

MOODY RIVER ESTATES

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

October 17, 2019

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

Moody River Estates Community Development District

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

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October 9, 2019

ATTENDEES:

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

Board of Supervisors

Moody River Estates Community Development District

Dear Board Members:

The Board of Supervisors of the Moody River Estates Community Development District will hold a Regular Meeting on October 17, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., in the Clubhouse at Moody River Estates, 3050 Moody River Blvd., North Fort Myers, Florida 33903. The agenda is as follows:

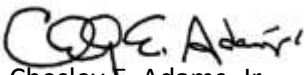
1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comments (*agenda items*)
3. Consider Appointment of Qualified Elector Candidate to Fill the Unexpired Term of Vacant Seat 5 (*Term Expires November 2022*)
 - A. Qualified Elector Candidates
 - I. Lynn M. Miles
 - II. Paul R. Hoffman
 - B. Administration of Oath of Office to Newly 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
 - C. Consideration of Resolution 2020-01, Designating a Chair, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, Assistant Secretaries, a Treasurer and an Assistant Treasurer of the District, and Providing for an Effective Date

4. Discussion: Updated Provisions of District's Rules of Procedure
5. Discussion: Inquiries, Request for Agenda Items
6. Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of August 31, 2019
7. Approval of August 15, 2019 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes
 - Action Items
8. Staff Reports
 - A. District Counsel: *Hopping Green & Sams, P.A.*
 - B. District Engineer: *Barraco & Associates, Inc.*
 - C. District Manager: *Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC*
 - NEXT MEETING DATE: January 9, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.
 - QUORUM CHECK

Chris Jenner	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> PHONE
William J. Keeler	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> PHONE
Robert Geltner	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> PHONE
Elizabeth Keeler	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> PHONE
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 - D. Operations Manager: *Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC*
 - Monthly Status Report- Field Operations
 - Key Activity Dates
9. Public Comments (*non-agenda items*)
10. Supervisors' Requests
11. Adjournment

Should you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact me directly at 239-464-7114.

Sincerely,


Chesley E. Adams, Jr.
District Manager

FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF TO ATTEND BY TELEPHONE
CALL IN NUMBER: 1-888-354-0094
CONFERENCE ID: 8593810

MOODY RIVER ESTATES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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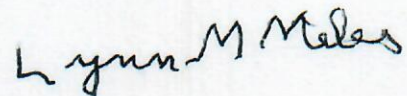
Re: Moody River Estates

Dear Sir:

There has been a vacancy on the CDD. This is my letter of interest to fill that vacancy,

Thank You.

Very truly yours,

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Lynn M. Miles

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Letter of Interest

October 6, 2019

This is to inform interested persons of my intention to apply for the vacancy on the CDD Committee.

My name is Paul Hoffman I have been a resident of Moody River since July 2014. I served six years in the military. I retired from the Police Department then I retired from Toyota Motor Services. I also worked for ADT Security Systems for many years. I currently work as a contractor for the federal government and possess a top-secret clearance.

I'm currently on the South Committee, also, temporarily on the Gate Committee, the Appeals Committee and the Capitol Improvement Committee.

I have always been interested in lake restoration, maintenance and restoring associated areas. I believe I could learn a lot from other members of the committee.

Paul R. Hoffman

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RESOLUTION 2020-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE MOODY RIVER
ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ELECTING THE OFFICERS OF
THE DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, the Board of Supervisors ("**Board**"), shall organize by electing one of its members as Chair and by electing a Secretary, and such other officers as the Board may deem necessary.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
MOODY RIVER ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

1. **DISTRICT OFFICERS.** The District officers are as follows:

_____ is appointed Chair

_____ is appointed Vice Chair

_____ Chuck Adams is appointed Secretary

_____ is appointed Assistant Secretary

_____ is appointed Assistant Secretary

_____ is appointed Assistant Secretary

_____ Craig Wrathell is appointed Assistant Secretary

_____ Craig Wrathell is appointed Treasurer

_____ Jeff Pinder is appointed Assistant Treasurer

2. **CONFLICTS.** All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2019.

Attest:

**MOODY RIVER ESTATES COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

MOODY RIVER ESTATES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Moody River Estates Community Development District
Board of Supervisors

FROM: Michael C. Eckert
Sarah R. Sandy

RE: Updated Provisions of the District's Rules of Procedure

DATE: September 4, 2019

Please find attached to this memorandum an updated version of the Moody River Estates Community Development District's (the "District's") Rules of Procedure (the "Rules"). Several substantive revisions were made to maintain consistency between the Rules and the current Florida Statutes, including changes implemented in the most recent legislative session, as well as to facilitate greater efficiency in the operation of the District. An explanation of each material change to the Rules is provided below. Minor formatting changes and edits are not discussed. Should you have any questions regarding the revisions to the Rules, please do not hesitate to contact either of us via e-mail at MichaelE@hgslaw.com, or SarahS@hgslaw.com, or via phone at 850-222-7500.

Costs Associated with Public Records Requests (Pages 8–9)

Language was added to Rule 1.2(4) to reflect statutory language regarding calculation of special charges for responding to certain public records requests, and to state that the District is under no duty to produce requested records if the requestor has not paid the required costs or has outstanding charges. The language will help minimize expenses incurred by the District in responding to public records requests.

Financial Disclosure Coordination (Page 9)

Rule 1.2(7) was added to maintain consistency with legislation that was passed during the 2019 legislative session. The rule designates the Secretary as the District's Financial Disclosure Coordinator (the "Coordinator") (unless the District designates otherwise by resolution) and requires the Coordinator to create, maintain, and update certain records and provide them to the Florida Commission on Ethics by certain deadlines. Each Supervisor or other Reporting Individual must notify the Coordinator in writing if there are changes to his or her name, e-mail address, or physical address, and must notify the Commission on Ethics of changes to his or her e-mail address.

Agenda and Meeting Materials (Page 11)

Rule 1.3(3) was amended to reflect statutory requirements that the agenda and meeting materials available in an electronic format, excluding confidential and exempt information, shall be made available to the public at least seven days before a meeting, hearing, or workshop. The amended rule also clarifies circumstances in which the agenda may be amended, or additional materials added after initial posting. It additionally specifies which documents constitute “meeting materials.” Documents that do not meet the definition of “meeting materials” may still be provided to the Board, but will be considered supplementary materials and are not required to be made available to the public before the meeting. Supplementary materials may include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following: financial statements, informational reports, and copies of receipts and invoices.

Flexibility for Board Authorization (Page 13)

Language was added to Rule 1.3(11) to allow the Board to waive formal approval or disapproval procedures. This will allow the Board flexibility to use different procedures when necessary and will protect the validity of the Board’s actions where there is a technical irregularity, but the Board has otherwise made its decision clear.

Security and Firesafety Board Discussions (Page 14)

Rule 1.3(14) was added to reflect the fact that portions of a meeting which would reveal a security or firesafety system plan or portion thereof made confidential and exempt by Florida law are exempt from Florida’s statutory public meeting requirements. Including this rule will clarify the procedures the Board should use to ensure that confidential and exempt information is not made public.

Internal Controls to Prevent Fraud, Waste and Abuse (Page 15)

Rule 1.4 was added to reflect legislative changes enacted in the 2019 legislative session requiring special districts to establish and maintain internal controls to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse. Our office plans to work with the District Manager and auditor to develop the internal controls, which the Board will adopt in the same manner as it does policies.

Notice of Competitive Solicitation (Pages 27 and 36)

Rules 3.1(3) and 3.3(2)(c) have been amended to state that when a consultant has asked to be provided with notice of the District’s competitive solicitations, the District Manager’s failure to provide them with a copy of the notice will not give them bid protest rights or otherwise disqualify the District’s otherwise valid procurement. This will reduce the District’s exposure to potential bid protests and decrease the likelihood of a procurement being considered invalid due to a technical irregularity.

Procedure Regarding Auditor Selection (Page 31)

Language has been added to the introductory paragraph to Rule 3.2 to clarify that the District need not use the procedures set out by the Rule for audits required under Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes, but which do not meet the thresholds of Chapter 218 of the Florida Statutes.

