# SAVANNA LAKES **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** DISTRICT November 18, 2022 **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PUBLIC HEARINGS** AND REGULAR

**MEETING AGENDA** 

# SAVANNA LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# AGENDA LETTER

### Savanna Lakes Community Development District OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W • Boca Raton, Florida 33431 Phone: (561) 571-0010 • Toll-free: (877) 276-0889 • Fax: (561) 571-0013

November 11, 2022

**ATTENDEES:** 

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

Board of Supervisors Savanna Lakes Community Development District

Dear Board Members:

The Board of Supervisors of the Savanna Lakes Community Development District will hold Multiple Public Hearings and a Regular Meeting on November 18, 2022 at 1:30 p.m., at 10461 Six Mile Cypress Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida 33966-6460. The agenda is as follows:

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call
- 2. Public Comments
- 3. Public Hearing on Adoption of Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget
  - A. Affidavit of Publication
  - B. Consideration of Resolution 2023-04, Relating to the Annual Appropriations and Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning June 27, 2022, and Ending September 30, 2022; Authorizing Budget Amendments; and Providing an Effective Date
- 4. Public Hearing on Adoption of Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget
  - A. Affidavit of Publication
  - B. Consideration of Resolution 2023-05, Relating to the Annual Appropriations and Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2022, and Ending September 30, 2023; Authorizing Budget Amendments; and Providing an Effective Date
- 5. Consideration of Responses to Request for Proposals (RFP) for Annual Audit Services
  - A. Affidavit of Publication
  - B. RFP Package
  - C. Respondents
    - I. Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank
    - II. Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC

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- D. Auditor Evaluation Matrix/Ranking
- E. Award of Contract
- 6. Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of September 30, 2022
- 7. Approval of October 21, 2022 Public Hearings and Regular Meeting Minutes
- 8. Staff Reports

A. District Counsel: *Coleman, Yovanovich & Koester* 

B. District Engineer: RWA, Inc.

C. District Manager: Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC

• NEXT MEETING DATE: December 9, 2022 at 1:30 P.M.

QUORUM CHECK

SCOTT EDWARDS	IN PERSON	PHONE	☐ No
BARRY ERNST	IN PERSON	PHONE	☐ No
THOMAS DEAN	IN PERSON	PHONE	☐ No
FERNANDA MARTINHO	☐ In Person	PHONE	☐ No
DALTON DRAKE	IN PERSON	PHONE	☐ No

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

PARTICIPANT PASSCODE: 229 774 8903

- 9. Board Members' Comments/Requests
- 10. Public Comments
- 11. Adjournment

If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (239) 464-7114.

Sincerely,

Chesley E. Adams, Jr.

District Manager

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### Miscellaneous Notices

Published in The News-Press on October 28, 2022

### Location

Lee County,

#### **Notice Text**

SAVANNA LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 BUDGET AND FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 BUDGET; AND NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING. The Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Savanna Lakes Community Development District ("District") will hold public hearings on November 18, 2022 at 1:30 p.m., at 10461 Six Mile Cypress Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida 33966-6460 for the purpose of hearing comments and objections on the adoption of the budget of the District for the fiscal year beginning June 27, 2022 and ending September 30, 2022 ("Fiscal Year 2021/2022") and the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023 ("Fiscal Year 2022/2023"). A regular board meeting of the District will also be held at that time where the Board may consider any other business that may properly come before it. A copy of the agenda and proposed budgets may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561) 571-0010 ("District Manager's Office"), during normal business hours. The public hearings and meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. The public hearings and meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. There may be occasions when Board Supervisors or District Staff may participate by speaker telephone. Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Manager's Office. Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the public hearings or meeting is advised that person will need a record of proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based. District Manager AD# 5456949 Oct 28; Nov 4, 2022

## SAVANNA LAKES

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#### **RESOLUTION 2023-04**

THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION OF THE SAVANNA LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ("DISTRICT") RELATING TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 27, 2022 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022; AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the District Manager has submitted to the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Savanna Lakes Community Development District ("District") a proposed budget ("Proposed Budget") for the fiscal year beginning June 27, 2022 and ending September 30, 2022 ("Fiscal Year 2021/2022") along with an explanatory and complete financial plan for each fund of the District, pursuant to the provisions of Section 190.008(2)(a), Florida Statutes; and

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SAVANNA LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

### SECTION 1. BUDGET

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

- b. The Proposed Budget, attached hereto as **Exhibit "A,"** as amended by the Board, is hereby adopted in accordance with the provisions of Section 190.008(2)(a), *Florida Statutes* ("**Adopted Budget"**), and incorporated herein by reference; provided, however, that the comparative figures contained in the Adopted Budget may be subsequently revised as deemed necessary by the District Manager to reflect actual revenues and expenditures.
- c. The Adopted Budget, as amended, shall be maintained in the office of the District Manager and at the District's Local Records Office and identified as "The Budget for the Savanna Lakes Community Development District for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2022."
- d. The Adopted Budget shall be posted by the District Manager on the District's official website within thirty (30) days after adoption, and shall remain on the website for at least 2 years.

### **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS**

There is hereby appropriated out of the revenues of the District, for Fiscal Year 2021/2022, the sums set forth in **Exhibit A** to be raised by the levy of assessments, a funding agreement and/or otherwise. Such sums are deemed by the Board to be necessary to defray all expenditures of the District during said budget year, and are to be divided and appropriated in the amounts set forth in **Exhibit A**.

#### SECTION 3. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to Section 189.016, *Florida Statutes*, the District at any time within Fiscal Year 2021/2022 or within 60 days following the end of the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 may amend its Adopted Budget for that fiscal year as follows:

- a. A line-item appropriation for expenditures within a fund may be decreased or increased by motion of the Board recorded in the minutes, and approving the expenditure, if the total appropriations of the fund do not increase.
- b. The District Manager or Treasurer may approve an expenditure that would increase or decrease a line-item appropriation for expenditures within a fund if the total appropriations of the fund do not increase and if either (i) the aggregate change in the original appropriation item does not exceed the greater of \$15,000 or 15% of the original appropriation, or (ii) such expenditure is authorized by separate disbursement or spending resolution.
- c. Any other budget amendments shall be adopted by resolution and consistent with Florida law.

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

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

### PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022.

ATTEST:	SAVANNA LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPME DISTRICT	
Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors	

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget(s)

# SAVANNA LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2022

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## SAVANNA LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT GENERAL FUND BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2022

	Proposed Budget FY 2022
REVENUES	
Landowner contribution	24,434
Total revenues	24,434
EXPENDITURES	
Professional & administrative	
Management/accounting/recording**	2,000
Legal	7,500
Engineering	2,000
Audit	_,000
Arbitrage rebate calculation*	_
Dissemination agent*	_
Trustee*	_
Telephone	17
Postage	200
Printing & binding	42
Legal advertising	6,500
Annual special district fee	175
Insurance	5,500
Contingencies/bank charges	500
Website hosting & maintenance	-
Website ADA compliance	_
Total professional & administrative	24,434
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues	
over/(under) expenditures	-
Fund balance - beginning (unaudited)	_
Fund balance - ending (projected)	_
Unassigned	_
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<sup>\*</sup>These items will be realized when bonds are issued

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### SAVANNA LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DEFINITIONS OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

#### **EXPENDITURES**

EXPENDITURES		
Professional & administrative		
Management/accounting/recording**	\$	2,000
Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC (WHA), specializes in managing community development districts by combining the knowledge, skills and experience of a team of professionals to ensure compliance with all of the District's governmental requirements. WHA develops financing programs, administers the issuance of tax exempt bond financings, operates and maintains the assets of the community.		
Legal		7,500
General counsel and legal representation, which includes issues relating to public finance, public bidding, rulemaking, open meetings, public records, real property dedications, conveyances and contracts.		
Engineering		2,000
The District's Engineer will provide construction and consulting services, to assist the District in crafting sustainable solutions to address the long term interests of the community while recognizing the needs of government, the environment and maintenance of the District's facilities.		
Audit		-
Statutorily required for the District to undertake an independent examination of its books, records and accounting procedures.		
Arbitrage rebate calculation*		-
To ensure the District's compliance with all tax regulations, annual computations are necessary to calculate the arbitrage rebate liability.		
Dissemination agent*  The District must annually disseminate financial information in order to comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Wrathell, Hunt & Associates serves as dissemination agent.		-
Trustee*		-
Telephone		17
Telephone and fax machine.		
Postage		200
Mailing of agenda packages, overnight deliveries, correspondence, etc.		
Printing & binding		42
Letterhead, envelopes, copies, agenda packages  Legal advertising		6,500
The District advertises for monthly meetings, special meetings, public hearings, public bids, etc.		6,500
Annual special district fee		175
Annual fee paid to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.		
Insurance  The District will obtain public officials and general liability insurance.		5,500
Contingencies/bank charges  Bank charges and other miscellaneous expenses incurred during the year and automated AP routing etc.		500
Website hosting & maintenance		-
Website ADA compliance		_
Total expenditures	\$ 2	24,434

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	Proposed Budget FY 2023
REVENUES	
Landowner contribution	83,929_
Total revenues	83,929
EVENDITUES	
EXPENDITURES	
Professional & administrative	40.000
Management/accounting/recording**	40,000
Legal	25,000
Engineering	2,500
Audit	-
Arbitrage rebate calculation*	-
Dissemination agent*	664
Trustee*	-
Telephone	200
Postage	500
Printing & binding	500
Legal advertising	6,500
Annual special district fee	175
Insurance	5,500
Contingencies/bank charges	500
Website hosting & maintenance	1,680
Website ADA compliance	210
Total professional & administrative	83,929
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Excess/(deficiency) of revenues	
over/(under) expenditures	-
Fund halance hasinging (unaudited)	
Fund balance - beginning (unaudited)	-
Fund balance - ending (projected)	-
Unassigned	-
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ -</u>

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### SAVANNA LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DEFINITIONS OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

### **EXPENDITURES**

Professional & administrative	
Management/accounting/recording**	\$ 40,000
Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC (WHA), specializes in managing community	Ψ 40,000
development districts by combining the knowledge, skills and experience of a team of	
professionals to ensure compliance with all of the District's governmental requirements.	
WHA develops financing programs, administers the issuance of tax exempt bond	
financings, operates and maintains the assets of the community.	
Legal	25,000
General counsel and legal representation, which includes issues relating to public	23,000
finance, public bidding, rulemaking, open meetings, public records, real property	
dedications, conveyances and contracts.	
Engineering	2,500
The District's Engineer will provide construction and consulting services, to assist the	_,000
District in crafting sustainable solutions to address the long term interests of the	
community while recognizing the needs of government, the environment and	
maintenance of the District's facilities.	
Audit	_
Statutorily required for the District to undertake an independent examination of its books,	
records and accounting procedures.	
Arbitrage rebate calculation*	_
To ensure the District's compliance with all tax regulations, annual computations are	
necessary to calculate the arbitrage rebate liability.	
Dissemination agent*	664
The District must annually disseminate financial information in order to comply with the	
requirements of Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Wrathell, Hunt	
& Associates serves as dissemination agent.	
Trustee*	-
Telephone	200
Telephone and fax machine.	
Postage	500
Mailing of agenda packages, overnight deliveries, correspondence, etc.	
Printing & binding	500
Letterhead, envelopes, copies, agenda packages	
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bids, etc.	
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Annual fee paid to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.	
Insurance	5,500
The District will obtain public officials and general liability insurance.	0,000
Contingencies/bank charges	500
Bank charges and other miscellaneous expenses incurred during the year and automated	
AP routing etc.	
	4 000
Website hosting & maintenance	1,680
Website ADA compliance	210
Total expenditures	\$ 83,929

## SAVANNA LAKES

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### Miscellaneous Notices

Published in The News-Press on October 21, 2022

### Location

Lee County,

#### **Notice Text**

SAVANNA LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES The Savanna Lakes Community Development District hereby requests proposals for annual financial auditing services. The proposal must provide for the auditing of the District's financial records for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, with an option for additional annual renewals, subject to mutual agreement by both parties. The District is a local unit of specialpurpose government created under Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, for the purpose of financing, constructing, and maintaining public infrastructure. The District is located in Lee County, Florida. The final contract will require that, among other things, the audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, be completed no later than June 30, 2023. The auditing entity submitting a proposal must be duly licensed under Chapter 473, Florida Statutes, and be gualified to conduct audits in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards," as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy, Audits shall be conducted in accordance with Florida Law and particularly Section 218.39, Florida Statutes, and the rules of the Florida Auditor General. Proposal packages, which include evaluation criteria and instructions to proposers, are available from the District Manager at the address and telephone number listed below. Proposers must provide one (1) electronic copy and one (1) unbound copy of their proposal to the offices of the District Manager, located at 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, ph: (877) 276-0889 ("District Manager"), in an envelope marked on the outside "Auditing Services, Savanna Lakes Community Development District." Proposals must be received by 12:00 p.m., on November 4, 2022, at the office of the District Manager. Please direct all questions regarding this Notice to the District Manager. District Manager AD# 5457015 10/21/22

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### SAVANNA LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES

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The auditing entity submitting a proposal must be duly licensed under Chapter 473, *Florida Statutes*, and be qualified to conduct audits in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards," as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy. Audits shall be conducted in accordance with Florida Law and particularly Section 218.39, *Florida Statutes*, and the rules of the Florida Auditor General.

