

RESERVE AT VAN OAKS

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

June 3, 2024

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR
MEETING AGENDA**

RESERVE AT VAN OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

AGENDA
LETTER

Reserve at Van Oaks Community Development District

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W • Boca Raton, Florida 33431

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May 24, 2024

ATTENDEES:

Please identify yourself each time you speak to facilitate accurate transcription of meeting minutes.

Board of Supervisors

Reserve at Van Oaks Community Development District

Dear Board Members:

The Board of Supervisors of the Reserve at Van Oaks Community Development District will hold a Regular Meeting on June 3, 2024 at 1:00 p.m., at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Lakeland North I-4, 4500 Lakeland Park Drive, Lakeland, Florida 33809. The agenda is as follows:

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comments
3. Acceptance of Resignation of Supervisor Chris Torres [SEAT 5]; *Term Expires November 2024*
4. Consider Appointment to Fill Unexpired Term of Seat 5
 - Administration of Oath of Office *(the following will also be provided in a separate package)*
 - A. Required Ethics Training and Disclosure Filing
 - Sample Form 1 2023/Instructions
 - B. Membership, Obligation and Responsibilities
 - C. Guide to Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees
 - D. Form 8B: Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal and other Local Public Officers
5. Consider Appointment to Fill Unexpired Term of Seat 4; *Term Expires November 2024*
 - Administration of Oath of Office
6. Consideration of Resolution 2024-02, Electing and Removing Officers of the District and Providing for an Effective Date
7. Consideration of Resolution 2024-03, Designating a Date, Time and Location for a Landowners' Meeting; Providing for Publication; Providing for an Effective Date

8. Consideration of Resolution 2024-04, Approving a Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025, and Setting a Public Hearing Thereon Pursuant to Florida Law; Addressing Transmittal, Posting and Publication Requirements; Addressing Severability; and Providing an Effective Date
9. Consideration of Resolution 2024-05, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular Meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 and Providing for an Effective Date
10. Ratification Items
 - A. Lake Pros, LLC Agreement for Lake Maintenance Services
 - B. Mele Environmental Services, LLC, Agreement for Pond Cleaning Services
 - C. Mele Environmental Services, LLC, Addendum to Agreement for Ant Prevention
 - D. Disclosure Technology Services, LLC EMMA® Filing Assistance Software as a Service License Agreement
11. Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of April 30, 2024
12. Approval of November 6, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
13. Staff Reports
 - A. District Counsel: *Kutak Rock LLP*
 - B. District Engineer *Poulos & Bennett, LLC*
 - C. District Property Manager: *HomeRiver Group-Orlando*
 - D. District Manager: *Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC*

- UPCOMING MEETINGS

- July 1, 2024 at 1:00 PM
- August 5, 2024 at 1:00 PM

- QUORUM CHECK

SEAT 1	MEGAN GERMINO	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON	<input type="checkbox"/> PHONE	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
SEAT 2	GARTH NOBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON	<input type="checkbox"/> PHONE	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
SEAT 3	MARTHA SCHIFFER	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON	<input type="checkbox"/> PHONE	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
SEAT 4		<input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON	<input type="checkbox"/> PHONE	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
SEAT 5		<input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON	<input type="checkbox"/> PHONE	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

14. Board Members' Comments/Requests

15. Public Comments

16. Adjournment

If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (561) 719-8675 or Kristen Suit at (410) 207-1802.

Sincerely,



Craig Wrathell
District Manager

FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF TO ATTEND BY TELEPHONE

CALL-IN NUMBER: 1-888-354-0094

PARTICIPANT PASSCODE: 943 865 3730

RESERVE AT VAN OAKS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF TENDER OF RESIGNATION

To: Board of Supervisors
Reserve at Van Oaks Community Development District
Attn: Craig Wrathell/Kristen Suit, District Managers
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

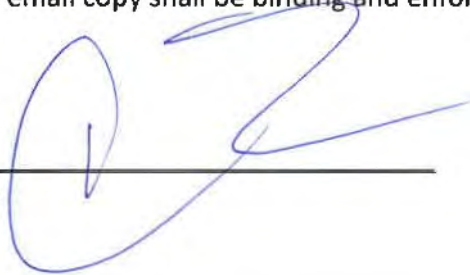
From: Chris Torres
Printed Name

Date: 1/17/24
Date

I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the Board of Supervisors of the *Reserve at Van Oaks Community Development District*. My tendered resignation will be deemed to be effective as of the time a quorum of the remaining members of the Board of Supervisors accepts it at a duly noticed meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

I certify that this Notice of Tender of Resignation has been executed by me and ☐ personally presented at a duly noticed meeting of the Board of Supervisors, ☐ scanned and electronically transmitted to gillyardd@whhassociates.com or ☐ faxed to 561-571-0013 and agree that the executed original shall be binding and enforceable and the fax or email copy shall be binding and enforceable as an original.

Signature

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Chris Torres', written over a horizontal line.

RESERVE AT VAN OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Supervisors
From: District Counsel
Date: January 1, 2024
Subject: Ethics Training Requirements

Beginning January 1, 2024, all Board Supervisors of Florida Community Development Districts will be required to complete four (4) hours of Ethics training each year. The four (4) hours must be allocated to the following categories: two (2) hours of Ethics Law, one (1) hour of Sunshine Law, and one (1) hour of Public Records law.

This training may be completed online, and the four (4) hours do not have to be completed all at once. The Florida Commission on Ethics (“COE”) has compiled a list of resources for this training. An overview of the resources are described below, and links to the resources are included in this memo.

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

Free Training Options

The Florida Commission on Ethics’ (“COE”) website has several free online resources and links to resources that Supervisors can access to complete the training requirements. Navigate to that page here: [Florida Commission on Ethics Training](https://ethics.state.fl.us/Training/Training.aspx).¹ Please note that the COE only provides free training for the two (2) hour Ethics portion of the annual training. However, the COE does provide links to free outside resources to complete the Sunshine and Public Records portion of the training. These links are included in this memorandum below for your ease of reference.

¹ <https://ethics.state.fl.us/Training/Training.aspx>

Free Ethics Law Training

The COE provides several videos for Ethics training, none of which are exactly two (2) hours in length. Please ensure you complete 120 minutes of Ethics training when choosing a combination of the below.

State Ethics Laws for Constitutional Officers & Elected Municipal Officers (100 minutes)

Click here: [Kinetic Ethics](#)

Business and Employment Conflicts and Post-Public-Service (56 minutes) Restriction

Click here: [Business and Employment Conflicts](#)

Gifts (50 minutes)

Click here: [Ethics Laws Governing Acceptance of Gifts](#)

Voting Conflicts - Local Officers (58 minutes)¹

Click here: [Voting Vertigo](#)

Free Sunshine/Public Records Law Training

The Office of the Attorney General provides a two (2) hour online training course (audio only) that meets the requirements of the Sunshine Law and Public Records Law portion of Supervisors' annual training.

Click here to access: [Public Meeting and Public Records Law](#)

Other Training Options

4- Hour Course

Some courses will provide a certificate upon completion (not required), like the one found from the Florida State University, Florida Institute of Government, linked here: [4-Hour Ethics Course](#). This course meets all the ethics training requirements for the year, including Sunshine Law and Public Records training. This course is currently \$79.00

CLE Course

The COE's website includes a link to the Florida Bar's Continuing Legal Education online tutorial which also meets all the Ethics training requirements. However, this is a CLE course designed more specifically for attorneys. The 5 hours 18 minutes' long course exceeds the 4-hour requirement and its cost is significantly higher than the 4-Hour Ethics course provided by the Florida State University. The course is currently \$325.00. To access this course, click here: [Sunshine Law, Public Records and Ethics for Public Officers and Public Employees](#).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

2023 Form 1 - Statement of Financial Interests

General Information

Name: DISCLOSURE FILER

Address: SAMPLE ADDRESS

County: SAMPLE COUNTY

PID SAMPLE

AGENCY INFORMATION

Organization

SAMPLE

Suborganization

SAMPLE

Title

SAMPLE

Disclosure Period

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

Primary Sources of Income

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

Name of Source of Income	Source's Address	Description of the Source's Principal Business Activity

Secondary Sources of Income

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

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

Real Property

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

Location/Description

Intangible Personal Property

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

Type of Intangible	Business Entity to Which the Property Relates

Liabilities

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

Name of Creditor	Address of Creditor

Interests in Specified Businesses

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

Business Entity # 1

Training

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

Signature of Filer

Digitally signed:

Filed with COE:

E-FILING SAMPLE

2023 Form 1 Instructions

Statement of Financial Interests

Notice

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

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

When To File:

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

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

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

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

Who Must File Form 1

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

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

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

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

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

Instructions for Completing Form 1

Primary Sources of Income

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

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

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

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

Examples:

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

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

Secondary Sources of Income

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

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

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

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

Examples:

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

Real Property

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

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

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

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

Intangible Personal Property

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

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

Liabilities

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

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

Interests in Specified Businesses

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

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

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

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

Training Certification

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

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

RESERVE AT VAN OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

4B

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEMBERSHIP, OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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

The Board

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

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

Qualifications of Supervisors

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

Compensation

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

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

Responsibilities of Supervisors

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

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

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

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

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

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

Conclusion

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

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS



GUIDE to the SUNSHINE AMENDMENT and CODE of ETHICS for Public Officers and Employees

2024

State of Florida

COMMISSION ON ETHICS

Ashley Lukis, *Chair*
Tallahassee

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I. HISTORY OF FLORIDA'S ETHICS LAWS

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

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

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

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

II. ROLE OF THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS

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

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

III. THE ETHICS LAWS

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

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

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

A. PROHIBITED ACTIONS OR CONDUCT

1. Solicitation and Acceptance of Gifts

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. Unauthorized Compensation

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

3. Misuse of Public Position

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

4. Abuse of Public Position

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

5. Disclosure or Use of Certain Information

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

6. *Solicitation or Acceptance of Honoraria*

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

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

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

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

B. **PROHIBITED EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS**

1. *Doing Business With One's Agency*

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

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

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

2. *Conflicting Employment or Contractual Relationship*

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. *Additional Exemptions*

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

5. *Legislators Lobbying State Agencies*

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

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

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

7. *Employees Holding Office*

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

8. *Professional and Occupational Licensing Board Members*

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

9. *Contractual Services: Prohibited Employment*

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

10. *Local Government Attorneys*

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

11. *Dual Public Employment*

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

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

1. *Anti-Nepotism Law*

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

2. *Additional Restrictions*

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

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

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

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

2. *Lobbying by Former State Employees*

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

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

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

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

3. *6-Year Lobbying Ban*

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

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

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

4. *Additional Restrictions on Former State Employees*

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

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

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

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

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

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

E. VOTING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

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

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

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

F. DISCLOSURES

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

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

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

1. *FORM 1 - Limited Financial Disclosure*

Who Must File:

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

STATE OFFICERS include:

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

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

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

LOCAL OFFICERS include:

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

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

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

SPECIFIED STATE EMPLOYEE includes:

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

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

What Must Be Disclosed:

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

When to File:

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

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

Where to File:

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

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

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

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

3. *FORM 2 - Quarterly Client Disclosure*

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

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

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

When to File:

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

Where To File:

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

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

4. *FORM 6 - Full and Public Disclosure*

Who Must File:

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

What Must be Disclosed:

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

When and Where To File:

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

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

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

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

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

6. *FORM 9 - Quarterly Gift Disclosure*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8. FORM 30 - Donor's Quarterly Gift Disclosure

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

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

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

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

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

IV. AVAILABILITY OF FORMS

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

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

V. PENALTIES

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

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

B. Penalties for Candidates

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

C. Penalties for Former Officers and Employees

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

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

D. Penalties for Lobbyists and Others

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

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

E. Felony Convictions: Forfeiture of Retirement Benefits

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

F. Automatic Penalties for Failure to File Annual Disclosure

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

VI. ADVISORY OPINIONS

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

A. Who Can Request an Opinion

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

B. How to Request an Opinion

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

C. How to Obtain Published Opinions

All of the Commission's opinions are available for viewing or download at its website:
www.ethics.state.fl.us.