Additionally, the requirements for composition of the Auditor Selection Committee in Rule 3.2(2) have been amended to reflect legislation passed during the 2019 legislative session. Now, at least one individual on the Committee must be a member of the Board; the Chairperson of the Committee must be a member of the Board; and an employee, chief executive officer, or chief financial officer of the District may not be a member of the Committee but may serve in an advisory capacity.

Contract Periods (Pages 34, 56, and 59)

Rules 3.2(8)(d), 3.8(5), and 3.9(4) have been amended to set the maximum contract period for auditing services, the maximum renewal period for contracts for the purchase of goods, supplies, materials, and the maximum renewal period for contracts for maintenance services at five (5) years. This will provide greater specificity to guide contract terms.

Suspension, Revocation, or Denial of Qualification (Pages 40–42)

Rule 3.4(3) has been added to specify the procedures to be used if the District wishes to suspend, revoke, or deny a pre-qualified vendor's pre-qualified status. It specifies what constitutes good cause for such suspension, revocation, or denial; the effect of the suspension, revocation, or denial; hearing procedures the District must follow; and factors influencing the time period of the suspension, revocation, or denial.

Protest Bonds (Pages 61–62)

Rule 3.11(1)(c) has been amended to require that both the requirement for and the amount of the protest bond be disclosed in the competitive solicitation documents, and to allow the amount of the bond to be any amount within the limits imposed by Florida law.

Minor Changes

The following minor changes have also been made to the Rules:

Rule 1.1(1): This Rule has been amended to clarify requirements for Board members appointed or elected to elector seats. (Page 2).

Rule 1.1(2)(c) and (d): These Rules have been amended to include the words “at least” before the required amounts of the Secretary’s or Treasurer’s fidelity bonds or employee theft insurance policies to accommodate the possibility of greater amounts. (Page 4).

Rule 1.1(6): This Rule has been amended to include the Florida Constitution as a governing authority on voting conflicts of interest. This change reflects the recently passed Amendment 12 to the Florida Constitution. (Pages 5–6).

Rules 1.3(1)(e), (1)(d), (1)(f); and 3.2(9): These Rules were amended to allow inclusion of language substantially similar to that recited in the Rules. (Pages 10–11 and 34).

Rule 1.3(6): This Rule was amended to require the chair or vice chair to consult with the District Manager and District Counsel, if they are available, before calling an emergency meeting. (Page 12).

Rule 2.0(12)(d): This Rule has been amended to allow 90 days instead of 60 days for the Board to announce a decision on a petition for variance or waiver of its Rules. (Page 21).

Rule 3.0(3)(b): The dollar thresholds in this Rule have been increased to \$2,000,000 for a study activity when the fee for such Professional Services to the District does not exceed the increased amount of \$200,000, to reflect the current statutory thresholds. (Page 22).

Rules 3.1(4)(b), 3.6(2)(c)(ii)6., and 3.8(2)(k): The word “responsive” has been added to allow the Board to proceed with evaluating and selecting a proposal from the submissions if it receives fewer than three responsive proposals. (Pages 28, 49 and 55).

Rule 3.2(3)(b): “Understanding of scope of work” has been removed from the list of required factors used to evaluate auditing proposals. The District may still include this as an evaluation criterion if it wishes, but it is not required to do so. (Page 32).

Rule 3.2(7)(b): Language has been added to specify that if the Board does not select the highest-ranked qualified auditing firm, it must document in its records its reason for not doing so. (Page 33).

Rules 3.5(2)(e) and 3.6(2)(c)(ii)3.: “Reemployment assistance” has been added to the non-exclusive list of subjects of federal labor or employment laws of which violation may render a contractor ineligible to submit a bid, response, or proposal for a District project. (Pages 44 and 48).

Rule 3.11(6): Language was added specifying that the District may reject all qualifications, proposals, replies, or responses and start the competitive solicitation process anew if all of the bids, proposals, replies, and responses are too high. (Page 63).

AMENDED AND RESTATED
RULES OF PROCEDURE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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Rule 1.0 General.

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

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

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

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Rule 1.1 Board of Supervisors; Officers and Voting.

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

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

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

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

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If the Board member was elected at a landowner's election or appointed to fill a vacancy of a seat last filled at a landowner's election, the Board member may vote or abstain from voting on the matter at issue. If the Board member was elected by electors residing within the District, the Board member is prohibited from voting on the matter at issue. In the event that the Board member intends to abstain or is prohibited from voting, such Board member shall not participate in the discussion on the item subject to the vote.

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

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

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: §§ 112.3143, 190.006, 190.007, Fla. Stat.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Rule 1.3 Public Meetings, Hearings, and Workshops.

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

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

(2) Mistake. In the event that a meeting is held under the incorrect assumption that notice required by law and these Rules has been given, the Board at its next properly noticed meeting shall cure such defect by considering the agenda items from the prior meeting individually and anew.

(3) Agenda. The District Manager, under the guidance of District Counsel and the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, shall prepare ~~a notice and~~ an agenda of the meeting/hearing/workshop. The ~~notice and~~ agenda and any meeting materials available in an electronic format, excluding any confidential and any confidential and exempt information, shall be available to the public at least ~~seventy two (72) hours~~ seven days before the meeting/hearing/workshop, except in an emergency. Meeting materials shall be defined as, and limited to, the agenda, meeting minutes, resolutions, and agreements of the District that District staff deems necessary for Board approval. Inclusion of additional materials for Board consideration other than those defined herein as “meeting materials” shall not convert such materials into “meeting materials.” For good cause, the agenda may be changed after it is first made available for distribution, and additional materials may be added or provided under separate cover at the meeting. The requirement of good cause shall be liberally construed to allow the District to efficiently conduct business and to avoid the expenses associated with special meetings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 1.4 Internal Controls to Prevent Fraud, Waste and Abuse

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

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

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Rule 2.0 Rulemaking Proceedings.

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

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by submitting a written request within twenty-one (21) days after the date of publication of the notice. Except when intended action is the repeal of a rule, the notice shall include a reference to both the date on which and the place where the Notice of Rule Development required by section (2) of this Rule appeared.

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

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

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(10) Rulemaking Record. In all rulemaking proceedings, the District shall compile and maintain a rulemaking record. The record shall include, if applicable:

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

(11) Petitions to Challenge Existing Rules.

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

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existing rule is an invalid exercise of District authority as to the objections raised. The hearing officer may:

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

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- (iv) The reason why the variance or the waiver requested would serve the purposes of the underlying statute.
- (c) The District shall review the petition and may request only that information needed to clarify the petition or to answer new questions raised by or directly related to the petition. If the petitioner asserts that any request for additional information is not authorized by law or by Rule of the District, the District shall proceed, at the petitioner's written request, to process the petition.
- (d) The Board shall grant or deny a petition for variance or waiver, and shall announce such disposition at a publicly held meeting of the Board, within ~~sixty (60)~~ninety (90) days after receipt of the original petition, the last item of timely requested additional material, or the petitioner's written request to finish processing the petition. The District's statement granting or denying the petition shall contain a statement of the relevant facts and reasons supporting the District's action.
- (13) Rates, Fees, Rentals and Other Charges. All rates, fees, rentals, or other charges shall be subject to rulemaking proceedings. Policies adopted by the District which do not consist of rates, fees, rentals or other charges may be, but are not required to be, implemented through rulemaking proceedings.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 190.035, Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: §§ 190.011(5), 190.035(2), Fla. Stat.

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Rule 3.0 Competitive Purchase.