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### District Manager

Run date: must be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the District and the county in which the District is located. The public announcement must allow for at least 7 days for the submission of proposals.

### SAVANNA LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### District Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2022 Lee County, Florida

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS**

- **SECTION 1. DUE DATE.** Sealed proposals must be received no later than **November 4, 2022** at **12:00 p.m.,** at the offices of District Manager, located at Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431. Proposals will be publicly opened at that time.
- **SECTION 2. FAMILIARITY WITH THE LAW.** By submitting a proposal, the Proposer is assumed to be familiar with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that in any manner affect the work. Ignorance on the part of the Proposer will in no way relieve it from responsibility to perform the work covered by the proposal in compliance with all such laws, ordinances and regulations.
- **SECTION 3.** QUALIFICATIONS OF PROPOSER. The contract, if awarded, will only be awarded to a responsible Proposer who is qualified by experience and licensing to do the work specified herein. The Proposer shall submit with its proposal satisfactory evidence of experience in similar work and show that it is fully prepared to complete the work to the satisfaction of the District.
- **SECTION 4. SUBMISSION OF ONLY ONE PROPOSAL.** Proposers shall be disqualified and their proposals rejected if the District has reason to believe that collusion may exist among the Proposers, the Proposer has defaulted on any previous contract or is in arrears on any previous or existing contract, or for failure to demonstrate proper licensure and business organization.
- **SECTION 5. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL.** Submit (1) electronic copy and one (1) unbound copy of the Proposal Documents, and other requested attachments at the time and place indicated herein, which shall be enclosed in an opaque sealed envelope, marked with the title "Auditing Services Savanna Lakes Community Development District" on the face of it. **Please include pricing for each additional bond issuance.**
- **SECTION 6. MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL.** Proposals may be modified or withdrawn by an appropriate document duly executed and delivered to the place where proposals are to be submitted at any time prior to the time and date the proposals are due. No proposal may be withdrawn after opening for a period of ninety (90) days.

- **SECTION 7. PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS.** The proposal documents shall consist of the notice announcing the request for proposals, these instructions, the Evaluation Criteria Sheet and a proposal with all required documentation pursuant to Section 12 of these instructions ("**Proposal Documents**").
- **SECTION 8. PROPOSAL.** In making its proposal, each Proposer represents that it has read and understands the Proposal Documents and that the proposal is made in accordance therewith.
- **SECTION 9. BASIS OF AWARD/RIGHT TO REJECT.** The District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, make modifications to the work, and waive any informalities or irregularities in proposals as it is deemed in the best interests of the District.
- **SECTION 10. CONTRACT AWARD.** Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the Notice of Award from the District, the Proposer shall enter into and execute a Contract (engagement letter) with the District.
- **SECTION 11. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.** Nothing herein shall be construed as or constitute a waiver of the District's limited waiver of liability contained in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or any other statute or law.
- **SECTION 12. MISCELLANEOUS.** All proposals shall include the following information in addition to any other requirements of the proposal documents.
  - A. List the position or title of all personnel to perform work on the District audit. Include resumes for each person listed; list years of experience in present position for each party listed and years of related experience.
  - B. Describe proposed staffing levels, including resumes with applicable certifications.
  - C. Three references from projects of similar size and scope. The Proposer should include information relating to the work it conducted for each reference as well as a name, address and phone number of a contact person.
  - D. The lump sum cost of the provision of the services under the proposal, plus the lump sum cost of four (4) annual renewals.

**SECTION 13. PROTESTS.** In accordance with the District's Rules of Procedure, any protest regarding the Proposal Documents, must be filed in writing, at the offices of the District Manager, within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays) after the receipt of the Proposal Documents. The 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 Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. Failure to timely file a notice of protest or failure to timely file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of any right to object or protest with respect to the aforesaid Proposal Documents.

**SECTION 14. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS.** The criteria to be used in the evaluation of proposals are presented in the Evaluation Criteria Sheet, contained within the Proposal Documents.

### SAVANNA LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUDITOR SELECTION EVALUATION CRITERIA

### 1. Ability of Personnel.

(20 Points)

(E.g., geographic location of the firm's headquarters or permanent office in relation to the project; capabilities and experience of key personnel; present ability to manage this project; evaluation of existing work load; proposed staffing levels, etc.)

### 2. Proposer's Experience.

(20 Points)

(E.g. past record and experience of the Proposer in similar projects; volume of work previously performed by the firm; past performance for other or current Community Development District(s) in other contracts; character, integrity, reputation of Proposer, etc.)

### 3. Understanding of Scope of Work.

(20 Points)

Extent to which the proposal demonstrates an understanding of the District's needs for the services requested.

### 4. Ability to Furnish the Required Services.

(20 Points)

Extent to which the proposal demonstrates the adequacy of Proposer's financial resources and stability as a business entity necessary to complete the services required.

5. Price. (20 Points)\*\*\*

Points will be awarded based upon the lowest total proposal for rendering the services and the reasonableness of the proposal.

Total (100 Points)

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Alternatively, the Board may choose to evaluate firms without considering price, in which case the remaining categories would be assigned 25 points each.

# SAVANNA LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

### SAVANNA LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

PROPOSAL FOR AUDIT SERVICES

### **PROPOSED BY:**

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, PL

600 Citrus Avenue, Suite 200 Fort Pierce, Florida 34950

(772) 461-6120

### **CONTACT PERSON:**

J. W. Gaines, CPA, Director

### **DATE OF PROPOSAL:**

November 4, 2022

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November 4, 2022

Savanna Lakes Community Development District Wrathell Hunt & Associates 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W Boca Raton. FL 33431

Dear District Manager:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to present our professional credentials to provide audit services for Savanna Lakes Community Development District.

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL has assembled a team of governmental and nonprofit specialists second to none to serve our clients. Our firm has the necessary qualifications and experience to serve as the independent auditors for Savanna Lakes Community Development District. We will provide you with top quality, responsive service.

#### **Experience**

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL is a recognized leader in providing services to governmental and nonprofit agencies throughout Florida. We have been the independent auditors for a number of local governmental agencies and through our experience in performing their audits, we have been able to increase our audit efficiency and; therefore, reduce costs. We have continually passed this cost savings on to our clients and will continue to do so in the future. As a result of our experience and expertise, we have developed an effective and efficient audit approach designed to meet or exceed the performance specifications in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the standards for financial and compliance audits. We will conduct the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; "Government Auditing Standards" issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the provisions of the Single Audit Act, Subpart F of Title 2 US Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, with minimal disruption to your operations. Our firm has frequent technical updates to keep our personnel informed and up-to-date on all changes that are occurring within the industry.



Savanna Lakes Community Development District November 4, 2022

Our firm is a member of the Government Audit Quality Center, an organization dedicated to improving government audit quality. We also utilize the audit program software of a nationally recognized CPA firm to assure us that we are up to date with all auditing standards and to assist us maintain maximum audit efficiencies.

To facilitate your evaluation of our qualifications and experience, we have arranged this proposal to include a resume of our firm, including our available staff, our extensive prior governmental and nonprofit auditing experience and clients to be contacted.

You need a firm that will provide an efficient, cost-effective, high-quality audit within critical time constraints. You need a firm with the prerequisite governmental and nonprofit experience to perform your audit according to stringent legal and regulatory requirements, a firm that understands the complex nature of community development districts and their unique compliance requirements. You need a firm with recognized governmental and nonprofit specialists within the finance and governmental communities. And, certainly, you need a firm that will provide you with valuable feedback to enhance your current and future operations. Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL is that firm. J. W. Gaines is the person authorized to make representations for the firm.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit this proposal to Savanna Lakes Community Development District.

Very truly yours,

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Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank Certified Public Accountants PL Fort Pierce, Florida

### PROFILE OF THE PROPOSER

## **Description and History of Audit Firm**

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL is a Treasure Coast public accounting firm, which qualifies as a small business firm, as established by the Small Business Administration (13 CFR 121.38), with offices in Fort Pierce and Stuart. We are a member of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The firm was formed from the merger of Edwards, Berger, Harris & Company (originated in 1972) and McAlpin, Curtis & Associates (originated in 1949). J. W. Gaines and Associates (originated in 1979) merged with the firm in 2004. Our tremendous growth rate experienced over the last 69 years is directly attributable to the firm's unrelenting dedication to providing the highest quality, responsive professional services attainable to its clients.

We are a member of the Private Companies Practice Section (PCPS) of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) to assure we meet the highest standards. Membership in this practice section requires that our firm meet more stringent standards than standard AICPA membership. These rigorous requirements include the requirement of a triennial peer review of our firm's auditing and accounting practice and annual Continuing Professional Education (CPE) for all accounting staff (whether CPA or non-CPA). For standard AICPA membership, only a quality review is required and only CPAs must meet CPE requirements.

We are also a member of the Government Audit Quality Center ("the Center") of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants to assure the quality of our government audits. Membership in the Center, which is voluntary, requires our firm to comply with additional standards to promote the quality of government audits.

We have been extensively involved in serving local government entities with professional accounting, auditing and consulting services throughout the entire 69 year history of our firm. Our substantial experience over the years makes us uniquely qualified to provide accounting, auditing, and consulting services to these clients. We are a recognized leader in providing services to governmental and nonprofit agencies on the Treasure Coast and in Central and South Florida, with extensive experience in auditing community development districts and water control districts. We were the independent auditors of the City of Fort Pierce for over 37 years and currently, we are the independent auditors for St. Lucie County since 2002, and for 34 of the 38 years that the county has been audited by CPA firms. Additionally, we have performed audits of the City of Stuart, the City of Vero Beach, Indian River County and Martin County. We also presently audit over 75 Community Development Districts throughout Florida.

Our firm was founded on the belief that we are better able to respond to our clients needs through education, experience, independence, quality control, and personal service. Our firm's commitment to quality is reflected in our endeavor of professional excellence via continuing education, the use of the latest computer technology, professional membership in PCPS and peer review.

We believe our approach to audit engagements, intelligence and innovation teamed with sound professional judgment enables us to explore new concepts while remaining sensitive to the fundamental need for practical solutions. We take pride in giving you the assurance that the personal assistance you receive comes from years of advanced training, technical experience and financial acumen.

#### **Professional Staff Resources**

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL has a total of 27 professional and administrative staff (including 12 professional staff with extensive experience servicing government entities). The work will be performed out of our Fort Pierce office with a proposed staff of one senior accountant and one or two staff accountants supervised by an audit manager and audit partner. With the exception of the directors of the firm's offices, the professional staff is not specifically assigned to any of our individual offices. The professional and administrative staff resources available to you through Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL are as follows:

	<u>l otal</u>
Partners/Directors (CPA's)	5
Principals (CPA)	1
Managers (CPA)	1
Senior/Supervisor Accountants (2 CPA's)	3
Staff Accountants (1 CPA)	7
Computer Specialist	1
Paraprofessional	6
Administrative	<u>4</u>
Total – all personnel	28

Following is a brief description of each employee classification:

**Staff Accountant –** Staff accountants work directly under the constant supervision of the auditor-in-charge and, are responsible for the various testing of documents, account analysis and any other duties as his/her supervisor believes appropriate. Minimum qualification for a staff accountant is graduation from an accredited university or college with a degree in accounting or equivalent.

**Senior Accountant** – A senior accountant must possess all the qualifications of the staff accountant, in addition to being able to draft the necessary reports and financial statements, and supervise other staff accountants when necessary.

**Managers** – A manager must possess the qualifications of the senior accountant, plus be able to work without extensive supervision from the auditor-in-charge. The manager should be able to draft audit reports from start to finish and to supervise the audit team, if necessary.

**Principal** – A principal is a partner/director in training. He has been a manager for several years and possesses the technical skills to act as the auditor–in-charge. A principal has no financial interest in the firm.

**Partner/Director** – The director has extensive governmental auditing experience and acts as the auditor-in-charge. Directors have a financial interest in the firm.

## **Professional Staff Resources (Continued)**

Independence – Independence of the public accounting firm, with respect to the audit client, is the foundation from which the public gains its trust in the opinion issued by the public accounting firm at the end of the audit process. This independence must be in appearance as well as in fact. The public must perceive that the accounting firm is independent of the audit entity to ensure that nothing would compromise the opinion issued by the public accounting firm. Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL is independent of Savanna Lakes Community Development District, including its elected officials and related parties, at the date of this proposal, as defined by the following rules, regulations, and standards:

AuSection 220 – Statements on Auditing Standards issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants;

ET Sections 101 and 102 – Code of Professional Conduct of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants;

Chapter 21A-1, Florida Administrative Code;

Section 473.315, Florida Statutes; and,

Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

On an annual basis, all members of the firm are required to confirm, in writing, that they have no personal or financial relationships or holding that would impair their independence with regard to the firm's clients.