VII. COMPLAINTS

A. Citizen Involvement

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

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

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

B. Referrals

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

C. Confidentiality

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

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

D. How the Complaint Process Works

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

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

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

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

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

E. Dismissal of Complaints At Any Stage of Disposition

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

F. Statute of Limitations

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

VIII. EXECUTIVE BRANCH LOBBYING

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

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

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

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

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

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

IX. WHISTLE-BLOWER'S ACT

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

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

X. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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

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

XI. TRAINING

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

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

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

RESERVE AT VAN OAKS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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

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

WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

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

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

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

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

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

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ELECTED OFFICERS:

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

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

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

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APPOINTED OFFICERS:

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

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

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

APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

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

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

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

DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, _____, hereby disclose that on _____, 20 ____ :

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

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

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

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

Date Filed

Signature

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

RESERVE AT VAN OAKS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2024-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE RESERVE
AT VAN OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ELECTING
AND REMOVING OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR
AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF RESERVE AT VAN OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT THAT:**

SECTION 1. The following is/are elected as Officer(s) of the District effective June 3, 2024:

_____ is elected Chair
_____ is elected Vice Chair
_____ is elected Assistant Secretary
_____ is elected Assistant Secretary
_____ is elected Assistant Secretary

SECTION 2. The following Officer(s) shall be removed as Officer(s) as of June 3, 2024:

_____ Chris Torres _____ Assistant Secretary

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

Craig Wrathell is Secretary

Kristen Suit is Assistant Secretary

Craig Wrathell is Treasurer

Jeffrey Pinder is Assistant Treasurer

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 2024.

ATTEST:

**RESERVE AT VAN OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

RESERVE AT VAN OAKS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2024-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF RESERVE AT VAN OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A DATE, TIME AND LOCATION FOR A LANDOWNERS' MEETING; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Reserve at Van Oaks Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Auburndale, Polk County, Florida; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the effective date of City of Auburndale Ordinance No. 1684 creating the District (the "Ordinance") January 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the District is statutorily required to hold a meeting of the landowners of the District for the purpose of electing Board of Supervisors for the District on the first Tuesday in November, which shall be noticed pursuant to Section 190.006(2)(a), *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF RESERVE AT VAN OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. In accordance with section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*, the meeting of the landowners to elect three (3) supervisors of the District, shall be held on the 5th day of November, 2024 at 5:00 p.m., at the Lake Alfred Public Library, 245 N Seminole Avenue, Lake Alfred, Florida 33850.

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

SECTION 3. Pursuant to Section 190.006(2)(b), *Florida Statutes*, the landowners' meeting and election is hereby announced by the Board at its June 3, 2024 meeting. A sample notice of landowners' meeting and election, proxy, ballot form and instructions were presented at such meeting and are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Such documents are available for review and copying during normal business hours at the at the office of the District Manager, Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC, located at 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 2024.

ATTEST:

**RESERVE AT VAN OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A

**NOTICE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING AND ELECTION AND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF THE RESERVE AT VAN OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given to the public and all landowners within Reserve at Van Oaks Community Development District (the "District") in Polk County, Florida, advising that a meeting of landowners will be held for the purpose of electing three (3) persons to the District Board of Supervisors. Immediately following the landowners' meeting, there will be convened a meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the purpose of considering certain matters of the Board to include election of certain District officers, and other such business which may properly come before the Board.

DATE: November 5, 2024

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: Lake Alfred Public Library
245 N Seminole Avenue
Lake Alfred, Florida 33850

Each landowner may vote in person or by written proxy. Proxy forms may be obtained upon request at the office of the District Manager, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431. At said meeting, each landowner or his or her proxy shall be entitled to nominate persons for the position of Supervisor and cast one vote per acre of land, or fractional portion thereof, owned by him or her and located within the District for each person to be elected to the position of Supervisor. A fraction of an acre shall be treated as one acre, entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Platted lots shall be counted individually and rounded up to the nearest whole acre. The acreage of platted lots shall not be aggregated for determining the number of voting units held by a landowner or a landowner's proxy. At the landowners' meeting, the landowners shall select a person to serve as the meeting chair and who shall conduct the meeting.

The landowners' meeting and the Board of Supervisors meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. One or both of the meetings may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at such meeting. A copy of the agenda for these meetings may be obtained from 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431. There may be an occasion where one or more supervisors will participate by telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in these meetings is asked to contact the District Office at (877) 276-0889, at least 48 hours before the hearing. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8770 for aid in contacting the District Office.

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

District Manager

Run Date(s): _____ & _____

PUBLISH: ONCE A WEEK FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS, THE LAST DAY OF PUBLICATION TO BE NOT FEWER THAN 14 DAYS OR MORE THAN 28 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF ELECTION, IN A NEWSPAPER WHICH IS IN GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE AREA OF THE DISTRICT

**INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO LANDOWNERS' MEETING OF
RESERVE AT VAN OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FOR THE ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS**

DATE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING: **November 5, 2024**

TIME: **5:00 p.m.**

LOCATION: **Lake Alfred Public Library
245 N Seminole Avenue
Lake Alfred, Florida 33850**

Pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and after a Community Development District ("**District**") has been established and the landowners have held their initial election, there shall be a subsequent landowners' meeting for the purpose of electing members of the Board of Supervisors ("**Board**") every two years until the District qualifies to have its board members elected by the qualified electors of the District. The following instructions on how all landowners may participate in the election are intended to comply with Section 190.006(2)(b), Florida Statutes.

A landowner may vote in person at the landowners' meeting, or the landowner may nominate a proxy holder to vote at the meeting in place of the landowner. Whether in person or by proxy, each landowner shall be entitled to cast one vote per acre of land owned by him or her and located within the District, for each position on the Board that is open for election for the upcoming term. A fraction of an acre shall be treated as one (1) acre, entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Please note that a particular parcel of real property is entitled to only one vote for each eligible acre of land or fraction thereof; therefore, two or more people who own real property in common, that is one acre or less, are together entitled to only one vote for that real property.

At the landowners' meeting, the first step is to elect a chair for the meeting, who may be any person present at the meeting. The landowners shall also elect a secretary for the meeting who may be any person present at the meeting. The secretary shall be responsible for the minutes of the meeting. The chair shall conduct the nominations and the voting. If the chair is a landowner or proxy holder of a landowner, he or she may nominate candidates and make and second motions. Candidates must be nominated and then shall be elected by a vote of the landowners. Nominees may be elected only to a position on the Board that is open for election for the upcoming term.

Three (3) seats on the Board will be up for election by landowners. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. The candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. The term of office for each successful candidate shall commence upon election.

A proxy is available upon request. To be valid, each proxy must be signed by one of the legal owners of the property for which the vote is cast and must contain the typed or printed name of the individual who signed the proxy; the street address, legal description of the property or tax parcel identification number; and the number of authorized votes. If the proxy authorizes more than one vote, each property must be listed and the number of acres of each property must be included. The signature on a proxy does not need to be notarized.

LANDOWNER PROXY

**RESERVE AT VAN OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned, the fee simple owner of the lands described herein, hereby constitutes and appoints _____ ("**Proxy Holder**") for and on behalf of the undersigned, to vote as proxy at the meeting of the landowners of the Reserve at Van Oaks Community Development District to be held at 5:00 p.m., on November 5, 2024, at the Lake Alfred Public Library, 245 N Seminole Avenue, Lake Alfred, Florida 33850, and at any adjournments thereof, according to the number of acres of unplatted land and/or platted lots owned by the undersigned landowner that the undersigned would be entitled to vote if then personally present, upon any question, proposition, or resolution or any other matter or thing that may be considered at said meeting including, but not limited to, the election of members of the Board of Supervisors. Said Proxy Holder may vote in accordance with his or her discretion on all matters not known or determined at the time of solicitation of this proxy, which may legally be considered at said meeting.

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

Printed Name of Legal Owner

Signature of Legal Owner

Date

Parcel Description

Acreage

Authorized Votes

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

Total Number of Authorized Votes: _____

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

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

OFFICIAL BALLOT

**RESERVE AT VAN OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

For Election (3 Supervisors): The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will each receive a four (4)-year term, and the one (1) candidate receiving the next highest number of votes will receive a two (2)-year term, with the term of office for the successful candidates commencing upon election.

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

Description

Acreage

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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

or

Attach Proxy.

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

SEAT	NAME OF CANDIDATE	NUMBER OF VOTES
3		
4		
5		

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

RESERVE AT VAN OAKS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2024-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE RESERVE AT VAN OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPROVING A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025, AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW; ADDRESSING TRANSMITTAL, POSTING AND PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS; ADDRESSING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the District Manager has prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors (“**Board**”) of the Reserve at Van Oaks Community Development District (“**District**”) prior to June 15, 2024, a proposed budget (“**Proposed Budget**”) for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025 (“**Fiscal Year 2024/2025**”); and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE RESERVE AT VAN OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

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

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

DATE: _____

HOUR: 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Holiday Inn Express & Suites Lakeland North I-4
4500 Lakeland Park Drive
Lakeland, Florida 33809

3. TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET TO LOCAL GENERAL-PURPOSE GOVERNMENT. The District Manager is hereby directed to submit a copy of the proposed budget to Polk County at least sixty (60) days prior to the hearing set above.

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

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

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of June, 2024.