- (1) Purpose and Scope. In order to comply with Sections 190.033(1) through (3), 287.055 and 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, the following provisions shall apply to the purchase of Professional Services, insurance, construction contracts, design-build services, goods, supplies, and materials, Contractual Services, and maintenance services.
- (2) Board Authorization. Except in cases of an Emergency Purchase, a competitive purchase governed by these Rules shall only be undertaken after authorization by the Board.
- (3) Definitions.
 - (a) “Competitive Solicitation” means a formal, advertised procurement process, other than an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, or Invitation to Negotiate, approved by the Board to purchase commodities and/or services which affords vendors fair treatment in the competition for award of a District purchase contract.
 - (b) “Continuing Contract” means a contract for Professional Services entered into in accordance with Section 287.055 of the Florida Statutes, between the District and a firm, whereby the firm provides Professional Services to the District for projects in which the costs do not exceed ~~one~~two million dollars (~~\$12~~\$12,000,000), for a study activity when the fee for such Professional Services to the District does not exceed ~~fifty~~two hundred thousand dollars (~~\$50~~\$200,000), or for work of a specified nature as outlined in the contract with the District, with no time limitation except that the contract must provide a termination clause (for example, a contract for general District engineering services). Firms providing Professional Services under Continuing Contracts shall not be required to bid against one another.
 - (c) “Contractual Service” means the rendering by a contractor of its time and effort rather than the furnishing of specific commodities. The term applies only to those services rendered by individuals and firms who are independent contractors. Contractual Services do not include auditing services, Maintenance Services, or Professional Services as defined in Section 287.055(2)(a) of the Florida Statutes, and these Rules. Contractual Services also do not include any contract for the furnishing of labor or materials for the construction, renovation, repair, modification, or demolition of any facility, building, portion of building, utility, park, parking lot, or structure or other improvement to real property entered into pursuant to Chapter 255 of the Florida Statutes, and Rules 3.5 or 3.6.

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

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

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

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

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

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: §§ 190.033, 255.20, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

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Rule 3.1 Procedure Under ~~The~~the Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act.

- (1) Scope. The following procedures are adopted for the selection of firms or individuals to provide Professional Services exceeding the thresholds herein described, for the negotiation of such contracts, and to provide for protest of actions of the Board under this Rule. As used in this Rule, "Project" means that fixed capital outlay study or planning activity when basic construction cost is estimated by the District to exceed the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FIVE, or for a planning study activity when the fee for Professional Services is estimated by the District to exceed the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO, as such categories may be amended or adjusted from time to time.

- (2) Qualifying Procedures. In order to be eligible to provide Professional Services to the District, a consultant must, at the time of receipt of the firm's qualification submittal:

(a) Hold all required applicable ~~federal licenses in good standing, if any;~~

~~(b) Hold all required applicable~~ state professional licenses in good standing;

~~(b) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;~~

(c) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the consultant is a corporation; and

(d) Meet any qualification requirements set forth in the District's Request for Qualifications.

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

- (3) Public Announcement. Except in cases of valid public emergencies as certified by the Board, the District shall announce each occasion when Professional Services are required for a Project or a Continuing Contract by publishing a notice providing a general description of the Project, or the nature of the Continuing Contract, and the method for interested consultants to apply for consideration. The notice shall appear in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the District and in such other places as the District deems appropriate. The notice must allow at least fourteen (14) days for submittal of qualifications from the date of publication. The District may maintain lists of consultants interested in receiving such notices. These consultants are encouraged to submit annually statements of qualifications and performance data. ~~Consultants who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list shall receive~~

~~notices by mail.~~ The District shall make reasonable efforts to provide copies of any notices to such consultants, but the failure to do so shall not give such consultants any bid protest or other rights or otherwise disqualify any otherwise valid procurement process. The Board has the right to reject any and all qualifications, and such reservation shall be included in the published notice. Consultants not receiving a contract award shall not be entitled to recover from the District any costs of qualification package preparation or submittal.

(4) Competitive Selection.

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

with a recommendation that competitive negotiations be instituted with the selected firms in order of preference listed.

- (d) Notice of the rankings adopted by the Board, including the rejection of some or all qualification packages, shall be provided in writing to all consultants by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's ranking decisions under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

(5) Competitive Negotiation.

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

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Negotiations shall continue, beginning with the first-named firm on the list, until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.

- (6) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (7) Continuing Contract. Nothing in this Rule shall prohibit a Continuing Contract between a consultant and the District.
- (8) Emergency Purchase. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these Rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

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

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

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Rule 3.2 Procedure Regarding Auditor Selection.

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

(1) Definitions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (c) In negotiations with firms under this Rule, the Board may allow the District Manager, District Counsel, or other designee to conduct negotiations on its behalf.
 - (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board may reject any or all proposals. The Board shall not consider any proposal, or enter into any contract for Auditing Services, unless the proposed agreed-upon compensation is reasonable to satisfy the requirements of Section 218.39 of the Florida Statutes, and the needs of the District.
- (8) Contract. Any agreement reached under this Rule shall be evidenced by a written contract, which may take the form of an engagement letter signed and executed by both parties. The written contract shall include all provisions and conditions of the procurement of such services and shall include, at a minimum, the following:
- (a) A provision specifying the services to be provided and fees or other compensation for such services;
 - (b) A provision requiring that invoices for fees or other compensation be submitted in sufficient detail to demonstrate compliance with the terms of the contract;
 - (c) A provision setting forth deadlines for the auditor to submit a preliminary draft audit report to the District for review and to submit a final audit report no later than ~~July 1~~June 30 of the fiscal year that follows the fiscal year for which the audit is being conducted;
 - (d) A provision specifying the contract period, including renewals, and conditions under which the contract may be terminated or renewed. The maximum contract period including renewals shall be five (5) years. A renewal may be done without the use of the auditor selection procedures provided in this Rule, but must be in writing.
 - (e) Provisions required by law that require the auditor to comply with public records laws.
- (9) Notice of Award. Once a negotiated agreement with a firm or individual is reached, or the Board authorizes the execution of an agreement with a firm where compensation was a factor in the evaluation of proposals, notice of the intent to award, including the rejection of some or all proposals, shall be provided in writing to all proposers by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests regarding the award of contracts under this Rule

shall be as provided for in Rule 3.11. No proposer shall be entitled to recover any costs of proposal preparation or submittal from the District.

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

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 218,33, 218,391, Fla. Stat.

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Rule 3.3 Purchase of Insurance.

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

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offices in relation to the District, and the ability of the company to guarantee premium stability may be considered. A contract to purchase insurance shall be awarded to that company whose response to the Invitation to Bid best meets the overall needs of the District, its officers, employees, and/or dependents.

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

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

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Rule 3.4 Pre-qualification

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

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responses in response to the applicable Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

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

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

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

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(j) Notice of intent to pre-qualify, including rejection of some or all qualifications, shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, electronic mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's pre-qualification decisions under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11; provided however, protests related to the pre-qualification criteria and procedures for construction services shall be resolved in accordance with section (2)(b) of this Rule and Section 255.20(1)(b) of the Florida Statutes.

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(3) Suspension, Revocation, or Denial of Qualification

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

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

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

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

(d) Such suspension or revocation shall not affect the vendor's obligations under any preexisting contract.

(e) In the case of contract crimes, the vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be revoked indefinitely. For all violations of Rule 3.4(3)(a) other than for the vendor's conviction for contract crimes, the revocation, denial, or suspension of a vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be for a specific period of time based on the seriousness of the deficiency.

Examples of factors affecting the seriousness of a deficiency are:

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

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

Law Implemented: §§ 190.033, 255.0525, 255.20, Fla. Stat.

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Rule 3.5 Construction Contracts, Not Design-Build.

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

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

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

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

- (f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses, or the portions of which that include the price, shall be publicly opened at a meeting noticed in accordance with Rule 1.3, and at which at least one district representative is present. The name of each bidder and the price submitted in the bid shall be announced at such meeting~~;~~ and shall be made available upon request. Minutes should be taken at the meeting and maintained by the District. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in

accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and these Rules. Minor variations in the bids, proposals, replies, or responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.