Independence is a hallmark of our profession. We encourage our staff to use professional judgment in situations where our independence could be impaired or the perception of a conflict of interest might exist. In the governmental sector, public perception is as important as professional standards. Therefore, the utmost care must be exercised by independent auditors in the performance of their duties.

### **Ability to Furnish the Required Services**

As previously noted in the Profile of the Proposer section of this document, our firm has been in existence for over 69 years. We have provided audit services to some clients for over 30 years continually. Our firm is insured against physical loss through commercial insurance and we also carry liability insurance. The majority of our audit documentation is stored electronically, both on our office network and on each employee laptop or computer assigned to each specific job. Our office computer network is backed up on tape, so in the event of a total equipment loss, we can restore all data as soon as replacement equipment is acquired. In addition, our field laptop computers carry the same data and can be used in the event of emergency with virtually no delay in completing the required services.

### ADDITIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED

## **Arbitrage Rebate Services**

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL also provides arbitrage rebate compliance and related services to governmental issuers. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 requires issuers of most tax-exempt obligations to pay (i.e., "rebate") to the United States government any arbitrage profits. Arbitrage profits are earnings on the investment of bond proceeds and certain other monies in excess of what would have been earned had such monies been invested at a yield equal to the yield on the bonds.

Federal tax law requires that interim rebate calculations and payments are due at the end of every fifth bond year. Final payment is required upon redemption of the bonds. More frequent calculations may be deemed advisable by an issuer's auditor, trustee or bond counsel or to assure that accurate and current records are available. These more frequent requirements are usually contained in the Arbitrage or Rebate Certificate with respect to the bonds.

Our firm performs a comprehensive rebate analysis and includes the following:

- Verifying that the issue is subject to rebate;
- Calculating the bond yield;
- Identifying, and separately accounting for, all "Gross Proceeds" (as that term is defined in the Code) of the bond issue, including those requiring analysis due to "transferred proceeds" and/or "commingled funds" circumstances;
- Determining what general and/or elective options are available to Gross proceeds of the issue;
- Calculating the issue's excess investment earning (rebate liability), if any;
- Delivering appropriate documentation to support all calculations:
- Providing an executive summary identifying the methodology employed, major assumptions, conclusions, and any other recommendations for changes in recordkeeping and investment policies;
- Assisting as necessary in the event of an Internal Revenue Service inquiry; and,
- Consulting with issue staff, as necessary, regarding arbitrage related matters.

### **GOVERNMENTAL AUDITING EXPERIENCE**

**Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL** has been practicing public accounting in Florida for 69 years. Our success over the years has been the result of a strong commitment to providing personalized quality service to our clients.

The current members of our firm have performed audits of over 900 community development districts, and over 1,800 audits of municipalities, counties and other governmental entities such as the City of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County.

Our firm provides a variety of accounting, auditing, tax litigation support, and consulting services. Some of the professional accounting, auditing and management consulting services that are provided by our firm are listed below:

- Performance of annual financial and compliance audits, including Single Audits of state
  and federal financial assistance programs, under the provisions of the Single Audit Act,
  Subpart F of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform
  Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal
  Awards (Uniform Guidance), with minimal disruptions to your operations;
- Performance of special compliance audits to ascertain compliance with the applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations;
- Issuance of comfort letters and consent letters in conjunction with the issuance of taxexempt debt obligations, including compiling financial data and interim period financial statement reviews:
- Calculation of estimated and actual federal arbitrage rebates;
- Assistance in compiling historical financial data for first-time and supplemental submissions for GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting;
- Preparation of indirect cost allocation systems in accordance with Federal and State regulatory requirements;
- Providing human resource and employee benefit consulting;
- Performance of automation feasibility studies and disaster recovery plans;
- Performance feasibility studies concerning major fixed asset acquisitions and utility plant expansion plans (including electric, water, pollution control, and sanitation utilities); and
- Assistance in litigation, including testimony in civil and criminal court.
- Assist clients who utilize QuickBooks software with their software needs. Our Certified QuickBooks Advisor has undergone extensive training through QuickBooks and has passed several exams to attain this Certification.

### **Continuing Professional Education**

All members of the governmental audit staff of our firm, and audit team members assigned to this engagement, are in compliance with the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirements set forth in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. In addition, our firm is in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Florida Statutes that require CPA's to have met certain CPE requirements prior to proposing on governmental audit engagements.

The audit team has extensive experience in performing governmental audits and is exposed to intensive and continuing concentration on these types of audits. Due to the total number of governmental audits our team performs, each member of our governmental staff must understand and be able to perform several types of governmental audits. It is our objective to provide each professional employee fifty hours or more of comprehensive continuing professional education each year. This is accomplished through attending seminars throughout Florida and is reinforced through in-house training.

Our firm has made a steadfast commitment to professional education. Our active attendance and participation in continuing professional education is a major part of our objective to obtain the most recent knowledge on issues which are of importance to our clients. We are growing on the reputation for work that our firm is providing today.

## **Quality Control Program**

Quality control requires continuing commitment to professional excellence. Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL is formally dedicated to that commitment.

To ensure maintaining the standards of working excellence required by our firm, we joined the Private Companies Practice Section (PCPS) of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). To be a participating member firm of this practice section, a firm must obtain an independent Peer Review of its quality control policies and procedures to ascertain the firm's compliance with existing auditing standards on the applicable engagements.

The scope of the Peer Review is comprehensive in that it specifically reviews the following quality control policies and procedures of the participating firm:

- Professional, economic, and administrative independence;
- · Assignment of professional personnel to engagements;
- Consultation on technical matters;
- Supervision of engagement personnel;
- Hiring and employment of personnel;
- Professional development;
- Advancement;
- · Acceptance and continuation of clients; and,
- Inspection and review system.

We believe that our commitment to the program is rewarding not only to our firm, but primarily to our clients.

The external independent Peer Review of the elements of our quality control policies and procedures performed by an independent certified public accountant, approved by the PCPS of the AICPA, provides you with the assurance that we continue to conform to standards of the profession in the conduct of our accounting and auditing practice.

Our firm is also a member of Governmental Audit Quality Center (GAQC), a voluntary membership center for CPA firms that perform governmental audits. This center promotes the quality of governmental audits.

Our firm has completed successive Peer Reviews. These reviews included a representative sample of our firm's local governmental auditing engagements. As a result of these reviews, our firm obtained an unqualified opinion on our quality control program and work procedures. On page 31 is a copy of our most recent Peer Review report. It should be noted that we received a pass rating.

Our firm has never had any disciplinary actions by state regulatory bodies or professional organizations.

As our firm performs approximately one hundred audits each year that are reviewed by federal, state or local entities, we are constantly dealing with questions from these entities about our audits. We are pleased to say that any questions that have been raised were minor issues and were easily resolved without re-issuing any reports.

### **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR)**

We are proud and honored to have been involved with the City of Fort Pierce and the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority when they received their first Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal years ended September 30, 1988 and 1994, respectively. We were also instrumental in the City of Stuart receiving the award, in our first year of performing their audit, for the year ended September 30, 1999.

We also assisted St. Lucie County, Florida for the year ended September 30, 2003, in preparing their first Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, and St. Lucie County has received their Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting every year since.

As continued commitment to insuring that we are providing the highest level of experience, we have had at least one employee of our firm serve on the GFOA – Special Review Committee since the mid-1980s. This committee is made up of selective Certified Public Accountants throughout the United States who have demonstrated their high level of knowledge and expertise in governmental accounting. Each committee member attends a special review meeting at the Annual GFOA Conference. At this meeting, the committee reports on the Certificate of Achievement Program's most recent results, future goals, and common reporting deficiencies.

We feel that our previous experience in assisting the City of Fort Pierce, the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority and St. Lucie County obtain their first CAFRs, and the City of Stuart in continuing to receive a CAFR and our firm's continued involvement with the GFOA, and the CAFR review committee make us a valued asset for any client in the field of governmental financial reporting.

### References

Terracina Community Development Gateway Community Development

District District

Jeff Walker, Special District Services Stephen Bloom, Severn Trent Management

(561) 630-4922 (954) 753-5841

The Reserve Community Development District Port of the Islands Community Development

District

Darrin Mossing, Governmental Management Cal Teague, Premier District Management

Services LLC

(407) 841-5524 (239) 690-7100 ext 101

In addition to the above, we have the following additional governmental audit experience:

## **Community Development Districts**

Aberdeen Community Development Beacon Lakes Community
District Development District

Alta Lakes Community Development Beaumont Community Development

District District

Amelia Concourse Community Bella Collina Community Development

Development District District

Amelia Walk Community

Development District

Bonnet Creek Community

Development District

Aqua One Community Development Buckeye Park Community

District Development District

Arborwood Community Development Candler Hills East Community

District Development District

Arlington Ridge Community

Cedar Hammock Community

Development District

Development District Development District

Bartram Springs Community

Development District

Central Lake Community

Development District

Baytree Community Development Channing Park Community

District Development District

Estancia @ Wiregrass Community

**Development District** 

**Cheval West Community Evergreen Community Development** District **Development District** Coconut Cay Community Forest Brooke Community **Development District Development District** Colonial Country Club Community **Gateway Services Community Development District Development District Connerton West Community Gramercy Farms Community Development District Development District** Copperstone Community **Greenway Improvement District Development District** Creekside @ Twin Creeks Community **Greyhawk Landing Community Development District Development District** Deer Run Community Development Griffin Lakes Community Development District District **Dowden West Community Habitat Community Development Development District** District **DP1 Community Development** Harbor Bay Community Development District District **Eagle Point Community Development** Harbourage at Braden River District Community Development District Harmony Community Development East Nassau Stewardship District District Eastlake Oaks Community **Development District** Harmony West Community **Development District** Easton Park Community Development District Harrison Ranch Community

**Development District** 

Hawkstone Community
Development District

Heritage Harbor Community Madeira Community Development **Development District** District Heritage Isles Community Marhsall Creek Community **Development District Development District** Heritage Lake Park Community Meadow Pointe IV Community **Development District Development District** Heritage Landing Community Meadow View at Twin Creek **Development District** Community Development District Heritage Palms Community Mediterra North Community **Development District Development District** Heron Isles Community Midtown Miami Community **Development District Development District** Heron Isles Community Development Mira Lago West Community District **Development District Highland Meadows II Community** Montecito Community **Development District Development District** Julington Creek Community Narcoossee Community **Development District Development District** Laguna Lakes Community Naturewalk Community **Development District Development District** Lake Bernadette Community New Port Tampa Bay Community **Development District Development District** Lakeside Plantation Community Overoaks Community Development **Development District** District Landings at Miami Community Panther Trace II Community **Development District Development District** 

Development District

Lexington Oaks Community

Live Oak No. 2 Community Development District

Legends Bay Community

**Development District** 

Pine Ridge Plantation Community
Development District

Paseo Community Development

Piney Z Community Development District

District

Poinciana Community
Development District
Sampson Creek Community
Development District

Poinciana West Community
Development District
San Simeon Community
Development District

Port of the Islands Community
Development District
Six Mile Creek Community
Development District

Portofino Isles Community
Development District
South Village Community
Development District

Quarry Community Development Southern Hills Plantation I
District Community Development District

Renaissance Commons Community
Development District
Southern Hills Plantation III
Community Development District

Reserve Community
Development District
South Fork Community
Development District

Reserve #2 Community
Development District
St. John's Forest Community
Development District

River Glen Community Stoneybrook South Community
Development District Development District

River Hall Community Stoneybrook South at ChampionsGate Development District Community Development District

River Place on the St. Lucie Stoneybrook West Community
Community Development District Development District

Rivers Edge Community

Development District

Tern Bay Community

Development District

Riverwood Community Terracina Community Development District District

Riverwood Estates Community

Development District

Tison's Landing Community

Development District

Rolling Hills Community TPOST Community Development District District

Development District District

Rolling Oaks Community

Development District

Triple Creek Community Vizcaya in Kendall Development District Development District

TSR Community Development Waterset North Community
District Development District

Turnbull Creek Community Westside Community Development District District

Twin Creeks North Community WildBlue Community Development Development District District

Urban Orlando Community

Development District

Willow Creek Community

Development District

Verano #2 Community

Development District

Willow Hammock Community

Development District

Viera East Community Winston Trails Community
Development District Development District

VillaMar Community

Development District

Zephyr Ridge Community

Development District

### Other Governmental Organizations

Office of the Medical Examiner. City of Westlake

District 19

Florida Inland Navigation District Rupert J. Smith Law Library

of St. Lucie County

Fort Pierce Farms Water Control

St. Lucie Education Foundation District

Indian River Regional Crime

Laboratory, District 19, Florida

Seminole Improvement District

Troup Indiantown Water Viera Stewardship District

**Control District** 

## Current or Recent Single Audits.

St. Lucie County, Florida Early Learning Coalition, Inc. Treasure Coast Food Bank, Inc.

Members of our audit team have acquired extensive experience from performing or participating in over 1,800 audits of governments, independent special taxing districts, school boards, and other agencies that receive public money and utilize fund accounting.