ATTEST:

**RESERVE AT VAN OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget

**RESERVE AT VAN OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
PROPOSED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2025**

**RESERVE AT VAN OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
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**RESERVE AT VAN OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2025**

	Fiscal Year 2024				Proposed
	Adopted Budget FY 2024	Actual through 3/31/2024	Projected through 9/30/2024	Total Actual & Projected	Budget FY 2025
REVENUES					
Assessment levy: on-roll - gross	\$ 151,703				\$ 196,220
Allowable discounts (4%)	(6,068)				(7,849)
Assessment levy: on-roll - net	145,635	\$ 145,434	\$ 201	\$ 145,635	188,371
Assessment levy: off-roll	53,043	39,782	13,261	53,043	53,880
Landowner contribution	224,044	19,789	238,756	258,545	103,661
Total revenues	422,722	205,005	252,218	457,223	345,912
EXPENDITURES					
Professional & administrative					
Management/accounting/recording	48,000	24,000	24,000	48,000	48,000
Legal	25,000	2,997	22,003	25,000	25,000
Engineering	2,000	113	1,887	2,000	2,000
Audit*	6,000	-	6,000	6,000	6,000
Arbitrage rebate calculation*	500	-	500	500	500
Dissemination agent*	1,000	500	500	1,000	1,000
EMMA software services	-	-	-	-	1,500
Trustee*	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Telephone	200	83	117	200	200
Postage	500	95	405	500	500
Printing & binding	500	250	250	500	500
Legal advertising	1,500	891	609	1,500	1,500
Annual special district fee	175	175	-	175	175
Insurance	5,500	5,500	-	5,500	5,700
Contingencies/bank charges	500	263	237	500	500
Website hosting & maintenance	705	705	-	705	705
Website ADA compliance	210	-	210	210	210
Meeting room rental	3,060	-	3,060	3,060	3,060
Property appraiser & tax collector	4,551	2,901	1,650	4,551	5,887
Total professional & administrative	104,901	38,473	66,428	104,901	107,937
Field operations					
Contracted services					
Pressure washing	6,000	-	6,000	6,000	6,000
Lawn service & mulch	150,000	23,225	126,775	150,000	70,000
Lift station	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	2,000
Wetland monitoring	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
Pool service	12,000	1,900	10,100	12,000	12,000
Cabana janitorial	10,000	2,825	7,175	10,000	7,000
Amenity access control & data management	11,000	2,512	8,488	11,000	8,000
Ponds	4,000	-	4,000	4,000	3,500
Repairs & supplies					
Pool & cabana maintenance	4,000	6,469	3,500	9,969	4,000
Amenity access control repair	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	3,000
Irrigation-repair	3,500	265	3,235	3,500	3,500
General repairs/supplies	5,500	6,151	2,200	8,351	5,500
Landscaping-repairs & replacement	5,000	3,230	1,770	5,000	5,000

**RESERVE AT VAN OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2025**

	Fiscal Year 2024				Proposed
	Adopted Budget FY 2024	Actual through 3/31/2024	Projected through 9/30/2024	Total Actual & Projected	Budget FY 2025
Utilities					
Electricity- irrigation	3,500	-	3,500	3,500	-
Electricity-entrance monuments	3,000	178	2,822	3,000	600
Electricity- pool & cabana	6,000	2,431	3,569	6,000	6,000
Electricity- street lights	30,000	17,656	12,344	30,000	30,000
Water-pool	3,500	8,162	4,000	12,162	13,200
Pool cable	2,400	512	1,888	2,400	1,500
Administrative					
Management fee - PM	15,012	7,506	7,506	15,012	18,765
O&M accounting - DM	4,000	2,000	2,000	4,000	4,000
Pool permit	275	-	275	275	275
Taxes/insurance					
Property insurance	15,000	7,670	7,330	15,000	20,000
Total field operations	303,687	92,692	228,477	321,169	223,840
Total expenditures	408,588	131,165	294,905	426,070	331,777
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	14,134	73,840	(42,687)	31,153	14,135
Fund balance - beginning (unaudited)	-	(17,020)	56,820	(17,020)	14,133
Fund balance - ending (projected)					
Assigned					
Committed					
Future repairs**	14,133	14,133	14,133	14,133	28,267
Working capital	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	1	42,687	-	-	1
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ 14,134</u>	<u>\$ 56,820</u>	<u>\$ 14,133</u>	<u>\$ 14,133</u>	<u>\$ 28,268</u>

* These items will be realized when bonds are issued

** Committed fund balance for future repairs detail:

	Annual Additions	Estimated Cost
Future Repairs		
Entrance monuments	1,668	50,000
Perimeter fencing / walls	2,500	75,000
Mail kiosk	650	13,000
Pool building capital repairs	667	10,000
Pool roof	2,000	50,000
Pool resurface	1,333	40,000
Pool furniture	1,500	15,000
Pool pavers	1,429	50,000
Pool equipment	1,667	20,000
Catch basins/inspections/capital repairs	720	18,000
	<u>14,134</u>	<u>341,000</u>

**RESERVE AT VAN OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
DEFINITIONS OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**

EXPENDITURES

Professional & administrative

Management/accounting/recording	\$ 48,000
<p>Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC (WHA), specializes in managing community development districts by combining the knowledge, skills and experience of a team of professionals to ensure compliance with all of the District's governmental requirements. WHA develops financing programs, administers the issuance of tax exempt bond financings, operates and maintains the assets of the community.</p>	
Legal	25,000
<p>General counsel and legal representation, which includes issues relating to public finance, public bidding, rulemaking, open meetings, public records, real property dedications, conveyances and contracts.</p>	
Engineering	2,000
<p>The District's Engineer will provide construction and consulting services, to assist the District in crafting sustainable solutions to address the long term interests of the community while recognizing the needs of government, the environment and maintenance of the District's facilities.</p>	
Audit	6,000
<p>Statutorily required for the District to undertake an independent examination of its books, records and accounting procedures.</p>	
Arbitrage rebate calculation*	500
<p>To ensure the District's compliance with all tax regulations, annual computations are necessary to calculate the arbitrage rebate liability.</p>	
Dissemination agent*	1,000
<p>The District must annually disseminate financial information in order to comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Wrathell, Hunt & Associates serves as dissemination agent.</p>	
EMMA software services	1,500
Trustee	5,000
<p>Annual fee for the service provided by trustee, paying agent and registrar.</p>	
Telephone	200
<p>Telephone and fax machine.</p>	
Postage	500
<p>Mailing of agenda packages, overnight deliveries, correspondence, etc.</p>	
Printing & binding	500
<p>Letterhead, envelopes, copies, agenda packages</p>	
Legal advertising	1,500
<p>The District advertises for monthly meetings, special meetings, public hearings, public bids, etc.</p>	
Annual special district fee	175
<p>Annual fee paid to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.</p>	
Insurance	5,700
<p>The District will obtain public officials and general liability insurance.</p>	
Contingencies/bank charges	500
<p>Bank charges and other miscellaneous expenses incurred during the year and automated AP routing etc.</p>	
Website hosting & maintenance	705
Website ADA compliance	210
Meeting room rental	3,060
Property appraiser & tax collector	5,887
Total professional & administrative	<u>107,937</u>

**RESERVE AT VAN OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
DEFINITIONS OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**

EXPENDITURES (continued)

Field operations

Contracted services

Pressure washing	6,000
Lawn service & mulch	70,000
Lift station	2,000
Wetland monitoring	-
Pool service	12,000
Cabana janitorial	7,000
Ponds	3,500

Repairs & supplies

Pool & cabana maintenance	4,000
Amenity access control repair	3,000
Irrigation-repair	3,500
General repairs/supplies	5,500
Landscaping-repairs & replacement	5,000

Utilities

Electricity- irrigation	-
Electricity-entrance monuments	600
Electricity- pool & cabana	6,000
Electricity- street lights	30,000
Water-pool	13,200
Pool cable	1,500
Amenity access control & data management	8,000

Administrative

Management fee - PM	18,765
O&M accounting - DM	4,000
Pool permit	275

Taxes/insurance

Property insurance	20,000
Total field operations	<u>223,840</u>
Total expenditures	<u><u>\$331,777</u></u>

Reserve Item	Estimated Cost	Estimated Life	Estimated Remaining Life	FY Reserve Amount
Entrance Monuments	\$50,000.00	30	30	\$1,666.67
Perimeter Fencing / Walls	\$75,000.00	30	30	\$2,500.00
Mail Kiosk	\$13,000.00	20	20	\$650.00
Pool Building Capital Repairs	\$10,000.00	15	15	\$666.67
Pool Roof	\$50,000.00	25	25	\$2,000.00
Pool Resurface	\$40,000.00	30	30	\$1,333.33
Pool Furniture	\$15,000.00	10	10	\$1,500.00
Pool Pavers	\$50,000.00	35	35	\$1,428.57
Pool Equipment	\$20,000.00	12	12	\$1,666.67
Catch Basins/Inspections/Cap	\$18,000.00	25	25	\$720.00
TOTAL RESERVES	\$341,000.00			\$14,131.90

**RESERVE AT VAN OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGET - SERIES 2023
FISCAL YEAR 2025**

	Fiscal Year 2024				
	Adopted Budget FY 2024	Actual through 3/31/2024	Projected through 9/30/2024	Total Revenue & Expenditures	Proposed Budget FY 2025
REVENUES					
Special assessment - on-roll	\$ 149,428				\$ 149,428
Allowable discounts (4%)	(5,977)				(5,977)
Assessment levy: net	143,451	\$ 143,240	\$ 211	\$ 143,451	143,451
Special assessment: off-roll	119,972	89,979	29,993	119,972	119,972
Interest	-	5,360	-	5,360	-
Total revenues	263,423	238,579	30,204	268,783	263,423
EXPENDITURES					
Debt service					
Principal	60,000	-	60,000	60,000	60,000
Interest	191,153	91,421	99,732	191,153	196,884
Total debt service	251,153	91,421	159,732	251,153	256,884
Other fees & charges					
Tax collector	4,483	2,857	1,626	4,483	4,483
Total other fees & charges	4,483	2,857	1,626	4,483	4,483
Total expenditures	255,636	94,278	161,358	255,636	261,367
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	7,787	144,301	(131,154)	13,147	2,056
Fund balance:					
Net increase/(decrease) in fund balance	7,787	144,301	(131,154)	13,147	2,056
Beginning fund balance (unaudited)	220,891	224,354	368,655	224,354	237,501
Ending fund balance (projected)	\$ 228,678	\$ 368,655	\$ 237,501	\$ 237,501	239,557
Use of fund balance:					
Debt service reserve account balance (required)					(129,470)
Principal and Interest expense - November 1, 2025					(97,152)
Projected fund balance surplus/(deficit) as of September 30, 2025					\$ 12,935