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

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- (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase construction services or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may ~~take whatever steps reasonably necessary in order to~~ proceed with the procurement of construction services, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which ~~steps~~ may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the construction services without further competitive selection processes.
- (3) Sole Source; Government. Construction services that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Construction services provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of construction services, which may include goods, supplies, or materials, that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules. A contract for construction services is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process.
- (4) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (5) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board Meeting.
- (6) Exceptions. This Rule is inapplicable when:
- (a) The project is undertaken as repair or maintenance of an existing public facility;
 - (b) The funding source of the project will be diminished or lost because the time required to competitively award the project after the funds become available exceeds the time within which the funding source must be spent;
 - (c) The District has competitively awarded a project and the contractor has abandoned the project or the District has terminated the ~~contractor~~contract; or
 - (d) The District, after public notice, conducts a public meeting under Section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes, and finds by a majority vote of the Board that it is in the public's best interest to perform the project using its own services, employees, and equipment.

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

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

Rule 3.6 Construction Contracts, Design-Build.

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

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competitive proposals from qualified firms shall be solicited pursuant to the design criteria by the following procedure:

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

Any contractor that has been found guilty by a court of any violation of federal labor or employment tax laws regarding subjects ~~such as~~ including but not limited to reemployment assistance, safety, tax withholding, worker's compensation,

unemployment tax, social security and Medicare tax, wage or hour, or prevailing rate laws within the past 5 years may be considered ineligible by the District to submit a bid, response, or proposal for a District project.

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

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

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

8. The Board shall negotiate a contract with the firm ranking the highest based on the evaluation standards and shall establish a price which the Board determines is fair, competitive and reasonable. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the second most qualified firm, based on the ranking by the evaluation standards. ~~Failing record~~Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the second most qualified firm, the Board at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must terminate negotiations be terminated. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the third most qualified firm. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the third most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with any of the selected firms, the Board shall select additional firms in order of their rankings based on the evaluation standards and continue negotiations until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.
9. After the Board contracts with a firm, the firm shall bring to the Board for approval, detailed working drawings of the project.
10. The Design Criteria Professional shall evaluate the compliance of the detailed working drawings and project construction with the Design Criteria Package; and shall provide the Board with a report of the same.

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

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

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

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Rule 3.7 Payment and Performance Bonds.

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

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

Law Implemented: § 255.05, Fla. Stat.

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Rule 3.8 Goods, Supplies, and Materials.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

interests of the District, which ~~steps~~ may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the goods, supplies, and materials without further competitive selection processes.

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

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

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

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Rule 3.9 Maintenance Services.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 190.033, Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 190.033, 287.017, Fla. Stat.

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Rule 3.10 Contractual Services.

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

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

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

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Rule 3.11 — Protests **With Respect To Proceedings under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3,
3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, and 3.9,**

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

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

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(1) Filing.

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

- (c) If the requirement for the posting of a protest bond and the amount of the protest bond, which may be expressed by a percentage of the contract to be awarded or a set amount, is disclosed in the District's competitive solicitation documents for a particular purchase under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, or 3.9, the Board may require

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any person who files a notice of protest ~~to~~must post ~~at~~the protest bond ~~in the. The~~ amount ~~equal to 1% of the anticipated contract amount that is the subject of the protest~~ bond shall be determined by District staff after consultation with the Board and within the limits, if any, imposed by Florida law. In the event the protest is successful, the protest bond shall be refunded to the protestor. In the event the protest is unsuccessful, the protest bond shall be applied towards the District's costs, expenses, and attorney's fees associated with hearing and defending the protest. In the event the protest is settled by mutual agreement of the parties, the protest bond shall be distributed as agreed to by the District and protestor.

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

(d) Enter orders; and

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

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

(5) Intervenors. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings.

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

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

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

Law Implemented: § 190.033, Fla. Stat.

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Rule 4.0 Effective Date.

These Rules shall be effective _____, ~~2018,20~~, except that no election of officers required by these Rules shall be required until after the next regular election for the Board.

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

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

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MOODY RIVER ESTATES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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From: Chuck Adams <adamsc@whhassociates.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2019 2:18 PM
To: geltner@comcast.net
Cc: Cleo Adams <crismond@whhassociates.com>
Subject: RE: Inquiries, Request for Agenda Items

Good afternoon Robert
My apologies for the very long delay in responding.

Please see below responses, bold and red only so they may be easily identified, as well as the attached. Below is the link to the permit which is on the SFWMD website. The file is 37MB in size. Just copy and paste it into your internet providers browser and then hit enter.

https://apps.sfwmd.gov/entsb/docdownload?object_id=0900eeea896299f3

From: ROBERT GELTNER <geltner@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, September 6, 2019 5:45 PM
To: Chuck Adams <adamsc@whhassociates.com>; Cleo Adams <crismond@whhassociates.com>
Subject: Inquiries, Request for Agenda Items

DATE: September 6, 2019
TO: Chuck Adams, Manager
Moody River Estates Community Development District (CDD)
COPY: Cleo Adams
SUBJECT: Inquiries, Request for Agenda Items

1. I am sending this on the assumption you will share it with the CDD Board and place the items requested on the next meeting Agenda. If you do not intend to do either one of these, I request that you notify me as soon as possible. **WE WILL FORWARD THIS RESPONSE TO THE OTHER BOARD MEMBERS AS WELL AND COORDINATE WITH CHAIR REGARDING YOUR AGENDA REQUEST.**
2. Please confirm that the US Army Corps of Engineer Permit whose number appears on our Conservation Area signs is now accessible on our CDD website. **IT IS.**
3. Please confirm that there is now an action item that will require management to arrange for a semi-annual inspection of the structure of all of the monument signs, lettering and other lines and images. **WE DO NOT HAVE SUCH AN ACTION ITEM AT THIS TIME.**
4. Please advise if there have been any applications for appointment to the vacant CDD supervisor position as soon as they are received. **ONE RECEIVED SO FAR.**

5. Please provide me a copy of the lake restoration contractors contract or, if available on CDD website, so advise so I may look there. **SEE ATTACHED.**
6. Would you please let me know what are the specifications for the lakes under any permits that the CDD is required to maintain the failure of which might result in action for non-compliance? **SEE LINK TO PERMIT ABOVE (which has been previously provided) AND SPECIFICALLY THE CONDITIONS WHICH MUST BE COMPLIED WITH.**

For example, is there a “control elevation” for Lake 14? Is there a requirement that the banks of the lakes be maintained at any specific slope, for example, 4:1? **PLEASE REVIEW THE PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED PERMIT AND ATTACHED.**

Are the original documents establishing those requirements on the CDD website or have I been provided these previously? If not, are electronic copies available? I observed the work done on what I think is Lake 14 and I assume it was not completed at the time because it didn’t look right. Has that work been completed to meet the permit requirements? **WAS SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED AS OF LAST FRIDAY WITH SOME SOD REPLACEMENT/ADDITION OCCURRING THIS WEEK. WE WILL BE INSPECTING NEXT WEEK.**

I have been informed that there might be a product called a “as-built bathymetric survey” completed by Heidt & Associates for each of our lakes. These surveys are said to contain spot elevations around the lakes. Is this correct? **NOT AWARE OF ANY SUCH SURVEY, HOWEVER, WILL REQUEST THROUGH OUR ENGINEER AND/OR SFWMD WEBSITE.** Are those surveys posted on our website? **NO.** If not, should they be? **NO.** May I please obtain an electronic copy of each survey for each lake? **WHEN AND IF WE RECEIVE, YES.** Is there any periodic effort to pro-actively inspect lakes to insure continued compliance with the permits? **YES ONCE A YEAR.**

How does management inform supervisors of the requirements of the permits as to our lakes and conservation areas so that supervisors are aware of the requirements and can monitor compliance? **ALL SUPERVISORS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED A COPY OF THE PERMIT AND THE SUBJECT IS DISCUSSED REGULARLY AT OUR MEETINGS, AS A GROUP, AND INDIVIDUALLY OUTSIDE OF THE MEETINGS**

The question I have, is what are all of the rules & requirements set forth in the permits and who is responsible for making sure Moody River are following the rules & requirements to make sure that current and future owners will have the same quality environment as was envisioned by the developer and expected by the grantors of the permits? **THE CDD BOARD AND ITS PROFESSIONAL STAFF.**

For example, whatever was placed around Lake 14 looked horrible when I observed it and did not meet the water in the lake in the gradual manner I believe may be required. **PROJECT NOT COMPLETED AT THE TIME OF YOUR OBSERVATION.**

