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# **Bridgewater North Community Development District**

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## **Board of Supervisors' Meeting**

### **August 24, 2021**

**District Office:  
2806 N. Fifth Street, Unit 403  
St. Augustine, Florida 320844  
Phone: 904-436-6270**

**BRIDGEWATER NORTH  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
AGENDA**

**August 24, 2021 at 10:45 a.m.**

Offices of DR Horton, Jacksonville  
4220 Race Track Road, St. Johns, FL 32259

<b>District Board of Supervisors</b>	Robert Porter Sarah Wicker Bradley England James Teagle Chris Williams	Chairman Vice Chairman Assistant Secretary Assistant Secretary Assistant Secretary
<b>District Manager</b>	Melissa Dobbins	Rizzetta & Company, Inc.
<b>District Counsel</b>	Katie Buchanan	Hopping Green & Sams
<b>Interim Engineer</b>	Timothy Adkinson	Adkinson Engineering

**All cellular phones must be placed on mute while in the meeting.**

The first section of the meeting is called Public Comments, which is the portion of the agenda where individuals may make comments. Individuals are limited to a total of three (3) minutes to make comments during this time.

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# BRIDGEWATER NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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**August 17, 2021**

**Board of Supervisors  
Bridgewater North Community  
Development District**

## AGENDA

Dear Board Members:

The **regular** meeting of the Board of Supervisors' of the Bridgewater North Community Development District will be held on **Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 10:45 a.m.** to be held at the Offices of DR Horton located at 4220 Race Track Road, St Johns, FL 32259. The following is the agenda for the meeting.

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

1. **CALL TO RODER/ROLL CALL**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**
3. **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**
  - A. Consideration of the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors' Special Meeting held on July 21, 2021.....Tab 1
  - B. Consideration of Minutes of Meeting from Landowner Election held on July 21, 2021.....Tab 2
  - C. Consideration of Minutes from Audit Committee Meeting held on July 21, 2021.....Tab 3
4. **STAFF REPORTS**
  - A. District Counsel
  - B. Interim Engineer
  - C. District Manager
5. **BUSINESS ITEMS**
  - A. Consideration of Proposals for ADA Website Compliance.....Tab 4
  - B. Public Hearing on Rules of Procedure
    - 1.) Review of Rules of Procedure.....Tab 5
    - 2.) Consideration of Resolution 2021-32, Adopting District's Rules of Procedure.....Tab 6
  - C. Public Hearing on Uniform Method
    - 1.) Consideration of Resolution 2021-33, Approving Utilization of Uniform Method of Collection.....Tab 7

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- D. Public Hearing on Special Assessments
  - 1.) Presentation of Master District Engineer’s Report, Dated July 21, 2021.....Tab 8
  - 2.) Presentation of Master Special Allocation Report, Dated July 21, 2021.....Tab 9
  - 3.) Consideration of Resolution 2021-34, Levying Special Assessments.....Tab 10
- E. Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget
  - 1.) Consideration of Resolution 2021-35, Approving Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget.....Tab 11
- F. Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget
  - 1.) Consideration of Resolution 2021-36, Approving Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget.....Tab 12
- G. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Funding Agreement.....Tab 13
- H. Consideration of Resolution 2021-37, Designating Date, Time and Location of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Meeting Schedule.....Tab 14
- 6. AUDIENCE COMMENTS AND SUPERVISOR REQEUST**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

# Audience Comments on Agenda Items

# **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

# Tab 1



**MEETING MINUTES**

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

**BRIDGEWATER NORTH  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Bridgewater North Community Development District was held on **July 21, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.** at the Offices of DR Horton - Jacksonville located at 4220 Race Track Road, St. Johns FL, 32259. Following is the agenda for the meeting.

Robert Porter	<b>Board Supervisor, Chairman</b>
Sarah Wicker	<b>Board Supervisor, Vice Chairman</b>
Brad England	<b>Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary</b>
James Teagle	<b>Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary</b>

Also present were:

Melissa Dobbins	<b>Regional District Manager, Rizzetta &amp; Company, Inc.</b>
Katie Buchanan	<b>District Counsel, Hopping Green &amp; Sams</b>

There were no audience members present.

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Call to Order**

Ms. Dobbins called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Audience Comments on Agenda Items**

No audience present.

**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Oath of Office for Supervisors**

Ms. Dobbins, a Notary Public in the State of Florida administered the Oath of Office to Robert Porter, Sarah Wicker, Brad England and James Teagle.

**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Resolution 2021-29,  
Certifying Landowner Results**

On a motion by Mr. Teagle, seconded by Ms. Wicker, with all in favor, the Board adopted Resolution 2021-29, Certifying the Landowner Results for Bridgewater North Community Development District.
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**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Resolution 2021-30,  
ReDesignating Officers**

On a motion by Mr. Teagle, seconded by Ms. Wicker, with all in favor, the Board adopted Resolution 2021-29, Designating Robert Porter as Chairman, Sarah Wicker as Vice Chairman and Brad England, James Teagle, Chris Williams, Melissa Dobbins and Lesley Gallagher all as Assistant Secretaries for Bridgewater North Community Development District.

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**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of the Minutes of the  
Board of Supervisors Organizational  
Meeting held on May 26, 2021**

On a motion by Mr. Teagle, seconded by Ms. Wicker, with all in favor, the Board approved the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors Organizational Meeting held on May 26, 2021 for Bridgewater North Community Development District.

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**SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Staff Reports**

- A. District Counsel
  - 1.) Update on E-VerifyMs. Buchanan reviewed that the District is now required to register with the state's E-Verify system, which language will be now included in all contracts going forward.
- B. Interim District Engineer
  - Not present.
- C. District Manager
  - 1.) Consideration of Resolution 2021-31, Amending District Management Resolution

On a motion by Mr. Teagle, seconded by Ms. Wicker, with all in favor, the Board adopted Resolution 2021-31, Amending District Management Agreement for Bridgewater North Community Development District.

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**EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of District Engineer's  
Report (Under Separate Cover)**

Ms. Buchanan reviewed the District Engineer's report and noted it will be approved with the Declaring Special Assessments Resolution.

**NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Resolution 2021-26, Declaring  
Special Assessments**

On a motion by Mr. Teagle, seconded by Ms. Wicker, with all in favor, the Board adopted Resolution 2021-26, Declaring Special Assessments for Bridgewater North Community Development District.

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**TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Resolution 2021-27,  
Setting Public Hearing on Special  
Assessments (Under Separate Cover)**

On a motion by Mr. Teagle, seconded by Ms. Wicker, with all in favor, the Board adopted Resolution 2021-27, Setting the Public Hearing on Special Assessments for August 24, 2021 at 10:45 a.m. at the Offices of DR – Horton Jacksonville located at 4220 Race Track Road, St. Johns, FL 32259 for Bridgewater North Community Development District.

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**ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Ratification of EGIS Proposal**

On a motion by Ms. Wicker, seconded by Mr. Teagle, with all in favor, the Board ratified EGIS Proposal for Bridgewater North Community Development District.

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**TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Supervisor Request and Audience  
Comments**

No supervisor request.

No audience present.

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**THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Mr. Teagle, seconded by Ms. Wicker, with all in favor, the Board adjourned the Board of Supervisors' Meeting at 11:20 a.m. at for Bridgewater North Community Development District.

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Secretary / Assistant Secretary

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Chairman / Vice Chairman

## **Tab 2**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

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**BRIDGEWATER NORTH  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The **Landowner Election** meeting of the Bridgewater North Community Development District was held on **Wednesday, July 21, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.** at the Offices of DR Horton – Jacksonville located at 4220 Race Track Road, St. Johns, FL 32259

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS      Call to Order**

Present

Robert Porter	<b>Board Supervisor, Chairman</b>
Sarah Wicker	<b>Board Supervisor, Vice Chairman</b>
Brad England	<b>Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary</b>
James Teagle	<b>Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary</b>

Also present were:

Melissa Dobbins	<b>Regional District Manager, Rizzetta &amp; Company, Inc.</b>
Katie Buchanan	<b>District Counsel, Hopping Green &amp; Sams</b>

Ms. Dobbins called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and stated that the purpose of this meeting is to hold the Landowner Meeting for Bridgewater North Community Development District to hold Landowners Elections for five (5) Supervisor positions on the district Board of Supervisors prescribed in Chapter 190 Florida Statutes. The meeting was duly advertised and was announced at a public meeting as prescribed by Florida Statutes.

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS      Election of Chairman for the Purpose of  
Conducting the Landowner Election**

Mr. Porter was designated as the Chairman for the election.

**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS      Determination of Number of Voting Units  
Represented**

Mr. Porter stated there were zero proxy's and that one (1) Landowner was present and provided proof of ownership, which authorized them to vote on behalf of Forestar (USA) Real Estate Group, Inc.

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**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Nominations of Position of Supervisors**

Mr. Porter asked for a call for nominations. The nominations were Robert Porter, Sarah Wicker, Bradly England, James Teagle and Christopher Williams.

**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Casting of Ballots**

Mr. Porter stated that he received one (1) ballot.

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Final Tabulation of Ballots and  
Announcement of Candidates**

Mr Porter stated the following candidates and their number of votes: Robert Porter received 50 (fifty) votes, Sarah Wicker received 50 (fifty) votes and Bradly England, James Teagle and Chris Williams all received 40 (forty) votes each.

As a result of these votes Robert Porter will receive a four (4) year term, Sarah Wicker a four (4) year term and Bradly England, James Teagle and Chris Williams each receive a two (2) year term.

**SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Adjournment**

Mr. Porter stated there was no other business to come before the Landowners and adjourned the meeting at 11:03 p.m.

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## **Tab 3**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

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**BRIDGWATER NORTH  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The **Audit Committee Meeting** of the Board of Supervisors of the Bridgewater North Community Development District was held on **July 21, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.** at the offices of DR Horton – Jacksonville located at 4220 Race Track Road, St. Johns, FL 32059. Following is the agenda for the meeting.

Robert Porter	<b>Board Supervisor, Chairman</b>
Sarah Wicker	<b>Board Supervisor, Vice Chairman</b>
Brad England	<b>Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary</b>
James Teagle	<b>Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary</b>

Also present were:

Melissa Dobbins	<b>District Manager, Rizzetta &amp; Company, Inc.</b>
Katie Buchanan	<b>District Counsel, Hopping Green &amp; Sams</b>

There were no audience members present.

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Call to Order**

Ms. Dobbins called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. and read the roll call.

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Review Instructions and Criteria for  
Proposals for District Auditing  
Services**

The audit committee reviewed the criteria for proposals for District Auditing Services.

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**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Establishing a Date for Second Audit Committee Meeting**

The Board selected the criteria to include price with an even distribution of points and to allow proposals to be received for a term of five (5) year term and set the Second Audit Committee Meeting for September 28, 2021 at 10:45 a.m. at 4220 Race Track Road, St. Johns, FL 32059

**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Mr. Porter, seconded by Ms. Wicker, with all in favor, the Board adjourned the Audit Committee Meeting at 11:04 a.m. at for Bridgewater North Community Development District.

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# **STAFF REPORTS**

# District Counsel

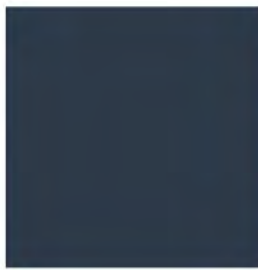
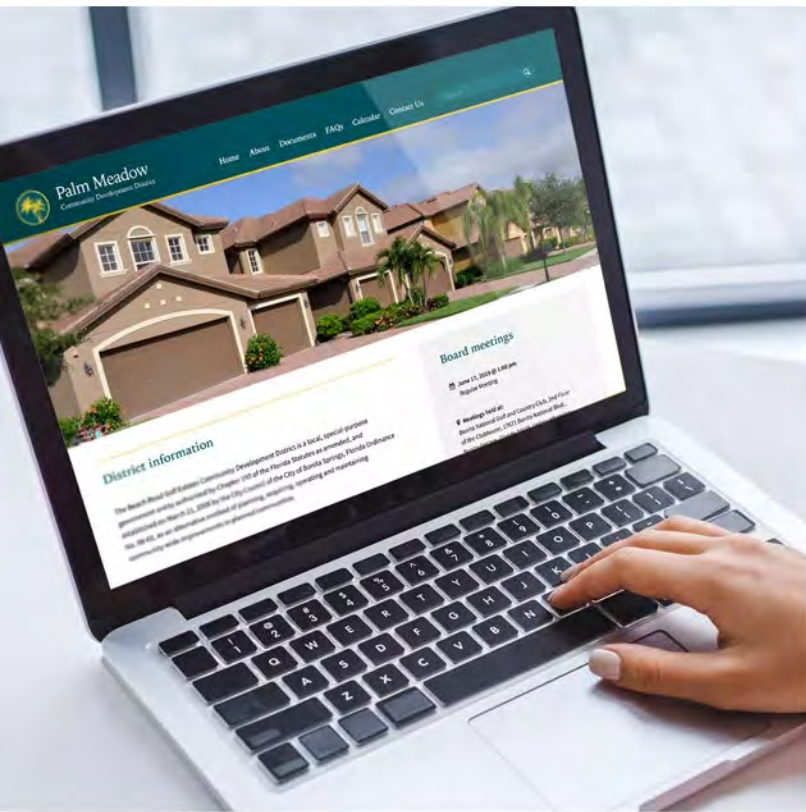
# Interim Engineer

# District Manager



# **Business Items**

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# Keeping your community informed. And you compliant.

## Bridgewater North Community Development District

Proposal date: 12:00 AM Jul 20, 2021

Proposal ID: B3ENS-BUGHW-ZANVK-GNABX

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*Director - Digital Communication*

 *Certified Specialist*

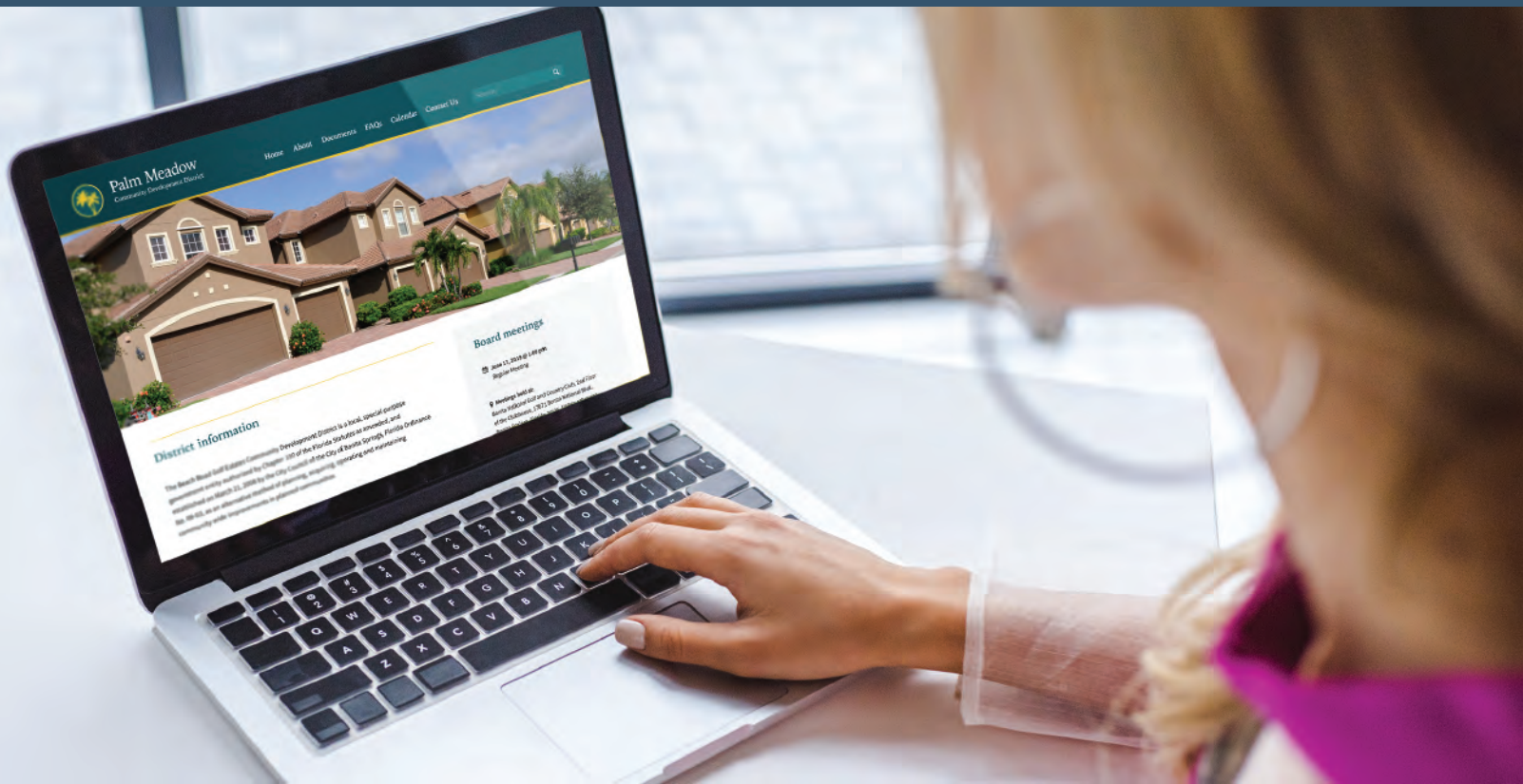


# Pricing

Effective date: Oct 01, 2021

<b>Implementation</b>	Quantity	Subtotal
<b>Onboarding of ADA Compliant Website and Remediation of Historical Documents</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Build out of a staged website for approval</li></ul>	1	\$1,162.50
<b>Ongoing services</b>	Quantity	Subtotal
<b>Website services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hosting, support and training for users</li><li>Website management tools to make updates</li><li>Secure certification (https)</li><li>Monthly site reporting, monitoring and error corrections</li></ul>	1	\$600.00
<b>Ongoing PDF Accessibility Compliance Service</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Remediation of all PDFs stored on your website</li><li>Remediation of up to 750 PDF pages</li><li>Dashboard for reporting and managing all PDFs</li><li>48-hour turnaround for fixes for board agendas</li><li>PDF manager dashboard</li></ul>	750*	\$937.50
<b>Social Media Manager</b>		Included
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,700.00</b>

\*Maximum PDF pages per 12 month period



## Accountable, compliant communications

Keeping your residents and property owners informed is a big responsibility – one that requires constant diligence. Staying current with the laws that apply to public access to district records, reports and other legal requirements presents a big challenge for many CDD communities.

When it comes to your website and all the web-based documents you are required to publish, they all need to be fully accessible. Florida statutes and federal laws require you and every special district be compliant with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) and accessibility regulations.

### Keeping it all accessible – and legal

Campus Suite provides the total accessibility solution to keep all your web communications and web documents on the right side of these laws – specifically chapters 189 and 282 of the Florida Statutes.