Much of our firm's auditing experience is with compliance auditing, which is required for publicly financed agencies. In this type of audit, we do a financial examination and also confirm compliance with various statutory and regulatory guidelines.

Following is a summary of our other experience, including Auditor General experience, as it pertains to other governmental and fund accounting audits.

#### Counties

(Includes elected constitutional officers, utilities and dependent taxing districts)

Indian River Martin Okeechobee Palm Beach

### Municipalities

City of Port St. Lucie City of Vero Beach Town of Orchid

### **Special Districts**

Bannon Lakes Community Development District

Boggy Creek Community Development District

Capron Trail Community Development District

Celebration Pointe Community Development District

Coquina Water Control District

Diamond Hill Community Development District

Dovera Community Development District

**Durbin Crossing Community Development District** 

Golden Lakes Community Development District

Lakewood Ranch Community Development District

Martin Soil and Water Conservation District

Meadow Pointe III Community Development District

Myrtle Creek Community Development District

St. Lucie County – Fort Pierce Fire District

The Crossings at Fleming Island

St. Lucie West Services District

Indian River County Mosquito Control District

St. John's Water Control District

Westchase and Westchase East Community Development Districts

Pier Park Community Development District

Verandahs Community Development District

Magnolia Park Community Development District

### Schools and Colleges

Federal Student Aid Programs – Indian River Community College Indian River Community College Okeechobee County District School Board St. Lucie County District School Board

### State and County Agencies

Central Florida Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc. (a nonprofit organization affiliated with the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners)

Florida School for Boys at Okeechobee

Indian River Community College Crime Laboratory

**Indian River Correctional Institution** 

#### **FEE SCHEDULE**

We propose the fee for our audit services described below to be \$3,100 for the year ended September 30, 2022, with an option for annual renewals if agreed upon by both parties. Our fee for the year ended September 30, 2022 with bond issuances will be \$3,850. The fee is contingent upon the financial records and accounting systems of Savanna Lakes Community Development District being "audit ready" and the financial activity for the District is not materially increased. If we discover that additional preparation work or subsidiary schedules are needed, we will consult with your authorized representative. We can assist with this additional work at our standard rates should you desire.

#### SCOPE OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED

If selected as the District's auditors, we will perform a financial and compliance audit in accordance with Section 11.45, Florida Statutes, in order to express an opinion on an annual basis on the financial statements of Savanna Lakes Community Development District as of September 30, 2022. The audits will be performed to the extent necessary to express an opinion on the fairness in all material respects with which the financial statements present the financial position, results of operations and changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and to determine whether, for selected transactions, operations are properly conducted in accordance with legal and regulatory requirements. Reportable conditions that are also material weaknesses shall be identified as such in the Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters. Other (non-reportable) conditions discovered during the course of the audit will be reported in a separate letter to management, which will be referred to in the Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters.

Our audit will be performed in accordance with standards for financial and compliance audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as in compliance with rules and regulations of audits of special districts as set forth by the State Auditor General in Chapter 10.550, Local Governmental Entity Audits, and other relevant federal, state and county orders, statutes, ordinances, charter, resolutions, bond covenants, Administrative Code and procedures, or rules and regulations which may pertain to the work required in the engagement.

The primary purpose of our audit will be to express an opinion on the financial statements discussed above. It should be noted that such audits are subject to the inherent risk that errors or irregularities may not be detected. However, if conditions are discovered which lead to the belief that material errors, defalcations or other irregularities may exist or if other circumstances are encountered that require extended services, we will promptly notify the appropriate individual.

## **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

## J. W. Gaines, CPA, CITP

Director – 41 years

#### **Education**

◆ Stetson University, B.B.A. – Accounting

### Registrations

- Certified Public Accountant State of Florida, State Board of Accountancy
- Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP) American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

## **Professional Affiliations/Community Service**

- Member of the American and Florida Institutes of Certified Public Accountants
- ♦ Affiliate member Government Finance Officers Association
- Past President, Vice President-Campaign Chairman, Vice President and Board Member of United Way of St. Lucie County, 1989 - 1994
- Past President, President Elect, Secretary and Treasurer of the Treasure Coast Chapter of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants, 1988 - 1991
- Past President of Ft. Pierce Kiwanis Club, 1994 95, Member/Board Member since 1982
- ◆ Past President, Vice President and Treasurer of St. Lucie County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, 1980 -1986
- Member of the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, Member Board of Directors, Treasurer, September 2002 - 2006, Chairman Elect 2007, Chairman 2008, Past Chairman 2009
- Member Lawnwood Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees, 2000 Present, Chairman 2013 - Present
- ♦ Member of St. Lucie County Citizens Budget Committee, 2001 2002
- ♦ Member of Ft. Pierce Citizens Budget Advisory Committee, 2010 2011
- ♦ Member of Ft. Pierce Civil Service Appeals Board, 2013 Present

### **Professional Experience**

- ♦ Miles Grant Development/Country Club Stuart, Florida, July 1975 October 1976
- ◆ State Auditor General's Office Public Accounts Auditor November 1976 through September 1979
- ◆ Director Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants PL, responsible for numerous government and nonprofit audits.
- Over 40 years experience in all phases of public accounting and auditing experience, with a concentration in financial and compliance audits. Mr. Gaines has been involved in all phases of the audits listed on the preceding pages.

# **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

## J. W. Gaines, CPA, CITP (Continued)

Director

## **Continuing Professional Education**

♦ Has participated in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors over the last two years to keep abreast of the latest developments in accounting and auditing such as:

Governmental Accounting Report and Audit Update

Analytical Procedures, FICPA

Annual Update for Accountants and Auditors

Single Audit Sampling and Other Considerations

## **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

## David S. McGuire, CPA, CITP

Accounting and Audit Principal – 18 years Accounting and Audit Manager – 4 years Staff Accountant – 11 years

#### **Education**

- ♦ University of Central Florida, B.A. Accounting
- Barry University Master of Professional Accountancy

### Registrations

- Certified Public Accountant State of Florida, State Board of Accountancy
- Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP) American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Certified Not-For-Profit Core Concepts 2018

### **Professional Affiliations/Community Service**

- Member of the American and Florida Institutes of Certified Public Accountants
- Associate Member, Florida Government Finance Office Associates
- ◆ Assistant Coach St. Lucie County Youth Football Organization (1994 2005)
- ◆ Assistant Coach Greater Port St. Lucie Football League, Inc. (2006 2010)
- ◆ Board Member Greater Port St. Lucie Football League, Inc. (2011 2017)
- Treasurer, AIDS Research and Treatment Center of the Treasure Coast, Inc. (2000 2003)
- ◆ Board Member/Treasurer, North Treasure Coast Chapter, American Red Cross (2004 – 2010)
- Member/Board Member of Port St. Lucie Kiwanis (1994 − 2001)
- ◆ President (2014/15) of Sunrise Kiwanis of Fort Pierce (2004 2017)
- St. Lucie District School Board Superintendent Search Committee (2013 present)
- ♦ Board Member Phrozen Pharoes (2019-2021)

### **Professional Experience**

- Twenty-eight years public accounting experience with an emphasis on nonprofit and governmental organizations.
- Audit Manager in-charge on a variety of audit and review engagements within several industries, including the following government and nonprofit organizations:

St. Lucie County, Florida

19th Circuit Office of Medical Examiner

Troup Indiantown Water Control District

Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Inc.

Healthy Kids of St. Lucie County

Mustard Seed Ministries of Ft. Pierce, Inc.

Reaching Our Community Kids, Inc.

Reaching Our Community Kids - South

St. Lucie County Education Foundation, Inc.

Treasure Coast Food Bank, Inc.

North Springs Improvement District

♦ Four years of service in the United States Air Force in computer operations, with a top secret (SCI/SBI) security clearance.

# **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

## **David S. McGuire, CPA, CITP (Continued)**

Accounting and Audit Principal

### **Continuing Professional Education**

Mr. McGuire has attended numerous continuing professional education courses and seminars taught by nationally recognized sponsors in the accounting auditing and single audit compliance areas. He has attended courses over the last two years in those areas as follows:

Not-for-Profit Auditing Financial Results and Compliance Requirements Update: Government Accounting Reporting and Auditing

Annual Update for Accountants and Auditors

## **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

## David F. Haughton, CPA

Accounting and Audit Manager - 30 years

#### **Education**

♦ Stetson University, B.B.A. – Accounting

### Registrations

◆ Certified Public Accountant – State of Florida, State Board of Accountancy

## **Professional Affiliations/Community Service**

- Member of the American and Florida Institutes of Certified Public Accountants
- Former Member of Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants Committee on State and Local Government
- Affiliate Member Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for over 10 years
- Affiliate Member Florida Government Finance Officers Association (FGFOA) for over 10 years
- ♦ Technical Review 1997 FICPA Course on State and Local Governments in Florida
- ◆ Board of Directors Kiwanis of Ft. Pierce, Treasurer 1994-1999; Vice President 1999-2001

### **Professional Experience**

- Twenty-seven years public accounting experience with an emphasis on governmental and nonprofit organizations.
- ◆ State Auditor General's Office West Palm Beach, Staff Auditor, June 1985 to September 1985
- Accounting and Audit Manager of Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants PL, responsible for audit and accounting services including governmental and not-for-profit audits.
- Over 20 years of public accounting and governmental experience, specializing in governmental and nonprofit organizations with concentration in special districts, including Community Development Districts which provide services including water and sewer utilities. Governmental and non-profit entities served include the following:

#### Counties:

St. Lucie County

### Municipalities:

City of Fort Pierce City of Stuart

# **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

## **David F. Haughton, CPA (Continued)**

Accounting and Audit Manager

## **Professional Experience (Continued)**

### Special Districts:

Bluewaters Community Development District

Country Club of Mount Dora Community Development District

Fiddler's Creek Community Development District #1 and #2

Indigo Community Development District

North Springs Improvement District

Renaissance Commons Community Development District

St. Lucie West Services District

Stoneybrook Community Development District

Summerville Community Development District

Terracina Community Development District

Thousand Oaks Community Development District

Tree Island Estates Community Development District

Valencia Acres Community Development District

#### Non-Profits:

The Dunbar Center, Inc.

Hibiscus Children's Foundation, Inc.

Hope Rural School, Inc.

Maritime and Yachting Museum of Florida, Inc.

Tykes and Teens, Inc.

United Way of Martin County, Inc.

Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast, Inc.

- While with the Auditor General's Office he was on the staff for the state audits of the Martin County School District and Okeechobee County School District.
- During 1997 he performed a technical review of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants state CPE course on Audits of State and Local Governments in Florida. His comments were well received by the author and were utilized in future updates to the course.

## **Continuing Professional Education**

◆ During the past several years, he has participated in numerous professional development training programs sponsored by the AICPA and FICPA, including state conferences on special districts and governmental auditing in Florida. He averages in excess of 100 hours bi-annually of advanced training which exceeds the 80 hours required in accordance with the continuing professional education requirements of the Florida State Board of accountancy and the AICPA Private Companies Practice Section. He has over 75 hours of governmental CPE credit within the past two years.

# **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

## Matthew Gonano, CPA

Senior Staff Accountant - 10 years

#### **Education**

- ◆ University of North Florida, B.B.A. Accounting
- University of Alicante, Spain International Business
- ◆ Florida Atlantic University Masters of Accounting

## **Professional Affiliations/Community Service**

- ♦ American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- ♦ Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants

### **Professional Experience**

- ♦ Senior Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.
- ♦ Performed audits of nonprofit and governmental organizations in accordance with Governmental Accounting Auditing Standards (GAAS)
- Performed Single Audits of nonprofit organizations in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, Audits of State, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.

### **Continuing Professional Education**

• Mr. Gonano has participated in numerous continuing professional education courses.

# **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

## **Paul Daly**

Staff Accountant – 9 years

### **Education**

♦ Florida Atlantic University, B.S. – Accounting

## **Professional Experience**

♦ Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

## **Continuing Professional Education**

• Working to attain the requirements to take the Certified Public Accounting (CPA) exam.

# **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

## Melissa Marlin, CPA

Senior Staff Accountant - 8 years

#### Education

- ◆ Indian River State College, A.A. Accounting
- ◆ Florida Atlantic University, B.B.A. Accounting

## **Professional Experience**

• Staff accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

### **Continuing Professional Education**

 Mrs. Marlin participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.

# **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

## **Bryan Snyder**

Staff Accountant - 5 years

### **Education**

◆ Florida Atlantic University, B.B.A. – Accounting

## **Professional Experience**

- Accountant beginning his professional auditing career with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank.
- Mr. Snyder is gaining experience auditing governmental & nonprofit entities.

- Mr. Snyder participates in numerous continuing education courses and plans on working to acquire his CPA certificate.
- Mr. Snyder is currently studying to pass the CPA exam.

# **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

## Maritza Stonebraker, CPA

Staff Accountant – 4 years

### **Education**

♦ Indian River State College, B.S.A. – Accounting

## **Professional Experience**

◆ Staff Accountant beginning her professional auditing career with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank.