7. Is there anything related to the transition from developer to homeowner control that is related to our CDD and for which the statute of limitations may be expiring in November 2019? **NONE TO MY KNOWLEDGE**
8. Is there any currently enforceable Lee County Ordinance or Resolution, development order or permit from any governmental entity containing any “master plant and/or tree list” that sets forth any requirements established by those ordinances, resolutions, orders or permits to develop Moody River? Is the CDD required to insure the existence of those plants & trees in perpetuity under the order or permits as amended? Is the plant or tree list on our CDD website? May I please obtain an electronic copy of the plant & tree list if these exist? (For example, Z-05-048 Resolution of Lee County Board of County Commissioners, September 19, 2005) **SEE ATTACHED FROM THE D.O.**

Has the CDD created an inventory of all currently enforceable Lee County Ordinances or Resolutions, development orders or permits from any governmental entities, as amended, that require compliance by the CDD? May I please have a copy of that inventory list? **WE HAVE NOT**

9. Does our CDD have anything to do with the Eagle Protection Plan affecting Moody River? If so, are you aware of any updates to the plan since October 2004? **YES AND SEE, PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED WHICH IDENTIFIES AN ALTERNATE NEST.**
10. As I understand it, certain landscaping, including, but not limited to perimeter berms, entry features and pond littoral shelves are funded, owned and maintained by our CDD. Signage and entry monumentation are funded by our CDD. The landscaping along private roadways is not funded by our CDD. And, the landscaping on CDD property is currently maintained by the Moody River Estates Community Association, Inc. (HOA) pursuant to an agreement by and between the CDD and the HOA.

What action items are in place to monitor the performance of the HOA under that agreement? **NONE**

Have there ever been any correspondence from the CDD to the HOA notifying the HOA of non-compliance with the agreement? **NO**

Has management ever identified any actions or failures to take action by the HOA that were tantamount to a breach of that agreement? **NO**

11. Are there any lots in Moody River that currently infringe on the CDD “lake maintenance easement” or “drainage easement”? **NOT TO OUR KNOWLEDGE** What actions, if any, have been taken to notify the owners of the infringements? **NONE**

Tank you!

Robert Geltner, Member

Board of Supervisors

Moody River Estates Community Development District (CDD)

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MOODY RIVER ESTATES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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**MOODY RIVER ESTATES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
UNAUDITED
AUGUST 31, 2019**

**MOODY RIVER ESTATES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
AUGUST 31, 2019**

	Major Funds		Total Governmental Funds
	General	Debt Service Series 2017 A1 & A2	
ASSETS			
Cash - SunTrust	\$ 133,413	\$ -	\$ 133,413
Investments			
Revenue 2017A1 & A2	-	244,384	244,384
Reserve 2017A1*	-	269,568	269,568
Reserve 2017A2*	-	82,084	82,084
Reserve sub 2017A1 & A2*	-	102,830	102,830
COI	-	4,783	4,783
Interest 2017A2	-	17	17
Total assets	<u>\$ 133,413</u>	<u>\$ 703,666</u>	<u>\$ 837,079</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 750	\$ -	\$ 750
Total liabilities	<u>750</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>750</u>
Fund Balances:			
Restricted for:			
Debt service	-	703,666	703,666
Unassigned	132,663	-	132,663
Total fund balances	<u>132,663</u>	<u>703,666</u>	<u>836,329</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 133,413</u>	<u>\$ 703,666</u>	<u>\$ 837,079</u>

*These Reserve Accounts are specifically for the noted Debt Service Funds and may not be used for any other purpose."

**MOODY RIVER ESTATES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED AUGUST 31, 2019**

	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	% of Budget
REVENUES				
Assessment levy	\$ -	\$ 291,971	\$ 289,113	101%
Interest and miscellaneous	2,005	2,084	-	N/A
Total revenues	<u>2,005</u>	<u>294,055</u>	<u>289,113</u>	102%
EXPENDITURES				
Professional & admin				
Supervisor	1,076	4,952	6,459	77%
Management	3,733	41,069	44,802	92%
Accounting services	728	8,014	8,742	92%
Audit	-	5,050	5,050	100%
Assessment roll services	1,073	11,802	12,875	92%
Arbitrage rebate calculations	-	-	1,200	0%
Dissemination agent	83	917	1,000	92%
Trustee	-	3,709	3,150	118%
Legal - general counsel	770	13,455	12,000	112%
Engineering	635	5,170	4,000	129%
Computer services	705	1,410	750	188%
Postage	270	1,894	1,250	152%
Telephone	42	458	500	92%
Insurance	-	6,042	6,200	97%
Printing & binding	92	1,008	1,100	92%
Legal advertising	502	974	1,000	97%
Other current charges	50	573	750	76%
ADA website compliance	-	139	-	N/A
Annual district filing fee	-	175	175	100%
Total professional & admin	<u>9,759</u>	<u>106,811</u>	<u>111,003</u>	96%
Water management				
Other contractual	8,411	45,299	110,000	41%
Utilities	3,235	37,911	41,000	92%
Aquascaping	-	3,249	5,000	65%
Total water management	<u>11,646</u>	<u>86,459</u>	<u>156,000</u>	55%
Other fees and charges				
Property appraiser	-	777	844	92%
Tax collector	-	1,127	1,266	89%
Total other fees and charges	<u>-</u>	<u>1,904</u>	<u>2,110</u>	90%
Total expenditures	<u>21,405</u>	<u>195,174</u>	<u>269,113</u>	73%
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	(19,400)	98,881	20,000	
Fund balance - beginning	<u>152,063</u>	<u>33,782</u>	<u>60,476</u>	
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ 132,663</u>	<u>\$ 132,663</u>	<u>\$ 80,476</u>	

**MOODY RIVER ESTATES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
DEBT SERVICE FUND SERIES 2017A-1 and 2017A-2
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED AUGUST 31, 2019**

	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	% of Budget
REVENUES				
Assessment levy	\$ -	\$ 607,655	\$ 604,125	101%
Interest	1,145	13,380	-	N/A
Total revenues	<u>1,145</u>	<u>621,035</u>	<u>604,125</u>	103%
EXPENDITURES				
Principal	-	305,000	305,000	100%
Interest	-	299,825	299,825	100%
Total expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>604,825</u>	<u>604,825</u>	100%
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	1,145	16,210	(700)	
Fund balance - beginning	702,521	687,456	624,985	
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ 703,666</u>	<u>\$ 703,666</u>	<u>\$ 624,285</u>	

Moody River Estates

Financial Highlights Report

8/31/19

General Fund

Revenues

Special Assessment levy – At 101% Month to Date (MTD) with the majority received in December as a result of payers taking advantage of the early discount (4%).

Interest and miscellaneous – Current month of \$2,005.00 due to monies received from Lee County.

Expenditures (through end of August straight proration is 73%, which is 19% below average year to date)

Supervisors- At 77% which is typical due to not meeting the month of June however funds are there in the event it is necessary.

Legal- At 112% is high due to higher activity than experienced in prior years. We have received 2K from Lee County which will offset involvement of Public Utility Easement (Hancock Bridge Parkway Improvement).

Engineering- At 129% is high due to higher activity than experienced in prior years (largely attributed to the berm compliance projects with SFWMD).

Computer Services – At 188% is high due to posting additional items to the Web site.

Assessment Roll Preparation- (through end of August straight proration is 92%)

Insurance- At 97% is a once a year expense typical occurring in October.

Annual District Filing Fee- At 100% is a once a year active status filing with the State of Florida and typically is occurring in October/November.

Water Management/Other Contractual – At 41% is low due to bank restoration projects of Lakes 7 & 14, which were recently completed and will reflect in your September financials. Funds allocated for this project is \$45K. Fountain/Aeration repairs and maintenance allocation of \$15K, Y to D expenses total 15,800.00.

Aqua-scaping- At 65% is due to planting of Lakes 10 & 11 after completion of bank restoration repairs. Planting for lakes 7 & 14 will be scheduled upon receipt of the work-order from the contractor.