### Designed for districts



Easy-to-update website, hosting and support



Worry-free ADA-compliance, auditing and full reporting



Meets Florida statutes and federal laws

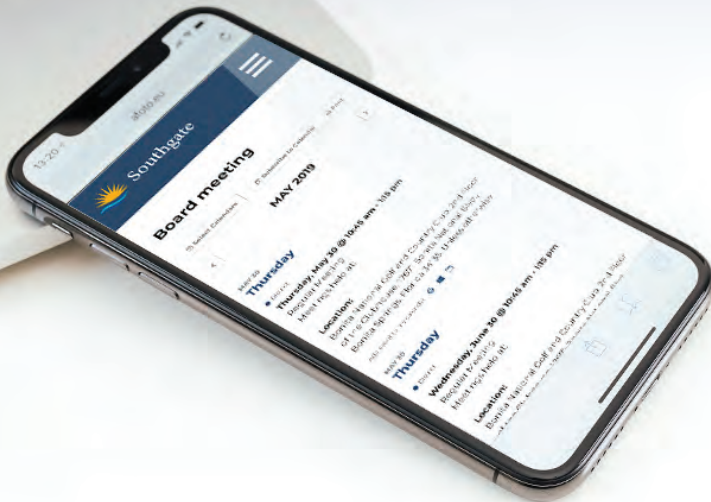


Save CDD board time and money

# Keeping your community informed and compliant.



**Accessibility Compliance**  
with Campus Suite



## We'll handle all your website and document accessibility.

We take on the responsibility of making and keeping your website fully accessible to people with disabilities. We know what's at stake if your website is not ADA-compliant, so we handle it all – monitoring, reporting, and remediation.

### We stand behind our seal of approval.

Each page of your website will have our official certification of a website that meets the required accessibility standards.

## A website with all the features your district needs.

Communication is key to success in any organization, and your community development district is no exception. At Campus Suite, we understand the unique communication needs of CDDs and create a comprehensive website that serves as your communication hub.

Your property owners and residents will come to depend on the wealth of information at their fingertips. And your board members, management team and staff will come to rely on the role your website serves in streamlining the critical communications functions you're required by law to provide.

### Maintain ADA compliance:

- ✓ Website and documents meet WCAG 2.1 requirements
- ✓ Monthly accessibility scanning audits and reporting
- ✓ In-house team that fixes all of the accessibility errors
- ✓ On-demand PDF remediation (48-hour turnaround)

### Your district website features:

- ✓ Professional website design
- ✓ Easy-to-use tools to make updates
- ✓ Total document management
- ✓ Support and training for users
- ✓ Calendar of events
- ✓ Clubhouse and rental scheduling
- ✓ Meeting notices and minutes



## A trusted name for compliance.

For over 15 years, Campus Suite has built a reputation helping public schools across the country eliminate communication barriers and improve school community engagement. We do it by creating easy-to-use, affordably priced websites featuring professional design, unmatched customer service, and paving a leadership role in website accessibility.

We've helped districts build web accessibility policies and websites, and even created contingency plans for responding to web issues and complaints from the OCR (U.S. Office for Civil Rights). These include detailed resolution plans when clients need to respond to avoid fines and the negative publicity that sometimes surrounds non-compliance.

Campus Suite has also pioneered educating public institutions about website accessibility by establishing the Website Accessibility Education Center, a valuable resource for website administrators..



**Campus Suite Academy  
Website Accessibility Center**

[www.campussuite.com/accessibility-center](http://www.campussuite.com/accessibility-center)

# Frequently asked questions

## **For PDF service, what is the price per page?**

Pricing can range based on the volume of PDFs you have on your website and if it is part of the initial remediation or the on-demand service. The price range is between \$1.05 per page to \$1.75 per page.

## **What does the PDF scan and remediation process look like?**

You'll upload your documents to the dashboard. We are notified and begin setting up the scan. After the fixes are made, we put the documents back onto the dashboard and you are notified. You then put them back to the appropriate location on your website.

## **What does the ADA managed service process for our website look like?**

Our team performs monthly scans of your site utilizing software. Our team then goes through the results and fixes the content-related errors by hand. A report is produced for your records and uploaded to your ADA dashboard. Any outlying issues we may encounter, you will be notified until the issue is resolved.

## **How long does it take?**

For non-urgent doc remediation, we can scan and fix up to 2000 pages per week. We also have urgent services available for an additional fee with a turnaround time of 48 hours.

## **What standards do you follow for ADA?**

We follow WCAG AA 2.1 guidelines

## **Are there any hidden fees?**

No.

## **How long does it take to build the website?**

It depends upon your responsiveness, but generally only a couple of weeks.

## **Can we change the design of our website?**

Our themes are customizable to address your preferences. There are some guardrails in place to help ensure ADA compliance to a degree, but you can select colors, images, etc...

## **Do your sites offer a calendar?**

Yes. This site can be utilized in many different ways. One of which is a calendar to help with your clubhouse availability/rental schedule.



# Statement of work

1. **On-boarding of ADA Compliant Website and Remediation of Historical Documents.** Contractor will deliver a functional, responsive, working ADA compliant website that can display content submitted to the Contractor by the District. At a minimum, the website and the documents on the website will:
  1. Comply with the guidelines provided by Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1, as amended and/or replaced by new releases from time to time (“WCAG”);
  2. Contain a website accessibility policy that includes: a commitment to accessibility for persons with disabilities, the accessibility standard used and applied to the website (at a minimum WCAG), and contact information of the District Manager or their designee (email and phone number) in case users encounter any problems;
  3. Display an ADA compliance shield, seal, or certification;
  4. Provide options to create a CDD-branded design (colors, logo, etc...)
  5. Be accessible on modern versions of Internet Explorer, Edge, Mozilla, Safari, and Chrome web browsers and be “mobile friendly” and offer a “mobile version” of the sites content for access from tablets or smart phones.
  6. Be free of any commercial advertising;
  7. Be free of any known spyware, virus, or malware;
  8. Secure certification (https)
  9. Secure cloud hosting with fail-overs
  10. Allow for data backups, and record retention as required by law;
  11. Allow for the display a calendar, reservation request form, and newsletter;
  12. Creation of a dashboard for the District to upload and remove content, manage all documents, manage document remediation, and review reports generated by the Contractor; and
  13. Remediate 1500 pages identified by the District for the new website in an ADA compliant format.\*
2. **Maintenance and Management of the Website.**
  1. Contractor will manage and maintain the website;
  2. Remediate in an ADA compliant format new documents (a not to exceed 750 pages per year) uploaded by the District Manager to the document portal;\*
    1. For Agenda Packages, the Contractor shall turn around the documents within 2 business days
  3. District shall be responsible for uploading the documents onto the document portal for the website. Upon completion of the remediation services, Contractor shall ensure that the remediated documents are live on the website. Contractor shall ensure that the District only has the ability to upload documents to the document portal (not the ability to make documents go live on the website) or remove documents on the website and cannot alter any other aspect of the website;
  4. Contractor will store all District data, including files, text and parameters; data will be backed-up

on a separate storage system at regular intervals; and

5. The ADA compliant website will be on-line at all times unless maintenance or upgrades require it to be unavailable. When maintenance or upgrades require the website to be unavailable, Contractor will provide the District with reasonable advance notice in writing.

**3. Monthly Auditing and Remediation Services.**

1. Every month Contractor will comprehensively audit the website's compliance with (1) WCAG and (2) any applicable laws, rules, and regulations (including, the Department of Justice);
  2. After the audit, Contractor will remediate any web accessibility deficiencies of the website or content on the website; and
  3. The Contractor will provide a written report to the District that summarizes the audit and any remediations made.
4. **Support Services.** Contractor will supply telephone and/or email support to the District on a reasonable and necessary basis to within business hours – Monday to Friday 9 am to 6 pm EST, exclusive of holidays. The Contractor will provide a listing of detailed hours, holidays, and service availability on their website, and reserves the right to modify the times technical support is available.

\*If certain PDFs are not able to be fully remediated, Contractor shall work with the District to create a summary of the content in the PDF and provide contact information if anyone needs reasonable accommodations to access the full content within that PDF.

# Website Creation and Management Agreement

## AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE Bridgewater North COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND INNERSYNC STUDIO, LTD., D/B/A CAMPUS SUITE, FOR WEBSITE AUDITING, REMEDIATION, AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES

This Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into as of Oct 01, 2021 by and between:

**Bridgewater North Community Development District**, a local unit of special-purpose government, established and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, with a mailing address of 5844 Old Pasco Rd #100, Wesley Chapel, FL 33544 (the "**District**"), and

**Innersync Studio, Ltd., d/b/a Campus Suite**, an Ohio limited liability company, authorized to do business in Florida, with a mailing address of 752 Dunwoodie Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45230 ("**Contractor**").

### RECITALS

**Whereas**, the District is a local unit of special-purpose government, created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

**Whereas**, pursuant to section 189.069, *Florida Statutes*, the District must maintain an official website containing, at minimum, the statutorily required information ("**Website**"); and

**Whereas**, the District has a need to obtain a qualified independent contractor to perform audits of the Website to ensure compliance with the accessibility requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act ("**ADA**"), which ADA accessibility requirements and standards may change from time to time, and to remediate or otherwise convert the Website to meet such ADA accessibility requirements, to routinely audit the Website to ensure continued compliance with the ADA and to perform ongoing maintenance of the Website, all as more particularly described herein and in the proposal attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and made a part herein (together, the "**Services**"); and

**Whereas**, Contractor represents and warrants to the District that it is qualified, willing and capable of providing the Services; and

**Whereas**, the District and Contractor desire to enter into this Agreement for the purposes stated herein and 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. Recitals.** The recitals stated above are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated herein and form a material part of this Agreement.

**Section 2. Scope of Work.** Contractor shall provide Services in accordance with the terms provided in this Agreement and in **Exhibit A**, which Services include:

**A. Initial Website Remediation.** Contractor shall migrate the District's existing Website or otherwise create a new Website in order to produce a functional, responsive, working Website compliant with federally recommended ADA best practices for state and local governments as promulgated by federal law and rulemaking, including but not limited to Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1 Level AA, as the same may be amended and updated from time to time (as amended and updated from time to time, "**WCAG**").

Specifically, Contractor shall, at a minimum:

- i.** provide an ADA compliant Website that meets, at minimum, the currently-effective WCAG standards;
- ii.** convert up to 1500 pages of PDF documents identified by the District to accessible formats for assistive technologies. If certain PDFs are not able to be fully remediated, Contractor shall work with the District to create a summary of the content in the PDF and provide contact information if anyone needs reasonable accommodations to access the full content within that PDF;
- iii.** provide a website accessibility policy that includes a commitment to accessibility for persons with disabilities, the District's engagement of Contractor for ADA specific services, in an effort to bring the Website into ADA compliance, accessibility standard used and applied to the Website (which shall be at a minimum WCAG), and contact information of the District Manager or their designee (email and phone number) for users encountering any problems;
- iv.** provide options to create a District-branded design (colors, logo, etc.);
- v.** provide Contractor's ADA compliance shield, seal or certification for display on the Website ("Compliance Shield");
- vi.** cross-check ADA compliance for accessibility and compatibility of the Website with various technology mediums, including but not limited to mobile phones, smart phones, tablets, laptop computers, desktop computers, and provide "mobile friendly" or "mobile versions" of the Website accessible via various web browsers including but not limited to Internet Explorer, Edge, Mozilla, Safari, and Chrome;
- vii.** eliminate and prevent any commercial advertising on the Website;
- viii.** eliminate and prevent exposure to any known spyware, virus or malware affecting functionality or accessibility of the Website;

- ix. secure “https” certification and provide secure “cloud” hosting with fail-over back-up measures to ensure continued functionality and accessibility of the Website;
- x. provide data back-up and records retention measures as required by Florida law;
- xi. provide and/or allow display of a calendar, reservation request form, and newsletter, as applicable or necessary to the District;
- xii. provide a “dashboard” accessible to the District Manager or his or her designee which allows the District to upload and remove content, manage documents to be remediated by Contractor, and review ADA compliance reports generated by Contractor. However, Contractor shall ensure that the District does not have the ability to alter any other aspect of the Website which may negatively impact the functionality or accessibility of the Website;
- xiii. provide any and all other effort reasonably necessary to allow the District to receive the maximum benefit of the Services contemplated by this Agreement and **Exhibit A**, recognizing the District is relying on Contractor’s expertise for Website design/best practices in accordance with the ADA requirements including but not limited to WCAG standards.

**B. Maintenance.** Starting October 1, 2021, Contractor shall provide on-going maintenance of the Website, to ensure continued compliance with WCAG. Specifically, Contractor shall:

- i. manage and maintain the Website;
- ii. remediate new documents, up to seven hundred fifty (750) pages per year; for any agenda packages, Contractor shall turn around the remediated version within two (2) business days; any updates or fixes needed to the agenda requiring remediation shall be remediated within 48 hours of the District Manager’s submission for such request.
- iii. remediate new documents identified by the District to accessible formats for assistive technologies. If certain documents are not able to be fully remediated, Contractor shall work with the District to create a summary of the content in such document and provide contact information if anyone needs reasonable accommodations to access the full content within that document. For any agenda packages, including any updates thereto, Contractor shall turn around the remediated version within two (2) business days of the District Manager’s submission for such request.
- iv. provide assistive technical support via telephone and/or email, as reasonably needed, within regular business hours between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, exclusive of federal holidays, which shall include but not be limited to assistance in converting newly added documents and upgrading to new ADA recommended standards, if any, and regularly corresponding with the District staff on such items as updates, changes and recommendations;
- v. store and retain all District content, including files, texts, parameters, documents, and other types of data by backing up the same in a separate storage system and regularly backing up new content as they are submitted and uploaded to the Website;
- vi. ensure that the Website is “live” and “on-line” at all times, unless a scheduled maintenance or upgrades

are required; for any scheduled maintenance or upgrades which would affect the functionality or accessibility of the Website for a prolonged time, Contractor shall provide reasonable advance notice to the District in writing, and post a disclaimer message on the Website during such maintenance or upgrade;

**vii.** perform monthly comprehensive technological, and human as needed, audits to ensure Website's compliance with WCAG standards or better and any applicable laws, rules and regulations applicable to the Website. After each audit, Contractor shall remediate any deficiencies identified during such audit and provide a written report to the District summarizing the audit and remediations made, if any;

**viii.** in the event that certain documents are not able to be fully remediated and accessible in accordance with ADA compliance standards, Contractor shall immediately notify the District of such documents and shall provide contact information for anyone who needs reasonable accommodation to access all or any portion of such content;

**ix.** continue to provide and update, as needed, those Services identified in Section 2(A)(iii), (v), (viii), (x), and (xii); and

**x.** provide any and all other effort reasonably necessary to allow the District to receive the maximum benefit of the Services contemplated by this Agreement and **Exhibit A**, recognizing the District is relying on Contractor's expertise for Website design/best practices in accordance with the ADA requirements including but not limited to WCAG standards

**C. Additional Services.** In the event that the District desires additional work or services, Contractor agrees to negotiate in good faith to undertake such additional work or services. Upon successful negotiation regarding the terms of the additional work, including scope and compensation, the parties shall agree in writing to a work order, addendum, addenda, or change order to this Agreement prior to commencement of any such additional work. The following is a non-exhaustive list of possible additional services that the District may request of Contractor:

**i.** providing a point of contact to respond to requests for Website accommodation;

**ii.** converting documents for a public records requests received by the District;

**iii.** providing any other ADA recommended compliance services requested by the District that Contractor is capable of performing.

**Section 3. Compensation.** As compensation for the Services, the District agrees to pay Contractor in accordance with the following terms:

**A. Initial Website Remediation.** For performance of the Services as provided in Section 2(A) of this Agreement, the District shall pay Contractor a one-time fee of \$1,162.50. Contractor shall invoice the District upon substantial completion of the Services provided in Section 2(A).

**B. Maintenance.** For performance of the Services as provided in Section 2(B) of this Agreement, starting October 1, 2021 the District shall pay Contractor (\$1,537.50) per year, payable in one annual installment for

Ongoing PDF Accessibility Compliance Service and Website Services. Parties understands and acknowledges that this includes (i) the annual fee for the domain name for the District's Website, which Contractor shall pay, at its sole expense, on behalf of the District; and (ii) document remediation pursuant to Section 2(B)(iii) of up to seven-hundred fifty (750) pages per year ("Annual Max Pages").

**C. Additional Conversions.** For remediating and converting any documents in excess of the Annual Max Pages included in the maintenance price, Contractor shall provide such services for an amount not to exceed Ninety-Eight Cents (\$.98) per page. Contractor shall perform remediation and conversion of additional documents only upon receipt of written authorization of the District approving the same.

**D. Invoices; Payment.** Contractor shall maintain records conforming to usual accounting practices. Further, Contractor shall render each invoice to the District in writing, which shall be delivered promptly upon completion of each Service. Each 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 allowing the District to approve each cost, the time frame within which the Services were provided, and the address or bank information to which payment is to be remitted. Consistent with Florida's Prompt Payment Act, section 218.70, *et al.*, *Florida Statutes*, the invoices shall be due and payable within forty-five (45) days of receipt by the District.

#### **Section 4. Term and Termination.**

**A. Term.** This Agreement shall become effective upon the date and year first written above and shall be in effect until terminated by either party in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

**B. Termination.** The District agrees that Contractor may terminate this Agreement for cause by providing sixty (60) days' written notice of termination to the District; provided, however, that the District shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to cure any failure under this Agreement. Contractor agrees that the District may terminate this Agreement immediately for cause by providing written notice of termination to Contractor. Contractor agrees that the District may terminate this Agreement without cause; provided that the District shall provide thirty (30) days' written notice of termination without cause. Upon any termination of this Agreement, Contractor shall (i) be entitled to payment for all Services rendered up until the effective termination of this Agreement, subject to whatever claims or offsets the District may have against Contractor as the sole means of recovery for termination; (ii) be permitted to remove the Compliance Shield from the Website as of the effective date of the termination; (iii) provide the District, or its designee, all domain names, authorizations, usernames, passwords, and content (including remediated content) in the format in which it was stored on the service; and (iv) if the Contractor used proprietary and/or licensed software to provide the Services herein to the District, then Contractor shall coordinate with the District as to the terminated use of such software, including any migration of the Website that may be required pursuant to such termination.

**Section 5. Representations, Warranties and Covenants.** Contractor represents, warrants, and covenants that (a) the Services will conform to the requirements provided in Section 2 herein and Exhibit A; (b) the Services shall be performed by qualified personnel in a professional, prompt, diligent, good, safe and workmanlike manner in accordance with all laws, industry standards, and all applicable ADA and other website accessibility compliance standards, including but not limited to WCAG 2.1 Level AA and other federally recommended guidelines, as may be amended from time to time; and (c) neither the Services nor any product provided by Contractor shall infringe, misappropriate, or otherwise violate the intellectual property rights of any third-party. To the extent that any defects are found and reported to the Contractor, the Contractor shall correct such defects within thirty (30) days.

