General Repairs & Maintenance	15,000	2,500	-	2,500
Contingency	2,500	417	-	417
Subtotal Field Expenditures	\$ 326,402	\$ 65,400	\$ 45,411	\$ 19,989
Amenity Expenditures				
Amenity - Electric	\$ 13,068	\$ 2,178	\$ 561	\$ 1,617
Amenity - Water	2,178	363	645	(282)
Internet	924	154	149	5
Playground/Furniture Lease	14,454	2,409	2,409	(0)
Pest Control	1,680	280	300	(20)
Janitorial Services	13,130	2,188	1,355	833
Security Services	15,000	2,500	224	2,276
Pool Maintenance	21,600	3,600	3,600	-
Amenity Access Management	12,875	2,146	2,146	(0)
Amenity Repairs & Maintenance	10,000	1,667	-	1,667
Contingency	5,000	833	315	518
Shade Structure	45,000	7,500	-	7,500
Subtotal Amenity Expenditures	\$ 154,909	\$ 25,818	\$ 11,704	\$ 14,115
Total Operations & Maintenance	\$ 481,311	\$ 91,219	\$ 57,115	\$ 34,104
Total Expenditures	\$ 623,692	\$ 128,629	\$ 88,140	\$ 40,489
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ 18,767		\$ (63,437)	
<u>Other Financing Sources/(Uses):</u>				
Transfer In/(Out)	\$ (18,767)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	\$ (18,767)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ -		\$ (63,437)	
Fund Balance - Beginning	\$ -		\$ 530,398	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ -		\$ 466,961	

Rhodine Road North

Community Development District

Debt Service Fund Series 2019

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

For The Period Ending November 30, 2025

	Adopted	Prorated Budget	Actual	
	Budget	Thru 11/30/25	Thru 11/30/25	Variance
Revenues:				
Assessments - Tax Roll	\$ 507,737	\$ 18,193	\$ 18,193	\$ -
Interest	12,000	2,000	3,558	1,558
Total Revenues	\$ 519,737	\$ 20,193	\$ 21,750	\$ 1,558
Expenditures:				
Interest - 11/1	\$ 170,619	\$ 170,619	\$ 170,619	\$ -
Principal - 5/1	165,000	-	-	-
Interest - 5/1	170,619	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 506,239	\$ 170,619	\$ 170,619	\$ -
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ 13,499		\$ (148,868)	
Fund Balance - Beginning	\$ 314,926		\$ 566,443	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 328,424		\$ 417,574	

Rhodine Road North

Community Development District

Debt Service Fund Series 2022

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

For The Period Ending November 30, 2025

	Adopted	Prorated Budget	Actual	
	Budget	Thru 11/30/25	Thru 11/30/25	Variance
Revenues:				
Assessments - Tax Roll	\$ 260,220	\$ 9,324	\$ 9,324	\$ -
Interest	5,000	833	1,574	740
Total Revenues	\$ 265,220	\$ 10,157	\$ 10,898	\$ 740
Expenditures:				
Interest - 11/1	\$ 78,293	\$ 78,293	\$ 78,293	\$ -
Principal - 5/1	105,000	-	-	-
Interest - 5/1	78,293	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 261,584	\$ 78,293	\$ 78,293	\$ -
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ 3,636		\$ (67,395)	
Fund Balance - Beginning	\$ 121,624		\$ 250,545	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 125,260		\$ 183,150	

Rhodine Road North

Community Development District

Capital Projects Fund Series 2019

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

For The Period Ending November 30, 2025

	Adopted	Prorated Budget	Actual	
	Budget	Thru 11/30/25	Thru 11/30/25	Variance
Revenues				
Developer Contributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Expenditures:				
Other Current Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ -		\$ -	
Other Financing Sources/(Uses)				
Transfer In/(Out)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ -		\$ -	
Fund Balance - Beginning	\$ -		\$ (62)	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ -		\$ (62)	

Rhodine Road North

Community Development District

Capital Projects Fund Series 2022

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

For The Period Ending November 30, 2025

	Adopted	Prorated Budget	Actual	
	Budget	Thru 11/30/25	Thru 11/30/25	Variance
Revenues				
Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 0
Expenditures:				
Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Capital Outlay - Cost of Issuance	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ -		\$ 0	
Fund Balance - Beginning	\$ -		\$ 17	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ -		\$ 18	

Rhodine Road North

Community Development District

Capital Reserve Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

For The Period Ending November 30, 2025

	Adopted	Prorated Budget	Actual	
	Budget	Thru 11/30/25	Thru 11/30/25	Variance
Revenues:				
Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Expenditures:				
Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ -		\$ -	
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):				
Transfer In/(Out)	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ 50,000		\$ -	
Fund Balance - Beginning	\$ 22,509		\$ 68,361	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 72,509		\$ 68,361	