Tax Collector- At 89%, this expenditure is directly related to the cost of collecting the Districts special assessment on roll revenue.

Debt Service Funds

Revenues

Special Assessment levy- At 101% Month to Date (MTD) with the majority received in December as a result of payers taking advantage of the early discount (4%).

Expenditures

Principal – At 100% is paid May 1st of each year.

Interest – At 100%, as 50% of annual interest expense is paid each November 1st, with the other 50% plus the annual Principle amount being paid each May 1st.

MOODY RIVER ESTATES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF MEETING
MOODY RIVER ESTATES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The Board of Supervisors of the Moody River Estates Community Development District held a Public Hearing and Regular Meeting on August 15, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., in the Clubhouse at Moody River Estates, 3050 Moody River Blvd., North Fort Myers, Florida 33903.

Present and constituting a quorum were:

Chris Jenner	Chair
Elizabeth Keeler	Vice Chair
William Keeler	Assistant Secretary
Robert Geltner	Assistant Secretary

Also present were:

Chuck Adams	District Manager
Cleo Adams	Assistant Regional Manager
Mike Eckert	District Counsel
Wes Kayne	District Engineer
Teresa Silva	Resident and HOA President
Kyra Gravitt	Resident
Leo Foley	Resident
7 Residents	

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order/Roll Call

Mrs. Adams called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Supervisors Chris Jenner, Elizabeth Keeler, William Keeler and Robert Geltner were present, in person. Supervisor Mayer was not present.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments (*agenda items*)

There were no comments on agenda items.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Acceptance of Resignation of Ilse Mayer
[Seat 5]; *Term Expires November 2022***

Mr. Jenner presented the resignation of Ms. Ilse Mayer. Mrs. Adams stated that filling the vacant seat could be discussed today and an appointment could be made or candidates could be solicited and interested parties could submit a resume or a letter of interest.

On MOTION by Mr. Geltner and seconded by Mr. Keeler, with all in favor, the resignation of Supervisor Ilse Mayer, was accepted.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Consideration of Appointment to fill
Unexpired Term of Seat 5**

This item was deferred to the next meeting. Mr. Adams would send information to Ms. Teresa Silva, a resident and the HOA President, for the HOA to e-blast to residents about the vacancy and advising interested parties to submit a resume or a letter of interest.

A. Administration of Oath of Office to Newly 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 IX: Amendment to Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
 - c. Form IF: Final Statement of Financial Interests
- iv. Form 8B – Memorandum of Voting Conflict

On MOTION by Mr. Geltner and seconded by Ms. Keeler, with all in favor, delaying the appointment to fill unexpired term of Seat 5, was accepted.

B. Consideration of Resolution 2019-05, Designating a Chair, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, Assistant Secretaries, a Treasurer and an Assistant Treasurer of the District, and Providing for an Effective Date

This item was deferred.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Public Hearing to Hear Comments and
Objections on Adoption of Fiscal Year
2019/2020 Budget****A. Proof/Affidavit of Publication**

The affidavit of publication was provided for informational purposes.

B. Consideration of Resolution 2019-06, Relating to the Annual Appropriations and Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2019, and Ending September 30, 2020; Authorizing Budget Amendments; and Providing an Effective Date

On MOTION by Ms. Keeler and seconded by Mr. Geltner, with all in favor, the Public Hearing was opened.

No members of the public spoke.

On MOTION by Mr. Geltner and seconded by Ms. Keeler, with all in favor, the Public Hearing was closed.

On MOTION by Mr. Geltner and seconded by Ms. Keeler, with all in favor, Resolution 2019-06, Relating to the Annual Appropriations and Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2019, and Ending September 30, 2020; Authorizing Budget Amendments; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

Mr. Geltner referred to Page 2 of Resolution 2019-06 and asked Mr. Adams if, as District Manager, he ever had to exercise the authority described in Section 3 b., which stated “The District Manager or Treasurer may authorize an increase or decrease in line item appropriation within a fund if the total appropriations do not increase.” Mr. Adams replied no.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2019-07, Making a Determination of Benefit and Imposing Special Assessments for Fiscal Year 2019/2020; Providing for the Collection and Enforcement of Special Assessments; Certifying an Assessment Roll; Providing for Amendments to the Assessment Roll; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing for an Effective Date

Mr. Eckert stated Resolution 2019-07 gave the Board the ability to certify and levy assessments and direct that assessments be placed on the County tax roll for collection.

Mr. Geltner asked if Exhibit B, the Assessment Roll, could be entered into the record, including the addresses. Discussion ensued regarding protection of private information. District Counsel stated that confidential information must be redacted for any individuals who notified the District that their personal information was exempt from public disclosure. Mr. Adams stated a copy of Exhibit B, with private information redacted, would be provided to Mr. Geltner, after September 1, 2019.

On MOTION by Mr. Geltner and seconded by Ms. Keeler, with all in favor, Resolution 2019-07, Making a Determination of Benefit and Imposing Special Assessments for Fiscal Year 2019/2020; Providing for the Collection and Enforcement of Special Assessments; Certifying an Assessment Roll; Providing for Amendments to the Assessment Roll; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2019-08, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular Meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 and Providing for an Effective Date

Mr. Jenner presented Resolution 2019-08. The following change was made to the meeting schedule:

DATE and TIME: Change "May 14, 2020" to "May 21, 2020" and "6:00 PM" to "1:00 PM"

On MOTION by Mr. Geltner and seconded by Mr. Keeler, with all in favor, Resolution 2019-08, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular Meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 and Providing for an Effective Date, as amended, was adopted.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Discussion: Placing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Permit Number SAJ-2003-1743 (IP-JWS) on District's Website

Mr. Adams stated the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Permit is 39 pages long and it would cost \$2 to \$3 per page to convert the document to an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible format for the visually impaired for posting on the website.

On MOTION by Ms. Keeler and seconded by Mr. Geltner, with all in favor, authorizing placement of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Permit Number SAJ-2003-1743 (IP-JWS) on the District's website, at a not-to-exceed cost of \$150 to convert it to an ADA compliant format, was approved.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Discussion: Supervisors' Attendance at HOA Meetings

Ms. Keeler asked District Counsel to clarify the parameters for Supervisors' attendance and actions at HOA meetings, with regard to the Sunshine Law. Mr. Eckert reviewed the requirements of the Sunshine Law, which stated that no two CDD Board Members may discuss anything that may come before the CDD Board for action outside of a publicly noticed meeting. The publicly noticed requirement refers to the CDD noticing the meeting, not an HOA meeting notice. To avoid an accusation of a Sunshine Law violation at an HOA meeting, when one CDD Board Member is providing an HOA update, the best practice would be for other CDD Board Members to leave the room so that nobody can claim the Board Members had a conversation through another person. Discussion ensued regarding best practices for Board Members outside of CDD meetings.

Ms. Keeler would contact Mr. or Mrs. Adams if she was unable to attend the HOA meeting on behalf of the District. Mr. Eckert cautioned against commenting via social media.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of June 30, 2019

Mr. Jenner presented the Unaudited Financial Statements as of June 30, 2019.

On MOTION by Mr. Geltner and seconded by Ms. Keeler, with all in favor, the Unaudited Financial Statements as of June 30, 2019, were accepted.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Approval of May 9, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Mrs. Adams presented the May 9, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. District Counsel previously submitted changes to Management. The following additional changes were made:

Line 52: Change “habits” to “habitat”

On MOTION by Mr. Geltner and seconded by Ms. Keeler, with all in favor, the May 9, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended and including the changes previously submitted to Management, were approved.

- **Action Items**

There being no updates, the next item followed.

TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Staff Reports****A. District Counsel: *Hopping Green & Sams, P.A.***

Mr. Eckert stated the Rules of Procedures were completed and would be approved for noticing purposes, at the next meeting; final adoption would be at the next public hearing. Amendment 12 was passed in 2018, which states that no public officer or employee can abuse their position to gain a disproportionate benefit. Many terms are undefined; therefore, as the Legislature works to further clarify the language and determine the penalties, Supervisors were advised to speak with District Counsel before voting on issues that may benefit their particular street or neighborhood.