## **Section 6. Intellectual Property.**

**A. Contractor Materials.** Except as provided herein, Contractor shall retain all right, title, and interest in and to (i) all patents, trademarks, service marks, copyrights, and other intellectual property or proprietary rights of Contractor used in or otherwise associated with the Services, and other materials provided to the District hereunder; and (ii) all trade secrets, technical specifications and data to the extent they are intellectual property, and inventions which are authored, conceived, devised, developed, reduced to practice, or otherwise performed by Contractor which arise out of Contractor's performance of the Services, none of which shall be deemed a "work made for hire" under the Copyright Act of 1976 (collectively, "**Contractor Materials**"), and nothing contained herein shall be construed to restrict, impair, transfer, license, convey, or otherwise alter or deprive Contractor of any of its intellectual property and proprietary interests associated therewith. Subject to the foregoing, Contractor grants to the District a non-exclusive, non-transferable worldwide perpetual limited right and license to access and use the Contractor Materials in connection with the ordinary and intended use by the District as contemplated in this Agreement, including viewing, downloading and printing the Contractor Materials for the District's use, and without in any case removing Contractor's copyright, trademark or other intellectual property ownership notices.

**B. The District Materials; Publicity and Trademarks.** The District shall own the Website, domain name, all e-mail addresses, and all website and e-mail content (including all remediated content provided by the Contractor), under all circumstances. In the event of a termination of this Agreement for any reason, Contractor shall take all necessary steps to transfer, or otherwise allow the District to retain, such website, domain name, e-mail addresses and content of the same. Additionally, to the extent applicable, Contractor shall take commercially reasonable precautions consistent with industry standards to protect confidential information, including, e.g., credit card information and other sensitive information protected under Florida's Public Records Laws. Contractor shall immediately notify the District of any breach or loss of data, and take such steps as are reasonably necessary to address any such issue. Except as provided herein, the District shall retain all right, title, and interest in and to all intellectual property of the District provided or made available to the Contractor in connection with Contractor's Services (collectively, "District Materials") and nothing contained herein shall be construed to restrict, impair,



transfer, license, convey, or otherwise alter or deprive the District of any of its intellectual property or other proprietary interests associated therewith, if any. Subject to the foregoing, the District grants to Contractor a non-exclusive, non-transferable worldwide limited right and license to access and use such District Materials in connection with the provision of the Services as contemplated by this Agreement. Further, the District permits Contractor to identify the District as a customer of Contractor in Contractor's marketing materials (including using the District's name and logo for such limited purposes).

The District further acknowledges and agrees that for Contractor to perform the Services, it must, in some cases, give Contractor remote access to areas behind log-ins that are to be audited hereunder, including, without limitation to content management systems and/or servers (collectively, "**System**"), and agrees that it will furnish to Contractor all necessary information and/or user names and passwords required to do so. Contractor agrees to follow commercially reasonable and accepted security policies for accessing the District's System including any specific security procedures as may be communicated to Contractor by the District prior to Contractor accessing the System. Contractor shall on its own or through coordination with the District's Website provider, create a back-up copy of all data that may be affected by Contractor's access to the System.

**C. Right to Display Contractor's Compliance Shield / Accessibility Policy.** Pursuant to this Agreement, the Contractor shall provide District a Compliance Shield and customized accessibility policy, which District shall display on its Websites and web applications. The District is expressly prohibited from using the Compliance Shield for any purpose not specifically authorized by this Agreement, and in no event may use such Compliance Shield for or on behalf of any other party or in connection with any domain name and/or organization name other than those being scanned or serviced in connection with the Services.

**Section 7. Public Records.** Contractor understands and agrees that all documents or on-line content 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*. Contractor acknowledges that the designated public records custodian for the District is \_\_\_\_\_ ("Public Records Custodian"). 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 Work; 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.

**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 (\_\_\_) \_\_\_-\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_.COM, OR AT \_\_\_\_\_, FLORIDA \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Section 8. Indemnity.**

**A.** Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the District and its officers, supervisors, staff, employees, successors, assigns, members, affiliates, attorneys or representatives from any and all liability, claims, actions, suits, liens, demands, costs, interest, expenses, damages, penalties, fines, or judgments against the District, or loss or damage, whether monetary or otherwise, including but not limited to an ADA website related claim by a third-party, arising out of, wholly or in part by, Contractor's willfully reckless or willfully negligent act(s) or omission(s). Contractor further agrees that nothing herein shall constitute or be construed as a waiver of the District's limitations on liability contained in section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or other statute.

**B.** 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, all as actually incurred.

**Section 9. Scrutinized Companies Statement.** Contractor certifies that it is not in violation of section 287.135, *Florida Statutes*, and is not prohibited from doing business with the District under Florida law, including but not limited to Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List. If Contractor is found to have submitted a false statement, has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector 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 the Contract.

**Section 10. General Provisions.**

**A. Conflicts.** The terms of this Agreement and Exhibit A are intended to complement each other, and to the extent they conflict, the terms of Exhibit A shall control only to the extent that such provisions provide clarifications on Services and materials to be provided by Contractor pursuant to Exhibit A; in all other respects,

the provisions of this Agreement shall control.

**B. Authorization.** The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of the District and Contractor, both the District and Contractor have complied with all the requirements of law, and both the District and Contractor have full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

**C. Independent Contractor.** It is understood and agreed that at all times the relationship of Contractor and its employees, agents, 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, 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, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Contractor, all of whom shall be employees of Contractor and not employees of the 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.

**D. Dispute Resolution.** Before initiating any legal claim or action (except with respect to equitable relief), the parties agree to attempt in good faith to settle any dispute, controversy, or claim arising out of or related to this Agreement or the Services (collectively, "**Dispute**") through discussions which shall be initiated upon written notice of a Dispute by either party to the other. If the parties cannot resolve the Dispute within ten (10) business days, then the parties shall attempt to settle the Dispute by mediation. If mediation is unsuccessful, the parties may then proceed to filing a claim in the appropriate jurisdictional court in accordance with this Agreement. In the event that either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the parties agree that the substantially prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other all fees and costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees, paralegal fees, expert witness fees, and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

**E. Applicable Law and Venue.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida without reference to the principles of conflict of laws. Except for actions seeking injunctive relief (which may be brought in any appropriate jurisdiction), suits under this agreement shall only be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction in the county of \_\_\_\_\_, Florida. This choice of venue is intended by the parties to be mandatory and not permissive in nature, and to preclude the possibility of litigation between the parties with respect to, or arising out of, this Agreement in any jurisdiction other than that specified

in this section. The District and Contractor waive any right they may have to assert the doctrine of *forum non conveniens* or similar doctrine, or to object to venue with respect to any proceeding brought in accordance with this Section.

**F. Limitations on Governmental Liability.** Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed as a waiver of immunity or limits of liability of the District beyond any statutory limited waiver of immunity or limits of liability which may have been adopted by the Florida Legislature 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 the Doctrine of Sovereign Immunity or by operation of law.

**G. Third-Party Beneficiaries.** This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the District and Contractor 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 District and Contractor 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 District and Contractor and their respective representatives, successors, and assigns.

**H. Default and Protection against Third-Party Interference.** 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. 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.

**I. Notices.** All notices, requests, consents, and other communications under this Agreement ("Notice" or "Notices") shall be in writing and shall be delivered, mailed by Overnight Delivery or First Class Mail, postage prepaid, to the parties, as follows:

**If to Contractor:**

Innersync Studio, Ltd.,  
d/b/a Campus Suite  
752 Dunwoodie Drive  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45230  
Attn: Steven Williams

**If to District:**

Bridgewater North Community Development District

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Attn: District Manager

**With a copy to:**

Hopping Green & Sams PA  
119 South Monroe Street, Suite 300  
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.

**J. Entire Agreement.** This Agreement, together with Exhibit A, sets forth the entire agreement of the parties, and supersedes any prior agreements or statements with respect to the subject matter hereof.

**K. 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.

**L. Assignment.** Neither the District nor Contractor may assign this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other. Any purported assignment without such consent shall be null and void.

**M. Amendments.** This Agreement may be amended or modified only by a written instrument duly executed by both parties.

**N. Force Majeure.** If either party is prevented from performing any of its obligations under this Agreement due to any cause beyond the party's reasonable control, including, without limitations, an "act of God," fire, flood, war, strike, government regulation, civil or military authority, acts or omissions of transmitters, utilities, providers or hackers, the time for that party's performance will be extended for the period of the delay or inability to perform due to such occurrence.

**O. Survival.** In addition to such other provisions hereof which, by their terms, survive any termination or

expiration of this Agreement, Section 5 (Representations, Warranties and Covenants), Section 6 (Intellectual Property), Section 7 (Public Records), Section 8 (Indemnity), and Section 10 (General Provisions) shall survive any termination or expiration of this Agreement.

**P. Waiver.** No breach of any term of this Agreement shall be deemed waived unless expressly waived in writing by the party who might assert such breach. Any failure or delay by either party to exercise any right, power, or privilege under this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any such right, power, or privilege under this Agreement on that or any subsequent occasion. Any waiver by either party, whether express or implied, of any provision of this Agreement, any waiver of default, or any course of dealing hereunder, shall not affect such party's right to thereafter enforce such provision or to exercise any right or remedy in the event of any other default or breach, whether or not similar.

**Q. Counterparts.** 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 acknowledgement pages, if any, may be detached from the counterparts and attached to a single copy of this document to physically form one document.

**R. Arm's Length Transaction.** This Agreement has been negotiated fully between the parties as an arm's length transaction. Both parties participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement and received the advice of counsel. In case of a Dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, both parties are deemed to have drafted, chosen, and selected the language, and the doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against either party.

**S. Descriptive Headings.** The descriptive headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not control nor affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

**In witness whereof**, the parties have, by their duly authorized representatives, executed this Agreement as of the date and year first set forth above.

**ATTEST: Bridgewater North COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary Chairperson, Board of Supervisors .      \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name

**WITNESS: INNERSYNC STUDIO, LTD., D/B/A CAMPUS SUITE**, an Ohio limited liability company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name: By: Ted Saul, (Dir. of Sales) .      \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Exhibit A: Proposal for Services

<b>Implementation</b>	Quantity	Subtotal
<b>Onboarding of ADA Compliant Website and Remediation of Historical Documents</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Migration website pages and present on a staged website for approval</li><li>• Initial PDF Accessibility Compliance Service for 1500 pages of remediation</li></ul>	1	\$1,162.50
<b>Ongoing services</b>	Quantity	Subtotal
<b>Website services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hosting, support and training for users</li><li>• Website management tools to make updates</li><li>• Secure certification (https)</li><li>• Monthly site reporting, monitoring and error corrections</li></ul>	1	\$600.00
<b>Ongoing PDF Accessibility Compliance Service</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remediation of all PDFs stored on your website</li><li>• Remediation of up to 750 PDF pages</li><li>• Dashboard for reporting and managing all PDFs</li><li>• 48-hour turnaround for fixes for board agendas</li><li>• PDF manager dashboard</li></ul>	750*	\$937.50
<b>Social Media Manager</b>		Included



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



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*\* VGlobalTech has developed unique ADA and WCAG compliance expertise, optimized website templates, compliance multi-step procedure and quality control, document conversion software and test procedures. Contact us for details of VGlobalTech's Intellectual Property.*

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## 1.0 The Law

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14. The public facilities report, if applicable.

15. The link to the Department of Financial Services' website as set forth in s. 218.32(1)(g).

16. At least 7 days before each meeting or workshop, the agenda of the event, along with any meeting materials available in an electronic format, excluding confidential and exempt information. The information must remain on the website for at least 1 year after the event.

(b) The department's website list of special districts in the state required under s. 189.061 shall include a link for each special district that provides web-based access to the public for all information and documentation required for submission to the department pursuant to subsection

## 2.0 ADA & WCAG Compliance – Introduction

Every individual must have equal access to information whether it is in person service or online. This is a general agreement and understanding of access.

The Internet has dramatically changed the way state and local governments do business. Today, government agencies routinely make much more information about their programs, activities, and services available to the public by posting it on their websites. As a result, many people can easily access this information seven day a week, 24 hours a day.

Many government services and activities are also provided on websites because the public is able to participate in them at any time of day and without the assistance of government personnel. Many government websites offer a low cost, quick, and convenient way of filing tax returns, paying bills, renewing licenses, signing up for programs, applying for permits or funding, submitting job applications, and performing a wide variety of other activities.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and, if the government entities receive federal funding, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 generally require that state and local governments provide qualified individuals with disabilities equal access to their programs, services, or activities unless doing so would fundamentally alter the nature of their programs, services, or activities or would impose an undue burden. One way to help meet these requirements is to ensure that government websites have accessible features for people with disabilities, using the simple steps described in this document. An agency with an inaccessible website may also meet its legal obligations by providing an alternative accessible way for citizens to use the programs or services, such as a staffed telephone information line. These alternatives, however, are unlikely to provide an equal degree of access in terms of hours of operation and the range of options and programs available.

The World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) sets the main international standards for the World Wide Web and its accessibility. W3C created the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.0 and 2.1) which are similar to Section 508, but on an international level. WCAG 2.0 and 2.1 requires specific techniques for compliance and is more current than Section 508.

Many countries and international organizations require compliance with WCAG 2.0 and 2.1. The guidelines are categorized into three levels of compliance: A (must support), AA (should support), and AAA (may support). Representatives from the accessibility community around the world participate in the evolution of these guidelines.

Source: <https://www.w3.org/WAI/standards-guidelines/wcag/>

**Visit <http://vglobaltech.com/website-compliance/> for more details, do a website compliance check on your website and to download a PDF proposal.**

## 2.1 Common Problems and Solutions in Website Accessibility?

### 2.1.1 Problem: Images Without Text Equivalents

#### **Solution: Add a Text Equivalent to Every Image**

Adding a line of simple HTML code to provide text for each image and graphic will enable a user with a vision disability to understand what it is. Add a type of HTML tag, such as an “alt” tag for brief amounts of text or a “longdesc” tag for large amounts, to each image and graphic on your agency’s website.

The words in the tag should be more than a description. They should provide a text equivalent of the image. In other words, the tag should include the same meaningful information that other users obtain by looking at the image. In the example of the mayor’s picture, adding an “alt” tag with the words “Photograph of Mayor Jane Smith” provides a meaningful description.

In some circumstances, longer and more detailed text will be necessary to convey the same meaningful information that other visitors to the website can see. For example, a map showing the locations of neighborhood branches of a city library needs a tag with much more information in text format. In that instance, where the map conveys the locations of several facilities, add a “longdesc” tag that includes a text equivalent description of each location shown on the map – e.g., “City Center Library, 433 N. Main Street, located on North Main Street between 4th Avenue and 5th Avenue.”

### 2.1.2 Problem: Documents Are Not Posted In an Accessible Format

#### **Solution: Post Documents in a Text-Based Format**

Always provide documents in an alternative text-based format, such as HTML or RTF (Rich Text Format), in addition to PDF. Text-based formats are the most compatible with assistive technologies.

### 2.1.3 Problem: Specifying Colors and Font Sizes

#### **Solution: Avoid Dictating Colors and Font Settings**

Websites should be designed so they can be viewed with the color and font sizes set in users’ web browsers and operating systems. Users with low vision must be able to specify the text and background colors as well as the font sizes needed to see webpage content.

### 2.1.4 Problem: Videos and Other Multimedia Lack Accessible Features

#### **Solution: Include Audio Descriptions and Captions**

Videos need to incorporate features that make them accessible to everyone. Provide audio descriptions of images (including changes in setting, gestures, and other details) to make videos accessible to people who are blind or have low vision. Provide text captions synchronized with the video images to make videos and audio tracks accessible to people who are deaf or hard of hearing.



## 2.1.5 Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG)

### Understanding the Four Principles of Accessibility

The guidelines and Success Criteria are organized around the following four principles, which lay the foundation necessary for anyone to access and use Web content. Anyone who wants to use the Web must have content that is:

1. **Perceivable** - Information and user interface components must be presentable to users in ways they can perceive.
  - This means that users must be able to perceive the information being presented (it can't be invisible to all of their senses)
2. **Operable** - User interface components and navigation must be operable.
  - This means that users must be able to operate the interface (the interface cannot require interaction that a user cannot perform)
3. **Understandable** - Information and the operation of user interface must be understandable.
  - This means that users must be able to understand the information as well as the operation of the user interface (the content or operation cannot be beyond their understanding)
4. **Robust** - Content must be robust enough that it can be interpreted reliably by a wide variety of user agents, including assistive technologies.
  - This means that users must be able to access the content as technologies advance (as technologies and user agents evolve, the content should remain accessible)

**If any of these are not true, users with disabilities will not be able to use the Web.**

Under each of the principles are guidelines and Success Criteria that help to address these principles for people with disabilities. There are many general usability guidelines that make content more **usable by all people**, including those with disabilities. However, in WCAG 2.1, we only include those guidelines that address problems particular to people with disabilities. This includes issues that block access or interfere with access to the Web more severely for people with disabilities.

See reference section at the end of this document for more information and websites for ADA, Usability and other important compliance issues and solutions.

**VGlobalTech development and business management team shall study these compliance guidelines and with our technical capabilities apply these to make your website accessible, compatible and fully functional for all people, including those with disabilities.**

**Visit <https://vglobaltech.com/website-compliance/> for details of our compliance process and expertise in this area.**

Please see References section for several resources on compliance.

### 3.0 Pricing

**VGlobalTech team shall complete the following critical tasks for client website. All costs below are per website / CDD:**

#### 3.1 Existing Website Remediation / New Website Build:

	Task
1.	Remediate existing website / Build new website from start as per Florida Statute Chapter 189 requirements. Ensure ADA & WCAG compliance requirements. Customer shall provide all documents and content required. Applies to ALL webpages on the website. Website shall be created based on VGlobalTech's optimized templates and can be customized for look and feel within ADA restrictions. Create accessibility document, code review, html updates, plugins / security updates required for ADA and WCAG compliance
2.	Cross-Device Check (Website needs to appear as per ADA standards on Mobile Phones, Tablets, Desktops etc.). Braille Readers, Other assistance technology compatibility
3.	<b>ADA Standards application (as per Section 1 above). ADA.gov, <b>Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG)</b></b>
4.	PDF Documents conversion (to Text, HTML etc.) as needed for ADA Compliance / Reader Compliance (up to 2 years of documents shall be converted)
5.	Create a webpage showing websites ADA Compliance efforts
6.	Create customized footer with <b>VGlobalTech's ADA Compliance Seal</b> (valid for 6 months from the launch date and <b><i>needs Quarterly ADA audit contract for renewals after 6 months</i></b> )
7.	Create board member emails (up to 10) and provide email access. Enable virus and antisipam for inbox.
8.	<b>Web Design Total: \$3750/- (one time)</b>

### 3.2 ADA Compliance Monthly Maintenance and Hosting

Maintenance contract starts after initial conversion is completed (It is critical to maintain compliance as websites get updated):

The Annual Maintenance **DOES NOT** include the quarterly audits proposed in the next section. Maintenance contract is required for VGlobalTech’s proprietary document conversion software (PDF to RTF) to be used that allows faster, accurate and batch processing for document conversion.