## **Continuing Professional Education**

• Mrs. Stonebraker participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.

# **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

## Jonathan Herman, CPA

Senior Staff Accountant - 7 years

### **Education**

- ♦ University of Central Florida, B.S. Accounting
- Florida Atlantic University, MACC

## **Professional Experience**

♦ Accounting graduate with five years experience with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

### **Continuing Professional Education**

 Mr. Herman participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.

# **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

## Sean Stanton, CPA

Staff Accountant - 4 years

### **Education**

- ♦ University of South Florida, B.S. Accounting
- ♦ Florida Atlantic University, M.B.A. Accounting

## **Professional Experience**

• Staff accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank auditing governmental and non-profit entities.

### **Continuing Professional Education**

• Mr. Stanton participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.

## **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

## **Taylor Nuccio**

Staff Accountant – 3 years

### **Education**

♦ Indian River State College, B.S.A. – Accounting

### **Professional Experience**

• Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

- Ms. Nuccio participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.
- ♦ Ms. Nuccio is currently working towards completing an additional 30 hours of education to qualify to sit for CPA exam.

## **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

### **Tifanee Terrell**

Staff Accountant

### **Education**

♦ Florida Atlantic University, M.B.A. – Accounting

### **Professional Experience**

• Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

- Ms. Terrell participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.
- Ms. Terrell is currently working towards completing an additional 30 hours of education to qualify to sit for CPA exam.

## **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

### **Dylan Dixon**

Staff Accountant

### **Education**

◆ Indian River State College, A.A. – Accounting

### **Professional Experience**

• Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

- Mr. Dixon is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Accounting.
- Mr. Dixon participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.
- Mr. Dixon is currently working towards completing an additional 30 hours of education to qualify to sit for CPA exam.

## **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

## **Maurice Wally**

Staff Accountant

### **Education**

◆ Indian River State College, B.S.A. – Accounting

### **Professional Experience**

• Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

- Mr. Wally is currently enrolled at Indian River State College and will complete his degree in December 2022.
- Mr. Wally participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.
- Mr. Wally is currently working towards completing an additional 30 hours of education to qualify to sit for CPA exam.

## **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

#### **Brennen Moore**

Staff Accountant

#### Education

♦ Indian River State College, A.A. – Accounting

### **Professional Experience**

• Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

- Mr. Moore is currently enrolled at Indian River State College and will complete his bachelor's degree in spring of 2023.
- Mr. Moore participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.
- Mr. Moore is currently working towards completing an additional 30 hours of education to qualify to sit for CPA exam.



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To the Partners

October 30, 2019

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, CPAs, PL

and the Peer Review Committee of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, CPAs, PL, (the firm), in effect for the year ended May 31, 2019. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Standards).

Report on the Firm's System of Quality Control

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review as described in the Standards may be found at aicpa.org/prsummary. The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer reviewer to determine a peer review rating.

#### Firm's Responsibility

The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. The firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remediate engagements deemed as not performed or reported in conformity with professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if any.

#### Peer Reviewer's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control, and the firm's compliance therewith based on our review.

#### **Required Selections and Considerations**

Engagements selected for review included engagements performed under *Government Auditing Standards*, including a compliance audit under the Single Audit Act.

As a part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the firm, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, CPAs, PL, in effect for the year ended May 31, 2019, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of pass, pass with deficiency(ies), or fail. Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, CPAs, PL has received a peer review rating of pass.

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## SAVANNA LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

#### District Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2022 Lee County, Florida

#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS**

- **SECTION 1. DUE DATE**. Sealed proposals must be received no later than November 4, 2022 at 12:00 p.m., at the offices of District Manager, located at Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431. Proposals will be publicly opened at that time.
- **SECTION 2. FAMILIARITY WITH THE LAW.** By submitting a proposal, the Proposer is assumed to be familiar with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that in any manner affect the work. Ignorance on the part of the Proposer will in no way relieve it from responsibility to perform the work covered by the proposal in compliance with all such laws, ordinances and regulations.
- **SECTION 3. QUALIFICATIONS OF PROPOSER.** The contract, if awarded, will only be awarded to a responsible Proposer who is qualified by experience and licensing to do the work specified herein. The Proposer shall submit with its proposal satisfactory evidence of experience in similar work and show that it is fully prepared to complete the work to the satisfaction of the District.
- **SECTION 4. SUBMISSION OF ONLY ONE PROPOSAL.** Proposers shall be disqualified and their proposals rejected if the District has reason to believe that collusion may exist among the Proposers, the Proposer has defaulted on any previous contract or is in arrears on any previous or existing contract, or for failure to demonstrate proper licensure and business organization.
- **SECTION 5. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL.** Submit (1) electronic copy and one (1) unbound copy of the Proposal Documents, and other requested attachments at the time and place indicated herein, which shall be enclosed in an opaque sealed envelope, marked with the title "Auditing Services Savanna Lakes Community Development District" on the face of it. Please include pricing for each additional bond issuance.
- **SECTION 6. MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL.** Proposals may be modified or withdrawn by an appropriate document duly executed and delivered to the place where proposals are to be submitted at any time prior to the time and date the proposals are due. No proposal may be withdrawn after opening for a period of ninety (90) days.
- **SECTION 7. PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS.** The proposal documents shall consist of the notice announcing the request for proposals, these instructions, the Evaluation Criteria Sheet and a proposal with all required documentation pursuant to Section 12 of these instructions ("Proposal Documents").
- **SECTION 8. PROPOSAL.** In making its proposal, each Proposer represents that it has read and understands the Proposal Documents and that the proposal is made in accordance therewith.

**SECTION 9. BASIS OF AWARD/RIGHT TO REJECT.** The District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, make modifications to the work, and waive any informalities or irregularities in proposals as it is deemed in the best interests of the District.

**SECTION 10. CONTRACT AWARD.** Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the Notice of Award from the District, the Proposer shall enter into and execute a Contract (engagement letter) with the District.

**SECTION 11. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.** Nothing herein shall be construed as or constitute a waiver of the District's limited waiver of liability contained in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, or any other statute or law.

**SECTION 12. MISCELLANEOUS.** All proposals shall include the following information in addition to any other requirements of the proposal documents.

- A. List the position or title of all personnel to perform work on the District audit. Include resumes for each person listed; list years of experience in present position for each party listed and years of related experience.
- B. Describe proposed staffing levels, including resumes with applicable certifications.
- C. Three references from projects of similar size and scope. The Proposer should include information relating to the work it conducted for each reference as well as a name, address and phone number of a contact person.
- D. The lump sum cost of the provision of the services under the proposal, plus the lump sum cost of four (4) annual renewals.

**SECTION 13. PROTESTS.** In accordance with the District's Rules of Procedure, any protest regarding the Proposal Documents, must be filed in writing, at the offices of the District Manager, within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays) after the receipt of the Proposal Documents. The 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 Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. Failure to timely file a notice of protest or failure to timely file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of any right to object or protest with respect to the aforesaid Proposal Documents.

**SECTION 14. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS.** The criteria to be used in the evaluation of proposals are presented in the Evaluation Criteria Sheet, contained within the Proposal Documents.

## SAVANNA LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUDITOR SELECTION EVALUATION CRITERIA

#### 1. Ability of Personnel.

(20 Points)

(E.g., geographic location of the firm's headquarters or permanent office in relation to the project; capabilities and experience of key personnel; present ability to manage this project; evaluation of existing work load; proposed staffing levels, etc.)

#### 2. Proposer's Experience.

(20 Points)

(E.g. past record and experience of the Proposer in similar projects; volume of work previously performed by the firm; past performance for other or current Community Development District(s) in other contracts; character, integrity, reputation of Proposer, etc.)

#### 3. Understanding of Scope of Work.

(20 Points)

Extent to which the proposal demonstrates an understanding of the District's needs for the services requested.

#### 4. Ability to Furnish the Required Services.

(20 Points)

Extent to which the proposal demonstrates the adequacy of Proposer's financial resources and stability as a business entity necessary to complete the services required.

5. Price. (20 Points)\*\*\*

Points will be awarded based upon the lowest total proposal for rendering the services and the reasonableness of the proposal.

Total (100 Points)

\*\*\*Alternatively, the Board may choose to evaluate firms without considering price, in which case the remaining categories would be assigned 25 points each.

# SAVANNA LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

#### **Professional Services Proposal for Savanna Lakes Community Development District**

November 4, 2022

#### **Proposer**

Carr, Riggs & Ingram CPAs and Advisors 500 Grand Boulevard, Suite 210 Miramar Beach, FL 32550

Phone: 850.837.3141 Fax: 850.654.4619

#### **Submitted by**

K. Alan Jowers **Engagement Partner** AJowers@CRIcpa.com





Dear Savanna Lakes Community Development District:

Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC (CRI) appreciates the opportunity to propose on auditing services to Savanna Lakes Community Development District. We are genuinely excited about the prospect of serving you and establishing a long-term relationship. We pride ourselves on getting to know our clients and illuminating solutions by providing innovative ideas to move them from compliance to providing them a competitive advantage.

**Investment in You.** We believe in developing long-term, mutually beneficial relationships and quickly demonstrating value with a fee structure and service solutions that provide immediate and continued savings. Our investment starts on "Day 1" as your assigned team begins with our proven, streamlined process that minimizes your time and disruption during the service provider change and continues throughout the relationship.

**Dedicated Team.** CRI's team consists of more than 1,900 professionals, which allows us to tailor your service team by aligning their industry, service, and specialty skills with your needs. Our dedicated teams deliver the highest level of business acumen and knowledge to your organization; our commitment to consistent staffing allows you to maximize savings and remain focused on your needs.

**Equilibrium.** CRI delivers big firm expertise with small firm service. Of approximately 45,000 public accounting firms in the United States, CRI currently ranks in the top 25. Additionally, as a part of PrimeGlobal, an association of independent accounting firms, we have access to international resources as – and when – needed. Leveraging these resources while maintaining local decision-making authority means that simplified solutions are only a phone call away. And we believe that's the best of both worlds for our clients.

**Active Partner Participation.** Collectively, our partners deliver expertise derived from more than 7,500 years of business experience. With this level of talent, we thoughtfully choose a partner that aligns with your business' needs and industry. Our hands-on, working partners "show up" to convey our genuine commitment to your success. They strive to earn trusted advisor roles by digging in, proactively learning your business, and producing long-term value for you.

**Simplified Solutions.** While our 500+ cumulative partner certifications is an impressive statistic, success is measured by translating complex concepts into client solutions. While accounting is the language of business, we're here to decipher the jargon and help you make educated decisions. CRInnovate embraces agility and invention.

Our CRI vSTAR™ process provides a transformational approach to client service by encompassing every service we offer in a completely virtual format. Regardless of physical location, our processes are designed to provide clients with increased efficiencies, reduced travel costs, and crisis-proofing for business functions.

We welcome the opportunity to demonstrate to you the same teamwork, expertise, innovation, and responsiveness that have made us one of the fastest growing public accounting firms in the United States. Again, we appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

K. Alan Jowers Engagement Partner Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC



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#### **UNDERSTANDING & MEETING YOUR NEEDS**



From the RFP or during our recent visit with your team, we understood your team to express the following needs, requests, and/or issues. We've detailed our proposed solutions below and are happy to discuss other related projects as they arise and upon request.

	NEEDS & ISSUES	SOLUTIONS & SERVICES
Technical	The District is required to have independent audits performed on its financial statements.	Perform external audit services in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), in order to express an opinion on the Savanna Lakes Community Development District's financial statements.
Relational	The District's Board of Supervisors and management expect open and continuous communication with their CPA firm in order to avoid surprise findings at the end of the audit.	Communicate contemporaneously and directly with management regarding the results of our procedures.  Anticipate and respond to concerns of management and/or the Audit Committee (if/when formed).

#### YOUR SERVICES AND FEES



We value creating mutually rewarding, long-term relationships with our clients. Our goal is to provide high quality, responsive service that yields returns far greater than your investment in our professional fees. Please find below our proposal of fees to provide the requested services for the upcoming fiscal year, with an option for additional annual renewals, subject to mutual agreement by CRI and the District.

SERVICE	CRI FEES 2022
Perform external audit services in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS)	\$7,500

The above fee quote is based in part on the fact that the District has not yet issued bonds or other debt instruments to finance capital asset acquisition and construction. In the event the District issues such debt instruments or upon construction of major infrastructure additions, the audit fee will increase by an amount of \$5,000 per year for each bond issuance.

If Savanna Lakes Community Development Districtrequests additional services outside of this proposal, professional fee hourly rates are as follows, but may be negotiated depending on the project request:

CLASSIFICATION	HOURLY RATE
Partner	\$325
Manager	\$225
Senior	\$150
Staff	\$110
IT Specialist	\$400
Fraud Specialist	\$400

Our professional fees are based on the key assumptions that Savanna Lakes Community Development District will:

- Ensure that the predecessor's work papers will be made available for timely review.
- Make available documents and work papers for review at Savanna Lakes Community Development District's headquarters location, although we may choose to review at alternate locations.
- Prepare certain schedules and analyses and provide supporting documents as requested.
- Assist us in obtaining an understanding of the accounting systems of Savanna Lakes Community Development District.
- Not experience a significant change in business operations or financial reporting standards.