B. District Engineer: *Barraco & Associates, Inc.*

There being no report, the next item followed.

C. District Manager: *Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC*

The next meeting will be held on October 17, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

D. Operations Manager: *Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC*

- **Monthly Status Report – Field Operations**

Mrs. Adams distributed the Monthly Status Report.

- **Key Activity Dates**

There being no discussion, the next item followed.

THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Public Comments (*non-agenda items*)**

Mr. Leo Foley, a resident, expressed frustration about a trailer parked in the common area between Carriage III and Carriage V. He presented a photograph of a flatbed trailer on Silver Thorn Loop. Mrs. Adams stated the District's contractor, Anchor Marine, was doing lake bank restoration work and utilizing the easement. Discussion ensued regarding easement rights in the Declarations. Mr. Eckert stated he would review the Covenants. Mr. Foley stated he was frustrated about ongoing damage to the lawn. Mr. Adams stated he would look into it.

Ms. Kyra Gravitt, a resident, asked how often preserve area trees and vegetation are inspected. Mrs. Adams stated the wetland invasives are treated twice per year but the District does not inspect trees. Ms. Gravitt asked if the CDD was responsible for a tree in the preserves that fell on her property. Mrs. Adams stated the District was not responsible unless the homeowner put the District on notice prior to the tree falling. Mr. Eckert stated the law in Florida states that, if the District has notice of a defective tree, the District has a duty to remove it or cut the branches. If there is no notice and the tree falls, the homeowner is responsible for the parts from the property line inward to their house, in terms of legal liability. A copy of the applicable legal interpretation of Florida Common Law, prepared by Mr. Eckert, was given to Ms. Silva to share with homeowners. Mr. Eckert stated, for the record, that, as District Counsel, he has no attorney/client relationship with any individual homeowners and/or renters within the District.

FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Supervisor's Requests**

Mr. Geltner stated that the HOA created a Governing Document Amendment Committee and expressed his concerns that the HOA Board might adopt changes that could adversely affect the District. Mr. Eckert stated he was aware of the Committee and would protect the District's interests.

FIFTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

On MOTION by Ms. Keeler and seconded by Mr. Keeler, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair

ACTION ITEMS

DATE ADDED		
1.	01.18.18	Moving forward, any additional signs added to the conservation areas. It was requested to add the District's website address to those signs. STATUS: ONGOING
2.	05.10.18	Per Mr. Geltner, District Counsel to research the feasibility of using solar energy to augment or replace electrical usage. As Of 01.10.19 District Counsel will continue to monitor/study. As Of 03.14.19 Now looking into including the use of batteries. STATUS: ONGOING
3.	08.16.18	Mrs. Adams to include the aquatic bid specification package with the bid submittals and Consideration of Award of Contract Memorandum, going forward; and, provide the bid specification package to the Board. STATUS: ONGOING
9.	10.10.18	Mrs. Adams tentatively scheduling littoral plantings at WL2-A for the end of November. STATUS: ONGOING
24.	05.09.19	District Engineer would review the permit and provide an update as whether it allows walking, etc. in the preserve area. STATUS: ONGOING
25.	05.09.19	Mr. Grau to change language on Page 13 of the Audit document from "owners of the property" to "registered electors". STATUS: ONGOING
26.	05.09.19	Ms. Sandy would send a copy of the Bond Indenture to Mr. Geltner. STATUS: ONGOING
27.	05.09.19	Mr. Adams to have the District's meeting schedule revised to include meeting times of 1:00 p.m. next to each date without one. STATUS: ONGOING
28.	05.09.19	Hancock Bridge Easement Agreement on BOCC's agenda, funds expected from the County soon. STATUS: ONGOING
29.	05.09.19	Mr. Adams to have language added to the District's website. "Contact Management's Office to request copies of any document of interest not posted to the website. STATUS: ONGOING
30.	05.09.19	Agenda for August - Ms. Sandy to review and update the District's Rules of Procedures Policy, reflecting bills passed by the Florida Legislature. A Public Hearing and Notices would be scheduled by early August. STATUS: ONGOING

ACTION ITEMS**DATE ADDED**

31. **05.09.19** Mrs. Adams to make changes to the Key Activity Dates Report, under Berm Compliance, indicating Management would conduct the annual inspection, instead of the District Engineer, and enter a due date to complete that task, either June or July. **STATUS: ONGOING**
32. **05.09.19** Mrs. Adams to provide an updated Lien Roll to Mr. Geltner mid June. **STATUS: ONGOING**
33. **05.09.19** At August Meeting: Discussion about changing meeting start time when proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Meeting Schedule is presented. **STATUS: ONGOING**
34. **08.15.19** Mr. Adams to send Ms. Silva information for an HOA e-blast informing residents about the vacancy on the Board, and advising interested parties to submit a resume or a letter of interest in being appointed to the Board. **STATUS: ONGOING**
35. **08.15.19** Mr. Adams to send Mr. Geltner a copy of the Assessment Roll, with information redacted for those individuals whose information was exempt from public records requests, after September 1, 2019. **STATUS: ONGOING**
36. **08.15.19** Mr. Adams to have the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Permit converted to an ADA-accessible format for the visually impaired, and posted to the website. **STATUS: ONGOING**
37. **08.15.19** Updated Rules of Procedure would be distributed at the October meeting. (Also included as part of Action Item #30) **STATUS: ONGOING**
38. **08.15.19** Mr. Eckert to review easement next to 13250 Silver Thorn Loop. **STATUS: ONGOING**

ONGOING ACTION ITEMS**DATE ADDED**

5. **08.16.18** Board to monitor all project schedules provided by Mrs. Adams, such as the lake bank restoration 2019/2020 project schedule, fountain pumps and motor replacement schedule and aerator schedule. COMPLETED 01.10.19 **TRANSFERRED TO ONGOING LIST 05.09.19**

COMPLETED ITEMS
In Order of Date Moved to Completed

DATE ADDED

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| 4. | 08.16.18 | Mr. Adams to confirm the District is added to the HOA's permit closeout checklist process. COMPLETED 01.10.19 |
| 6. | 08.16.18 | Mr. Geltner to research and obtain information on multiple manufacturers of fountain pumps and motors. As Of 01.10.19 Mr. Geltner provided information to Staff. COMPLETED 01.10.19 |
| 7. | 10.10.18 | The Fiscal Year 2018 budget amendment will be presented in January, 2019. COMPLETED 01.10.19 |
| 8. | 10.10.18 | Mrs. Adams to forward Mr. Geltner's email regarding CDD monuments to Ms. Silva, confirm whether the HOA hired a licensed and insured Contractor to perform the work and have the HOA address the matter with the Contractor. COMPLETED 01.10.19 |
| 11. | 10.10.18 | Mrs. Adams to forward Mr. Teckorius copies of invoices for engineering services he requested they perform, so that he may reimburse the CDD. COMPLETED 01.10.19 |
| 10. | 10.18.18 | Mrs. Adams scheduling littoral plantings of Lakes 10 and 11 during the rainy season. COMPLETED 03.14.19 |
| 12. | 10.18.18 | Mrs. Adams requested to forward Mr. Teckorius a copy of the minutes indicating that the Board approved the type of wetland signs purchased. As Of 01.10.19 Mrs. Adams to provide Mr. Teckorius the audio of the minutes and a copy of the Operations Report. COMPLETED 03.14.19 |
| 13. | 01.10.19 | Mr. Adams to coordinate the removal of the strangler vine from the Palm Tree and branches on the ground in that area of the preserve behind Mr. Hefty's residence. As Of 03.14.19 Revised COMPLETED 03.14.19 |
| 14. | 01.10.19 | Mrs. Adams to send Mr. Jenner the Fountain Summary and Replacement Schedules. COMPLETED 03.14.19 |
| 16. | 01.10.19 | Ms. Mayer to provide article regarding Muscovy duck issue for newsletter to Mrs. Adams. COMPLETED 03.14.19 |
| 17. | 01.10.19 | Mr. Kurth will forward Mrs. Adams his September 2018 PowerPoint Presentation to forward on to the Board. COMPLETED 03.14.19 |
| 18. | 01.10.19 | Mrs. Adams will notify SOLitude's Lake Technician and Fountain Staff to keep away from the eagles nesting area, Lake #9, during the specified time frame. COMPLETED 03.14.19 |

COMPLETED ITEMS**In Order of Date Moved to Completed**

DATE ADDED	
15. 01.10.19	Mrs. Adams is finalizing an article regarding Best Management Practices and would forward it and the yearly newsletter to all Board Members before it is provided to the HOA to e-blast to the homeowners. As Of 03.14.19 All Board Members would receive draft newsletter and submit their comments to Mrs. Adams. COMPLETED 05.09.19
19. 03.14.19	Mr. Eckert to submit changes to the County regarding the Hancock Bridge Parkway Improvement Perpetual Easement, review Exhibit A items and forward to Mr. Jenner upon receipt. As of 05.09.19 County changed language from wastewater to water. COMPLETED 05.09.19
20. 03.14.19	Mr. Eckert to submit to the County, additional language to include in the Uniform Collection Interlocal Agreement with Lee County Property Appraiser. Revised As of 05.09.19. County not receptive to request. COMPLETED 05.09.19
21. 03.14.19	Mrs. Adams will have dates in The Key Activity Dates Report placed in chronological order from the earliest to the latest. COMPLETED 05.09.19
22. 03.14.19	Mrs. Adams would review information regarding issues with pool and flooding and work with HOA President, Ms. Silva, to resolve these issues. COMPLETED 05.09.19
23. 03.14.19	Mrs. Adams to obtain proposal to purchase seven portable signs indicating CDD meeting times, similar to the HOA signs. COMPLETED 05.09.19
OLD FORMAT	Per the Board, Mrs. Adams to readjust fountains to their original height and run times Fountains located in Lakes 16, 3, 4 & 8. COMPLETED 08.16.18
OLD FORMAT	Mr. Kayne to provide the Board with copies of the SFWMD permit. COMPLETED 08.16.18
OLD FORMAT	Mrs. Adams will remove "days" and assign a specific date to all items listed on the monthly Key Activity Report. COMPLETED 08.16.18
OLD FORMAT	Mr. Adams to provide HOA President copies of Lee County's Fertilizer Ordinance and Greenwise Certification materials and suggestions provided the prior President COMPLETED 08.16.18
OLD FORMAT	Mr. Adams requested to rename the budgeted line item "Reserves" to "Debt Service Reserves". COMPLETED 10.18.18

COMPLETED ITEMS
In Order of Date Moved to Completed

- OLD FORMAT** Mrs. Adams will place on hold until the next year's proposed budget is approved, those items in her Monthly Report that were not yet approved by the Board. **COMPLETED 10.18.18**
- OLD FORMAT** Per Mr. Geltner, District Staff to highlight the "Important note to readers" on Page 19 of the Governing Documents by boldfacing and underlining it. **COMPLETED 10.18.18**
- OLD FORMAT** Mr. Adams to provide HOA President copies of Lee County's Fertilizer Ordinance and Greenwise Certification materials and suggestions provided to the prior President. **COMPLETED 10.18.18**
- OLD FORMAT** Mr. Adams to provide the HOA with copies of the Best Management Practices and Fertilizer Ordinance requirements suggested by Lee County. An article should be posted in the HOA's yearly newsletter. **COMPLETED 10.18.18**
- OLD FORMAT** Mr. Eckert to provide background and history of the research pertaining to the SFWMD permit, at no expense to the District. **COMPLETED 10.18.18**
- OLD FORMAT** Ms. Mayer was directed to have the person, who emailed her regarding changing the fountain schedule, contact Mrs. Adams directly. **COMPLETED 10.18.18**
- OLD FORMAT** Mrs. Adams to follow up with HOA updating Monument Sign at the North entrance. **COMPLETED 10.18.18**
- OLD FORMAT** Mr. Geltner to obtain Survey Monkey information to initiate evaluating Management's performance. **COMPLETED 10.18.18**
- OLD FORMAT** Mrs. Adams to obtain proposals to convert non-legally required documents into ADA compliance documents, to post to the District's website. **COMPLETED 10.18.18**
- OLD FORMAT** Mrs. Adams to replace the Lake #12 fountain motor in the next fiscal year. **COMPLETED 10.18.18**
- OLD FORMAT** Mrs. Adams to redistribute a copy of the fountain summary replacement schedule for the fountain pumps. **COMPLETED 10.18.18**
- OLD FORMAT** Mrs. Adams will forward to the HOA to post on their website a copy of the lake bank restoration 2019/2020 schedule. **COMPLETED 10.18.18**

MOODY RIVER ESTATES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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MOODY RIVER ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT		
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 MEETING SCHEDULE		
LOCATION		
<i>Clubhouse at Moody River Estates, 3050 Moody River Blvd., North Fort Myers, Florida 33903</i>		
DATE	POTENTIAL DISCUSSION/FOCUS	TIME
October 17, 2019	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
January 9, 2020	Regular Meeting	6:00 PM
March 12, 2020	Regular Meeting	6:00 PM
May 21, 2020	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
June 18, 2020	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
August 20, 2020	Public Hearing & Regular Meeting	1:00 PM

MOODY RIVER ESTATES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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MOODY RIVER ESTATES CDD

Key Activity Dates

Oct-19

Description	Reference	Submit To	Due Date	Date
Pond Maintenance	SOP	N/A	Conducted every other week, at minimum to the site to insure the success of the Aquatic Weed Control Program.	2 visits per month subject to change due to weather
Aeration & Fountain Inspection Review and Reporting	SOP	N/A	Bi-Annual Inspection completed March & September yearly.	9/1/19 & 3/1/20
Wetland Maintenance	SOP	N/A	Bi-Annual Inspection and treatment schedule March/September yearly - U-4 (treated in May) Avoided during nesting season of the Bald Eagle (October/November thru April/May; depending on nest activity).	March/May/September
Certification of District Registered Voters	190(3)(a)(2)(d)	District receives annually from the local Supervisor of Elections	Due April 15th of each year and must be read into the record at a regularly scheduled meeting (no additional filing is required)	4/15/2020
Proposed Budget	189.016, 189.418 & 200.065	Due to local governing authority (county or municipality)	Due to local governing authority (county or municipality) by June 15th each year.	6/15/2020
Annual Financial Audit	190.008/218.32 & 39	Florida Department of Financial Services	45 days after the completion of the Annual Financial Audit but no more than 9 months after end of Fiscal Year	6/30/2020
Assessment Roll Certification	Local County requirement.	Local County Tax Collector	For most counties, submission and certification of the annual assessment roll is due by September 15th each year.	9/15/2020
Adopted Budget	189.016, 189.418 & 200.065	Due to local governing authority (county or municipality)	Due to local governing authority (county or municipality) by October 1st each year.	9/15/2019
Insurance Renewal	SOP	N/A	Bind Insurance for upcoming Fiscal Year with an effective of October 1st thru September 30th	10/1/2020

Qualified Public Depositor Annual Report to CFO	280.17	Department of Financial Services- Division of Treasury - Collateral Management.	By November 30 of each year, file annual report for the period ending September 30th.	11/30/2019
Fiscal Year Annual District Filing Fee and Update Form	190, 189.064 & 189.018 & Chapter 73C-24, F.A.C.	Florida department of Economic Opportunity (Special District Accountability Program)	Annual filing fee of \$175 is paid to the Florida department of Economic Opportunity. The filing of the Update Form is required to verify the status of the Special District and to update any changes (including changes to the registered agent). Filing Fee invoice and Update Form is mailed out by the State on October 1st of each year. The fee and form are due and must be postmarked by the following December 3rd.	12/3/2019
Berm Compliance	SOP	N/A	District Manager to conduct an annual inspection in the fall to review the District owned permitter berm to ensure compliance on a yearly basis. To include a designated Board member.	Fall of 2019