	Task
1.	Full content upload support to regularly keep site updated (includes all documents, audit reports, agendas, meeting minutes, events etc.). Ensure content is in ADA and WCAG compliance for the entire site. Section 508 stipulations (applicable to CDD) and FIA /eGIS insurance requirements are met. These points are very critical to maintain a fully compliant website at all times. <b>Update turnaround time – less than 24 hrs. from customer sending the content and documents to be updated to VGT team.</b>
2.	PDF Documents conversion (to Text, HTML etc.) as needed ( <b>new documents during the maintenance year only</b> ) for ADA Compliance / Reader Compliance. VGlobalTech’s <b>proprietary batch conversion software</b> shall be used by our team for faster batch-conversion processing as long as the contract is valid (big time saver that creates compliant documents that can be uploaded to the website). <b>There is no limit on how many documents or pages per documents can be converted per month using VGlobalTech’s software.</b> If Auto conversion fails, VGlobalTech team shall perform manual OCR and conversion within 24 hrs.
3.	Update footer with VGlobalTech’s ADA Compliance Seal (extended for current year)
4.	Website hosting and backups – Premium hosting, unlimited file space, bandwidth, fast website response, regular automated backups, SSL certificates for secure site access (https protocol), 99.9% website uptime:
	<p><b>Total Monthly Maintenance with full content upload, document conversion and Hosting:</b></p> <p><b>\$175 / month</b></p> <p>*support beyond 8 hrs. / month / CDD shall be billed at \$55 / hr. separately (VGlobalTech team shall be responsible to track and report hours exceeded, if any)</p>

\*\*\*Monthly maintenance must be paid before the 10<sup>th</sup> of every month

### 3.3 Quarterly Technical and Human Audit

This audit is as per the Florida Insurance Alliance guidelines. Please check with your insurance agency for specific requirements. **Read more here:** [https://vglobaltech.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/FIA\\_ADA\\_Guidelines-2019-2020.pdf](https://vglobaltech.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/FIA_ADA_Guidelines-2019-2020.pdf)

VGlobalTech has partnered with a local agency for the visually impaired – LightHouse Works. LightHouse has developed a unique program for digital accessibility that is run by visually impaired personnel that are highly skilled in human auditing of websites and software as per the section 508 stipulations. Read more about our partnership here: <https://vglobaltech.com/website-compliance/>

**Together we are now able to provide not one but two compliance seals for all our customers:**

#### 1. Digital Asset Technical Compliance Seal:



VGlobalTech in-house technical team shall remediate / test the website / software for ADA, WCAG compliance. VGlobalTech's technical design & development team is fully aware of the Americans with Disability Act (ADA), Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG), **Section 508** of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and overall the design principles of a professional, accessible, functional and responsive web design. The entire team has taken dedicated time and efforts to learn these design principles first hand. Our purpose is clear – **Universal, Creative Web design that works for everyone, everywhere and every time!**

**Cost for Audit (quarterly): \$300 / per audit**

- Can be paid yearly for all 4 audits (\$1200) or can be paid per audit every quarter \$300
- Seals renewed every quarter
- Audits are conducted by VGlobalTech and LightHouse Agency together
- Full Audit reports shall be provided

This proposal includes following points, stipulations terms and conditions:

\*(1) conference call or in person meetings per month with client to review metrics, results and monthly recaps *\*unless otherwise noted*

\* email and phone communication

\*Anything out of the scope of work in the above proposal will be addressed and client will be immediately notified. After notification of additional work, a subsequent quote will be provided to cover that work.

\*Client is responsible to adhering to timelines as far as information required to complete the task is concerned. If timelines are not adhered to and exceed 15 business days past the current marketing months, last day, all work will end. A new month with new allocated costs will be presented for future work to commence. No refunds and owed work will be due unless otherwise agreed upon. **An Invoice will be provided once signature approval of this project proposal. Payments will be made to VGLOBALTECH**

\*Client is responsible for verifying quality of work, providing feedback, verifying that compliance has been met as required. VGlobalTech team shall not be responsible for any legal ramifications arising from work not done as per external agencies / organizations / associations needs if proper feedback is not provided by the customer. VGlobalTech's work will be in best faith but cannot guarantee all compliance / legal needs since we are not the final authority in the ADA or WCAG compliance area. VGlobalTech shall not be liable for any legal ramifications arising from compliance issues and cannot be held responsible for any legal or other lawsuits.

Refund Policy: The client may halt work and request for a refund within seven days of the date of signing this services agreement by mailing a signed letter to the main address listed on [www.VGlobalTech.com](http://www.VGlobalTech.com) website. If client requests a refund within seven days of the date of signing their agreement, they shall be liable to pay for all work completed and will be refunded the remaining balance of the initial payment if billable work has not exceeded a charge that would be greater than client's initial payment. If client requests a refund after the seven days from the date of the signing of the agreement client is liable to pay for all work completed plus an additional 25% of any remaining balance that may still be due. Once line item projects are complete no refunds will be issued. Confidentiality: All information between client and service provider inclusive of technical and business information relating to proprietary ideas, patentable ideas and/or trade secrets, existing and/or contemplated products and services, research and development, production, costs, profit and margin information, finances and financial projections, customers, clients, marketing, and current or future business plans and models, regardless of whether such information is designated as "Confidential Information" at the time of its disclosure and will be treated as such and with absolute confidentiality and will

not be shared or used, which will be maintained at all times. The client is not allowed to disclose their price with any third parties. Doing so is in breach of this agreement. All information development will be shared and proprietary information and property between client and service providers.

#### 4.0 Proposal Acceptance:

The VGlobalTech proposed solution and terms have been accepted by the customer and the VGlobalTech can proceed with the project. All payments shall be made according to this agreement.



### **Website, Monthly Maintenance w/ Hosting and Quarterly Audits**

**Section 3.1: One time (website conversion and compliance cost)**

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**Section 3.2 ADA Compliance Monthly Maintenance and Hosting**

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**Section 3.3 Quarterly Technical and Human Audit Testing**

#### Signatures:

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For Customer Date

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For VGlobalTech Date

## 5.0 References:

**ADA Best Practices Tool Kit for State and Local Governments:**

<https://www.ada.gov/pcatoolkit/chap5toolkit.htm>

**U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section**

<https://www.ada.gov/websites2.htm>

**Web design Standards:** <https://www.w3schools.com/>

**Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG)** <https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG21/>

**VGlobalTech Web Content Accessibility Implementation and Checkpoints:**

<http://vglobaltech.com/website-compliance/>





# Public Hearing on Rules of Procedure

## **Tab 5**

**RULES OF PROCEDURE  
BRIDGEWATER NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**EFFECTIVE AS OF AUGUST 24, 2021**

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**Rule 1.0      General.**

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

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

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

**Rule 1.1 Board of Supervisors; Officers and Voting.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Rule 1.3 Public Meetings, Hearings, and Workshops.**

- (1) Notice. Except in emergencies, or as otherwise required by statute or these Rules, at least seven (7) days, but no more than thirty (30) days public notice shall be given of any public meeting, hearing or workshop of the Board. Public notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. “General circulation” means a publication that is printed and published at least once a week for the preceding year, offering at least 25% of its words in the English language, qualifies as a periodicals material for postal purposes in the county in which the District is located, is for sale to the public generally, is available to the public generally for the publication of official or other notices, and is customarily containing information of a public character or of interest or of value to the residents or owners of property in the county where published, or of interest or of value to the general public. The annual meeting notice required to be published by Section 189.015 of the Florida Statutes, shall be published in a newspaper not of limited subject matter, which is published at least five days a week, unless the only newspaper in the county is published less than five days a week. Each Notice shall state, as applicable:
- (a) The date, time and place of the meeting, hearing or workshop;
  - (b) A brief description of the nature, subjects, and purposes of the meeting, hearing, or workshop;
  - (c) The District office address for the submission of requests for copies of the agenda, as well as a contact name and telephone number for verbal requests for copies of the agenda; and
  - (d) The following or substantially similar language: “Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting/hearing/workshop is asked to advise the District Office at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting/hearing/workshop by contacting the District Manager at (904) 436-6270. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1 (800) 955-8770 or 1 (800) 955-8771, who can aid you in contacting the District Office.”
  - (e) The following or substantially similar language: “A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting/hearing/workshop with respect to any matter considered at the meeting/hearing/workshop is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**Rule 1.4 Internal Controls to Prevent Fraud, Waste and Abuse**

(1) Internal Controls. The District shall establish and maintain internal controls designed to:

- (a) Prevent and detect “fraud,” “waste” and “abuse” as those terms are defined in section 11.45(1), Florida Statutes; and
- (b) Promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules contracts, grant agreements, and best practices; and
- (c) Support economical and efficient operations; and
- (d) Ensure reliability of financial records and reports; and
- (e) Safeguard assets.

(2) Adoption. The internal controls to prevent fraud, waste and abuse shall be adopted and amended by the District in the same manner as District policies.

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

**Law Implemented:** § 218.33(3), Fla. Stat.

## **Rule 2.0 Rulemaking Proceedings.**

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

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

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

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

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

(11) Petitions to Challenge Existing Rules.

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

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

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

- (d) The Board shall grant or deny a petition for variance or waiver and shall announce such disposition at a publicly held meeting of the Board, within ninety (90) days after receipt of the original petition, the last item of timely requested additional material, or the petitioner's written request to finish processing the petition. The District's statement granting or denying the petition shall contain a statement of the relevant facts and reasons supporting the District's action.
- (13) Rates, Fees, Rentals and Other Charges. All rates, fees, rentals, or other charges shall be subject to rulemaking proceedings. Policies adopted by the District which do not consist of rates, fees, rentals or other charges may be, but are not required to be, implemented through rulemaking proceedings.

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

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

**Rule 3.0 Competitive Purchase.**

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Rule 3.1 Procedure Under the Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act.**

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

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

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

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

(4) Competitive Selection.

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

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

(5) Competitive Negotiation.

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

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

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

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

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



### **Rule 3.2 Procedure Regarding Auditor Selection.**

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

(1) Definitions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Rule 3.3 Purchase of Insurance.**

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

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

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

**Specific Authority:** §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.  
**Law Implemented:** § 112.08, Fla. Stat.

### **Rule 3.4 Pre-qualification**

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

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

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

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



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

(3) Suspension, Revocation, or Denial of Qualification

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

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

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

- viii. The vendor failed to notify the District within 10 days of the vendor, or any of its affiliates, being declared in default or otherwise not completing work on a contract or being suspended from qualification to bid or denied qualification to bid by any other public or semi-public agency.
- ix. The vendor did not pay its subcontractors or suppliers in a timely manner or in compliance with contract documents.
- x. The vendor has demonstrated instances of poor or unsatisfactory performance, deficient management resulting in project delay, poor quality workmanship, a history of payment of liquidated damages, untimely completion of projects, uncooperative attitude, contract litigation, inflated claims or defaults.
- xi. An affiliate of the vendor has previously been determined by the District to be non-responsible, and the specified period of suspension, revocation, denial, or non-responsibility remains in effect.
- xii. The vendor or affiliate(s) has been convicted of a contract crime.
  - 1. The term "contract crime" means any violation of state or federal antitrust laws with respect to a public contract or any violation of any state or federal law involving fraud, bribery, collusion, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation with respect to a public contract.
  - 2. The term "convicted" or "conviction" means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a contract crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record as a result of a jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.

(b) A denial, suspension, or revocation shall prohibit the vendor from being a subcontractor on District work during the period of denial, suspension, or revocation, except when a prime contractor's bid has used prices of a subcontractor who becomes disqualified after the bid, but before the request for authorization to sublet is presented.

(c) The District shall inform the vendor in writing of its intent to deny, suspend, or revoke its pre-qualified status and inform the vendor of its right to a hearing, the procedure which must be followed, and the applicable time limits. If a hearing is requested within 10 days after the receipt of the notice of intent, the

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

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

Examples of factors affecting the seriousness of a deficiency are:

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

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

**Rule 3.5 Construction Contracts, Not Design-Build.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Rule 3.6 Construction Contracts, Design-Build.**

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

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

(2) Procedure.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Rule 3.7 Payment and Performance Bonds.**

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

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

**Law Implemented:** § 255.05, Fla. Stat.

**Rule 3.8 Goods, Supplies, and Materials.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

**Rule 3.9 Maintenance Services.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Rule 3.10 Contractual Services.**

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Filing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Law Implemented:** § 190.033, Fla. Stat.



**Rule 4.0      Effective Date.**

These Rules shall be effective August 24, 2021, 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.

# Tab 6

**RESOLUTION 2021-32**

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

**WHEREAS**, Bridgewater North Community Development District (“**District**”) is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within St. Johns County, Florida; and

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

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

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

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

**SECTION 1.** The attached Rules of Procedure are hereby adopted pursuant to this resolution as necessary for the conduct of District business. These Rules of Procedure replace all prior versions of the Rules of Procedure, and shall stay in full force and effect until such time as the Board of Supervisors may amend these rules in accordance with Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

**ATTEST:**

**BRIDGEWATER NORTH COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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Secretary

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Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

**Exhibit A:** Rules of Procedure

**EXHIBIT A:**  
RULES OF PROCEDURE

# Public Hearing on Uniform Method

# **Tab 7**

**RESOLUTION 2021-33**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE BRIDGEWATER 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 BRIDGEWATER NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 197.3632, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Bridgewater 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 Chapter 170, Florida Statutes, for the acquisition, 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 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; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, the District has caused notice of a public hearing to be advertised weekly in a newspaper of general circulation within St. Johns County for four (4) consecutive weeks prior to such hearing.

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

**SECTION 1.** The Bridgewater North Community Development District upon conducting its public hearing as required by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, hereby expresses its intent to use the uniform method of collecting assessments imposed by the District 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 St. Johns 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

ATTEST:

**BRIDGEWATER NORTH COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors

**Exhibit A:** Legal Description



Exhibit A

**EXHIBIT A**  
**BOUNDARIES OF DISTRICT**

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

A PORTION OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16, THENCE S89°21'11"W, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 16, A DISTANCE OF 2319.38 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE N01°05'33"W, ALONG SAID WEST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1315.78 FEET; THENCE N89°03'24"E, DEPARTING SAID WEST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 254.98 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE BEING DESCRIBED IN A BOUNDARY LINE AGREEMENT, RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 837, PAGE 599 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY; THENCE ALONG SAID LINE DESCRIBED IN SAID BOUNDARY LINE AGREEMENT, THE FOLLOWING FIVE (5) COURSES: COURSE ONE (1): N01°23'57"W, 446.68 FEET; COURSE TWO (2): N29°31'47"W, 568.90 FEET; COURSE THREE (3): N82°10'13"W, 272.28 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE BEING CONCAVE NORTHERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 270.30 FEET; COURSE FOUR (4): NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 66.54 FEET, SAID ARC BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF N75°07'06"W, 66.37 FEET; COURSE FIVE (5): S02°37'36"E, DEPARTING SAID CURVE, A DISTANCE OF 33.90 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF C.E. WILSON ROAD (A PRIVATE 50' RIGHT OF WAY AS SHOWN ON A MAP BY RICARDO EDRALIN, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR, NUMBER 3274, DATED 6-1986), SAID POINT LYING ON A CURVE BEING CONCAVE NORTHEASTERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 295.30 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF LAST SAID CURVE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 84.45 FEET, LAST SAID ARC BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF N62°35'12"W, 84.16 FEET TO A POINT OF TANGENCY OF LAST SAID CURVE; THENCE N54°23'38"W, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF C.E. WILSON, A DISTANCE OF 305.47 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THOSE LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3962, PAGE 1271 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY; THENCE N57°41'05"W, ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF LAST SAID LANDS, A DISTANCE OF 301.05 FEET TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 210 (A 100' RIGHT OF WAY AS NOW ESTABLISHED); THENCE N36°29'44"E, ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 80.21 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF THOSE LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 4126, PAGE 1020 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY; THENCE S57°41'05"E, ALONG SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 297.50 FEET TO AN ANGLE POINT IN SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LINE; THENCE S54°23'38"E, CONTINUING ALONG SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 72.61 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF LAST SAID LANDS; THENCE N36°29'44"E, ALONG SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 376.20 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LAST SAID LANDS, SAID NORTHEAST CORNER BEING ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THOSE LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1863, PAGE 241 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY; THENCE S71°52'01"E, ALONG LAST SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 72.40 FEET TO AN ANGLE POINT IN LAST SAID SOUTH LINE; THENCE S51°18'07"E, CONTINUING ALONG LAST SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 204.27 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST ¼, SAID SECTION 16; THENCE N89°50'03"E, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 2428.89 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE S01°06'39"E, ALONG LAST SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 2655.78 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 143.89 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

JOB NO.	1710.022	SCALE	AS SHOWN	BRIDGEWATER ST. JOHNS CO., FL. PREPARED FOR	<b>ADKINSON</b> <small>PLANNING ENGINEERS</small> 6505 ST. ALMIGHTY ROAD, SUITE 202 BOKSHAWVILLE, FLORIDA 32837 PHONE (904) 624-4200
DATE	12/15/2020	TITLE	LEGAL DESCRIPTION		

# Public Hearing on Special Assessments

## **Tab 8**

**MASTER ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**Bridgewater North Community Development District**

Prepared for:

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
BRIDGEWATER NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

ENGINEER:

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Jacksonville, FL

July 21, 2021

# Bridgewater North Community Development District

## MASTER ENGINEER'S REPORT

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to provide a description of the capital improvement plan ("CIP") and estimated costs of the CIP, for the Bridgewater North Community Development District (the "District").

### 2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION

The District is located entirely within unincorporated St. John's County, Florida, and covers approximately 143.89 acres of land, more or less. **Exhibit A** depicts the boundaries of the District. The site is generally located southeast of County Road 210. Currently, there are limited improvements within the District boundaries consisting of a shared access road and a residential structure.

### 3. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The CIP is intended to provide public infrastructure improvements for the lands within the District, which are planned for 800 residential units. The CIP is intended to be developed in two phases, and over a two-year period from 2020 through 2022. The proposed site plan for the District is attached as **Exhibit B** to this report, and the plan enumerates the proposed lot count for the District. The following charts show the planned product types and land uses for the District:

#### LOT SUMMARY

Phase 1: 364 units

Phase 2: 436 units

Total: 800 units

#### TRACT DESIGNATION TABLE

Tract Use	Maintenance Entity	Acreage
Drainage Area	CDD	15.41
Common Area	CDD	14.24
Parks	CDD	11.36
Amenity Area	CDD	0.61
Wastewater Lift Station	JEA	0.17
Right of Way	CDD	15.06
Townhome Lots	Homeowner	38.66
Wetland conservation Area	CDD	43.25
Public ROW	St. John's County	5.13

The CIP infrastructure includes:

**Roadway Improvements:**

The CIP includes subdivision roads within the District. Generally, all roads will be 2-lane un-divided roads. Such roads include the roadway asphalt, base, and subgrade, roadway curb and gutter, striping and signage and sidewalks within rights-of-way. There is also a St. John's County Minor Collector Road (Moon Bay Parkway). Approximately 2,800 linear feet of Moon Bay Parkway will be constructed and dedicated to St. John's County. All roads will be designed in accordance with County standards.

All internal roadways may be financed by the District. Moon Bay Parkway will be dedicated to St. John's County for ownership, operation, and maintenance. The interior subdivision roads will be owned and maintained by the CDD.