Rhodine Road North

Community Development District

Month to Month

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Expenditures:

General & Administrative:

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Community Development District

Operations & Maintenance

Field Expenditures

Property Insurance	\$ 7,925	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Field Management	1,505	1,505	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Landscape Maintenance	20,940	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Landscape Replacement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lake Maintenance	1,165	1,165	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Streetlights	5,312	5,312	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electric	101	101	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water & Sewer	119	262	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Irrigation Repairs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contingency	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Subtotal Field Expenditures

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Subtotal Amenity Expenditures

Total Operations & Maintenance

Total Expenditures

Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures

Other Financing Sources/Uses:

Total Other Financing Sources/Uses

Net Change in Fund Balance

Rhodine Road North

Community Development District

Long Term Debt Report

Series 2019, Special Assessment Revenue Bonds		
Interest Rate:	3.500%, 4.000%, 4.500%, 4.750%	
Maturity Date:	5/1/2050	
Reserve Fund Definition	50% of Maximum Annual Debt Service	
Reserve Fund Requirement	\$253,713	
Reserve Fund Balance	\$253,713	
Bonds Outstanding - 6/28/19		\$10,000,000
Less: Special Call - 11/1/20		(\$1,455,000)
Less: Special Call - 2/1/21		(\$25,000)
Less: Principal Payment - 5/1/21		(\$140,000)
Less: Special Call - 5/1/21		(\$25,000)
Less: Special Call - 8/1/21		(\$15,000)
Less: Special Call - 2/1/22		(\$30,000)
Less: Principal Payment - 5/1/22		(\$145,000)
Less: Special Call - 5/1/22		(\$5,000)
Less: Principal Payment - 5/1/23		(\$150,000)
Less: Principal Payment - 5/1/24		(\$155,000)
Less: Principal Payment - 5/1/25		(\$160,000)
Current Bonds Outstanding		\$7,695,000

Series 2022, Special Assessment Revenue Bonds		
Interest Rate:	2.600%, 3.000%, 3.300%, 4.000%	
Maturity Date:	5/1/2052	
Reserve Fund Definition	50% Maximum Annual Debt Service	
Reserve Fund Requirement	\$130,110	
Reserve Fund Balance	\$130,110	
Bonds Outstanding - 1/25/22		\$4,680,000
Less: Principal Payment - 5/1/23		(\$95,000)
Less: Principal Payment - 5/1/24		(\$95,000)
Less: Principal Payment - 5/1/25		(\$100,000)
Current Bonds Outstanding		\$4,390,000

Rhodine Road North
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Special Assessment Receipts
Fiscal Year 2026

ON ROLL ASSESSMENTS

Gross Assessments	\$ 668,143.08	\$ 540,145.77	\$ 276,830.28	\$ 1,485,119.13
Net Assessments	\$ 628,054.50	\$ 507,737.02	\$ 260,220.46	\$ 1,396,011.98

Date	Distribution	Gross Amount	Discount/Penalty	Commission	Interest	Net Receipts	45%	36%	19%	100%
							General Fund	2019 Debt Service	2022 Debt Service	Total
11/6/25	10/01/2025-10/31/2025	\$ 5,718.81	\$ (275.41)	\$ (108.87)	\$ -	\$ 5,334.53	\$ 2,399.96	\$ 1,940.20	\$ 994.37	\$ 5,334.53
11/13/25	11/01/2025-11/09/2025	\$ 29,553.66	\$ (1,182.12)	\$ (567.43)	\$ -	\$ 27,804.11	\$ 12,508.85	\$ 10,112.50	\$ 5,182.76	\$ 27,804.11
11/20/25	11/10/2025-11/16/2025	\$ 17,943.86	\$ (717.76)	\$ (344.52)	\$ -	\$ 16,881.58	\$ 7,594.89	\$ 6,139.92	\$ 3,146.77	\$ 16,881.58
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Total		\$ 53,216.33	\$ (2,175.29)	\$ (1,020.82)	\$ -	\$ 50,020.22	\$ 22,503.70	\$ 18,192.62	\$ 9,323.90	\$ 50,020.22

3.58%	Net Percent Collected Balance Remaining to Collect
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Lennar Homes LLC					
2026-01			Net Assessments	\$ 9,402.55	\$ -
Date Received	Due Date	Check Number	Net Assessed	Amount Received	General Fund
	11/1/25		\$ 4,701.27	\$ -	\$ -
	2/1/26		\$ 2,350.64	\$ -	\$ -
	5/1/26		\$ 2,350.64	\$ -	\$ -
			\$ 9,402.55	\$ -	\$ -