#### **CRI FIRM PROFILE**



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1900 +



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### **CRI FIRM VALUES:**

CLIENT SERVICE. RESPECT. INTEGRITY.



#### SERVICES

Accounting & Auditing Advisory **Business Support & Transactions Business Tax** Employee Benefit Plans Governance, Risk & Assurance Individual Tax & Planning IT Audits & Assurance

#### **INDUSTRY EXPERTISE**

Captive Insurance Construction Financial Institutions Governments Healthcare Institutional Real Estate Insurance Manufacturing & Distribution Nonprofits

#### CRI FAMILY OF COMPANIES



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CRI Capital Advisors



CRI Solutions Group



**CRI TPA Services** 



Level Four Advisory Services



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## CLIENTS WITH ANNUAL REVENUES UP TO:

80+ School Districts
\$1.1 Billion

110+ Municipalities

\$1.8 Billion

75+ Agencies/Authorities \$3 Billion

#### **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**



CRI delivers a depth of resources that ensures our understanding of your challenges and innovative solutions for overcoming them. Our team's combined experience is derived from providing audit, tax, consulting, and accounting outsourcing services. We parlay this vast experience and derived best practices into proven solutions that benefit you. Below we share specific, relevant client references; we encourage you to consult with them.

RELATIONSHIP	TIMELINE	SERVICE DESCRIPTION	RELEVANT POINTS TO CONSIDER
Rizzetta & Company Shawn Wildermuth 3434 Colwell Avenue Suite 200 Tampa, FL 33614 813.933.5571	2006 – Present	Annual Financial Statement Audits of Multiple CDDs	<ul> <li>Client service experience</li> <li>Responsiveness to client needs</li> <li>Long-term relationship</li> <li>CDD management co.</li> </ul>
GMS, LLC Dave DeNagy 14785 Old St. Augustine Road Suite 4 Jacksonville, FL 32258 904.288.9130	2006 – Present	Annual Financial Statement Audits of Multiple CDDs	<ul> <li>Client service experience</li> <li>Responsiveness to client needs</li> <li>Long-term relationship</li> <li>CDD management co.</li> </ul>
Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC Jeffrey Pinder 2300 Glades Road Suite 410W Boca Raton, FL 33431 561.571.0010	2006 – Present	Annual Financial Statement Audits of Multiple CDDs	<ul> <li>Client service experience</li> <li>Responsiveness to client needs</li> <li>Long-term relationship</li> <li>CDD management co.</li> </ul>
PFM Group Consulting, LLC Jennifer Glasgow 12051 Corporate Blvd. Orlando, FL 32817 407.382.3256	2007 – Present	Annual Financial Statement Audits of Multiple CDDs	<ul> <li>Client service experience</li> <li>Responsiveness to client needs</li> <li>Long-term relationship</li> <li>CDD management co.</li> </ul>



## K. Alan Jowers Engagement Partner

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#### **Representative Clients**

- Santa Rosa County District School Board
- Okaloosa Gas District
- Santa Rosa Island Authority
- Pasco County
- Okaloosa County District School Board
- Pinellas County School District
- Celebration Community
   Development District
- Hammock Bay Community Development District
- Amelia National Community Development District

#### **Experience**

Alan has over 25 years of experience in public accounting primarily with financial statement assurance engagements. His practice includes local governmental entities, condominium and homeowner associations, non-profit organizations, and nonpublic companies. He currently has direct engagement responsibility for a significant number of audits throughout the state of Florida.

Alan is licensed to practice as a certified public accountant in Florida and Georgia. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA), has been an active member of the FICPA's State and Local Governmental Committee, and is a past chair of its Common Interest Realty Association Committee. He is also active in the Panhandle Chapter of the Florida Governmental Finance Officers Association (FGFOA) and is a former member of the FGFOA's statewide Technical Resource Committee.

#### **Education, Licenses & Certifications**

- · Masters of Accountancy, University of Alabama
- BS, Accounting, Florida State University
- Certified Public Accountant

- · American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA) member of the Board of Governors
- Governmental Finance Officers Association (GFOA)
- Florida Governmental Finance Officers Association (FGFOA)



#### **Chad Branson**

**Consulting Partner** 

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#### **Representative Service Areas**

- Local Governments including Water and Sewer Organizations and Fire Districts
- School Districts including Foundations
- Nonprofit Organizations

## Representative Clients (including previous clients)

- School Districts Pinellas County, Okaloosa County, Pasco County, Santa Rosa County
- Florida Office of Early Learning Coalition
- Florida Department of Elder Affairs
- Fire Districts -Destin, Ocean City, North Bay
- Utilities Regional
   Utilities,Midway Water
   Systems, Inc.,Emerald Coast
   Utilities Authority
- Escambia County

#### **Experience**

Chad Branson has over 20 years of experience in public accounting, with practice concentrations in auditing governmental, nonprofit, and for profit entities. Chad has accumulated experience throughout his career in Federal and Florida Single Audit Acts compliance monitoring and auditing. During his career he has supervised and managed audit engagements for a wide variety of governmental and nonprofit organization clients. In addition, he has performed internal audit work, information technology general controls testing, forensic investigations, and risk assessments for governmental entities.

Chad has been with Carr, Riggs and Ingram, LLC since 2005.

#### **Education, Licenses & Certifications**

- Bachelor and Master of Accountancy University of Mississippi, Oxford MS
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Licensed in Florida and Mississippi
- Community Association Manager (CAM) Florida
- Certified Information Technology Professional AICPA

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA)
- Emerald Coast Chapter (FICPA) Board
- Florida Governmental Finance Officers Association (FGFOA)



## Grace Hartness Senior Manager

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#### **Representative Clients**

- Community Development Districts
- Condominium and Homeowner Associations
- Utility Services
- School Districts
- County and Local Governments
- Non-Profit Organizations

#### **Experience**

Grace has over 15 years accounting and audit experience with CRI. She has worked on several major construction companies, government entities, community development districts, condominium and homeowner associations and non-profit organizations. In addition, she has been involved in special audit projects for the Miami-Dade Airport Authority. Grace is licensed to practice as a certified public accountant in Florida and exceeds all continuing professional education requirements related to Government Auditing Standards. In addition, Grace fluently speaks several languages including French and Arabic. Grace currently supervises engagements for many special districts in the State of Florida including community development districts and school districts. She is active in our firm's condominium and homeowner association practice. Grace started with CRI in August 2006, upon completion of her master's degree, and was promoted to manager in 2011.

#### **Education, Licenses & Certifications**

- MAcc, Accounting, University of West Florida
- Certified Public Accountant
- Community Association Manager (CAM), Licensed in Florida

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA)
- Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance (AFWA)



#### Lauren Villarreal Senior Manager

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#### **Representative Service Areas**

- **Districts**
- Condominium and **Homeowner Associations**
- **Employee Benefit Plans**
- County and Local Governments
- Non-Profit Organizations

#### **Experience**

Community Development Lauren has five years auditing and accounting experience in the Destin office of CRI. She is an audit supervising senior with primary responsibility for fieldwork and reporting on audits of clients in a variety of industries including local governmental and non-profit entities as well as employee benefit plans and commercial businesses. She is currently the in-charge auditor for over a dozen community development districts with several CDD management companies in the State of Florida.

> Lauren is licensed to practice as a Certified Public Accountant in Florida. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She exceeds all continuing professional education requirements related to Government Auditing Standards.

> Lauren currently supervises engagements for many governmental entities in the State of Florida including community development districts and other special governments. She is active in our firm's governmental industry line as well as the condominium and homeowner association practice. In addition, Lauren has accumulated experience in Federal and Florida Single Audit Acts compliance monitoring and auditing. Lauren has performed several single audits of federal grants under OMB Circular A-133.

#### **Education, Licenses & Certifications**

- BS, Accounting, Florida State University
- BS, Business Administration, Florida State University
- Certified Public Accountant
- Community Association Manager (CAM), Licensed in Florida

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA)

#### **DELIVERING QUALITY TO YOU**



#### **AUDIT METHODOLOGY**

Our audit, tax, consulting, and client accounting services documentation is maintained electronically. Compliance with our methodology is regularly reviewed and evaluated as part of our internal quality program, which is further discussed in this section under INTERNAL QUALITY CONTROL REVIEWS AND EXTERNAL REVIEWS. Comprehensive policies and procedures governing all of our practices and addressing professional and regulatory standards and implementation issues are constantly updated for new professional developments and emerging issues. See the table of contents to identify the relevant audit approach and methodology detailed description section.

#### **ENGAGEMENT QUALITY REVIEW PARTNER (CONCURRING PARTNER)**

Audit engagements are assigned engagement quality review (EQR) partner, as appropriate. This role is one of the most important elements of our quality assurance process, as it provides for a timely, independent review of key accounting and auditing issues. The EQR partner also reviews the financial statements and related supporting documentation—including the disclosures—to evaluate their fair presentation under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

#### INTERNAL QUALITY CONTROL REVIEWS AND EXTERNAL REVIEWS

Experienced partners and professional staff of our firm conduct quality control reviews of our audits. Our partners' work is reviewed annually, and the inspection process includes periodic testing of the effectiveness of our quality controls and a continuous improvement program. This risk-based annual inspection is intended to mimic the triennial peer review described in the following paragraph and are performed on completed engagements. In addition to this inspection, we perform in-process, "pre-issuance" reviews of partners' work that are chosen for using a risk-based selection process; these reviews are performed by our corporate quality control team. The combination of the in-process and completed engagements is part of our continuous improvement processes.

Peer reviews are performed every three years by another independent public accounting firm. The most recent review of our firm was performed in 2019 by Brown Edwards, whose report was the most favorable possible "Pass".

In addition, we are registered with the PCAOB and our 2018 PCAOB inspection report was also the most favorable possible—no audit deficiencies or quality control defects identified. The 2018 PCAOB report can be viewed at: <a href="https://pcaobus.org/lnspections/Reports/Documents/104-2019-029-Carr-Riggs-Ingram-LLC.pdf">https://pcaobus.org/lnspections/Reports/Documents/104-2019-029-Carr-Riggs-Ingram-LLC.pdf</a>.

#### **SHARING CRI'S VALUES WITH YOU**



We are proud of our hands-on, service-centric, and results-oriented approach. Combining that approach with quality controls and superior talent allows us to help you achieve your goals and strengthen your management systems and processes. This approach is further emphasized through our three core values which guide our team's behavior and function as the foundation for interactions with our clients and each other.



#### **CLIENT SERVICE**

Defining our brand by meeting or exceeding the highest expectations of our clients

#### RESPECT

Building productive, longterm relationships with each other that are based on mutual respect, trust, and sharing

#### INTEGRITY

Living with sincerity, transparency, and honesty

#### TRANSITIONING YOU



When choosing to change firms, the time involved in working with new accounting professionals is often a concern. CRI's well-defined efficient, seamless transition process is designed to:

- · Provide you with value from the very first encounter,
- · Avoid interruption of service,
- · Minimize disruption and investment of management's time,
- · Raise the standard of service, and
- · Establish ongoing channels of communication with Savanna Lakes Community Development District's management.

The transition plan is comprised of the following key activities and can occur within approximately two weeks, depending on the availability of the parties involved:

- Management approves the change in firms, pending new firm's completion of client acceptance procedures.
- CRI performs client acceptance procedures, such as:
  - Interview key service provider relationships
  - Interview predecessor firm.
  - Internal firm review and approval.

PRE-APPROVAL & ACCEPTANCE

## PREDECESSOR FIRM COMMUNICATIONS

- Management notifies predecessor firm of decision to change service providers.
- CRI makes inquiries of and reviews predecessor firm workpapers related to your prior year's audit and tax services (as applicable).
- Predecessor firm provides copies of requested workpapers.

- CRI and management sign engagement letter.
- CRI and management develop communication plan protocol.
- CRI and management finalize timetable and key dates.
- CRI develops initial understanding of your business processes.
- CRI reports to management process review items subsequent to initial planning stage.

CLIENT
UNDERSTANDING &
PLANNING

#### **CRI'S GLOBAL RESOURCES**



Many businesses are expanding and/or evaluating their global reach, and they require assistance in order to comprehensively consider the various financial implications of growing in international markets. In addition to CRI's internal resources, we deliver the expertise and support of some of the world's most highly regarded accounting firms through shared alliance as members of PrimeGlobal.

#### WHO IS PRIMEGLOBAL?



#### HOW OUR PRIMEGLOBAL MEMBERS CAN BENEFIT YOU

We supplement our in-depth, industry knowledge and specialized services through our collaborations with other PrimeGlobal firms to help you evaluate your options globally. CRI's goal is to provide you with the information you need to make well-informed, smart business decisions.