**Stormwater Management System:**

The stormwater collection and outfall system are a combination of roadway curbs, curb inlets, pipe, control structures and open lakes designed to treat and attenuate stormwater runoff from District lands. Most of the stormwater system within the project discharges to Sampson Creek running between Phases 1 and 2 of the District property. The stormwater system has been designed consistent with the criteria established by the St. Johns River Water Management District and St. Johns County, for stormwater/floodplain management systems. The District will finance, own, operate and maintain the stormwater system, with the exception that the County will own, operate, and maintain the inlets and storm sewer systems within the Moon Bay Parkway right-of-way.

**Water and Wastewater Utilities:**

As part of the CIP, the District intends to construct water and wastewater infrastructure. In particular, the on-site water supply improvements include water mains that will be located within right-of-ways and used for potable water service and fire protection. Water main connections will be made at a water main within the County Road 210 right-of-way adjacent to the District boundary.

Wastewater improvements for the project will include an onsite 8" diameter gravity collection system, offsite and onsite 6" and 8" force mains and two onsite lift stations. The offsite force main connection will be made at a force main within the County Road 210 right-of-way adjacent to the District boundary.

The water distribution and wastewater collection systems for all phases will be completed by the District and then dedicated to JEA for operation and maintenance.

There are no utility impact fee credits assigned to the District property.

**Hardscape, Landscape, and Irrigation:**

Either the Developer or the District will construct and/or install landscaping, irrigation and hardscaping within District common areas and rights-of-way. To the extent Hardscape/Landscape/Irrigation improvements are financed and constructed by the District, such improvements are to be maintained by the District.

The County has distinct design criteria requirements for planting and irrigation design. Therefore, this project will at a minimum meet those requirements but, in most cases, exceed the requirements with enhancements for the benefit of the community.

**Recreational Amenities:**

The project developer also intends to construct an amenity center, parks, and other recreational areas for the development. These improvements will be funded by the developer and, upon completion, turned over to a homeowners' association for ownership, operation, and maintenance. All such improvements are considered common elements for the benefit of the landowners within the District.

**Professional Services:**

The CIP also includes various professional services. These include: (i) engineering, surveying and architectural fees, (ii) permitting and plan review costs, and (iii) development/construction management services fees that are required for the design, permitting, construction, and maintenance acceptance of the public improvements and community facilities.

As noted, the District's CIP functions as a system of improvements benefitting all lands within the District.

All of the foregoing improvements are required by applicable development approvals. Note that there are no impact fee or similar credits available from the construction of any such improvements.

**4. PERMITTING/CONSTRUCTION COMMENCEMENT**

All necessary permits for the construction of the CIP have either been obtained or will be obtained in the normal course of business. A comprehensive list of permits and status is included as **Exhibit C**.

**5. OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COSTS**

The table below presents, among other things, the Opinion of Probable Cost for the CIP. It is our professional opinion that the costs set forth in this table are reasonable and consistent with market pricing.

**CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATES AND DESIGNATION OF ENTITY/ENTITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR FUNDING/OWNERSHIP/OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

<b>Improvement Category</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Funded By</b>	<b>Owned By</b>	<b>Operated/ Maintained By</b>
Stormwater Management	\$6,304,255.06	CDD	CDD	CDD
Roadways and Sidewalks	\$2,004,421.89	CDD	CDD	CDD
Wastewater Collection	\$1,953,828.12	CDD	JEA	JEA
Potable Water	\$1,477,632.16	CDD	JEA	JEA
Moon Bay Parkway	\$791,808.39	CDD	SJC	SJC
Moon Bay Parkway Ext.	\$547,200.00	CDD	SJC	SJC
Landscaping	\$2,239,560.58	CDD	CDD	CDD
Entry Signage, Fencing & Fountains	\$697,080.00	CDD	CDD	CDD

Amenity	\$2,910,000.00	CDD	CDD	CDD
Tree mitigation	\$632,735.00	CDD	CDD	CDD
Wetland Mitigation	\$563,832.00	CDD	CDD	CDD
CR 210 & Moon Bay Parkway Traffic Signal	\$678,325.00	CDD	SJC	SJC
County Road 210 Roadway	\$288,012.56	CDD	SJC	SJC
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,088,691.26</b>			

\* The probable costs estimated herein do not include anticipated carrying cost, interest reserves or other anticipated CDD expenditures that may be incurred.

The CIP will be designed in accordance with current governmental regulations and requirements. The CIP will serve its intended function so long as the construction is in substantial compliance with the design.

The cost estimates provided are reasonable to complete the required improvements and it is our professional opinion that the infrastructure improvements comprising the CIP will serve as a system of improvements that benefit and add value to all lands within the District. The cost estimates are based on prices currently being experienced in Northeast Florida. Actual costs may vary depending on final engineering and approvals from regulatory agencies. It is further our opinion that the improvement plan is feasible, that there are no technical reasons existing at this time that would prevent the implementation of the CIP, and that it is reasonable to assume that all necessary regulatory approvals will be obtained in due course.

It is our opinion that: (1) the estimated cost of the public infrastructure set forth herein to be paid by the District is not greater than the lesser of the actual cost or fair market value of such infrastructure; (2) that the CIP is feasible; and (3) that the assessable property within the District will receive a special benefit from the CIP that is at least equal to such costs.

Please note that the CIP as presented herein is based on current plans and market conditions which are subject to change. Accordingly, the CIP, as used herein, refers to sufficient public infrastructure of the kinds described herein (i.e., stormwater/floodplain management, sanitary sewer, potable water, etc.) to support the development and sale of the planned 800 residential units in the District, which (subject to true-up determinations) number and type of units may be changed with the development of the site. Stated differently, during development and implementation of the public infrastructure improvements as described for the District, it may be necessary to make modifications and/or deviations for the plans, and the District expressly reserves the right to do so.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Tab 9**



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## Master Special Assessment Allocation Report

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BRIDGEWATER NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
MASTER SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ALLOCATION REPORT

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## I. INTRODUCTION

This Master Special Assessment Allocation Report is being presented in anticipation of financing a capital infrastructure project by the Bridgewater North Community Development District (“District”), a local unit of special purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. Rizzetta & Company, Inc. has been retained to prepare a methodology for allocating the special assessments related to the District’s infrastructure project.

The District plans to issue bonds in one or more series to fund a portion of the capital infrastructure project, also known as the Capital Improvement Program. This report will detail the maximum parameters for the future financing program the District will undertake, as well as determine the manner in which the special assessments will be allocated among all the landowners that will benefit from the capital infrastructure project.

## II. DEFINED TERMS

**“Capital Improvement Program”** – (or “CIP”) Construction and/or acquisition of public infrastructure planned for the District, as specified in the Engineer’s Report dated May 26, 2021.

**“Developer”** – Forestar (USA) Real Estate Group, LLC, Tampa, Florida

**“District”** – Bridgewater North Community Development District

**“Equivalent Assessment Unit”** – (EAU) Allocation factor which reflects a quantitative measure of the amount of special benefit conferred by the District’s CIP on a particular land use, relative to other land uses.

**“Maximum Assessments”** – The maximum amount of special assessments to be levied against a parcel in relation to the CIP.

**“Platted Units”** – Lands configured into their intended end-use and subject to a recorded plat.

**“Unplatted Parcels”** – Undeveloped lands or parcels not yet subject to a recorded plat in their final end-use configuration.

## III. DISTRICT INFORMATION

Bridgewater North Community Development District was established by St. Johns County on May 18, 2021, pursuant to the County Ordinance No. 2021-29. The District encompasses approximately 143.98 acres. The current development plan for the District includes approximately 800 residential units. The District is generally located southeast of County Road 210 W, North of Linda Lake Lane, east of Interstate 95 and west of undeveloped lands.



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#### **IV. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

The District's Capital Improvement Program ("CIP") includes, but is not limited to, stormwater management improvements, roadway improvements, water/sewer, electrical and street lighting, landscaping/entranceway and recreation facilities. The total CIP is estimated to cost \$21,088,691 as shown in detail on Table 2. The estimated construction costs of the CIP identified above were provided by the District's engineer in their report dated July 21, 2021 ("Engineer's Report"). The cost estimates include the Current District Costs as identified in the Engineer's Report. It is expected that the District will issue special assessment revenue bonds in the immediate future to fund a portion of the CIP, with the balance funded by the Developer, future bonds, or other sources.

#### **V. MASTER ASSESSMENT ALLOCATION – MAXIMUM ASSESSMENTS**

Unlike property taxes, which are ad valorem in nature, a community development district may levy special assessments under Florida Statutes Chapters 170, 190 and 197 only if the parcels to be assessed receive special benefit from the infrastructure improvements acquired and/or constructed by the district. Special benefits act as a logical connection to property from the improvement system or services and facilities being constructed. These special benefits are peculiar to lands within the district and differ in nature to those general or incidental benefits that landowners outside the district or the general public may enjoy. A district must also apportion or allocate its special assessments so that the assessments are fairly and reasonably distributed relative to the special benefit conferred. Generally speaking, this means the amount of special assessment levied on a parcel should not exceed the amount of special benefit received by that parcel. A district typically may develop and adopt an assessment methodology based on front footage, square footage, or any other reasonable allocation method, so long as the assessment meets the benefit requirement, and so long as the assessments are fairly and reasonably allocated.

##### **A. Benefit Analysis**

Improvements undertaken by the District, as more clearly described in the Engineer's Report, create both special benefits and general benefits. The general benefits also inure to the general public at large and are incidental and distinguishable from the special benefits which accrue to the specific property within the boundaries of the District, or more precisely defined as the land uses which specifically receive benefit from the CIP as described in the report.

It is anticipated that the projects included in the CIP will provide special benefit to the lands within the District. These infrastructure projects are a District-wide system of improvements and were designed specifically to facilitate the development of District properties into a viable community, from both a legal and socio-economic standpoint. Therefore, special benefits will accrue to the land uses within the District.

Valid special assessments under Florida law have two requirements. First, the properties assessed must receive a special benefit from the improvements paid for via the assessments. Second, the assessments must be fairly and reasonably allocated to the properties being assessed. If these two requirements are met, Florida law provides the District's board of supervisors with the ability to use discretion in determining the allocation of the assessments as long as the manner in which the board allocates the assessments is fairly and reasonably determined.



Florida Statute 170.201 states that the governing body of a municipality may apportion costs of such special assessments based on:

- (a) The front or square footage of each parcel of land; or
- (b) An alternative methodology, so long as the amount of the assessment for each parcel of land is not in excess of the proportional benefits as compared to other assessments on other parcels of land.

Based on discussions with the District's engineer, evaluation of the Engineer's Report, as well as discussions with other District staff and the Developer regarding the project, it has been determined that the manner to allocate the assessments for this bond issuance is to be based on an equally-assigned basis for each Platted Unit. This method of EAU allocation meets statutory requirements and is generally accepted in the industry. Table 3 demonstrates the allocation of the estimated costs allocated to the various planned unit types for each project. The costs are allocated using EAU factors, with each product type having been assigned a factor of 1.0 to equally assign the costs.

### **B. Anticipated Bond Issuance**

As described above, it is expected that the District will issue bonds in one or more series to fund a portion of the CIP. Notwithstanding the description of the Maximum Assessments below, landowners will not have a payment obligation until the issuance of bonds, at which time the fixed assessment amounts securing those bonds, as well as a collection protocol, will be determined. Please note that the preceding statement only applies to capital assessments and shall have no effect on the ability of the District to levy assessments and collect payments related to the operations and maintenance of the District.

A maximum bond sizing has been provided on Table 4. This maximum bond amount has been calculated using conservative financing assumptions and represents a scenario in which the entire CIP is funded with bond proceeds. However, the District is not obligated to issue bonds at this time, and similarly may choose to issue bonds in an amount lower than the maximum amount, which is expected. Furthermore, the District may issue bonds in various par amounts, maturities, and structures up to the maximum principal amount. Table 5 represents the Maximum Assessments necessary to support repayment of the maximum bonds.

### **C. Maximum Assessment Methodology**

Initially, the District will be imposing a master Maximum Assessment lien based on the maximum benefit conferred on each parcel by the CIP. Accordingly, Table 6 reflects the Maximum Assessments per Platted Unit. Because the District may issue bonds in various par amounts, maturities and structures, the special assessments necessary to secure repayment of those bonds will not exceed the amounts on Table 6. It is expected that the standard long-term special assessments borne by property owners will be lower than the amounts in Table 6 and will reflect assessment levels which conform with the current market.



The lands subject to the Maximum Assessments are currently Unplatted Parcels. Assessments will be initially levied on these Unplatted Parcels on an equal assessment per acre basis. At the time parcels are platted or otherwise subdivided into Platted Units, individual Maximum Assessments will be assigned to those Platted Units at the per-unit amounts described in Table 6, thereby reducing the Maximum Assessments encumbering the Unplatted Parcels by a corresponding amount. Any unassigned amount of Maximum Assessments encumbering the remaining Unplatted Parcels will continue to be calculated and levied on an equal assessment per acre basis.

In the event an Unplatted Parcel is sold to a third party not affiliated with the Developer, Maximum Assessments will be assigned that Unplatted Parcel based on the maximum total number of Platted Units assigned by the Developer to that Unplatted Parcel. The owner of that Unplatted Parcel will be responsible for the total assessments applicable to the Unplatted Parcel, regardless of the total number of Platted Units ultimately platted. These total assessments are fixed to the Unplatted Parcel at the time of sale. If the Unplatted Parcel is subsequently sub-divided into small parcels, the total assessments initially allocated to the Unplatted Parcel will be re-allocated to the smaller parcels pursuant to the methodology as described herein (i.e. equal assessment per acre until platting).

In the event that developable lands that derive benefit from the CIP are added to the District's boundaries, whether by boundary amendment or increase in density, Maximum Assessments will be allocated to such lands, pursuant to the methodology described herein.

## **VI. ADDITIONAL STIPULATIONS**

Certain financing, development, and engineering data was provided by members of District staff, including the District's engineer, District's underwriter and the Developer. The allocation methodology described herein was based on information provided by those professionals. Rizzetta & Company, Inc. makes no representations regarding said information transactions beyond restatement of the factual information necessary for compilation of this report.

Rizzetta & Company, Inc., does not represent the District as a Municipal Advisor or Securities Broker nor is Rizzetta & Company, Inc., registered to provide such services as described in Section 15B of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Similarly, Rizzetta & Company, Inc., does not provide the District with financial advisory services or offer investment advice in any form.



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**EXHIBIT A:**

**ALLOCATION METHODOLOGY**



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<b>PRODUCT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
TOWNHOMES	800 Units
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<u><u>800</u></u>

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**TABLE 2: TOTAL CIP COST DETAIL (1)**

<b>IMPROVEMENTS</b>	<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>
Stormwater Management	\$6,304,255.06
Roadways and Sidewalks	\$2,004,421.89
Wastewater Collection	\$1,953,828.12
Potable Water	\$1,477,632.16
Moon Bay Parkway	\$791,808.39
Moon Bay Parkway Extension	\$547,200.00
Landscaping	\$2,239,560.58
Entry Signage, Fencing & Fountains	\$697,080.00
Amenity	\$2,910,000.00
Tree mitigation	\$632,735.00
Wetland Mitigation	\$563,832.00
CR 210 & Moon Bay Parkway Traffic Signal	\$678,325.00
County Road 210 Roadway	\$288,012.56
<b>Total CIP Construction Costs</b>	<b>\$21,088,690.76</b>

(1) The Engineer's Report, dated July 21, 2021, includes amenity costs that will not be financed by the District and thus have been  
NOTE: Infrastructure cost estimates provided by District Engineer.

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**TABLE 3: CIP COST ALLOCATION**

<u>PROJECT</u>				
<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>EAU FACTOR</u>	<u>UNITS</u>	<u>TOTAL COSTS</u>	<u>PER UNIT COSTS</u>
TOWNHOMES	1.00	800	\$21,088,690.76	\$26,360.86

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**TABLE 4: FINANCING INFORMATION - MAXIMUM BONDS**

Maximum Coupon Rate	6.000%	
Maximum Annual Debt Service ("MADS")	\$1,974,040	
<b>SOURCES:</b>		
<b>MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT</b>	<b>\$27,170,000</b>	(1) (1) (1)
Total Net Proceeds	\$27,170,000	
<b>USES:</b>		
Construction Account	(\$21,088,691)	
Debt Service Reserve Fund	(\$1,974,040)	
Capitalized Interest (24 months)	(\$3,260,400)	
Costs of Issuance	(\$846,869)	
Total Uses	(\$27,170,000)	

(1) The District is not obligated to issue this amount of bonds.

Source: District Underwriter.

**TABLE 5: FINANCING INFORMATION - MAXIMUM ASSESSMENTS**

Maximum Interest Rate	6.000%	
<b>Aggregate Initial Principal Amount</b>	<b>\$27,170,000</b>	
Aggregate Annual Installment	\$1,974,040.00	(1) (1) (1)
Estimated County Collection Costs 2.00%	\$42,000.85	(2) (2) (2)
Maximum Early Payment Discounts 4.00%	\$84,001.70	(2) (2) (2)
Estimated Total Annual Installment	\$2,100,042.55	

(1) Based on MADS for the Maximum Bonds.

(2) May vary as provided by law.

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**TABLE 6: ASSESSMENT ALLOCATION - MAXIMUM ASSESSMENTS (1)**

**POD 1**

<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>UNITS</u>	<u>EAU</u>	<u>PRODUCT TOTAL PRINCIPAL (2)</u>	<u>PER UNIT PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>PRODUCT ANNUAL INSTLMT. (2)(3)</u>	<u>PER UNIT INSTLMT. (3)</u>
TOWNHOMES	800	1.00	\$27,170,000	\$33,962.50	\$2,100,043	\$2,625.05
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>800</u></b>		<b><u>\$27,170,000</u></b>		<b><u>\$2,100,043</u></b>	

(1) Represents maximum assessments based on allocation of the CIP costs. Actual imposed amounts expected to be lower.

(2) Product total shown for illustrative purposes only and are not fixed per product type.

(3) Includes estimated St. John's County collection costs/payment discounts, which may fluctuate.

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MAXIMUM ASSESSMENT LIEN ROLL**

<b>Parcel</b>	<b>Dev. Acreage</b>	<b>Max Principal</b>	<b>Max Annual<sup>(1)</sup></b>
*See attached legal description		\$27,170,000	\$2,100,042.55
		<b>\$27,170,000</b>	<b>\$2,100,042.55</b>

(1) Includes estimated county collection costs/early payment discounts, which may fluctuate.