**RESERVE AT VAN OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
SERIES 2023 AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE**

	Principal	Coupon Rate	Interest	Debt Service	Bond Balance
					3,870,000.00
11/01/24			98,441.88	98,441.88	3,810,000.00
05/01/25	60,000.00	4.300%	98,441.88	158,441.88	3,750,000.00
11/01/25			97,151.88	97,151.88	3,750,000.00
05/01/26	65,000.00	4.300%	97,151.88	162,151.88	3,685,000.00
11/01/26			95,754.38	95,754.38	3,685,000.00
05/01/27	65,000.00	4.300%	95,754.38	160,754.38	3,620,000.00
11/01/27			94,356.88	94,356.88	3,620,000.00
05/01/28	70,000.00	4.300%	94,356.88	164,356.88	3,550,000.00
11/01/28			92,851.88	92,851.88	3,550,000.00
05/01/29	70,000.00	4.300%	92,851.88	162,851.88	3,480,000.00
11/01/29			91,346.88	91,346.88	3,480,000.00
05/01/30	75,000.00	4.300%	91,346.88	166,346.88	3,405,000.00
11/01/30			89,734.38	89,734.38	3,405,000.00
05/01/31	80,000.00	5.125%	89,734.38	169,734.38	3,325,000.00
11/01/31			87,684.38	87,684.38	3,325,000.00
05/01/32	85,000.00	5.125%	87,684.38	172,684.38	3,240,000.00
11/01/32			85,506.25	85,506.25	3,240,000.00
05/01/33	90,000.00	5.125%	85,506.25	175,506.25	3,150,000.00
11/01/33			83,200.00	83,200.00	3,150,000.00
05/01/34	90,000.00	5.125%	83,200.00	173,200.00	3,060,000.00
11/01/34			80,893.75	80,893.75	3,060,000.00
05/01/35	95,000.00	5.125%	80,893.75	175,893.75	2,965,000.00
11/01/35			78,459.38	78,459.38	2,965,000.00
05/01/36	100,000.00	5.125%	78,459.38	178,459.38	2,865,000.00
11/01/36			75,896.88	75,896.88	2,865,000.00
05/01/37	105,000.00	5.125%	75,896.88	180,896.88	2,760,000.00
11/01/37			73,206.25	73,206.25	2,760,000.00
05/01/38	115,000.00	5.125%	73,206.25	188,206.25	2,645,000.00
11/01/38			70,259.38	70,259.38	2,645,000.00
05/01/39	120,000.00	5.125%	70,259.38	190,259.38	2,525,000.00
11/01/39			67,184.38	67,184.38	2,525,000.00
05/01/40	125,000.00	5.125%	67,184.38	192,184.38	2,400,000.00
11/01/40			63,981.25	63,981.25	2,400,000.00
05/01/41	130,000.00	5.125%	63,981.25	193,981.25	2,270,000.00
11/01/41			60,650.00	60,650.00	2,270,000.00
05/01/42	140,000.00	5.125%	60,650.00	200,650.00	2,130,000.00
11/01/42			57,062.50	57,062.50	2,130,000.00
05/01/43	145,000.00	5.125%	57,062.50	202,062.50	1,985,000.00
11/01/43			53,346.88	53,346.88	1,985,000.00
05/01/44	155,000.00	5.375%	53,346.88	208,346.88	1,830,000.00
11/01/44			49,181.25	49,181.25	1,830,000.00
05/01/45	165,000.00	5.375%	49,181.25	214,181.25	1,665,000.00
11/01/45			44,746.88	44,746.88	1,665,000.00
05/01/46	170,000.00	5.375%	44,746.88	214,746.88	1,495,000.00
11/01/46			40,178.13	40,178.13	1,495,000.00
05/01/47	180,000.00	5.375%	40,178.13	220,178.13	1,315,000.00
11/01/47			35,340.63	35,340.63	1,315,000.00

**RESERVE AT VAN OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
SERIES 2023 AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE**

	Principal	Coupon Rate	Interest	Debt Service	Bond Balance
05/01/48	190,000.00	5.375%	35,340.63	225,340.63	1,125,000.00
11/01/48			30,234.38	30,234.38	1,125,000.00
05/01/49	200,000.00	5.375%	30,234.38	230,234.38	925,000.00
11/01/49			24,859.38	24,859.38	925,000.00
05/01/50	215,000.00	5.375%	24,859.38	239,859.38	710,000.00
11/01/50			19,081.25	19,081.25	710,000.00
05/01/51	225,000.00	5.375%	19,081.25	244,081.25	485,000.00
11/01/51			13,034.38	13,034.38	485,000.00
05/01/52	235,000.00	5.375%	13,034.38	248,034.38	250,000.00
11/01/52			6,718.75	6,718.75	250,000.00
05/01/53	250,000.00	5.375%	6,718.75	256,718.75	-
Total	3,870,000.00		3,911,841.52	7,781,841.52	

**RESERVE AT VAN OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
ASSESSMENT COMPARISON
PROJECTED FISCAL YEAR 2025 ASSESSMENTS**

On-Roll Assessments

<u>Product/Parcel</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>FY 2025 O&M Assessment per Unit</u>	<u>FY 2025 DS Assessment per Unit</u>	<u>FY 2025 Total Assessment per Unit</u>	<u>FY 2024 Total Assessment per Unit</u>
Single Family 60'	139	\$ 1,411.65	\$ 1,075.02	\$ 2,486.67	\$ 2,166.41
Total	139				

Off-Roll Assessments

<u>Product/Parcel</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>FY 2025 O&M Assessment per Unit</u>	<u>FY 2025 DS Assessment per Unit</u>	<u>FY 2025 Total Assessment per Unit</u>	<u>FY 2024 Total Assessment per Unit</u>
Single Family 60'	120	\$ 449.00	\$ 999.77	\$ 1,448.77	\$ 1,209.09
Total	120				

RESERVE AT VAN OAKS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2024-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE RESERVE AT VAN OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE RESERVE AT VAN OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. **ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE.** The Fiscal Year 2021/2024 annual meeting schedule attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved and shall be published in accordance with the requirements of Florida law and also provided to applicable governing authorities.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of June, 2024.

ATTEST:

**RESERVE AT VAN OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

EXHIBIT "A"

RESERVE AT VAN OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT		
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 MEETING SCHEDULE		
LOCATION <i>Holiday Inn Express & Suites Lakeland North I-4</i> <i>4500 Lakeland Park Drive, Lakeland, Florida 33809</i> <i>¹Lake Alfred Public Library, 245 N Seminole Avenue, Lake Alfred, Florida 33850</i>		
DATE	POTENTIAL DISCUSSION/FOCUS	TIME
October 7, 2024	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
November 4, 2024	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
November 5, 2024¹	Landowners' Meeting	5:00 PM
December 2, 2024	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
January 6, 2025	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
February 3, 2025	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
March 3, 2025	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
April 7, 2025	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
May 5, 2025	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
June 2, 2025	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
July 7, 2025	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
August 4, 2025	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM

Exception

There will be no meeting in the month of September.

RESERVE AT VAN OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE RESERVE AT VAN OAKS AND LAKE PROS, LLC
FOR LAKE MAINTENANCE SERVICES**

THIS AGREEMENT ("AGREEMENT") is made and entered into this 18th day of March, 2024, by and between:

RESERVE AT VAN OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, a local unit of special-purpose government, established and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, with a mailing address of 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, FL 33431 ("**District**"), and

LAKE PROS, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, with a mailing address of 3885 Shader Road, Orlando, Florida 32808 ("**Contractor**").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District is a special-purpose unit of local government established pursuant to and governed by Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District currently owns, operates and maintains several stormwater management facilities located throughout the boundaries of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to enter into an agreement with an independent contractor to provide maintenance services, including inspection and treatment for control of noxious aquatic weeds and algae, at each of the District's separate stormwater management facilities identified in this Agreement.

WHEREAS, Contractor represents that it is qualified and willing to provide such services, and desires to contract with the District to do so in accordance with the terms and specifications of this Agreement; and

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

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

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

SECTION 2. CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATION.

A. GENERAL OBLIGATIONS. Contractor shall inspect and treat and perform, as necessary, such services as outlined in Contractor's proposal attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by this reference. Contractor shall provide all labor and equipment necessary to complete the services. Further, Contractor shall conduct the services with environmentally safe water management practices and in accordance with all local, state and federal laws, regulations, rules and requirements. To the extent the provisions of this Agreement conflict with any provisions of the Exhibits, this instrument shall control.

SECTION 3. MANNER OF CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE; CARE OF PROPERTY. Contractor agrees, as an independent contractor, to undertake work and/or perform the services as specified in this Agreement or any addendum executed by the parties or in any authorized written work

order by the District issued in connection with this Agreement and accepted by the Contractor. All work shall be performed in a neat and professional manner reasonably acceptable to the District and shall be in accordance with presently accepted industry standards. The performance of all services by the Contractor under this Agreement and related to this Agreement shall conform to any written instructions issued by the District.

A. Should any work and/or services be required which are not specified in this Agreement or any addenda, but which are nevertheless necessary for the proper provision of services to the District, such work or services shall be fully performed by the Contractor as if described and delineated in this Agreement.

B. The Contractor agrees that the District shall not be liable for the payment of any work or services not included in Section 2 of this Agreement unless the District, through an authorized representative of the District, authorizes the Contractor, in writing, to perform such work.

C. The District shall designate in writing a person to act as the District's representative with respect to the services to be performed under this Agreement. The District's representative shall have complete authority to transmit instructions, receive information, interpret and define the District's policies and decisions with respect to materials, equipment, elements, and systems pertinent to the Contractor's services.

i. The District hereby designates its District Manager and his or her designee to act as its representative.

ii. The Contractor agrees to meet with the District's representative to walk the property to discuss conditions, schedules, and items of concern regarding this Agreement.

iii. Upon the District's request, Contractor shall attend the District's monthly meetings and be prepared to report to the District's Board of Supervisors regarding the aquatics maintenance services.

D. The Contractor shall use all due care to protect the property of the District, its residents, and landowners from damage. The Contractor agrees to repair any damage resulting from the Contractor's activities and work within twenty-four (24) hours.

SECTION 4. COMPENSATION; BILLING AND PAYMENT.

A. In consideration of the Services to be provided by the Contractor, the District shall pay Contractor Two Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$270.00) per month.