## 4 KEY BENEFITS TO CRI CLIENTS FROM OUR PRIMEGLOBAL MEMBERSHIP



#### JOIN OUR CONVERSATION



We know that some information that makes perfect sense to a CPA may not be as clear to our clients. Therefore, we produce original content in the form of articles, videos, white papers, webinars, and more to provide timely, down-to-earth translations of complex subjects. We publish this original content on <a href="CRIcpa.com">CRIcpa.com</a> and across all our many social channels.

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#### CRI'S CEO ACTION FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Carr, Riggs & Ingram is committed to fostering an inclusive and diverse place for all employees to work in and engage. When our managing partner and chairman, Bill Carr, signed the CEO Action for Diversity & Inclusion™ pledge, he made a public commitment to building a productive, diverse, and inclusive workplace. Learn more about CRI's commitment to Diversity and Inclusion.

#### CRI AUDIT FRAMEWORK

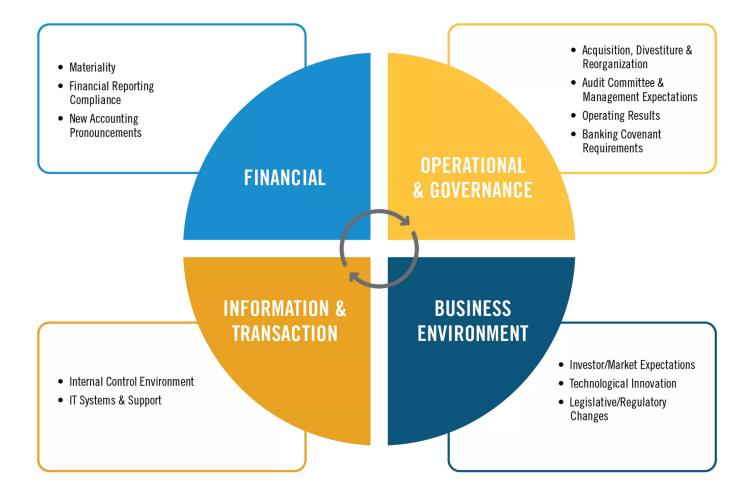


Our proposed services require a coordinated effort between us and Savanna Lakes Community Development District's team. Planning and continual communication are essential to developing the appropriate procedures, working collaboratively to resolve any identified issues, and meeting your timelines.

CRI's audit approach occurs within a framework of our client's business and industry; therefore, we assess risk by:

- · Understanding management's perspectives and goals, and
- · Considering business conditions and threats that could prevent management from achieving its business objectives.

We assess risks in the following areas:



#### CRI AUDIT FRAMEWORK



Our ultimate intent is to drill down from these broad risks to specific financial reporting risks. We understand both these risks and management's processes and procedures for mitigating them (i.e. internal controls) in order to develop our procedures to carry out our audit responsibilities.

Although our audits are conducted through a structured, risk-based model, we focus on understanding the client's needs, requirements, and expectations. We work collaboratively with management and the Audit Committee (or similar function) to develop a communication and work plan to continuously improve client service, by doing so we help in moving your team from simple compliance to providing you with a competitive advantage.

In planning, we concentrate on "key risks," (items with a greater risk of a material misstatement, a material weakness in internal controls, or other matters resulting in the issuance of an inappropriate audit report). We focus on "material" items (i.e. those items that would be important to the user of your financial statements). When evaluating materiality of identified misstatements, certain quantitative and qualitative factors must be considered—which may include:

- Impact on operating trends (revenue/income, expenses, net income, etc).
- Nature of the misstatement (i.e., did the misstatement result from an unlawful transaction?).
- · Impact on liquidity, capital/surplus, earnings capacity, etc.
- Impact to loan covenants and contractual and regulatory requirements.

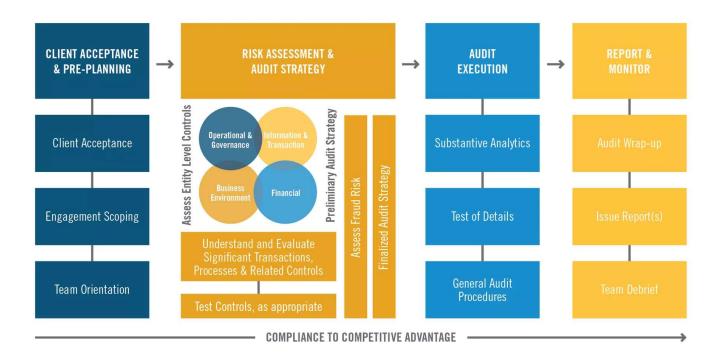
Consistent communication is a key to completion of the audit. By ensuring constant involvement, we are in a better position to respond to your issues timely and efficiently. Therefore, we plan to meet with your management to:

- Set-up the audit by reviewing the mapping of Savanna Lakes Community Development District's financial information (financial statements and notes) to significant processes and IT systems to ensure that all significant account balances, transactions, procedures, and systems are tested as deemed necessary.
- Discuss ongoing changes—specifically new accounting pronouncements and key business transactions in their early stages, enabling us to agree on the resolution of various complex business issues on a timely basis.

#### **CRI AUDIT APPROACH**



Our audit approach is a four stage approach, as depicted in the summary below. Our client acceptance and risk assessment procedures occur during detailed conversations and observations with your team. The results of those procedures allow us to tailor an audit program to your specific risks and needs. We then execute the audit, report the results, and evaluate continuous improvement opportunities for ongoing service and benefit to you.



#### CRI AUDIT APPROACH



#### STAGE 1: CLIENT ACCEPTANCE & PRE-PLANNING

- Perform client acceptance procedures.
- Collaborate with management to agree to expectations and scope.
- Assign appropriate staff based on client needs and assessed risk.

#### STAGE 2: RISK ASSESSMENT & AUDIT STRATEGY

- Interview client personnel and others to understand client-specific objectives and risks.
- Assess following aspects of the organization for their impact on the audit plan:
  - environmental and other external risks,
  - management's fraud and IT risk assessment models,
  - entity level controls including:
    - control environment
    - · risk assessment,
    - information and communication,
    - and monitoring controls.
  - IT General Computer (ITGC) controls, such as
    - IT Environment
    - Developing and Delivering IT, and
    - Operating and Monitoring IT.
- · Determine materiality.
- Develop and document our understanding of and/or reliance on:
  - linkage of financial statements to:
    - significant transactions,
    - processes,
    - IT systems, and
    - related controls.
  - existence of/reliance on SOC entities and their reports,
  - internal audit, and
  - specialists (e.g. valuation, pension costs, etc.).
- If elected, test controls including ITGC, through a mix of:
  - inquiry,
  - observation
  - examination, and
  - re-performance.
- Perform preliminary analytical procedures.
- Finalize risk assessments and develop a final audit strategy.

#### **STAGE 3: AUDIT EXECUTION**

- Where possible to test as efficiently as possible:
  - develop detailed analytical procedures to use as substantive tests (benefit = reducing tests of details): Examples include:
    - ratio analysis,
    - · regression analysis,
    - trend analysis,
    - predictive tests, or
    - reasonableness test,
  - utilize Computer-Assisted Audit Techniques (CAATs) (benefit = automation of testing for more coverage and less disruption to the client), and
  - perform targeted testing (also known as "coverage" testing) to test large portions of account balances (benefit = more coverage with smaller selections).
- · Perform tests of details, including sampling.
- Perform general audit procedures such as tests related to:
  - commitments and contingencies,
  - legal letters,
  - management representations,
  - reviews of Board minutes,
  - related party transactions,
  - debt covenants, and
  - going concern.
- Perform other tests for compliance such as Yellow Book or Single Audit tests.

#### **STAGE 4: REPORT & MONITOR**

- Continually monitor throughout the audit providing feedback as agreed during scoping.
- Conclude the audit (i.e. issue opinions and reports).
- Develop and present:
  - reports,
  - required communications,
  - management letter comments, and
  - other audit-related deliverables.
- Perform debriefings to identify opportunities for improvement with our:
  - engagement team, and/or
  - client's team.



#### SAVANNA LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES

The Savanna Lakes Community Development District hereby requests proposals for annual financial auditing services. The proposal must provide for the auditing of the District's financial records for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, with an option for additional annual renewals, subject to mutual agreement by both parties. The District is a local unit of special-purpose government created under Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, for the purpose of financing, constructing, and maintaining public infrastructure. The District is located in Lee County, Florida. The final contract will require that, among other things, the audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, be completed no later than June 30, 2023.

The auditing entity submitting a proposal must be duly licensed under Chapter 473, *Florida Statutes*, and be qualified to conduct audits in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards," as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy. Audits shall be conducted in accordance with Florida Law and particularly Section 218.39, *Florida Statutes*, and the rules of the Florida Auditor General.

Proposal packages, which include evaluation criteria and instructions to proposers, are available from the District Manager at the address and telephone number listed below.

Proposers must provide one (1) electronic copy and one (1) unbound copy of their proposal to the offices of the District Manager, located at 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, ph: (877) 276-0889 ("District Manager"), in an envelope marked on the outside "Auditing Services, Savanna Lakes Community Development District." Proposals must be received by 12:00 p.m. on November 4, 2022, at the office of the District Manager. Please direct all questions regarding this Notice to the District Manager.

#### District Manager

Run date: must be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the District and the county in which the District is located. The public announcement must allow for at least 7 days for the submission of proposals.



## SAVANNA LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

#### District Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2022 Lee County, Florida

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

- **SECTION 1. DUE DATE.** Sealed proposals must be received no later than **November 4, 2022** at **12:00 p.m.,** at the offices of District Manager, located at Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431. Proposals will be publicly opened at that time.
- SECTION 2. FAMILIARITY WITH THE LAW. By submitting a proposal, the Proposer is assumed to be familiar with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that in any manner affect the work. Ignorance on the part of the Proposer will in no way relieve it from responsibility to perform the work covered by the proposal in compliance with all such laws, ordinances and regulations.
- SECTION 3. QUALIFICATIONS OF PROPOSER. The contract, if awarded, will only be awarded to a responsible Proposer who is qualified by experience and licensing to do the work specified herein. The Proposer shall submit with its proposal satisfactory evidence of experience in similar work and show that it is fully prepared to complete the work to the satisfaction of the District.
- Section 4. Submission of Only One Proposal. Proposers shall be disqualified and their proposals rejected if the District has reason to believe that collusion may exist among the Proposers, the Proposer has defaulted on any previous contract or is in arrears on any previous or existing contract, or for failure to demonstrate proper licensure and business organization.
- SECTION 5. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL. Submit (1) electronic copy and one (1) unbound copy of the Proposal Documents, and other requested attachments at the time and place indicated herein, which shall be enclosed in an opaque sealed envelope, marked with the title "Auditing Services Savanna Lakes Community Development District" on the face of it. Please include pricing for each additional bond issuance.
- SECTION 6. MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL. Proposals may be modified or withdrawn by an appropriate document duly executed and delivered to the place where proposals are to be submitted at any time prior to the time and date the proposals are due. No proposal may be withdrawn after opening for a period of ninety (90) days.



- SECTION 7. PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS. The proposal documents shall consist of the notice announcing the request for proposals, these instructions, the Evaluation Criteria Sheet and a proposal with all required documentation pursuant to Section 12 of these instructions ("Proposal Documents").
- SECTION 8. PROPOSAL. In making its proposal, each Proposer represents that it has read and understands the Proposal Documents and that the proposal is made in accordance therewith.
- SECTION 9. BASIS OF AWARD/RIGHT TO REJECT. The District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, make modifications to the work, and waive any informalities or irregularities in proposals as it is deemed in the best interests of the District.
- **SECTION 10. CONTRACT AWARD.** Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the Notice of Award from the District, the Proposer shall enter into and execute a Contract (engagement letter) with the District.
- **SECTION 11.** LIMITATION OF LIABILITY. Nothing herein shall be construed as or constitute a waiver of the District's limited waiver of liability contained in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or any other statute or law.
- **SECTION 12. MISCELLANEOUS.** All proposals shall include the following information in addition to any other requirements of the proposal documents.
  - A. List the position or title of all personnel to perform work on the District audit. Include resumes for each person listed; list years of experience in present position for each party listed and years of related experience.
  - B. Describe proposed staffing levels, including resumes with applicable certifications.
  - C. Three references from projects of similar size and scope. The Proposer should include information relating to the work it conducted for each reference as well as a name, address and phone number of a contact person.
  - D. The lump sum cost of the provision of the services under the proposal, plus the lump sum cost of four (4) annual renewals.
- SECTION 13. PROTESTS. In accordance with the District's Rules of Procedure, any protest regarding the Proposal Documents, must be filed in writing, at the offices of the District Manager, within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays) after the receipt of the Proposal Documents. The 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 Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. Failure to timely file a notice of protest or failure to timely file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of any right to object or protest with respect to the aforesaid Proposal Documents.

**SECTION 14. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS.** The criteria to be used in the evaluation of proposals are presented in the Evaluation Criteria Sheet, contained within the Proposal Documents.



## SAVANNA LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUDITOR SELECTION EVALUATION CRITERIA

#### 1. Ability of Personnel.

(20 Points)

(E.g., geographic location of the firm's headquarters or permanent office in relation to the project; capabilities and experience of key personnel; present ability to manage this project; evaluation of existing work load; proposed staffing levels, etc.)

#### 2. Proposer's Experience.

(20 Points)

(E.g. past record and experience of the Proposer in similar projects; volume of work previously performed by the firm; past performance for other or current Community Development District(s) in other contracts; character, integrity, reputation of Proposer, etc.)

#### 3. Understanding of Scope of Work.

(20 Points)

Extent to which the proposal demonstrates an understanding of the District's needs for the services requested.

#### 4. Ability to Furnish the Required Services.

(20 Points)

Extent to which the proposal demonstrates the adequacy of Proposer's financial resources and stability as a business entity necessary to complete the services required.

5. Price. (20 Points)\*\*\*

Points will be awarded based upon the lowest total proposal for rendering the services and the reasonableness of the proposal.

Total (100 Points)

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Alternatively, the Board may choose to evaluate firms without considering price, in which case the remaining categories would be assigned 25 points each.

## **SAVANNA LAKES**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT** 

#### SAVANNA LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

#### **AUDITOR EVALUATION MATRIX**

RFP FOR ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES	ABILITY OF PERSONNEL	Proposer's Experience	Understanding of Scope of Work	ABILITY TO FURNISH REQUIRED SERVICES	PRICE	TOTAL POINTS
PROPOSER	20 Points	20 Points	20 POINTS	20 Points	20 POINTS	100 Points
Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank						
Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC						
NOTES:						
Completed by:Board Member's Sign			Date:			
Printed Name of Boar	rd Member					

## SAVANNA LAKES

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT** 

# UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# SAVANNA LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS UNAUDITED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

## SAVANNA LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

	General Fund	Total Governmental Funds	
ASSETS			
Due from Landowner	\$ 11,502	\$	11,502
Total assets	\$ 11,502	\$	11,502
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 5,502	\$	5,502
Landowner advance	6,000		6,000
Total liabilities	11,502		11,502
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES Deferred receipts Total deferred inflows of resources	5,502 5,502	_	5,502 5,502
Fund balances: Unassigned Total fund balances	(5,502) (5,502)		(5,502) (5,502)
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$ 11,502	\$	11,502

# SAVANNA LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	% of Budget
REVENUES Landowner contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,434	0%
Total revenues	-	-	24,434	0%
EXPENDITURES Professional & administrative				
Management/accounting/recording*	2,000	2,000	2,000	100%
Legal	1,820	1,820	7,500	24%
Engineering	-	-	2,000	0%
Telephone	17	17	17	100%
Postage	41	41	200	21%
Printing & binding	42	42	42	100%
Legal advertising	1,582	1,582	6,500	24%
Annual special district fee	-	-	175	0%
Insurance	-	-	5,500	0%
Contingencies/bank charges			500	0%
Total professional & administrative	5,502	5,502	24,434	23%
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	(5,502)	(5,502)	-	
Fund balances - beginning Fund balances - ending	\$ (5,502)	\$ (5,502)	\$ -	

<sup>\*</sup>WHA will charge a reduced management fee of \$2,000 per month until bonds are issued.

# SAVANNA LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

## MINUTES

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1 2 3		INUTES OF MEETING OMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
4	The Board of Supervisors of th	ne Savanna Lakes Community Development District held
5	Multiple Public Hearings and a Regular	Meeting on October 21, 2022 at 1:30 p.m., at 10461 Six
6	Mile Cypress Parkway, Fort Myers, Flor	rida 33966-6460.
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8 9	Present at the meeting were:	
10	Scott Edwards	Chair
11	Barry Ernst	Vice Chair
12	Thomas Dean	Assistant Secretary
13	Fernanda Martinho	Assistant Secretary
14 15	Dalton Drake	Assistant Secretary
16	Also present were:	
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18	Chuck Adams	District Manager
19	Greg Urbancic	District Counsel
20	Michael Pappas	District Engineer
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23	FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS	Call to Order/Roll Call
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25	Mr. Adams called the meeting t	o order at 1:30 p.m. All Supervisors were present.
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27	SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS	Public Comments
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29	No members of the public spok	e.
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31 32 33 34	THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS	Administration of Oath of Office to Supervisor, Dalton Drake (the following will be provided in a separate package)
35	Mr. Adams stated the Oath o	f Office was administered to Supervisor Drake prior to
36	today's meeting. Mr. Drake has serve	d on other CDD Boards and is already familiar with the
37	following:	
38	A. Guide to Sunshine Amendmen	t and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees

39 B. Membership, Obligations and Responsibi	mues
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- 40 C. Financial Disclosure Forms
- 41 I. Form 1: Statement of Financial Interests
- 42 II. Form 1X: Amendment to Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
- 43 III. Form 1F: Final Statement of Financial Interests
- 44 D. Form 8B: Memorandum of Voting Conflict

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#### **FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Public Hearing Confirming the Intent of the District to Use the Uniform Method of Levy, Collection and Enforcement of Non-Ad Valorem Assessments as Authorized and Permitted by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes; Expressing the Need for the Levy of Non-Ad Valorem Assessments and Setting Forth the Legal Description of the Real Property Within the District's Jurisdictional Boundaries that May or Shall Be Subject to the Levy of District Non-Ad Valorem Assessments; Providing for Severability; Providing for Conflict and Providing for an Effective Date

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#### 61 A. Affidavit/Proof of Publication

- The affidavit of publication was included for informational purposes.
- B. Consideration of Resolution 2023-01, Expressing its Intent to Utilize the Uniform
  Method of Levying, Collecting, and Enforcing Non-Ad Valorem Assessments Which
  May Be Levied by the Savanna Lakes Community Development District in Accordance
  with Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing
- 67 an Effective Date
- 68 Mr. Adams stated that this resolution facilitates placement of the assessments on the 69 property tax bill each year.
- 70 Mr. Adams opened the Public Hearing.
- 71 No members of the public spoke.
- 72 Mr. Adams closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2023-01.

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On MOTION by Mr. Ernst and seconded by Mr. Dean, with all in favor, Resolution 2023-01, Expressing its Intent to Utilize the Uniform Method of Levying, Collecting, and Enforcing Non-Ad Valorem Assessments Which May Be Levied by the Savanna Lakes Community Development District in Accordance with Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

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#### FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Hearing to Consider the Adoption of an Assessment Roll and the Imposition of Special Assessments Relating to the Financing and Securing of Certain Public Improvements

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- Hear testimony from the affected property owners as to the propriety and advisability
  of making the improvements and funding them with special assessments on the
  property.
- 92 Thereafter, the governing authority shall meet as an equalizing board to hear any and all complaints as to the special assessments on a basis of justice and right.
- 94 These items were addressed below.
- 95 A. Affidavit/Proof of Publication
- 96 B. Mailed Notice to Property Owner(s)
- 97 C. Engineer's Report (for informational purposes)
- 98 D. Master Special Assessment Methodology Report (for informational purposes)
- These items were included for informational purposes.
- 100 E. Consideration of Resolution 2023-02, Making Certain Findings; Authorizing a Capital
  101 Improvement Plan; Adopting an Engineer's Report; Providing an Estimated Cost of
  102 Improvements; Adopting an Assessment Report; Equalizing, Approving, Confirming
  103 and Levying Special Assessments; Addressing the Finalization of Special Assessments;
  104 Addressing the Payment of Special Assessments and the Method of Collection;
  105 Providing for the Allocation of Special Assessments and True-Up Payments;
  106 Addressing Government Property, and Making Provisions Relating to the Transfer of

107		Real Property to Units of Local, State and Federal Government; Authorizing the
108		Recording of an Assessment Notice; and Providing for Severability, Conflicts and an
109		Effective Date
110		Mr. Adams asked Mr. Urbancic to enter his comments into the record, since this
111	proce	eding will be forwarded as a part of the validation complaint with the Circuit Court.
112		Mr. Urbancic reported the following:
113	>	The Board went through the first step of the assessment process at the last meeting.
114	>	There have been no changes, other than the incorporation of the comments made
115	regard	ding the Supplemental Assessment Methodology.
116	>	The Supervisors will forthwith sit as an equalization Board to hear any public comments
117	or ma	ke any adjustments regarding the Assessment Methodology that may be appropriate.
118	>	Both the Engineer's Report and Assessment Methodology will be attached to Resolution
119	2023-	02.
120		To the extent that there are no public comments and no comments by the Board, Mr.
121	Urbar	cic recommended adoption of Resolution 2023-02, which finalizes the assessments for
122	the Di	strict's purposes for this project, as defined in the Engineer's Report.
123		Mr. Adams opened the Public Hearing.
124	•	Hear testimony from the affected property owners as to the propriety and advisability
125		of making the improvements and funding them with special assessments on the
126		property.
127		Mr. Adams noted that no members of the public were present.
128		No affected property owners spoke.
129		Mr. Adams closed the Public Hearing.
130	•	Thereafter, the governing authority shall meet as an equalizing board to hear any and
131		all complaints as to the special assessments on a basis of justice and right.
132		The Board, sitting as the Equalizing Board, made no changes to the assessments.
133		Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2023-02.
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On MOTION by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. Drake, with all in favor, Resolution 2023-02, Making Certain Findings; Authorizing a Capital Improvement Plan; Adopting an Engineer's Report; Providing an Estimated Cost of Improvements; Adopting an Assessment Report; Equalizing, Approving, Confirming and Levying Special Assessments; Addressing the Finalization of Special Assessments; Addressing the Payment of Special Assessments and the Method of Collection; Providing for the Allocation of Special Assessments and True-Up Payments; Addressing Government Property, and Making Provisions Relating to the Transfer of Real Property to Units of Local, State and Federal Government; Authorizing the Recording of an Assessment Notice; and Providing for Severability, Conflicts and an Effective Date, was adopted.

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SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Hearing to Hear Public Comments and Objections to the Adoption of the Rules of Procedure, Pursuant to Sections 120.54 and 190.035, Florida Statutes

152 A. Affidavit of Publication

The affidavit of publication was included for informational purposes.

- B. Consideration of Resolution 2023-03, Adopting Rules of Procedure; Providing a

  Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date
- Mr. Adams recalled that the Rules of Procedure were presented at the last meeting.
- 157 Mr. Adams opened the Public Hearing.
- No members of the public spoke.
- 159 Mr. Adams closed the Public Hearing.
- 160 Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2023-03 and read the title.

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On MOTION by Mr. Ernst and seconded by Ms. Martinho, with all in favor, Resolution 2023-03, Adopting Rules of Procedure; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

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SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Response to Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering Services

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- 171 A. Affidavit of Publication
- 172 B. RFQ Package

RWA, Inc. (RWA) was the sole respondent to the RFQ.  D. Competitive Selection Criteria/Ranking  Mr. Adams stated RWA received a total score of 100 points from each Board Member.  E. Award of Contract  Mr. Adams suggested the Board authorize District Staff to finalize a contract with RWA to serve as District Engineer.  On MOTION by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. Drake, with all in favor, ranking RWA Inc., as the #1 ranked respondent to the RFQ for District Engineering Services and authorizing District Staff to finalize a contract with RWA, was approved.  EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Approval of Minutes  BIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Approval of Minutes  On MOTION by Mr. Ernst and seconded by Ms. Martinho, with all in favor, the September 9, 2022 Landowners' Meeting  On MOTION by Mr. Ernst and seconded by Ms. Martinho, with all in favor, the September 9, 2022 Organizational Meeting  On MOTION by Mr. Ernst and seconded by Mr. Dean, with all in favor, the September 9, 2022 Organizational Meeting  NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Staff Reports  A. District Counsel: Coleman, Yovanovich & Koester  Mr. Urbancic stated Staff already filed for validation and the validation hearing date will	173		These items were included for informational purposes.		
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207 likely be set for December 12, 2022. All parties will be notified once the date is finalized.	206	·			

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October 21, 2022

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[SIGNATURES APPEAR ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

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October 21, 2022

**SAVANNA LAKES CDD** 

# SAVANNA LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# STAFF REPORTS

## SAVANNA LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 MEETING SCHEDULE**

### LOCATION

10461 Six Mile Cypress Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida 33966-6460

DATE	POTENTIAL DISCUSSION/FOCUS	TIME
October 21, 2022	Public Hearings and Regular Meeting	1:30 PM
November 18, 2022	Public Hearings and Regular Meeting	1:30 PM
December 9, 2022	Regular Meeting	1:30 PM
January 12, 2022	Danulas Maskins	4-20 DM
January 13, 2023	Regular Meeting	1:30 PM
February 10, 2023	Regular Meeting	1:30 PM
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March 10, 2023	Regular Meeting	1:30 PM
April 14, 2023	Regular Meeting	1:30 PM
May 12, 2023	Regular Meeting	1:30 PM
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June 9, 2023	Regular Meeting	1:30 PM
July 14, 2023	Regular Meeting	1:30 PM
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August 11, 2023	Regular Meeting	1:30 PM
September 8, 2023	Regular Meeting	1:30 PM