Exhibit A  
Bridgewater North CDD

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

A PORTION OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16, THENCE S89°21'11"W, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 16, A DISTANCE OF 2319.38 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE N01°05'33"W, ALONG SAID WEST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1315.78 FEET; THENCE N89°03'24"E, DEPARTING SAID WEST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 254.98 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE BEING DESCRIBED IN A BOUNDARY LINE AGREEMENT, RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 837, PAGE 599 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY; THENCE ALONG SAID LINE DESCRIBED IN SAID BOUNDARY LINE AGREEMENT, THE FOLLOWING FIVE (5) COURSES: COURSE ONE (1): N01°23'57"W, 446.68 FEET; COURSE TWO (2): N29°31'47"W, 568.90 FEET; COURSE THREE (3): N82°10'13"W, 272.28 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE BEING CONCAVE NORTHERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 270.30 FEET; COURSE FOUR (4): NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 66.54 FEET, SAID ARC BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF N75°07'06"W, 66.37 FEET; COURSE FIVE (5): S02°37'36"E, DEPARTING SAID CURVE, A DISTANCE OF 33.90 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF C.E. WILSON ROAD (A PRIVATE 50' RIGHT OF WAY AS SHOWN ON A MAP BY RICARDO EDRALIN, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NUMBER 3274, DATED 6-1986), SAID POINT LYING ON A CURVE BEING CONCAVE NORTHEASTERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 295.30 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF LAST SAID CURVE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 84.45 FEET, LAST SAID ARC BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF N62°35'12"W, 84.16 FEET TO A POINT OF TANGENCY OF LAST SAID CURVE; THENCE N54°23'38"W, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF C.E. WILSON, A DISTANCE OF 305.47 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THOSE LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3962, PAGE 1271 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY; THENCE N57°41'05"W, ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF LAST SAID LANDS, A DISTANCE OF 301.05 FEET TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 210 (A 100' RIGHT OF WAY AS NOW ESTABLISHED); THENCE N36°29'44"E, ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 80.21 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF THOSE LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 4126, PAGE 1020 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY; THENCE S57°41'05"E, ALONG SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 297.50 FEET TO AN ANGLE POINT IN SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LINE; THENCE S54°23'38"E, CONTINUING ALONG SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 72.61 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF LAST SAID LANDS; THENCE N36°29'44"E, ALONG SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 376.20 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LAST SAID LANDS, SAID NORTHEAST CORNER BEING ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THOSE LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1863, PAGE 241 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY; THENCE S71°52'01"E, ALONG LAST SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 72.40 FEET TO AN ANGLE POINT IN LAST SAID SOUTH LINE; THENCE S51°18'07"E, CONTINUING ALONG LAST SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 204.27 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SAID SECTION 16; THENCE N89°50'03"E, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 2428.89 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE S01°06'39"E, ALONG LAST SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 2655.78 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 143.89 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

## **Tab 10**



**RESOLUTION 2021-34**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BRIDGEWATER NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING DISTRICT PROJECTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND/OR ACQUISITION OF INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS; EQUALIZING, APPROVING, CONFIRMING, AND LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON PROPERTY SPECIALLY BENEFITED BY SUCH PROJECTS TO PAY THE COST THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND THE COLLECTION OF SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS BY THE METHODS PROVIDED FOR BY CHAPTERS 170, 190 AND 197, *FLORIDA STATUTES*; CONFIRMING THE DISTRICT'S INTENTION TO ISSUE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR TRANSFERS OF REAL PROPERTY TO HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS, PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION AND/OR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES; PROVIDING FOR THE RECORDING OF AN ASSESSMENT NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, Bridgewater North Community Development District (the “District”) previously indicated its intention to construct certain types of infrastructure improvements and to finance such infrastructure improvements through the issuance of bonds, which bonds would be repaid by the imposition of special assessments on benefited property within the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the District Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) noticed and conducted a public hearing pursuant to Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*, relating to the imposition, levy, collection and enforcement of such assessments.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE BRIDGEWATER NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. AUTHORITY FOR THIS RESOLUTION.** This Resolution is adopted pursuant to Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*, including without limitation, Section 170.08, *Florida Statutes*.

**SECTION 2. FINDINGS.** The Board hereby finds and determines as follows:

(a) The District is a local unit of special-purpose government organized and existing under and pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, as amended.

(b) The District is authorized by Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, to finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, install, equip, operate, extend, construct or reconstruct stormwater management system, roadway improvements, water, sewer and electrical utility systems, recreational improvements, undergrounding of electric improvements, landscape and hardscape improvements and other infrastructure projects and services necessitated by the development of, and serving lands within, the District (collectively, “Improvements”).

(c) The District is authorized by Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, to levy and impose special assessments to pay all, or any part of, the cost of such infrastructure projects and services and to issue special assessment bonds payable from such special assessments as provided in Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*.

(d) It is necessary to the public health, safety and welfare and in the best interests of the District that: (i) the District provide the Improvements (the “Project”), the nature and location of which was initially described in Resolution 2021-26 and is shown in the *Master Engineer’s Report*, dated July 21, 2021 (the “Engineer’s Report”), and which Project’s plans and specifications are on file in the District’s records office at 3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33614 (“District Manager’s Office”); (ii) the cost of such Project be assessed against the lands specially benefited by such Project; and (iii) the District issue bonds to provide funds for such purposes pending the receipt of such special assessments.

(e) The provision of said Project, the levying of such Special Assessments (hereinafter defined) and the sale and issuance of such bonds serves a proper, essential, and valid public purpose and is in the best interests of the District, its landowners and residents.

(f) In order to provide funds with which to pay a portion of the costs of the Project which are to be assessed against the benefitted properties, pending the collection of such Special Assessments, it is necessary for the District from time to time to sell and issue its Special Assessment Bonds, in one or more series (the “Bonds”).

(g) By Resolution 2021-26, the Board determined to provide the Project and to defray the costs thereof by making Special Assessments on benefitted property and expressed an intention to issue Bonds, notes or other specific financing mechanisms to provide a portion of the funds needed for the Project prior to the collection of such Special Assessments. Resolution 2021-26 was adopted in compliance with the requirements of Section 170.03, *Florida Statutes*, and prior to the time it was adopted, the requirements of Section 170.04, *Florida Statutes*, had been met.

(h) As directed by Resolution 2021-26, said Resolution 2021-26 was published as required by Section 170.05, *Florida Statutes*, and a copy of the publisher’s affidavit of publication is on file with the Secretary of the Board.

(i) As directed by Resolution 2021-26, a preliminary assessment roll was adopted and filed with the Board as required by Section 170.06, *Florida Statutes*.

(j) As required by Section 170.07, *Florida Statutes*, upon completion of the preliminary assessment roll, the Board adopted Resolution 2021-27 fixing the time and place of a public hearing at which owners of the property to be assessed and other persons interested therein may appear

before the Board and be heard as to: (i) the propriety and advisability of making the infrastructure improvements constituting the Project, (ii) the cost thereof, (iii) the manner of payment therefore, and (iv) the amount thereof to be assessed against each specially benefited property or parcel and provided for publication of notice of such public hearing and individual mailed notice in accordance with Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*.

(k) Notice of such public hearing was given by publication and also by mail as required by Section 170.07, Florida Statutes. Affidavits as to such publications and mailings are on file at the District Manager's Office.

(l) On August 24, 2021, at the time and place specified in Resolution 2021-27 and notice referred to in paragraph (k) above, the Board met as an Equalization Board and heard and considered all complaints and testimony as to the matters described in paragraph (j) above. The Board has made such modifications in the preliminary assessment roll as it deems necessary, just and right in the making of the final assessment roll.

(m) Having considered the estimated costs of the Project, estimates of financing costs and all complaints and evidence presented at such public hearing, the Board further finds and determines:

(i) that the estimated costs of the Project are as specified in the Engineer's Report (attached as **Exhibit A** hereto and incorporated herein by this reference), which Engineer's Report is hereby adopted and approved, and that the amount of such costs is reasonable and proper; and

(ii) it is reasonable, proper, just and right to assess the cost of such Project against the properties within the District specially benefited thereby using the method determined by the Board set forth in the *Master Special Assessment Allocation Report* dated July 21, 2021 (the "Assessment Report") attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated herein by this reference, which results in allocation of assessments in the manner set forth in the final assessment roll included therein (the "Special Assessments"); and

(iii) it is hereby declared that the Project will constitute a special benefit to all parcels of real property listed on said final assessment roll and that the benefit, in the case of each such parcel, will be equal to or in excess of the Special Assessments thereon when allocated as set forth in **Exhibit B**; and

(iv) it is in the best interests of the District that the Special Assessments be paid and collected as herein provided.

**SECTION 3. AUTHORIZATION OF DISTRICT PROJECT.** That certain Project for construction of infrastructure improvements initially described in Resolution 2021-26, and more specifically identified and described in **Exhibit A** attached hereto, is hereby authorized and approved and the proper officers, employees and/or agents of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take such further action as may be necessary or desirable to cause the same to be made.

**SECTION 4. ESTIMATED COST OF IMPROVEMENTS.** The total estimated costs of

the Project and the costs to be paid by Special Assessments on all specially benefited property are set forth in **Exhibits A and B**, respectively, hereto.

**SECTION 5. EQUALIZATION, APPROVAL, CONFIRMATION AND LEVY OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.** The Special Assessments on parcels specially benefited by the Project, all as specified in the final assessment roll set forth in **Exhibit B**, attached hereto, are hereby equalized, approved, confirmed and levied. Immediately following the adoption of this Resolution these Special Assessments, as reflected in **Exhibit B**, attached hereto, shall be recorded by the Secretary of the Board of the District in a special book, to be known as the “Improvement Lien Book.” The Special Assessment or assessments against each respective parcel shown on such final assessment roll and interest, costs and penalties thereon, as hereafter provided, shall be and shall remain a legal, valid and binding first lien on such parcel until paid and such lien shall be coequal with the lien of all state, county, district, municipal or other governmental taxes and superior in dignity to all other liens, titles and claims. Prior to the issuance of any bonds, including refunding bonds, the District may, by subsequent resolution, adjust the acreage assigned to particular parcel identification numbers listed on the final assessment roll to reflect accurate apportionment of acreage within the District amongst individual parcel identification numbers. The District may make any other such acreage and boundary adjustments to parcels listed on the final assessment roll as may be necessary in the best interests of the District as determined by the Board by subsequent resolution. Any such adjustment in the assessment roll shall be consistent with the requirements of law. In the event the issuance of bonds, including refunding bonds, by the District would result in a decrease of the Special Assessments, then the District shall by subsequent resolution, adopted within sixty (60) days of the sale of such bonds at a publicly noticed meeting and without the need for further public hearing, evidence such a decrease and amend the final assessment roll as shown in the Improvement Lien Book to reflect such a decrease.

**SECTION 6. FINALIZATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.** When the entire Project has both been constructed or otherwise provided to the satisfaction of the Board, the Board shall adopt a resolution accepting the same and determining the actual costs (including financing costs) thereof, as required by Sections 170.08 and 170.09, *Florida Statutes*. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 170.08, *Florida Statutes*, regarding completion of a project funded by a particular series of Bonds, the District shall credit to each Special Assessment the difference, if any, between the Special Assessment as hereby made, approved and confirmed and the actual costs incurred in completing the Project. In making such credits, no credit shall be given for bond financing costs, capitalized interest, funded reserves or bond discounts. Such credits, if any, shall be entered in the Improvement Lien Book. Once the final amount of Special Assessments for the entire Project has been determined, the term “Special Assessment” shall, with respect to each parcel, mean the sum of the costs of the Project.

**SECTION 7. PAYMENT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND METHOD OF COLLECTION.**

(a) The Special Assessments may be paid in not more than thirty (30) substantially equal consecutive annual installments of principal and interest. The Special Assessments may be paid in full without interest at any time within thirty (30) days after the completion of the Project and the adoption by the Board of a resolution accepting the Project; provided, however, that the Board shall

at any time make such adjustments by resolution, at a noticed meeting of the Board, to that payment schedule as may be necessary and in the best interests of the District to account for changes in long and short term debt as actually issued by the District. At any time subsequent to thirty (30) days after the Project has been completed and a resolution accepting the Project has been adopted by the Board, the Special Assessments may be prepaid in full including interest amounts to the next succeeding interest payment date or to the second succeeding interest payment date if such a prepayment is made within forty-five (45) calendar days before an interest payment date. The owner of property subject to Special Assessments may prepay the entire remaining balance of the Special Assessments or a portion of the remaining balance of the Special Assessment at any time if there is also paid, in addition to the prepaid principal balance of the Special Assessment, an amount equal to the interest that would otherwise be due on such prepaid amount on the next succeeding interest payment date, or, if prepaid during the forty-five (45) day period preceding such interest payment date, to the interest payment date following such next succeeding interest payment date. Prepayment of Special Assessments does not entitle the property owner to any discounts for early payment.

(b) The District may elect to use the method of collecting Special Assessments authorized by Sections 197.3632 and 197.3635, *Florida Statutes* (the "Uniform Method"). The District has heretofore taken or will use its best efforts to take as timely required, any necessary actions to comply with the provisions of said Sections 197.3632 and 197.3635, *Florida Statutes*. Such Special Assessments may be subject to all of the collection provisions of Chapter 197, *Florida Statutes*. Notwithstanding the above, in the event the Uniform Method of collecting its special or non-ad valorem assessments is not available to the District in any year, or if determined by the District to be in its best interest, the Special Assessments may be collected as is otherwise permitted by law. The District may, in its sole discretion, collect Special Assessments by directly assessing landowner(s) and enforcing said collection in any manner authorized by law. Such special assessments shall at all times be collected in a manner consistent with applicable trust indenture.

(c) For each year the District uses the Uniform Method, the District shall enter into an agreement with the Tax Collector of St. Johns County who may notify each owner of a lot or parcel within the District of the amount of the special assessment, including interest thereon, in the manner provided in Section 197.3635, *Florida Statutes*.

## **SECTION 8. APPLICATION OF TRUE-UP PAYMENTS.**

(a) There may be required from time to time certain true-up payments as specified the Assessment Report and in supplemental assessment methodology reports. As parcels of land or lots are platted, the Special Assessments securing the Bonds shall be allocated as set forth in such reports. In furtherance thereof, at such time as parcels or land or lots are platted, it shall be an express condition of the lien established by this Resolution that any and all initial plats of any portion of the lands within the District, as the District's boundaries may be amended from time to time, shall be presented to the District Manager for review, approval and calculation of the percentage of acres and numbers of units which will be, after the plat, considered to be developed. No further action by the Board shall be required. The District's review shall be limited solely to this function and the enforcement of the lien established by this Resolution. The District Manager shall cause the Special Assessments to be reallocated to the units being platted and the remaining property

in accordance with such the Assessment Report and supplemental assessment methodology reports, cause such reallocation to be recorded in the District's Improvement Lien Book, and shall perform the true-up calculations described in **Exhibit B**, which process is incorporated herein as if fully set forth. Any resulting true-up payment shall become due and payable that tax year by the landowner(s) of record of the remaining property, in addition to the regular assessment installment payable with respect to the remaining developable acres.

(b) The District will take all necessary steps to ensure that true-up payments are made in a timely fashion to ensure its debt service obligations are met. The District shall record all true-up payments in its Improvement Lien Book.

(c) The foregoing is based on the District's understanding with the majority landowner that it intends to develop the unit numbers and types shown in **Exhibit B**, on the net developable acres and is intended to provide a formula to ensure that the appropriate ratio of the Special Assessments to developable acres is maintained if fewer units are developed. However, no action by the District prohibits more than the maximum units shown in **Exhibit B** from being developed. In no event shall the District collect Special Assessments pursuant to this Resolution in excess of the total debt service related to the Project, including all costs of financing and interest. The District recognizes that such events as regulatory requirements and market conditions may affect the timing and scope of the development in the District. If the strict application of the True-Up Methodology to any assessment reallocation pursuant to this paragraph would result in Special Assessments collected in excess of the District's total debt service obligation for the Project, the Board shall by resolution take appropriate action to equitably reallocate the Special Assessments. Further, upon the District's review of the final plat for the developable acres, any unallocated Special Assessments shall become due and payable and must be paid prior to the District's approval of that plat.

(d) The application of the monies received from true-up payments or assessments to the actual debt service obligations of the District, whether long term or short term, shall be set forth in the supplemental assessment resolution adopted for each series of Bonds actually issued. Such subsequent resolution shall be adopted at a noticed meeting of the District, and shall set forth the actual amounts financed, costs of issuance, expected costs of collection, and the total amount of the assessments pledged to that issue, which amount shall be consistent with the lien imposed by this Resolution.

**SECTION 9. PROPERTY OWNED BY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS, PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATIONS OR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES.** Property owned by units of local, state, and federal government shall not be subject to the Special Assessments without specific consent thereto. In addition, property owned by a property owners association or homeowners association that is exempt from special assessments under Florida law shall not be subject to the Special Assessments. If at any time, any real property on which Special Assessments are imposed by this Resolution is (i) sold or otherwise transferred to a unit of local, state, or federal government (without consent of such governmental unit to the imposition of Special Assessments thereon) or (ii) if such property would be exempt from Special Assessments under Florida law, is transferred to a property owners association or homeowners association, all future unpaid Special Assessments for such tax parcel shall become due and payable immediately prior to such transfer without any further action of the District. In the event that property transitions from ownership by (i)

units of local, state, or federal government or (ii) a homeowner or property owners association to developable property, the District reserves the right to reallocate Special Assessments to include such property.

**SECTION 9. ASSESSMENT NOTICE.** The District's Secretary is hereby directed to record a general Notice of Assessments in the Official Records of St. Johns County, Florida, which shall be updated from time to time in a manner consistent with changes in the boundaries of the District.

**SECTION 10. SEVERABILITY.** If any section or part of a section of this Resolution be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the validity, force and effect of any other section or part of a section of this Resolution shall not thereby be affected or impaired unless it clearly appears that such other section or part of a section of this Resolution is wholly or necessarily dependent upon the section or part of a section so held to be invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 11. CONFLICTS.** All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, superseded and repealed.

**SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

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**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.

ATTEST:

**BRIDEGEWATER NORTH  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
DISTRICT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

**Exhibit A:** *Master Engineer's Report* dated July 21, 2021

**Exhibit B:** *Master Special Assessment Allocation Report* dated July 21, 2021



**Public Hearing on  
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# **Tab 11**

## RESOLUTION 2021-35

### THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION OF THE BRIDGEWATER NORTH DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (“DISTRICT”) RELATING TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET(S) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the District Manager has, prior to the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day in June, 2020, submitted to the Board of Supervisors (“**Board**”) of the Bridgewater North Community Development District (“**District**”) proposed budget(s) (“**Proposed Budget**”) for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021 (“**Fiscal Year 2020/2021**”) along with an explanatory and complete financial plan for each fund of the District, pursuant to the provisions of Section 190.008(2)(a), *Florida Statutes*; and

**WHEREAS**, at least sixty (60) days prior to the adoption of the Proposed Budget, the District filed a copy of the Proposed Budget with the local governing authorities having jurisdiction over the area included in the District pursuant to the provisions of Section 190.008(2)(b), *Florida Statutes*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board set a public hearing thereon and caused notice of such public hearing to be given by publication pursuant to Section 190.008(2)(a), *Florida Statutes*; and

**WHEREAS**, the District Manager posted the Proposed Budget on the District’s website at least two days before the public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 190.008(2)(a), *Florida Statutes*, requires that, prior to October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, the Board, by passage of the Annual Appropriation Resolution, shall adopt a budget for the ensuing fiscal year and appropriate such sums of money as the Board deems necessary to defray all expenditures of the District during the ensuing fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the District Manager has prepared a Proposed Budget, whereby the budget shall project the cash receipts and disbursements anticipated during a given time period, including reserves for contingencies for emergency or other unanticipated expenditures during the fiscal year.