B. Contractor shall invoice the District monthly for services provided pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. Additional services may be provided by Contractor upon explicit, written authorization from the District, evidence by a written addendum, addenda, amendment or a change order thereto, fully executed by both parties. Fees for such additional services are as outlined above and where not provided for, shall be as negotiated between the parties and agreed to in such written amendment. The District shall provide payment within thirty (30) days of receipt of invoices.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM; RENEWAL. The term of this Agreement shall be from execution through September 30, 2024 unless terminated earlier in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. This Agreement shall automatically renew for four (4) additional one-year periods, unless terminated pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. Any change in compensation or the scope of services must be approved in writing by the parties.

SECTION 6. INSURANCE.

A. Contractor and any subcontractor hired by Contractor to perform lake maintenance services shall maintain throughout the term of this Agreement the following insurance:

i. Workers' Compensation Insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

ii. Commercial General Liability Insurance covering Contractor's legal liability for bodily injuries, with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit bodily injury and property damage liability, and including, at least, Independent Contractors Coverage for bodily injury and property damage in connection with subcontractors' operation.

iii. Employer's Liability Coverage with limits of at least \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) per accident or disease.

iv. Automobile Liability Insurance for bodily injuries in limits of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit bodily injury and for property damage, providing coverage for any accident arising out of or resulting from the operation, maintenance, or use by Contractor of any owned, non-owned, or hired automobiles, trailers, or other equipment required to be licensed.

B. The District, its staff, consultants, employees and supervisors shall be named as additional insured parties. Contractor shall furnish the District with the Certificate of Insurance evidencing compliance with this requirement. No certificate shall be acceptable to the District unless it provides that any change or termination within the policy periods of the insurance coverages, as certified, shall not be effective within thirty (30) days of prior written notice to the District. Insurance coverage shall be from a reputable insurance carrier, licensed to conduct business in the State of Florida, and such carrier shall have a Best's Insurance Reports rating of at least A-VII.

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

SECTION 7. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS. Contractor shall keep, observe, and perform all requirements of applicable local, State, and Federal laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances. The Contractor shall promptly notify the District in writing upon receipt of any notice, order, required to comply notice, or a report of a violation or an alleged violation, made by any local, State, or federal governmental body or agency or subdivision thereof with respect to the services being rendered under this Agreement or any action of the Contractor or any of its agents, servants, employees, or materialmen, or with respect to terms, wages, hours, conditions of employment, safety appliances, or any other requirements applicable to provision of services. Additionally, Contractor shall promptly comply with any requirement of such agency after receipt of any such notice, order, request to comply notice, or report of a violation or an alleged violation.

SECTION 8. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR. In all matters relating to this Agreement, Contractor shall be acting as an independent contractor. Neither Contractor nor employees of Contractor, if there are any, are employees of the District under the meaning or application of any Federal or State Unemployment or Insurance Laws or Old Age Laws or otherwise. Contractor agrees to assume all liabilities or obligations imposed by any one or more of such laws with respect to employees of Contractor, if there are any, in the performance of this Agreement. Contractor shall not have any authority to assume or create any obligation, express or implied, on behalf of the District and Contractor

shall have no authority to represent the District as an agent, employee, or in any other capacity, unless otherwise set forth in this Agreement.

SECTION 9. LIENS AND CLAIMS. Contractor shall promptly and properly pay for all labor employed, materials purchased, and equipment hired by it to perform under this Agreement. The Contractor shall keep the District's property free from any materialmen's or mechanic's liens and claims or notices in respect to such liens and claims, which arise by reason of the Contractor's performance under this Agreement, and the Contractor shall immediately discharge any such claim or lien. In the event that the Contractor does not pay or satisfy such claim or lien within three (3) business days after the filing of notice thereof, the District, in addition to any and all other remedies available under this Agreement, may terminate this Agreement to be effective immediately upon the giving notice of termination.

SECTION 10. CUSTOM AND USAGE. It is hereby agreed, any law, custom, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding, that the District shall have the right at all times to enforce the conditions and agreements contained in this Agreement in strict accordance with the terms of this Agreement, notwithstanding any conduct or custom on the part of the District in refraining from so doing; and further, that the failure of the District at any time or times to strictly enforce its rights under this Agreement shall not be construed as having created a custom in any way or manner contrary to the specific conditions and agreements of this Agreement, or as having in any way modified or waived the same.

SECTION 11. PERMITS AND LICENSES. All permits and licenses required by any governmental agency directly for the District shall be obtained and paid for by the District. All other permits or licenses necessary for the Contractor to perform under this Agreement shall be obtained and paid for by the Contractor.

SECTION 12. INDEMNIFICATION.

A. Contractor agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the District and its officers, agents, employees, successors, assigns, members, affiliates, or representatives from any and all liability, claims, actions, suits, liens, demands, costs, interest, expenses, damages, penalties, fines, judgments against the District, or loss or damage, whether monetary or otherwise, arising out of, wholly or in part by, or in connection with the Services to be performed by Contractor, its subcontractors, its employees and agents in connection with this Agreement, including litigation, mediation, arbitration, appellate, or settlement proceedings with respect thereto. Additionally, nothing in this Agreement requires Contractor to indemnify the District for the District's percentage of fault if the District is adjudged to be more than 50% at fault for any claims against the District and Contractor as jointly liable parties; however, Contractor shall indemnify the District for any and all percentage of fault attributable to Contractor for claims against the District, regardless of whether the District is adjudged to be more or less than 50% at fault. 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, fines, back pay awards, court costs, arbitration and/or mediation costs, litigation expenses, attorneys' fees, paralegal fees, and expert witness fees and costs (incurred in court, out of court, on appeal, or in bankruptcy proceedings), any interest against the District, all as actually incurred.

SECTION 13. RECOVERY OF COSTS AND FEES. 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 and expert witness fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

SECTION 14. 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.

SECTION 15. NEGOTIATION AT ARMS' LENGTH. This Agreement has been negotiated fully between the parties as an arms' length transaction. The parties participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement and received the advice of counsel. In the case of a dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, all parties are deemed to have drafted, chosen and selected the language, and the doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against any party.

SECTION 16. HEADINGS. The descriptive headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall neither control nor affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION 17. ENFORCEMENT. A default by either party under this Agreement shall entitle the other party 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.

SECTION 18. TERMINATION. The District shall have the right to immediately terminate this Agreement at any time with cause, and with thirty (30) days' written notice without cause. Contractor shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon sixty (60) days' written notice mailed to the District at the address written herein stating a failure of the District to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, provided, however, that the District shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to cure any failure under this Agreement. As the sole means of recovery for termination, Contractor shall be entitled to payment for any Services provided through the effective date of termination, subject to any offsets that the District may have against Contractor. Contractor shall not be entitled to lost profits or consequential damages of any kind, and, instead, Contractor's sole recourse for termination of this Agreement shall be as set forth in the preceding sentence.

SECTION 19. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of the agreement between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. Any and all prior verbal and written agreements regarding the subject matter of this Agreement is hereby superseded by this Agreement.

SECTION 20. AMENDMENT. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both of the parties hereto.

SECTION 21. AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT. The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of all parties hereto, each party has complied with all the requirements of law, and each party has full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

SECTION 22. NOTICES. All notices, requests, consents and other communications hereunder ("Notices") shall be in writing and shall be delivered, mailed by Federal Express or First-Class Mail, postage prepaid, to the parties, as follows:

- A. If to Contractor: Lake Pros, LLC
3885 Shader Road
Orlando, Florida 32808
Attn: Quinn
- B. If to District: Reserve at Van Oaks Community Development District
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, Florida 33431
Attn: District Manager
- With a copy to: Kutak Rock LLP
107 West College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Attn: District Counsel

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

SECTION 23. THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the formal parties herein and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason hereof, to or for the benefit of any third-party not a formal party hereto. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the parties hereto any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any provisions or conditions hereof; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants and conditions herein contained shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective representatives, successors and assigns.

SECTION 24. ASSIGNMENT. Contractor may not assign this Agreement or any monies to become due hereunder without the prior written approval of the District. Any purported assignment without such prior written approval shall be null and void.

SECTION 25. CONTROLLING LAW. This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. The parties consent to and agree that the exclusive venue for any dispute arising hereunder shall be in a court of appropriate jurisdiction, in and for Osceola County, Florida.

SECTION 26. PUBLIC RECORDS. Contractor understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and, accordingly, Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including but not limited to Section 119.0701, *Florida Statutes*. Contractor acknowledges that the designated public records custodian for the District is the District Manager ("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 service; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, provide the District with the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or

copied within a reasonable time period at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*; 3) ensure that public records which are exempt or confidential, and exempt from public records disclosure requirements, are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following the contract term if Contractor does not transfer the records to the Public Records Custodian of the District; and 4) upon completion of the contract, transfer to the District, at no cost, all public records in Contractor's possession or, alternatively, keep, maintain and meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records pursuant to Florida laws. When such public records are transferred by Contractor, Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District in a format that is compatible with Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats.

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 (561) 571-0010 SUITK@WHHASSOCIATES.COM, OR AT 2300 GLADES ROAD, SUITE 410W, BOCA RATON, FLORIDA 33431.

SECTION 27. 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.

SECTION 28. 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 this Agreement.

SECTION 29. E-VERIFY. The Contractor shall comply with and perform all provisions of Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*. Accordingly, as a condition precedent to entering into this Agreement, Contractor shall register with and use the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. If the Contractor anticipates entering into agreements with a subcontractor for the Work, Contractor will not enter into the subcontractor agreement without first receiving an affidavit from the subcontractor regarding compliance with Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*, and stating that the subcontractor has registered with and uses the E-Verify system and does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. Contractor shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the agreement and provide a copy to the District upon request. Any party may terminate this Agreement or any subcontract hereunder if there is a good faith belief on the part of the terminating party that a contracting party has knowingly violated Section 448.09(1), *Florida Statutes*. Upon such termination, Contractor shall be liable for any additional costs incurred by the District because of the termination. If the District has a good faith belief that a subcontractor has violated Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*, but the Contractor has otherwise complied with its obligations hereunder, the District shall promptly notify the Contractor. The Contractor agrees to immediately terminate the agreement with the subcontractor upon notice from the District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have signed and sealed this Agreement on the day and year first written above.