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

#### **SECTION 1. BUDGET**

- a. The Board has reviewed the Proposed Budget, a copy of which is on file with the office of the District Manager and at the District’s Local Records Office, and hereby approves certain amendments thereto, as shown in Section 2 below.



- c. Any other budget amendments shall be adopted by resolution and consistent with Florida law.

The District Manager or Treasurer must ensure that any amendments to the budget under paragraph c. above are posted on the District’s website within 5 days after adoption and remain on the website for at least 2 years.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.**

ATTEST:

**BRIDGEWATER NORTH COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_



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# **Bridgewater North Community Development District**

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**Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

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**Proposed Budget**  
**Bridgewater North Community Development District**  
**General Fund**  
**Fiscal Year 2020/2021**

	Chart of Accounts Classification	Budget for 2020/2021	Comments
1			
2	<b>REVENUES</b>		
3			
4	Special Assessments		
5	Developer Contributions	\$ 283,575	
6			
7	<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 283,575</b>	
8			
9	<b>EXPENDITURES - ADMINISTRATIVE</b>		
10			
11	Legislative		
12	Supervisor Fees	\$ 6,000	Based on 6 Meetings for Remaining FY 20-21
13	Financial & Administrative		
14	Administrative Services	\$ 1,750	Based on 5 Months of Fees
15	District Management	\$ 8,450	2 Months of "Prior to Bond" Fees & 3 Months of "After Bond" Fees
16	District Engineer	\$ 15,000	
17	Disclosure Report	\$ 5,000	After Bond Issuance Expense
18	Trustees Fees	\$ 10,000	After Bond Issuance Expense
19	Assessment Roll	\$ 5,000	
20	Financial & Revenue Collections	\$ 900	2 Months of "Prior to Bond" Fees & 3 Months of "After Bond" Fees
21	Accounting Services	\$ 7,300	4 Months of "Prior to Bond" Fees & 8 Months of "After Bond" Fees
22	Auditing Services	\$ 5,000	Going out for Bid
23	Arbitrage Rebate Calculation	\$ 1,000	After Bond Issuance Expense
24	Public Officials Liability Insurance	\$ 5,000	
25	Legal Advertising	\$ 8,000	
26	Dues, Licenses & Fees	\$ 175	
27	Miscellaneous Fees	\$ 5,000	Would Include Hard Copy Agenda Request
28	Website Hosting, Maintenance, Backup	\$ 10,000	Will need ADA Website Developed
29	Legal Counsel		
30	District Counsel	\$ 20,000	
31			
32	<b>Administrative Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 113,575</b>	
33			
34	<b>EXPENDITURES - FIELD OPERATIONS</b>		
35			
36	Electric Utility Services		
37	Utility Services	\$ 10,000	
38	Water-Sewer Combination Services		
39	Utility Services	\$ 10,000	
40	Stormwater Control		
41	Aquatic Maintenance	\$ 10,000	
42	Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 5,000	
43	Other Physical Environment		
44	General Liability & Property Insurance	\$ 10,000	
45	Landscape & Irrigation Maintenance	\$ 75,000	
46	Contingency		
47	Miscellaneous Contingency	\$ 50,000	
48			
49	<b>Field Operations Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 170,000</b>	
50			
51	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 283,575</b>	
52			
53	<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
54			



## GENERAL FUND BUDGET ACCOUNT CATEGORY DESCRIPTION

The General Fund Budget Account Category Descriptions are subject to change at any time depending on its application to the District. Please note, not all General Fund Budget Account Category Descriptions are applicable to the District indicated above. Uses of the descriptions contained herein are intended for general reference.

### REVENUES:

**Interest Earnings:** The District may earn interest on its monies in the various operating accounts.

**Tax Roll:** The District levies Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments on all of the assessable property within the District to pay for operating expenditures incurred during the Fiscal Year. The assessments may be collected in two ways. The first is by placing them on the County's Tax Roll, to be collected with the County's Annual Property Tax Billing. This method is only available to land properly platted within the time limits prescribed by the County.

**Off Roll:** For lands not on the tax roll and that is by way of a direct bill from the District to the appropriate property owner.

**Developer Contributions:** The District may enter into a funding agreement and receive certain prescribed dollars from the Developer to off-set expenditures of the District.

**Event Rental:** The District may receive monies for event rentals for such things as weddings, birthday parties, etc.

**Miscellaneous Revenues:** The District may receive monies for the sale or provision of electronic access cards, entry decals etc.

**Facilities Rentals:** The District may receive monies for the rental of certain facilities by outside sources, for such items as office space, snack bar/restaurants etc.

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## EXPENDITURES – ADMINISTRATIVE:

**Supervisor Fees:** The District may compensate its supervisors within the appropriate statutory limits of \$200.00 maximum per meeting within an annual cap of \$4,800.00 per supervisor.

**Administrative Services:** The District will incur expenditures for the day to day operation of District matters. These services include support for the District Management function, recording and preparation of meeting minutes, records retention and maintenance in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and the District's adopted Rules of Procedure, preparation and delivery of agenda, overnight deliveries, facsimiles and phone calls.

**District Management:** The District as required by statute, will contract with a firm to provide for management and administration of the District's day to day needs. These services include the conducting of board meetings, workshops, overall administration of District functions, all required state and local filings, preparation of annual budget, purchasing, risk management, preparing various resolutions and all other secretarial duties requested by the District throughout the year is also reflected in this amount.

**District Engineer:** The District's engineer provides general engineering services to the District. Among these services are attendance at and preparation for monthly board meetings, review of construction invoices and all other engineering services requested by the district throughout the year.

**Disclosure Report:** The District is required to file quarterly and annual disclosure reports, as required in the District's Trust Indenture, with the specified repositories. This is contracted out to a third party in compliance with the Trust Indenture.

**Trustee's Fees:** The District will incur annual trustee's fees upon the issuance of bonds for the oversight of the various accounts relating to the bond issues.

**Assessment Roll:** The District will contract with a firm to maintain the assessment roll and annually levy a Non-Ad Valorem assessment for operating and debt service expenses.

**Financial & Revenue Collections:** Services include all functions necessary for the timely billing and collection and reporting of District assessments in order to ensure adequate funds to meet the District's debt service and operations and maintenance obligations. These services include, but are not limited to, assessment roll preparation and certification, direct billings and funding request processing as well as responding to property owner questions regarding District assessments. This line item also includes the fees incurred for a Collection Agent to collect the funds for the principal and interest payment for its short-term bond issues and any other bond related collection needs. These funds are collected as prescribed in the Trust Indenture. The Collection Agent also provides for the release of liens on property after the full collection of bond debt levied on particular properties.



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**Accounting Services:** Services include the preparation and delivery of the District's financial statements in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards, accounts payable and accounts receivable functions, asset tracking, investment tracking, capital program administration and requisition processing, filing of annual reports required by the State of Florida and monitoring of trust account activity.

**Auditing Services:** The District is required annually to conduct an audit of its financial records by an Independent Certified Public Accounting firm, once it reaches certain revenue and expenditure levels, or has issued bonds and incurred debt.

**Arbitrage Rebate Calculation:** The District is required to calculate the interest earned from bond proceeds each year pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The Rebate Analyst is required to verify that the District has not received earnings higher than the yield of the bonds.

**Travel:** Each Board Supervisor and the District Staff are entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses per Florida Statutes 190.006(8).

**Public Officials Liability Insurance:** The District will incur expenditures for public officials' liability insurance for the Board and Staff.

**Legal Advertising:** The District will incur expenditures related to legal advertising. The items for which the District will advertise include, but are not limited to meeting schedules, special meeting notices, and public hearings, bidding etc. for the District based on statutory guidelines

**Bank Fees:** The District will incur bank service charges during the year.

**Dues, Licenses & Fees:** The District is required to pay an annual fee to the Department of Economic Opportunity, along with other items which may require licenses or permits, etc.

**Miscellaneous Fees:** The District could incur miscellaneous throughout the year, which may not fit into any standard categories.

**Website Hosting, Maintenance and Email:** The District may incur fees as they relate to the development and ongoing maintenance of its own website along with possible email services if requested.

**District Counsel:** The District's legal counsel provides general legal services to the District. Among these services are attendance at and preparation for monthly board meetings, review of operating and maintenance contracts and all other legal services requested by the district throughout the year.



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## EXPENDITURES - FIELD OPERATIONS:

**Deputy Services:** The District may wish to contract with the local police agency to provide security for the District.

**Security Services and Patrols:** The District may wish to contract with a private company to provide security for the District.

**Electric Utility Services:** The District will incur electric utility expenditures for general purposes such as irrigation timers, lift station pumps, fountains, etc.

**Streetlights:** The District may have expenditures relating to streetlights throughout the community. These may be restricted to main arterial roads or in some cases to all streetlights within the District's boundaries.

**Utility - Recreation Facility:** The District may budget separately for its recreation and or amenity electric separately.

**Gas Utility Services:** The District may incur gas utility expenditures related to district operations at its facilities such as pool heat etc.

**Garbage - Recreation Facility:** The District will incur expenditures related to the removal of garbage and solid waste.

**Solid Waste Assessment Fee:** The District may have an assessment levied by another local government for solid waste, etc.

**Water-Sewer Utility Services:** The District will incur water/sewer utility expenditures related to district operations.

**Utility - Reclaimed:** The District may incur expenses related to the use of reclaimed water for irrigation.

**Aquatic Maintenance:** Expenses related to the care and maintenance of the lakes and ponds for the control of nuisance plant and algae species.

**Fountain Service Repairs & Maintenance:** The District may incur expenses related to maintaining the fountains within throughout the Parks & Recreational areas

**Lake/Pond Bank Maintenance:** The District may incur expenditures to maintain lake banks, etc. for the ponds and lakes within the District's boundaries, along with planting of beneficial aquatic plants, stocking of fish, mowing and landscaping of the banks as the District determines necessary.



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**Wetland Monitoring & Maintenance:** The District may be required to provide for certain types of monitoring and maintenance activities for various wetlands and waterways by other governmental entities.

**Mitigation Area Monitoring & Maintenance:** The District may be required to provide for certain types of monitoring and maintenance activities for various mitigation areas by other governmental entities.

**Aquatic Plant Replacement:** The expenses related to replacing beneficial aquatic plants, which may or may not have been required by other governmental entities.

**General Liability Insurance:** The District will incur fees to insure items owned by the District for its general liability needs

**Property Insurance:** The District will incur fees to insure items owned by the District for its property needs

**Entry and Walls Maintenance:** The District will incur expenditures to maintain the entry monuments and the fencing.

**Landscape Maintenance:** The District will incur expenditures to maintain the rights-of-way, median strips, recreational facilities including pond banks, entryways, and similar planting areas within the District. These services include but are not limited to monthly landscape maintenance, fertilizer, pesticides, annuals, mulch, and irrigation repairs.

**Irrigation Maintenance:** The District will incur expenditures related to the maintenance of the irrigation systems.

**Irrigation Repairs:** The District will incur expenditures related to repairs of the irrigation systems.

**Landscape Replacement:** Expenditures related to replacement of turf, trees, shrubs etc.

**Field Services:** The District may contract for field management services to provide landscape maintenance oversight.

**Miscellaneous Fees:** The District may incur miscellaneous expenses that do not readily fit into defined categories in field operations.

**Gate Phone:** The District will incur telephone expenses if the District has gates that are to be opened and closed.

**Street/Parking Lot Sweeping:** The District may incur expenses related to street sweeping for roadways it owns or are owned by another governmental entity, for which it elects to maintain.



**Gate Facility Maintenance:** Expenses related to the ongoing repairs and maintenance of gates owned by the District if any.

**Sidewalk Repair & Maintenance:** Expenses related to sidewalks located in the right of way of streets the District may own if any.

**Roadway Repair & Maintenance:** Expenses related to the repair and maintenance of roadways owned by the District if any.

**Employees - Salaries:** The District may incur expenses for employees/staff members needed for the recreational facilities such as Clubhouse Staff.

**Employees - P/R Taxes:** This is the employer's portion of employment taxes such as FICA etc.

**Employee - Workers' Comp:** Fees related to obtaining workers compensation insurance.

**Management Contract:** The District may contract with a firm to provide for the oversight of its recreation facilities.

**Maintenance & Repair:** The District may incur expenses to maintain its recreation facilities.

**Facility Supplies:** The District may have facilities that required various supplies to operate.

**Gate Maintenance & Repairs:** Any ongoing gate repairs and maintenance would be included in this line item.

**Telephone, Fax, Internet:** The District may incur telephone, fax and internet expenses related to the recreational facilities.

**Office Supplies:** The District may have an office in its facilities which require various office related supplies.

**Clubhouse - Facility Janitorial Service:** Expenses related to the cleaning of the facility and related supplies.

**Pool Service Contract:** Expenses related to the maintenance of swimming pools and other water features.

**Pool Repairs:** Expenses related to the repair of swimming pools and other water features.

**Security System Monitoring & Maintenance:** The District may wish to install a security system for the clubhouse



**Clubhouse Miscellaneous Expense:** Expenses which may not fit into a defined category in this section of the budget

**Athletic/Park Court/Field Repairs:** Expense related to any facilities such as tennis, basketball etc.

**Trail/Bike Path Maintenance:** Expenses related to various types of trail or pathway systems the District may own, from hard surface to natural surfaces.

**Special Events:** Expenses related to functions such as holiday events for the public enjoyment

**Miscellaneous Fees:** Monies collected and allocated for fees that the District could incur throughout the year, which may not fit into any standard categories.

**Miscellaneous Contingency:** Monies collected and allocated for expenses that the District could incur throughout the year, which may not fit into any standard categories.

**Capital Outlay:** Monies collected and allocated for various projects as they relate to public improvements.



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## **Tab 12**

**RESOLUTION 2021-36**

**THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION OF THE BRIDGEWATER NORTH DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (“DISTRICT”) RELATING TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET(S) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022; AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the District Manager has, prior to the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day in June, 2021, submitted to the Board of Supervisors (“**Board**”) of the Bridgewater North Community Development District (“**District**”) proposed budget(s) (“**Proposed Budget**”) for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022 (“**Fiscal Year 2021/2022**”) along with an explanatory and complete financial plan for each fund of the District, pursuant to the provisions of Section 190.008(2)(a), *Florida Statutes*; and

**WHEREAS**, at least sixty (60) days prior to the adoption of the Proposed Budget, the District filed a copy of the Proposed Budget with the local governing authorities having jurisdiction over the area included in the District pursuant to the provisions of Section 190.008(2)(b), *Florida Statutes*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board set a public hearing thereon and caused notice of such public hearing to be given by publication pursuant to Section 190.008(2)(a), *Florida Statutes*; and

**WHEREAS**, the District Manager posted the Proposed Budget on the District’s website at least two days before the public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 190.008(2)(a), *Florida Statutes*, requires that, prior to October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, the Board, by passage of the Annual Appropriation Resolution, shall adopt a budget for the ensuing fiscal year and appropriate such sums of money as the Board deems necessary to defray all expenditures of the District during the ensuing fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the District Manager has prepared a Proposed Budget, whereby the budget shall project the cash receipts and disbursements anticipated during a given time period, including reserves for contingencies for emergency or other unanticipated expenditures during the fiscal year.

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

**SECTION 1. BUDGET**

- a. The Board has reviewed the Proposed Budget, a copy of which is on file with the office of the District Manager and at the District’s Local Records Office, and hereby approves certain amendments thereto, as shown in Section 2 below.



- c. Any other budget amendments shall be adopted by resolution and consistent with Florida law.

The District Manager or Treasurer must ensure that any amendments to the budget under paragraph c. above are posted on the District's website within 5 days after adoption and remain on the website for at least 2 years.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.**

ATTEST:

**BRIDGEWATER NORTH COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_



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# **Bridgewater North Community Development District**

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**Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

**Presented by: Rizzetta & Company, Inc.**

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**Proposed Budget**  
**Bridgewater North Community Development District**  
**General Fund**  
**Fiscal Year 2021/2022**

	Chart of Accounts Classification	Budget for 2021/2022	Comments
1			
2	<b>REVENUES</b>		
3			
4	Special Assessments		
5	Developer Contributions	\$ 359,175	
6			
7	<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 359,175</b>	
8			
9	<b>EXPENDITURES - ADMINISTRATIVE</b>		
10			
11	Legislative		
12	Supervisor Fees	\$ 12,000	Based on 12 Meetings
13	Financial & Administrative		
14	Administrative Services	\$ 4,200	
15	District Management	\$ 21,000	
16	District Engineer	\$ 15,000	
17	Disclosure Report	\$ 5,000	
18	Trustees Fees	\$ 10,000	
19	Assessment Roll	\$ 5,000	
20	Financial & Revenue Collections	\$ 3,600	
21	Accounting Services	\$ 19,200	
22	Auditing Services	\$ 5,000	Estimated
23	Arbitrage Rebate Calculation	\$ 1,000	
24	Public Officials Liability Insurance	\$ 5,000	
25	Legal Advertising	\$ 8,000	
26	Dues, Licenses & Fees	\$ 175	
27	Miscellaneous Fees	\$ 5,000	Would Include Hard Copy Agenda Request
28	Website Hosting, Maintenance, Backup	\$ 5,000	
29	Legal Counsel		
30	District Counsel	\$ 20,000	
31			
32	<b>Administrative Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 144,175</b>	
33			
34	<b>EXPENDITURES - FIELD OPERATIONS</b>		
35			
36	Electric Utility Services		
37	Utility Services	\$ 15,000	
38	Water-Sewer Combination Services		
39	Utility Services	\$ 15,000	
40	Stormwater Control		
41	Aquatic Maintenance	\$ 10,000	
42	Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 5,000	
43	Other Physical Environment		
44	General Liability & Property Insurance	\$ 10,000	
45	Landscape & Irrigation Maintenance	\$ 90,000	
46	Contingency		
47	Miscellaneous Contingency	\$ 70,000	
48			
49	<b>Field Operations Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 215,000</b>	
50			
51	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 359,175</b>	
52			
53	<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
54			

## GENERAL FUND BUDGET ACCOUNT CATEGORY DESCRIPTION

The General Fund Budget Account Category Descriptions are subject to change at any time depending on its application to the District. Please note, not all General Fund Budget Account Category Descriptions are applicable to the District indicated above. Uses of the descriptions contained herein are intended for general reference.

### REVENUES:

**Interest Earnings:** The District may earn interest on its monies in the various operating accounts.

**Tax Roll:** The District levies Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments on all of the assessable property within the District to pay for operating expenditures incurred during the Fiscal Year. The assessments may be collected in two ways. The first is by placing them on the County's Tax Roll, to be collected with the County's Annual Property Tax Billing. This method is only available to land properly platted within the time limits prescribed by the County.

**Off Roll:** For lands not on the tax roll and that is by way of a direct bill from the District to the appropriate property owner.

**Developer Contributions:** The District may enter into a funding agreement and receive certain prescribed dollars from the Developer to off-set expenditures of the District.

**Event Rental:** The District may receive monies for event rentals for such things as weddings, birthday parties, etc.

**Miscellaneous Revenues:** The District may receive monies for the sale or provision of electronic access cards, entry decals etc.

**Facilities Rentals:** The District may receive monies for the rental of certain facilities by outside sources, for such items as office space, snack bar/restaurants etc.

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## EXPENDITURES – ADMINISTRATIVE:

**Supervisor Fees:** The District may compensate its supervisors within the appropriate statutory limits of \$200.00 maximum per meeting within an annual cap of \$4,800.00 per supervisor.

**Administrative Services:** The District will incur expenditures for the day to day operation of District matters. These services include support for the District Management function, recording and preparation of meeting minutes, records retention and maintenance in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and the District's adopted Rules of Procedure, preparation and delivery of agenda, overnight deliveries, facsimiles and phone calls.

**District Management:** The District as required by statute, will contract with a firm to provide for management and administration of the District's day to day needs. These services include the conducting of board meetings, workshops, overall administration of District functions, all required state and local filings, preparation of annual budget, purchasing, risk management, preparing various resolutions and all other secretarial duties requested by the District throughout the year is also reflected in this amount.

**District Engineer:** The District's engineer provides general engineering services to the District. Among these services are attendance at and preparation for monthly board meetings, review of construction invoices and all other engineering services requested by the district throughout the year.

**Disclosure Report:** The District is required to file quarterly and annual disclosure reports, as required in the District's Trust Indenture, with the specified repositories. This is contracted out to a third party in compliance with the Trust Indenture.

**Trustee's Fees:** The District will incur annual trustee's fees upon the issuance of bonds for the oversight of the various accounts relating to the bond issues.

**Assessment Roll:** The District will contract with a firm to maintain the assessment roll and annually levy a Non-Ad Valorem assessment for operating and debt service expenses.

**Financial & Revenue Collections:** Services include all functions necessary for the timely billing and collection and reporting of District assessments in order to ensure adequate funds to meet the District's debt service and operations and maintenance obligations. These services include, but are not limited to, assessment roll preparation and certification, direct billings and funding request processing as well as responding to property owner questions regarding District assessments. This line item also includes the fees incurred for a Collection Agent to collect the funds for the principal and interest payment for its short-term bond issues and any other bond related collection needs. These funds are collected as prescribed in the Trust Indenture. The Collection Agent also provides for the release of liens on property after the full collection of bond debt levied on particular properties.



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**Accounting Services:** Services include the preparation and delivery of the District's financial statements in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards, accounts payable and accounts receivable functions, asset tracking, investment tracking, capital program administration and requisition processing, filing of annual reports required by the State of Florida and monitoring of trust account activity.

**Auditing Services:** The District is required annually to conduct an audit of its financial records by an Independent Certified Public Accounting firm, once it reaches certain revenue and expenditure levels, or has issued bonds and incurred debt.

**Arbitrage Rebate Calculation:** The District is required to calculate the interest earned from bond proceeds each year pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The Rebate Analyst is required to verify that the District has not received earnings higher than the yield of the bonds.

**Travel:** Each Board Supervisor and the District Staff are entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses per Florida Statutes 190.006(8).

**Public Officials Liability Insurance:** The District will incur expenditures for public officials' liability insurance for the Board and Staff.

**Legal Advertising:** The District will incur expenditures related to legal advertising. The items for which the District will advertise include, but are not limited to meeting schedules, special meeting notices, and public hearings, bidding etc. for the District based on statutory guidelines

**Bank Fees:** The District will incur bank service charges during the year.

**Dues, Licenses & Fees:** The District is required to pay an annual fee to the Department of Economic Opportunity, along with other items which may require licenses or permits, etc.

**Miscellaneous Fees:** The District could incur miscellaneous throughout the year, which may not fit into any standard categories.

**Website Hosting, Maintenance and Email:** The District may incur fees as they relate to the development and ongoing maintenance of its own website along with possible email services if requested.

**District Counsel:** The District's legal counsel provides general legal services to the District. Among these services are attendance at and preparation for monthly board meetings, review of operating and maintenance contracts and all other legal services requested by the district throughout the year.



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## EXPENDITURES - FIELD OPERATIONS:

**Deputy Services:** The District may wish to contract with the local police agency to provide security for the District.

**Security Services and Patrols:** The District may wish to contract with a private company to provide security for the District.

**Electric Utility Services:** The District will incur electric utility expenditures for general purposes such as irrigation timers, lift station pumps, fountains, etc.

**Streetlights:** The District may have expenditures relating to streetlights throughout the community. These may be restricted to main arterial roads or in some cases to all streetlights within the District's boundaries.

**Utility - Recreation Facility:** The District may budget separately for its recreation and or amenity electric separately.

**Gas Utility Services:** The District may incur gas utility expenditures related to district operations at its facilities such as pool heat etc.

**Garbage - Recreation Facility:** The District will incur expenditures related to the removal of garbage and solid waste.

**Solid Waste Assessment Fee:** The District may have an assessment levied by another local government for solid waste, etc.

**Water-Sewer Utility Services:** The District will incur water/sewer utility expenditures related to district operations.

**Utility - Reclaimed:** The District may incur expenses related to the use of reclaimed water for irrigation.

**Aquatic Maintenance:** Expenses related to the care and maintenance of the lakes and ponds for the control of nuisance plant and algae species.

**Fountain Service Repairs & Maintenance:** The District may incur expenses related to maintaining the fountains within throughout the Parks & Recreational areas

**Lake/Pond Bank Maintenance:** The District may incur expenditures to maintain lake banks, etc. for the ponds and lakes within the District's boundaries, along with planting of beneficial aquatic plants, stocking of fish, mowing and landscaping of the banks as the District determines necessary.



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**Wetland Monitoring & Maintenance:** The District may be required to provide for certain types of monitoring and maintenance activities for various wetlands and waterways by other governmental entities.

**Mitigation Area Monitoring & Maintenance:** The District may be required to provide for certain types of monitoring and maintenance activities for various mitigation areas by other governmental entities.

**Aquatic Plant Replacement:** The expenses related to replacing beneficial aquatic plants, which may or may not have been required by other governmental entities.

**General Liability Insurance:** The District will incur fees to insure items owned by the District for its general liability needs

**Property Insurance:** The District will incur fees to insure items owned by the District for its property needs

**Entry and Walls Maintenance:** The District will incur expenditures to maintain the entry monuments and the fencing.

**Landscape Maintenance:** The District will incur expenditures to maintain the rights-of-way, median strips, recreational facilities including pond banks, entryways, and similar planting areas within the District. These services include but are not limited to monthly landscape maintenance, fertilizer, pesticides, annuals, mulch, and irrigation repairs.

**Irrigation Maintenance:** The District will incur expenditures related to the maintenance of the irrigation systems.

**Irrigation Repairs:** The District will incur expenditures related to repairs of the irrigation systems.

**Landscape Replacement:** Expenditures related to replacement of turf, trees, shrubs etc.

**Field Services:** The District may contract for field management services to provide landscape maintenance oversight.

**Miscellaneous Fees:** The District may incur miscellaneous expenses that do not readily fit into defined categories in field operations.

**Gate Phone:** The District will incur telephone expenses if the District has gates that are to be opened and closed.

**Street/Parking Lot Sweeping:** The District may incur expenses related to street sweeping for roadways it owns or are owned by another governmental entity, for which it elects to maintain.



**Gate Facility Maintenance:** Expenses related to the ongoing repairs and maintenance of gates owned by the District if any.

**Sidewalk Repair & Maintenance:** Expenses related to sidewalks located in the right of way of streets the District may own if any.

**Roadway Repair & Maintenance:** Expenses related to the repair and maintenance of roadways owned by the District if any.

**Employees - Salaries:** The District may incur expenses for employees/staff members needed for the recreational facilities such as Clubhouse Staff.

**Employees - P/R Taxes:** This is the employer's portion of employment taxes such as FICA etc.

**Employee - Workers' Comp:** Fees related to obtaining workers compensation insurance.

**Management Contract:** The District may contract with a firm to provide for the oversight of its recreation facilities.

**Maintenance & Repair:** The District may incur expenses to maintain its recreation facilities.

**Facility Supplies:** The District may have facilities that required various supplies to operate.

**Gate Maintenance & Repairs:** Any ongoing gate repairs and maintenance would be included in this line item.

**Telephone, Fax, Internet:** The District may incur telephone, fax and internet expenses related to the recreational facilities.

**Office Supplies:** The District may have an office in its facilities which require various office related supplies.

**Clubhouse - Facility Janitorial Service:** Expenses related to the cleaning of the facility and related supplies.

**Pool Service Contract:** Expenses related to the maintenance of swimming pools and other water features.

**Pool Repairs:** Expenses related to the repair of swimming pools and other water features.

**Security System Monitoring & Maintenance:** The District may wish to install a security system for the clubhouse



**Clubhouse Miscellaneous Expense:** Expenses which may not fit into a defined category in this section of the budget

**Athletic/Park Court/Field Repairs:** Expense related to any facilities such as tennis, basketball etc.

**Trail/Bike Path Maintenance:** Expenses related to various types of trail or pathway systems the District may own, from hard surface to natural surfaces.

**Special Events:** Expenses related to functions such as holiday events for the public enjoyment

**Miscellaneous Fees:** Monies collected and allocated for fees that the District could incur throughout the year, which may not fit into any standard categories.

**Miscellaneous Contingency:** Monies collected and allocated for expenses that the District could incur throughout the year, which may not fit into any standard categories.

**Capital Outlay:** Monies collected and allocated for various projects as they relate to public improvements.



## **TAB 13**

**BRIDGEWATER NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 FUNDING AGREEMENT**

This agreement ("**Agreement**") is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, by and between:

**Bridgewater North Community Development District**, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and located in St. Johns County, Florida ("**District**"), and

**Forestar (USA) Real Estate Group, Inc.**, a Delaware corporation and a landowner in the District ("**Developer**") with an address of 4220 Race Track Road, St. Johns, FL 32259.

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the District was established by an ordinance adopted by the County Commission of St. Johns County, Florida, for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the District, pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, is authorized to levy such taxes, special assessments, fees and other charges as may be necessary in furtherance of the District's activities and services; and

**WHEREAS**, Developer presently owns and/or is developing the majority of all real property described in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated herein ("**Property**"), within the District, which Property will benefit from the timely construction and acquisition of the District's facilities, activities and services and from the continued operations of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the District is adopting its general fund budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022 ("**Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget**"); and

**WHEREAS**, this Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget, which both parties recognize may be amended from time to time in the sole discretion of the District, is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as **Exhibit B**; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has the option of levying non-ad valorem assessments on all land, including the Property, that will benefit from the activities, operations and services set forth in the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget, or utilizing such other revenue sources as may be available to it; and

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



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

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

**WHEREAS**, Developer and District desire to secure such budget funding through the imposition of a continuing lien against the Property described in **Exhibit A** and otherwise as provided herein.

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

1. **FUNDING.** The Developer agrees to make available to the District the monies necessary for the operation of the District as called for in the budget attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, as may be amended from time to time in the District's sole discretion, within fifteen (15) days of written request by the District. Amendments to the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget as shown on **Exhibit B** adopted by the District at a duly noticed meeting shall have the effect of amending this Agreement without further action of the parties. Funds provided hereunder shall be placed in the District's general checking account. These payments are made by the Developer in lieu of taxes, fees, or assessments which might otherwise be levied or imposed by the District.

2. **CONTINUING LIEN.** District shall have the right to file a continuing lien upon the Property described in **Exhibit A** for all payments due and owing under the terms of this Agreement and for interest thereon, and for reasonable attorneys' fees, paralegals' fees, expenses and court costs incurred by the District incident to the collection of funds under this Agreement or for enforcement this lien, and all sums advanced and paid by the District for taxes and payment on account of superior interests, liens and encumbrances in order to preserve and protect the District's lien. The lien shall be effective as of the date and time of the recording of a "Notice of Lien for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget" in the public records of St. Johns County, Florida ("**County**"), stating among other things, the description of the real property and the amount due as of the recording of the Notice, and the existence of this Agreement. The District Manager, in its sole discretion, is hereby authorized by the District to file the Notice of Lien for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget on behalf of the District, without the need of further Board action authorizing or directing such filing. At the District Manager's direction, the District may also bring an action at law against the record title holder to the Property to pay the amount due under this Agreement, or may foreclose the lien against the Property in any manner authorized by law. The District may partially release any filed lien for portions of the Property subject to a plat if and when the Developer has demonstrated, in the District's sole discretion, such release will not

materially impair the ability of the District to enforce the collection of funds hereunder. In the event the Developer sells any of the Property described in **Exhibit A** after the execution of this Agreement, the Developer's rights and obligations under this Agreement shall remain the same, provided however that the District shall only have the right to file a lien upon the remaining Property owned by the Developer.

**3. ALTERNATIVE COLLECTION METHODS.**

a. In the alternative or in addition to the collection method set forth in Paragraph 2 above, the District may enforce the collection of funds due under this Agreement by action against the Developer in the appropriate judicial forum in and for the County. The enforcement of the collection of funds in this manner shall be in the sole discretion of the District Manager on behalf of the District. In the event that either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the parties agree that the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other all costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

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

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

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

**6. ASSIGNMENT.** This Agreement may be assigned, in whole or in part, by either party only upon the written consent of the other, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

7. **DEFAULT.** A default by either party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which shall include, but not be limited to, the right of damages, injunctive relief and specific performance and specifically including the ability of the District to enforce any and all payment obligations under this Agreement in the manner described herein in Paragraphs 2 and 3 above.

8. **THIRD PARTY RIGHTS; TRANSFER OF PROPERTY.** This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the formal parties herein and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason hereof, to or for the benefit of any third party not a formal party hereto. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the parties hereto any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any provisions or conditions hereof; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants and conditions herein contained shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective representatives, successors and assigns. In the event the Developer sells or otherwise disposes of its business or of all or substantially all of its assets relating to improvements, work product, or lands within the District, the Developer shall continue to be bound by the terms of this Agreement and additionally shall expressly require that the purchaser agree to be bound by the terms of this Agreement. The Developer shall give 90 days prior written notice to the District under this Agreement of any such sale or disposition.

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

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

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

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

Attest:

**Bridgewater North Community  
Development District**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its: \_\_\_\_\_

**Forestar (USA) Real Estate Group, Inc.,  
a Delaware corporation**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its: \_\_\_\_\_

- EXHIBIT A:** Property Description
- EXHIBIT B:** Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget


**EXHIBIT A**  
**BOUNDARIES OF DISTRICT**

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

A PORTION OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16, THENCE S89°21'11"W, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 16, A DISTANCE OF 2319.38 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE N01°05'33"W, ALONG SAID WEST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1315.78 FEET; THENCE N89°03'24"E, DEPARTING SAID WEST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 254.98 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE BEING DESCRIBED IN A BOUNDARY LINE AGREEMENT, RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 837, PAGE 599 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY; THENCE ALONG SAID LINE DESCRIBED IN SAID BOUNDARY LINE AGREEMENT, THE FOLLOWING FIVE (5) COURSES: COURSE ONE (1): N01°23'57"W, 446.68 FEET; COURSE TWO (2): N29°31'47"W, 568.90 FEET; COURSE THREE (3): N82°10'13"W, 272.28 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE BEING CONCAVE NORTHERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 270.30 FEET; COURSE FOUR (4): NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 66.54 FEET, SAID ARC BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF N75°07'06"W, 66.37 FEET; COURSE FIVE (5): S02°37'36"E, DEPARTING SAID CURVE, A DISTANCE OF 33.90 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF C.E. WILSON ROAD (A PRIVATE 50' RIGHT OF WAY AS SHOWN ON A MAP BY RICARDO EDRALIN, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR, NUMBER 3274, DATED 6-1986), SAID POINT LYING ON A CURVE BEING CONCAVE NORTHEASTERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 295.30 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF LAST SAID CURVE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 84.45 FEET, LAST SAID ARC BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF N62°35'12"W, 84.16 FEET TO A POINT OF TANGENCY OF LAST SAID CURVE; THENCE N54°23'38"W, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF C.E. WILSON, A DISTANCE OF 305.47 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THOSE LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3962, PAGE 1271 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY; THENCE N57°41'05"W, ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF LAST SAID LANDS, A DISTANCE OF 301.05 FEET TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 210 (A 100' RIGHT OF WAY AS NOW ESTABLISHED); THENCE N36°29'44"E, ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 80.21 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF THOSE LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 4126, PAGE 1020 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY; THENCE S57°41'05"E, ALONG SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 297.50 FEET TO AN ANGLE POINT IN SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LINE; THENCE S54°23'38"E, CONTINUING ALONG SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 72.61 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF LAST SAID LANDS; THENCE N36°29'44"E, ALONG SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 376.20 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LAST SAID LANDS, SAID NORTHEAST CORNER BEING ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THOSE LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1863, PAGE 241 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY; THENCE S71°52'01"E, ALONG LAST SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 72.40 FEET TO AN ANGLE POINT IN LAST SAID SOUTH LINE; THENCE S51°18'07"E, CONTINUING ALONG LAST SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 204.27 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST ¼, SAID SECTION 16; THENCE N89°50'03"E, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 2428.89 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE S01°06'39"E, ALONG LAST SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 2655.78 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 143.89 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

JOB NO.	1710.022	SCALE	AS SHOWN	BRIDGEWATER ST. JOHNS CO., FL. PREPARED FOR	 <small>2000 ST. AUGUSTINE ROAD, SUITE 200 POKESVILLE, FLORIDA 32267 PHONE (904) 621-4000</small>
DATE	12/15/2020	TITLE	LEGAL DESCRIPTION		

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 FUNDING AGREEMENT**

**TAB 14**

**RESOLUTION 2021-37**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE BRIDGEWATER NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING THE ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the Bridgewater North Community Development District (“**District**”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and situated entirely within St. Johns County, Florida; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to adopt the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 annual meeting schedule attached as **Exhibit A**.

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

1. The Fiscal Year 2021-2022 annual meeting schedule attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved and shall be published in accordance with the requirements of Florida law and also provided to applicable governing authorities.
2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of August, 2021.

**ATTEST:**

**BRIDGEWATER NORTH  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
DISTRICT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors

**Exhibit A:** Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Meeting Schedule

**EXHIBIT A**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING DATES  
BRIDGEWATER NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022**

The Board of Supervisors of the Bridgewater North Community Development District will hold their regular meetings for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 at the Offices of DR Horton – Jacksonville located at 4220 Race Track Road, St. Johns, Florida 32259 at 10:45 a.m. unless otherwise indicated as follows:

October 26, 2021  
January 25, 2022  
March 22, 2022  
May 24, 2022  
July 26, 2022  
August 23, 2022

The meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. The meetings may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. A copy of the agenda for these meetings may be obtained from 2806 North Fifth Street, Unit 403, St. Augustine, Florida 32084 or by calling (904) 436-6270.

There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors or staff will participate by telephone. Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 436-6270 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Office.

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

District Manager



# **SUPERVISOR REQUESTS**

# ADJOURNMENT