ATTEST:

DocuSigned by:

Kristen Smit

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Secretary / Assistant Secretary

RESERVE AT VAN OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

DocuSigned by:

Martha Schiffer

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Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

WITNESS:

Sonia Nieves

Print Name: Sonia Nieves

LAKE PROS, LLC

Chad Bass

By: Chad Bass

Its: Owner

Exhibit A: Contractor's Proposal with location map

Exhibit A: Contractor's Proposal

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The Reserve at Van Oaks CDD
C/O HomeRiver Group- Orlando

Contact: Dean Garrow
Address: 4301 Vineland Rd E-1.
City/State/Zip: Orlando, FL 32811
Phone: (407) 563-0109
Email: dgarrow@homeriver.com

This agreement, made by and between Lake Pros, LLC ("Contractor") and The Reserve at Van Oaks CDD ("Owner")

Maintenance Agreement—Monthly Pond maintenance service for two (2) ponds includes:

- Algae and Aquatic Weed Control
- Border Grass and Brush Control
- Underwater and Floating Vegetation Control
- Casual Debris and Trash Removal
- Structure Inspection and Grate Cleaning
- Treatment and Inspection Reporting

Monthly Maintenance: \$270.00 per month



3885 Shader Road, Orlando, Florida 32808

(407) 595-3648 www.lakepro.co

AGREEMENT BETWEEN OWNER & CONTRACTOR

Terms and Conditions:

1. LAKE PROS monthly treatments include EPA certified herbicides applications, beneficial bacteria, casual debris clean up, and structure monitoring. Services outside of the maintenance scope will be subject to a one-time fee that is agreed upon by the CUSTOMER in writing.
2. Debris clean-up is limited to casual debris: such as cups, cans, bags, and other non-natural materials along the shoreline. Debris Clean-up service does NOT include extensive debris and trash cleanup in the event of a major storm event. (Example: Hurricane). Does NOT include construction debris, tires, shopping carts, and other large, discarded debris.
3. This agreement shall automatically renew for its original term on the anniversary starting date of this contract. The monthly service amount may be adjusted, as agreed upon by both Parties, and set forth in writing.
4. Invoices submitted for work completed shall be paid within 30 days of receipt. If payment has not been received within 30 days, invoices will accrue an interest at 2% per month. After two consecutive months without receiving payment, the account will be put on hold.
5. CUSTOMER understands that the annual investment amount has been spread out over a twelve-month period. If the CUSTOMER puts the account on hold, or LAKE PROS puts the account on hold due to lack of payment, an additional start-up fee may be required.
6. LAKE PROS will maintain insurance coverage, which includes General Liability Property Damage, Automobile Liability, and Workman's Compensation at its own expense.
7. The Customer agrees to inform LAKE PROS in writing if any lake or pond areas have been, or are scheduled, to be mitigated (planted with required or beneficial aquatic vegetation). Emergent weed control may not be performed within mitigated areas, new or existing, unless specifically stated by separate contract or modification of the agreement.
8. If at any time during the agreement, the customer is not satisfied with LAKE PROS service, the customer can cancel the agreement with a 30-day written notice.
9. Federal and State regulations require that various water time-use restrictions be observed during and following some treatments. LAKE PROS will notify the customer of such restriction. It shall be the customer's responsibility to observe the restrictions throughout the required period. The customer understands and agrees that, notwithstanding any other provision of the agreement, LAKE PROS does not assume any liability for failure by any party to be notified of, or to observe. The above regulations.
10. LAKE PROS shall not be responsible for acts beyond our control. These include, but aren't limited to, adverse weather conditions, Acts of God, Strikes, government regulations or order, acts of vandalism, theft or third-party actions.
11. The customer warrants that he or she is authorized to execute the water management agreement on behalf of the riparian owner and to hold LAKE PROS harmless for consequences of such service not arising out of the sole negligence of LAKE PROS.
12. LAKE PROS agrees to hold the customer harmless from any loss, damage, or claims arising out of the sole negligence of LAKE PROS. However, LAKE PROS shall in no event be liable to the customer or others indirect, special or consequential damages resulting from any cause whatsoever.
13. Water use restrictions ensuing treatment are rarely required. If required, LAKE PROS will notify the customer in writing. LAKE PROS will not be held responsible if customer fails to follow water use restrictions.

Customer Acceptance:

"OWNER"
DocuSigned by:

Signature: 5B43C212430A422...
Martha Schiffer
Print: 3/26/2024
Date:

"CONTRACTOR"
Lake Pros, LLC
Signature: Chad Bass
Print: Chad Bass
Date: 3/5/24

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RESERVE AT VAN OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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AGREEMENT FOR POND CLEANING SERVICES

This "Agreement" is by and between: Reserve at Van Oaks Community Development District ("District") and Mele Environmental Services, L.L.C., dated May __, 2024 ("Contractor");

1. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The Agreement shall be deemed effective as of the date first mentioned above.
2. **SCOPE OF SERVICES.** The Contractor agrees to provide the "Services" outlined in **Exhibit A**. Contractor hereby covenants to the District that it shall perform the Services: (i) using its best skill and judgment and in accordance with generally accepted professional standards, and (ii) in compliance with all applicable federal, state, county, municipal, building and zoning, land use, environmental, public safety, non-discrimination and disability accessibility laws, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations, permits and approvals for all required basic disciplines that it shall perform. While providing the Services, the Contractor shall assign such staff as may be required, and such staff shall be responsible for coordinating, expediting, and controlling all aspects to assure completion of the Services. Contractor shall solely be responsible for the means, manner and methods by which its duties, obligations and responsibilities are met to the satisfaction of the District.
3. **COMPENSATION.** As compensation for the Services described in this Agreement, the District agrees to pay the Contractor the amount set forth in **Exhibit A**. The Contractor shall maintain records conforming to usual accounting practices. Further, the Contractor agrees to render an invoice to the District, in writing, which shall be delivered or mailed to the District by the fifth (5th) day of the month after the month during which Services are completed. The invoice shall contain, at a minimum, the District's name, the Contractor's name, the invoice date, an invoice number, an itemized listing of all costs billed on the invoice with a description of each sufficient for 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. of the Florida Statutes, the invoice shall be due and payable within forty-five (45) days of receipt by the District.
4. **CARE OF DISTRICT PROPERTY.** Contractor shall use all due care to protect the property of the District, its patrons, landowners and authorized guests from damage by Contractor or its employees or agents. Contractor agrees to repair any damage resulting from the Services within twenty-four (24) hours. Any such repairs shall be at Contractor's sole expense, unless otherwise agreed, in writing, by the District.
5. **STANDARD OF CARE; INDEMNIFICATION.** Contractor shall use reasonable care in performing the services and shall be responsible for any harm of any kind to persons or property resulting from Contractor's actions or inactions. The Contractor agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the District and its officers, agents, employees, successors, assigns, members, affiliates, or representatives from any and all liability, claims, actions, suits, liens, demands, costs, interest, expenses, damages, penalties, fines, judgments against the District, or loss or damage, whether monetary or otherwise, arising out of, wholly or in part by, or in connection with the services to be performed by Contractor, its subcontractors, its employees and agents in connection with this Agreement, including litigation, mediation, arbitration, appellate, or settlement proceedings with respect thereto. The indemnification rights herein contained shall be cumulative of, and in addition to, any and all rights, remedies and recourse to which the District shall be entitled, whether pursuant to some other provision of this Agreement, at law, or in equity. The provisions of this Section shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement. Nothing in this Section is intended to waive or alter any other remedies that the District may have as against the Contractor.
6. **INSURANCE.** The Contractor or any subcontractor performing the work described in this Agreement shall maintain throughout the term of this Agreement the insurance identified in the Certificate of Insurance attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. The Contractor shall furnish the District with the Certificate of Insurance evidencing compliance with this requirement. No certificate shall be acceptable to the District unless it provides that any change or termination within the policy periods of the insurance coverage, as certified, shall not be effective within thirty (30) days of prior written notice to the District. Insurance coverage shall be from a reputable insurance carrier, licensed to conduct business in the State of Florida.
7. **SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY.** Contractor further agrees that nothing in the Agreement between the parties 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.
8. **TERMINATION.** The Agreement may be terminated immediately by the District for cause, or for any or no reason upon 5 days written notice by either party. Contractor shall not be entitled to lost profits or any other damages of any kind resulting from any such termination by the District, provided however that Contractor shall be entitled to payment for any work provided through the effective date of termination, subject to any offsets.
9. **PUBLIC RECORDS.** Contractor understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and, accordingly, Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including but not limited to Section 119.0701, *Florida Statutes*.
10. **ATTORNEY'S FEES.** 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 fees and costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.
11. **SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES.** 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 this Agreement.
12. **E-VERIFY.** Contractor shall comply with and perform all applicable provisions of Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*. Accordingly, to the extent required by Florida Statute, Contractor shall register with and use the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees and shall comply with all requirements of Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*, as to the use of subcontractors. The District may terminate the Agreement immediately for cause if there is a good faith belief that the Contractor has knowingly violated Section 448.091, *Florida Statutes*. By entering into this Agreement, the Contractor represents that no public employer has terminated a contract with the Contractor under Section 448.095(2)(c), *Florida Statutes*, within the year immediately preceding the date of this Agreement.
13. **CONFLICTS.** To the extent any of the provisions of this Agreement are in conflict with the provisions of **Exhibit A**, this document controls.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties execute the foregoing Agreement.

RESERVE AT VAN OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Martha Schiffer

By: _____
Its: _____

CDD Chair

- Exhibit A: Proposal
- Exhibit B: Insurance Certificate with Endorsements

MELE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, L.L.C.


Joe Mele (May 17, 2024 16:44 EDT)

By: Joe Mele
Its: _____

Mele Environmental Services, LLC

Phone: (863)327-5693 ,8911 Pine Grove Dr. Lakeland FL 33809

"No Hassle's, Just Result's."

Specifications for Proposal of Pond #1 Clean-up for:

The Reserve at Van Oaks CDD, Auburndale FL

Phase 1 map provided by Management

Retention Pond #1

Contractor is to enter site and commence clean-up of #1 retention pond.

Contractors will use rotary equipment and hand tools with special attachments to cut down excessive vegetation along the perimeter of the pond.

Any growth within the water will be left for aquatics company to spray off and eliminate any further growth.

The clean up of debris will be mulched up into fine pieces by rotary equipment along pond area and disbursed evenly and over time mowers will clean up behind those trimmings to create a neat and clean appearance.

This needs Management approval.

We have attached photos to show the size of the job at hand. Some areas are 8FT-9FT tall.

The Total sum of this project will be \$6,800.00





Exhibit B: Certificate of Insurance






Pond Cleaning Services Agreement

Final Audit Report

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RESERVE AT VAN OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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**ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 30, 2023, BETWEEN
RESERVE AT VAN OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
AND MELE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, LLC FOR ANT PREVENTION**

This Addendum ("Addendum") supplements and governs the agreement referenced above ("Agreement") between Reserve at Van Oaks Community Development District ("District") and Mele Environmental Services, LLC ("Contractor"). To the extent that the provisions of this Addendum conflict with the provisions of the Agreement, or any portions of the Agreement thereof, the parties agree that this Addendum shall control:

1. The Agreement shall be deemed effective as of the date of the full execution of this Addendum (the "Effective Date").

2. District agrees to compensate Contractor for the services identified in the Proposal, attached hereto, in the amount of One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1,980.00) per year, in monthly amounts of One Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars and Zero Cents (\$165.00).

3. The initial term of the Agreement shall be twelve (12) months starting on the Effective Date ("Initial Term") and may thereafter be renewed for a maximum of three (3) additional one (1) year terms. **Any increase in price, including during the Initial term and/or upon renewal, or change in scope of services must be submitted to the District at least 30 days before said increase is proposed to take effect, and shall not be effective unless approved by the District in writing.**

4. Contractor shall use reasonable care in performing the services and shall be responsible for any harm of any kind to persons or property resulting from Contractor's actions or inactions. Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the District and the District's officers, staff, representatives, and agents, from any and all liabilities, damages, claims, losses, costs, or harm of any kind, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, paralegal fees and expert witness fees and costs, to the extent caused, wholly or in part, by any acts or omissions of the Contractor and persons employed or utilized by the Contractor in the performance of the Agreement.

5. In all matters relating to the Agreement, the Contractor shall be acting as an independent contractor. Neither the Contractor nor employees of the Contractor, if there are any, are employees of the District under the meaning or application of any Federal or State Unemployment or Insurance Laws or Old Age Laws or otherwise. The Contractor agrees to assume all liabilities or obligations imposed by any one or more of such laws with respect to employees of the Contractor, if there are any, in the performance of the Agreement. The Contractor shall not have any authority to assume or create any obligation, express or implied, on behalf of the District and the Contractor shall have no authority to represent the District as an agent, employee, or in any other capacity.

6. Contractor further agrees that nothing in this Addendum or the Agreement shall be deemed as a waiver of the District's sovereign immunity or the District's limits of liability as set forth in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes* or other law, and nothing in this Addendum or the Agreement shall inure to the benefit of any third party for the purpose of allowing any claim which would otherwise be barred under such limitations of liability or by operation of law.

7. The Agreement may be terminated immediately by the District for cause upon written notice, or upon thirty (30) days' written notice without cause by either party. Contractor shall not be entitled to lost profits or any other damages of any kind resulting from any such termination by the District, provided however that Contractor shall be entitled to payment for any work provided through the effective date of termination, subject to any offsets the District may have.

8. Contractor understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and, accordingly, Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including but not limited to Section 119.0701, *Florida Statutes*. Contractor acknowledges that the designated public records custodian for the District is the District Manager ("Public Records Custodian"). Among other requirements and to the extent applicable by law, the Contractor shall 1) keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, provide the District with the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time period at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*; 3) ensure that public records which are exempt or confidential, and exempt from public records disclosure requirements, are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following the contract term if the 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 the Contractor, the 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 THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, *FLORIDA STATUTES*, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (561) 571-0010, WRATHELLC@WHHASSOCIATES.COM, OR 2300 GLADES ROAD, SUITE 410W, BOCA RATON, FLORIDA 33431.

9. To the extent any of the provisions of this Addendum are in conflict with the provisions of the Agreement, this Addendum controls.

**MELE ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES, LLC**


Joe Mele (Feb 6, 2024 15:26 EST)

By: Joe Mele

Its: Owner

Date: 02/06/2024

**RESERVE AT VAN OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**



Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Date: 2/6/24

Proposal

Mele Environmental Services LLC

Phone: (863)327-5693 ,8911 Pine Grove Dr. Lakeland FL 33809

"No Hassle's, Just Result's."

Specifications for Proposal and Contract for Grounds Maintenance for:

The Reserve at Van Oaks CDD, Auburndale FL

ADDENDUM TO ORIGINAL CONTRACT PER REQUEST


As per Phase 1 map provided by management

Ant Prevention

Contractor is to applicate granules on any ant piles throughout these specified areas.

(Community pool area and Front entrance)

These areas will be treated 12 times per fiscal year at a rate of \$165.00 per application with an annual grand total of \$1,980.00 per year. This will be charged additionally every month along with contracted landscape maintenance services invoice.

Sign:  Date: 1-23-24

Owner, Mele Environmental Services, LLC

Sign: _____ Date: _____

The Reserve at Vann Oaks CDD

Reserve at Van Oaks CDD- Addendum Ant Prevention to Mele Environmental Lanscape Maintenance Agreement

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RESERVE AT VAN OAKS
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EMMA® Filing Assistance Software as a Service License Agreement

This EMMA Filing Assistance Software as a Service License Agreement (this "**Agreement**") is entered into by and between the **Reserve at Van Oaks Community Development District** (the "**District**") on behalf of itself, its Dissemination Agent and all other Obligated Persons as defined in the District's outstanding Continuing Disclosure Agreements (collectively, the "**Licensee**"), and Disclosure Technology Services, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("**DTS**" or the "**Licensor**"). This Agreement shall be effective as of last day executed below ("**Effective Date**").

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and adequate consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties have agreed as follows:

The District is, or may in the future be, a party to one or more Continuing Disclosure Agreements (the "**CDAs**") in connection with the issuance of bonds or other debt obligations. Pursuant to the CDAs, the District and the other Obligated Persons named therein are, or will be, obligated to file certain Annual Reports, Quarterly Reports and Listed Event filings (as such terms are defined in the CDAs) electronically through the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's Electronic Municipal Market Access ("**EMMA**") system website within the time periods specified in the CDAs.

Subject to the payment of the fees provided for in "Exhibit A: Fee Schedule" attached hereto and the terms and conditions provided for in the "EMMA® Filing Assistance Software End User License Agreement" located at , both of which are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement, the Licensor hereby (i) grants to Licensee a non-exclusive, non-transferable, non-sublicensable, limited license and right to access and use the DTS Portal ("**Portal**") for the purposes provided for herein. The Portal is configured to provide annual and quarterly notices of reporting deadlines prior to the applicable Annual Filing Date(s) and Quarterly Filing Date(s) set forth in the CDAs (the "**Services**").

As part of the notices provided by the Portal, links to access to the Portal will be made delivered to the District and other Obligated Persons annually and quarterly, as applicable, via email, which will allow for the District and other Obligated Persons to input the information required for the Annual Reports (excluding the Audited Financial Statements) and the Quarterly Reports under the CDAs, respectively, into a reportable format (collectively, the "**Formatted Information**"). Notwithstanding this provision or failure to provide such Formatted Information or any Services, the District, and its Dissemination Agent, if any, will remain responsible for filing the Formatted Information with EMMA on or before the deadlines provided for in the CDAs. The Portal shall not include any links for Listed Events as defined in the CDAs and all EMMA reporting obligations shall remain the sole obligations of the District and the Obligated Persons as set forth in the CDAs if and when a Listed Events report needs to be filed.

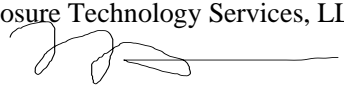
This Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and continue through September 30 of the year in which this Agreement is executed, and thereafter, shall renew for additional one year terms (based on the District's fiscal year, which ends September 30) so long as the District is obligated under any CDAs. Either party may terminate this Agreement upon thirty days prior written notice to the other party hereto. Any fees paid prior to termination shall be considered earned and non-refundable and the Licensor may adjust the fees hereunder upon thirty days prior written notice to Licensee. Upon the termination of this Agreement, Licensee shall immediately discontinue use of the Portal. Licensee's obligations according to the provisions of this Agreement prior to termination shall survive termination of this Agreement. This Agreement is also subject to the terms set forth in **Exhibit B**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Agreement as of the date below written.

Reserve at Van Oaks Community Development District

Disclosure Technology Services, LLC

By: _____

By:  _____

Print: _____

Print: Michael Klurman

Title: _____

Title: Vice President

Date: _____

Date: 03-25-2024

Exhibit A – Fee Schedule

Annual License Fee:

1. 2023 – 2024 Fiscal year -- \$1500 per annum for all bonds to be issued by the District.
2. 2024 Fiscal year and after -- \$1,500 per annum for all bonds to be issued by the District.

Exhibit B – CDD Addendum

The following terms apply notwithstanding any other provision of the Agreement (including but not limited to any of the terms incorporated therein from other documents):

PUBLIC RECORDS. DTS understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and, accordingly, DTS agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including but not limited to section 119.0701, *Florida Statutes*. DTS acknowledges that the designated public records custodian for the District is the District's Manager ("**Public Records Custodian**"). Among other requirements and to the extent applicable by law, DTS shall 1) keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, provide the District with the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time period at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*; 3) ensure that public records which are exempt or confidential, and exempt from public records disclosure requirements, are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following the contract term if DTS 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 DTS'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 DTS, DTS shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District in a format that is compatible with Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats.

IF THE DTS HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, *FLORIDA STATUTES*, TO THE DTS'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS, Wrathell Hunt & Associates, 2300 Glades Road, Ste #410W, Boca Raton, FL 33431; Attention: Craig Wrathell.

LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY. Nothing in the 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 or law, 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.

SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES. DTS 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 DTS 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 this Agreement.

E-VERIFY. DTS shall comply with and perform all applicable provisions of Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*. Accordingly, to the extent required by Florida Statute, DTS shall register with and use the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees and shall comply with all requirements of Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*, as to the use of subcontractors. The District may terminate the Agreement immediately for cause if there is a good faith belief that the DTS has knowingly violated Section 448.091, *Florida Statutes*. By entering into this Agreement, the DTS represents that no public employer has terminated a contract with the DTS under Section 448.095(2)(c), *Florida Statutes*, within the year immediately preceding the date of this Agreement.

RESERVE AT VAN OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

UNAUDITED
FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS

**RESERVE AT VAN OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
UNAUDITED
APRIL 30, 2024**

**RESERVE AT VAN OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
APRIL 30, 2024**

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund Series 2023	Capital Projects Fund Series 2023	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 119,276	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 119,276
Investments				
Revenue	-	237,718	-	237,718
Reserve	-	130,020	-	130,020
Construction	-	-	444	444
Interest	-	2,454	-	2,454
Total assets	<u>119,276</u>	<u>370,192</u>	<u>444</u>	<u>489,912</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Due to Landowner	\$ -	\$ 14,679	\$ -	\$ 14,679
Due to other	6,087	-	-	6,087
Landowner advance	73,116	-	-	73,116
Total liabilities	<u>79,203</u>	<u>14,679</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,882</u>
Fund balances:				
Restricted for:				
Debt service	-	355,513	-	355,513
Capital projects	-	-	444	444
Committed:				
Future repairs	14,133	-	-	14,133
Unassigned	25,940	-	-	25,940
Total fund balances	<u>40,073</u>	<u>355,513</u>	<u>444</u>	<u>396,030</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 119,276</u>	<u>\$ 370,192</u>	<u>\$ 444</u>	<u>\$ 489,912</u>

**RESERVE AT VAN OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED APRIL 30, 2024**

	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	% of Budget
REVENUES				
Assessment levy: on-roll - net	\$ -	\$ 145,434	\$ 145,635	100%
Assessment levy: off-roll	-	39,782	53,043	75%
Landowner contribution	-	19,789	224,044	9%
Total revenues	-	205,005	422,722	48%
EXPENDITURES				
Professional & administrative				
Management/accounting/recording	4,000	28,000	48,000	58%
Legal	396	3,393	25,000	14%
Engineering	-	113	2,000	6%
Audit	-	-	6,000	0%
Arbitrage rebate calculation*	-	-	500	0%
Dissemination agent*	83	583	1,000	58%
Trustee*	-	-	5,000	0%
Telephone	17	100	200	50%
Postage	11	106	500	21%
Printing & binding	42	292	500	58%
Legal advertising	-	891	1,500	59%
Annual special district fee	-	175	175	100%
Insurance	-	5,500	5,500	100%
Contingencies/bank charges	3	266	500	53%
Website hosting & maintenance	-	705	705	100%
Website ADA compliance	-	-	210	0%
Meeting room rental	-	-	3,060	0%
Property appraiser & tax collector	-	2,901	4,551	64%
Total professional & administrative	4,552	43,025	104,901	41%
Field Operations				
Contracted services				
Pressure washing	-	-	6,000	0%
Lawn service & mulch	3,365	26,590	150,000	18%
Lift station	-	-	2,000	0%
Wetland monitoring	-	-	5,000	0%
Pool service	950	2,850	12,000	24%
Cabana janitorial	550	3,375	10,000	34%
Amenity access control & data management	-	2,512	11,000	23%
Ponds	-	-	4,000	0%
Repairs & supplies				
Pool & cabana maintenance	-	6,469	4,000	162%
Amenity access control repair	-	-	3,000	0%
Irrigation-repair	-	265	3,500	8%
General repairs/supplies	626	6,777	5,500	123%
Landscaping-repairs & replacement	-	3,230	5,000	65%
Utilities				
Electricity-irrigation	-	-	3,500	0%
Electricity-entrance monuments	32	210	3,000	7%
Electricity-pool & cabana	468	2,899	6,000	48%
Electricity-street lights	3,163	20,819	30,000	69%
Water-pool	1,248	9,410	3,500	269%
Pool cable	209	721	2,400	30%
Administrative				
Management fee - PM	1,251	8,757	15,012	58%
O&M accounting - DM	333	2,333	4,000	58%
Pool permit	-	-	275	0%
Taxes/insurance				
Property insurance	-	7,670	15,000	51%
Total field operations	12,195	104,887	303,687	35%
Total expenditures	16,747	147,912	408,588	36%
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	(16,747)	57,093	14,134	
Fund balances - beginning	56,820	(17,020)	-	
Committed				
Future repairs	14,133	14,133	14,133	
Unassigned	25,940	25,940	1	
Fund balances - ending	\$ 40,073	\$ 40,073	\$ 14,134	

**RESERVE AT VAN OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
DEBT SERVICE FUND SERIES 2023
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED APRIL 30, 2024**

	Current Month	Year To Date	Budget	% of Budget
REVENUES				
Assessment levy: on-roll - net	\$ -	\$ 143,240	\$ 143,451	100%
Assessment levy: off-roll	-	89,979	119,972	75%
Interest	1,536	6,896	-	N/A
Total revenues	<u>1,536</u>	<u>240,115</u>	<u>263,423</u>	91%
EXPENDITURES				
Debt service				
Principal	-	-	60,000	0%
Interest	-	91,421	191,153	48%
Tax collector	-	-	4,483	0%
Total debt service	<u>-</u>	<u>91,421</u>	<u>255,636</u>	36%
Other fees & charges				N/A
Tax collector	-	2,857	-	N/A
Total other fees and charges	<u>-</u>	<u>2,857</u>	<u>-</u>	N/A
Total expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>94,278</u>	<u>255,636</u>	37%
				N/A
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	1,536	145,837	7,787	1873%
Net change in fund balances	1,536	145,837	7,787	
Fund balances - beginning	353,977	209,676	220,891	
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 355,513</u>	<u>\$ 355,513</u>	<u>\$ 228,678</u>	

**RESERVE AT VAN OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND SERIES 2023
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED APRIL 30, 2024**

	Current Month	Year To Date
REVENUES		
Interest	\$ 2	\$ 13
Total revenues	<u>2</u>	<u>13</u>
EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	2	13
Net change in fund balances	2	13
Fund balances - beginning	442	431
Fund balances - ending	<u><u>\$ 444</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 444</u></u>

RESERVE AT VAN OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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**MINUTES OF MEETING
RESERVE AT VAN OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The Board of Supervisors of the Reserve at Van Oaks Community Development District held a Regular Meeting on November 6, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Lakeland North I-4, 4500 Lakeland Park Drive, Lakeland, Florida 33809.

Present at the meeting:

Garth Noble	Chair
Martha Schiffer	Vice Chair
Megan Germino	Assistant Secretary
Chris Torres	Assistant Secretary

Also present:

Kristen Suit	District Manager
Jonathan Johnson (via telephone)	District Counsel
Dean Garrow	Home River Property Management

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order/Roll Call

Ms. Suit called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

Supervisors Noble, Schiffer, Torres and Germino were present. Supervisor Rakipi was not present.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Acceptance of Resignation of Supervisor
Edmon Rakipi [SEAT 4]; Term Expires
November 2024**

Ms. Suit stated that Management received Mr. Rakipi's resignation letter after the agenda package was disseminated.

On MOTION by Mr. Noble and seconded by Mr. Torres, with all in favor, the resignation of Mr. Edmon Rakipi from Seat 4, was accepted.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Consider Appointment to Fill Unexpired Term of Seat 4**

This item was deferred.

A. Administration of Oath of Office to Appointed Supervisor (the following will be provided in a separate package)**I. Guide to Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees****II. Membership, Obligations and Responsibilities****III. Financial Disclosure Forms****a. Form 1: Statement of Financial Interests****b. Form 1X: Amendment to Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests****c. Form 1F: Final Statement of Financial Interests****IV. Form 8B – Memorandum of Voting Conflict****FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS****Consideration of Resolution 2024-01, Appointing and Removing Officers of the District and Providing for an Effective Date**

Ms. Suit presented Resolution 2024-01. Mr. Noble nominated the following slate:

Chair Garth Noble

Vice Chair Martha Schiffer

Assistant Secretary Chris Torres

Assistant Secretary Megan Germino

Assistant Secretary Vacant

No other nominations were made.

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

On MOTION by Mr. Noble and seconded by Ms. Schiffer, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-01, Appointing, as nominated, and Removing Officers of the District, and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Consider Termination of Tree Farm 2, Inc.,
dba Cornerstone Solutions Group
Landscape Services Agreement**

Ms. Suit stated that District Counsel prepared the form of Termination Letter. She asked and the Board agreed to extending the termination terms from 30-days to 60-days. The final service date will be January 5, 2024.

Ms. Suit asked Mr. Garrow if he confirmed that the scope of service and maintenance map, behind Tab 7, is for the CDD and not the HOA. Mr. Garrow replied correct.

On MOTION by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Noble, with all in favor, termination of the Tree Farm 2, Inc., dba Cornerstone Solutions Group, Landscape Services Agreement and extending the termination date from 30-days to 60-days, was approved.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Consideration of Mele Environmental
Services, LLC Proposal and Contract for
Grounds Maintenance**

Ms. Suit presented the Mele Environmental Services, LLC (Mele) proposal for grounds maintenance in Phase 1. Mr. Johnson stated the Certificate of Insurance (COI) did not include the requirements for worker's compensation and employer's liability insurance, which are typically required; however, if Mele is unable to procure it but the Board is comfortable with that, the Board can proceed with the proposal. He recommended trying to get Mele to obtain the coverages, as it serves to protect the CDD. Mr. Garrow will pursue obtaining the coverage while District Counsel prepares the CDD's form of Agreement.

On MOTION by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Noble, with all in favor, authorizing Staff to proceed with the Mele Environmental Services, LLC contract for grounds maintenance even if Mele is unable to provide worker's compensation and employer's liability insurance, was approved.

On MOTION by Ms. Schiffer and seconded by Mr. Noble, with all in favor, the Mele Environmental Services, LLC Proposal and Contract for Grounds Maintenance, in a not-to-exceed amount of \$38,400 annually, equating to \$3,200 monthly, authorizing District Counsel to draft the CDD's form of Agreement and authorizing the Chair to execute, were approved.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Ratification of Consent to Phase 2 Plat**

On MOTION by Ms. Schiffer and seconded by Mr. Noble, with all in favor, consenting to the Phase 2 Plat, was ratified.

Asked if the plat was recorded. Ms. Suit replied no. Mr. Johnson stated that Mr. Earlywine prepared a Joinder.

The meeting agenda letter did not contain a Ninth Order of Business.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of September 30, 2023**

Asked if the CDD issued bonds for Phase 2, Mr. Johnson recalled closing on the bonds around late summer. Ms. Suit will research and report her findings after the meeting.

On MOTION by Ms. Schiffer and seconded by Mr. Noble, with all in favor, the Unaudited Financial Statements as of September 30, 2023, were accepted.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Approval of October 2, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes**

On MOTION by Ms. Schiffer and seconded by Mr. Noble, with all in favor, the October 2, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented, were approved.

TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Staff Reports**

- A. District Counsel: Kutak Rock LLP**
- B. District Engineer: Poulos & Bennett, LLC**
- C. District Property Manager: HomeRiver Group-Orlando**
- D. District Manager: Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC**

There were no reports.

- **NEXT MEETING DATE: December 4, 2023 at 1:00 PM**

- **QUORUM CHECK**

The December 4, 2023 meeting will be cancelled. The next meeting will likely be held on February 5, 2024.

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

There were no Board Member's comments or requests.

FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

FIFTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Adjournment**

On MOTION by Ms. Schiffer and seconded by Mr. Torres, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.
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Chair/Vice Chair

RESERVE AT VAN OAKS
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RESERVE AT VAN OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT		
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 MEETING SCHEDULE		
LOCATION		
<i>Holiday Inn Express & Suites Lakeland North I-4 4500 Lakeland Park Drive, Lakeland, Florida 33809</i>		
DATE	POTENTIAL DISCUSSION/FOCUS	TIME
October 2, 2023	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
November 6, 2023	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
December 4, 2023 CANCELED	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
February 5, 2024 CANCELED	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
March 4, 2024 CANCELED	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
April 1, 2024 CANCELED	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
May 6, 2024 CANCELED	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
June 3, 2024	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
July 1, 2024	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
August 5, 2024	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM