

Waterford Community Development District

Board of Supervisors'
Meeting
September 1, 2023

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WATERFORD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Offices of Coastal-Engineering Associates, LLC. 966 Candlelight Blvd., Brooksville, FL 34601 www.waterfordcdd.org

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August 25, 2023

Board of Supervisors
Waterford Community
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REVISED AGENDA

Dear Board Members:

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ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Waterford Community Development District will be held on **Friday**, **September 1**, **2023 at 10:00 a.m**. at the offices of Coastal Engineering Associates, Inc., 966 Candlelight Blvd., Brooksville, Florida 34601. The following is the tentative agenda for the meeting:

1.	CALI	_ TO ORDER
2.	AUD	IENCE COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS
3.	BUS	NESS ITEMS
	A.	Authorization of RFP for Construction Services
	B.	Consideration of Street Light Agreements with WRECTab 1
	C.	Discussion Regarding Phase 3B Infrastructure Construction
4.	BUS	NESS ADMINISTRATION
	A.	Consideration of Minutes of the Board of Supervisors'
		Meeting held on August 11, 2023Tab 2
	B.	Consideration of Operation and Maintenance
		Expenditures for July 2023 Tab 3
5 .	STAI	FF REPORTS
	A.	District Counsel
	B.	District Engineer
	C.	District Manager
		1. Presentation of District Manager ReportTab 4
		2. Presentation of 2 nd Quarter Website AuditTab 5

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at (813) 994-1001.

SUPERVISOR REQUESTS AND AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Sincerely,

Jillian Minichino

Jillian Minichino District Manager

Tab 1

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- (c) The Customer agrees that the rates charged for street lighting shall be those rates specified in the WREC's Rate Schedule "AL" attached hereto as Exhibit C, which may be adjusted from time to time in WREC's sole and absolute discretion. Such adjusted rate schedules shall be on file with the Florida Public Service Commission. Customer shall provide WREC with cash, a bond or letter of credit to secure the payment of the total amount of fixture and pole charges that remain owed to WREC in the event this Agreement is terminated within five (5) years of the start of Customer's initial billing period.
- (d) Transfer of fixtures from one location to another on the Property at the request of the Customer shall be at the expense of the Customer. All charges hereunder are subject to Florida State Sales Tax unless Customer is exempt therefrom. Replacement of lamps, glassware and accessory equipment willfully or maliciously broken by persons unknown shall be paid for by the Customer at WREC's replacement cost.

6. <u>ASSIGNMENT</u>

No party may assign this Agreement or any of its rights and obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the other party; any such attempted assignment shall be null and void.

7. SUCCESSORS

This Agreement binds the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of the respective parties with respect to all covenants herein, and cannot be changed except by written agreement signed by both parties.

8. SURVIVAL

The provisions of this Agreement which by their nature are intended to survive, shall survive completion, expiration, recession or termination of this Agreement.

9. GOVERNING LAW

The validity of this Agreement, the construction and enforcement of its terms and the interpretation of the rights and duties of the parties hereto shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida, without regard to its conflict of laws principles.

10. SEVERABILITY

In the event any one or more of the provisions of this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall be unimpaired, and the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision(s) shall be replaced by a mutually acceptable provision(s), which being valid, legal and enforceable, comes closest to the intention of the parties underlying the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision(s).

11. HEADINGS

The headings in this Agreement are for purposes of reference only and shall not in any way limit or otherwise affect the meaning or interpretation of any of the terms hereof.

12. COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one and the same instrument.

13. MODIFICATION, AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENT OR WAIVER

- (a) No modification, amendment, supplement to or waiver of this Agreement or any of its provisions shall be binding upon the parties hereto unless made in writing and duly signed by the party against whom enforcement thereof is sought.
- (b) A failure or delay of any party to this Agreement to enforce at any time any of the provisions of this Agreement or to exercise any option which is herein provided, or to require at any time performance of any of the provisions hereof, shall in no way be construed to be a waiver of such provisions of this Agreement.

14. <u>ENTIRETY OF AGREEMENT</u>

This Agreement together with all appendices, exhibits, schedules, attachments and addenda attached hereto constitute the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all previous agreements, promises, representations, understandings and negotiations, whether written or oral, between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, through their duly authorized officers, have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first set forth above.

CUSTOMER	WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
Signature	Signature
Printed Name of Customer	Printed Name and Title
Title	
Date	

EXHIBIT A

Property Information

Site Address: 7596 CORTEZ OAKS BLVD !

Description: 187 ACRES MOL IN OF NE1/4 & SE1/4 LESS CO WELL SITE ORB 1069 PG 708 ORB 2866 PG 1028

DOR Code: (00) VACANT RESIDENTIAL

Levy Code: CWES Sec/Tnshp/Rng: 30-22-18

Subdivision:

Neighborhood: CORTEZ BLVD, US 19-HIGHPOINT (C50W)

EXHIBIT B

Type	Description	Quantity
205	LED Cobra Head 100W EQ	17
910	30' Concrete pole	17

EXHIBIT C

Type	Description	Rates
205	LED Cobra Head 100W EQ	\$9.25
910	30' Concrete pole	\$4.50

Tab 2

MINUTES OF MEETING

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WATERFORD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Waterford Community Development District was held on **Friday**, **August 11**, **2023**, **at 10:03 a.m.** at the offices of Coastal Engineering Associates, Inc., located at 966 Candlelight Blvd., Brooksville, FL 34601.

Present and constituting a quorum:

Ron Bastyr
Shane O'Neil
Cole Bastyr

Board Supervisor, Chairman
Board Supervisor, Vice-Chairman
Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary

Also present were:

Scott Brizendine VP of Operations, Rizzetta & Company
Jillian Minichino District Manager, Rizzetta & Company
Vivek Babber District Counsel Straley Robin Vericke

Vivek Babber District Counsel, Straley Robin Vericker (via phone)

Audience None

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Mr. Brizendine opened the meeting at 10:15 a.m. and noted that there were no audience members in attendance.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Audience Comments on Agenda Items

No audience members were present.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Final Budget

On a motion by Mr. Ron Bastyr and seconded by Mr. O'Neil, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors opened the public hearing on fiscal year 2023/2024 final budget, for the Waterford Community Development District.

Mr. Brizendine reviewed the budget. There were no questions from the e Board or any audience in attendance.

WATERFORD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT August 11, 2023 - Minutes of Meeting Page 2

On a motion by Mr. Ron Bastyr and seconded by Mr. O'Neil, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors closed the public hearing on fiscal year 2023/2024 final budget, for the Waterford Community Development District.

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FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2023-05, Adopting Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Final Budget

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Mr. Brizendine presented Resolution 2023-05 to the Board.

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On a motion by Mr. Ron Bastyr and seconded by Mr. O'Neil, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 2023-05; adopting Fiscal Year 2023/2024 final budget totaling \$588,659.26 (\$257,413-General Fund and \$331,246.26- Debt Service), for the Waterford Community Development District.

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FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Assessments

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On a motion by Mr. Ron Bastyr and seconded by Mr. O'Neil, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors opened the public hearing on fiscal year 2023/2024 assessments, for the Waterford Community Development District.

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Mr. Brizendine noted that there were no audience members in attendance.

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On a motion by Mr. Ron Bastyr and seconded by Mr. O'Neil, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors closed the public hearing on fiscal year 2023/2024 assessments, for the Waterford Community Development District.

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SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2023-06, Levying O & M Assessments for Fiscal Year 2023/2024

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Mr. Brizendine presented Resolution 2023-06 to the Board. There were no questions put forward.

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On a motion by Mr. Ron Bastyr and seconded by Mr. O'Neil, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 2023-06; levying assessments to fund Fiscal Year 2023/2024 final budget and certifying the assessment roll, for the Waterford Community Development District.

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SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Developer Funding Agreement

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Mr. Brizendine reviewed the Developer Funding Agreement. There were no questions put forward.

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WATERFORD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT August 11, 2023 - Minutes of Meeting Page 3

of Supervisors approved the fiscal year 2023/2024 Developer Funding Agreement, for the Waterford Community Development District.

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EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Rizzetta & Company's Contractual Amendment

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Mr. Brizendine presented the second addendum to Rizzetta and Company. LLC's contract for Professional District Services. There were no questions put forward.

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On a motion by Mr. Ron Bastyr and seconded by Mr. O'Neil, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors approved the second addendum to Rizzetta and Company. LLC's contract for Professional District Services, for the Waterford Community Development District.

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NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2023-07, Setting the Fiscal year 2023/2024 Meeting Schedule

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The Board indicated that it would like to continue to meet on the first Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of Coastal Engineering Associates, Inc., located at 966 Candlelight Blvd., Brooksville, FL 34601.

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On a motion by Mr. Ron Bastyr and seconded by Mr. O'Neil, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 2023-07; setting the meeting schedule for fiscal Year 2023/2024, as discussed, for the Waterford Community Development District.

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TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2023-08, Re-Designating a Secretary

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Mr. Brizendine presented Resolution 2023-08, explaining that Mr. Schleifer was transferred to a different division of Rizzetta and Management is recommending that he be appointed as secretary.

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On a motion by Mr. Ron Bastyr and seconded by Mr. O'Neil, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 2023-08, appointing Scott Brizendine as Secretary, for the Waterford Community Development District.

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ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Authorization of RFP for Amenity Center

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It was noted that the RFP was not ready to send out yet. The Board asked that Mr. Brizendine work with the Board to wrap up the highlighted sections of the FFP.

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On a motion by Mr. Ron Bastyr and seconded by Mr. O'Neil, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors authorized Staff to work with the Chair or Vice Chair to finalize the RFP, for the Waterford Community Development District.

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WATERFORD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT August 11, 2023 - Minutes of Meeting Page 4

	Regular Meeting held on June 2, 2023
	d by Mr. O'Neil, with all in favor, the Board of e regular meeting held on June 2, 2023, as evelopment District.
HIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on June 9, 2023
	d by Mr. O'Neil, with all in favor, the Board of e special meeting held on June 9, 2023, as evelopment District.
OURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Ratification of Operation & Maintenance Expenditures for May and June 2023
	d by Mr. O'Neil, with all in favor, the Board of intenance Expenditures for May 2023 (\$0.000 ford Community Development District.
FIFTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Ratification of Construction Requisitions #CR 7-9
	d by Mr. O'Neil, with all in favor, the Board of isitions #CR 7-9 for the Waterford Community
SIXTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS A. District Counsel	Staff Reports
No report.	
B. District Engineer Not present.	
C. District Manager Report Mr. Brizendine reminded the Board of is scheduled for September 1, 2023,	of Supervisors that the next regular meeting at 10:30 a.m.
There were no questions regarding th	ne Manger's Report.
SEVENTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Supervisor Requests
There were no supervisor requests.	
EIGHTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Adjournment

WATERFORD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT August 11, 2023 - Minutes of Meeting Page 5

On a motion	from Mr. Ro	on Bastyr,	second	led by I	۸r. O'N	leil,	with	all in favor,	the Board of
Supervisors	adjourned	the meet	ing at	10:18	a.m.,	for	the	Waterford	Community
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Tab 3

WATERFORD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

<u>DISTRICT OFFICE · WESLEY CHAPEL, FLORIDA</u>
MAILING ADDRESS · 3434 COLWELL AVENUE, SUITE 200 · TAMPA, FLORIDA 33614

Operation and Maintenance Expenditures July 2023 For Board Approval

Attached please find the check register listing the Operation and Maintenance expenditures paid from July 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023. This does not include expenditures previously approved by the Board.

Approval o	of Expenditures:	
	Chairperson Vice Chairperson	

Assistant Secretary

The total items being presented: \$6,179.30

Waterford Community Development District Community Development District

Paid Operation & Maintenance Expenditures

July 1, 2023 Through July 31, 2023

Vendor Name	Check Number	Invoice Number	Invoice Description	Invo	oice Amount
Rizzetta & Company, Inc.	100087	INV0000081400	District Management Fees 07/23	\$	4,130.00
Straley Robin Vericker	100088	23321	General Legal Services 06/23	\$	1,425.00
Times Publishing Company	100089	0000294026 07/12/23	Account #323765 Legal Advertising 07/23	\$	537.00
Times Publishing Company	100090	0000294027 07/19/23	Account #323765 Legal Advertising 07/23	\$	87.30
Report Total				\$	6,179.30

Rizzetta & Company, Inc. 3434 Colwell Avenue Suite 200 Tampa FL 33614

Invoice

Date	Invoice #		
7/1/2023	INV0000081400		

Bill To:

Waterford CDD
Oak Hill Land, LLC
18125 Wayne Road
Odessa FL 33556

	Services for the month of	Term	ne l	Cli	ient Number
	July	Upon R	Receipt		0621
Description		Qty	Rate)	Amount
Accounting Services		1.00	\$1,60	0.00	\$1,600.00
Administrative Services		1.00		0.00	\$350.00
Email Accounts, Admin & Maintenance		2.00		5.00	\$30.00
Financial & Revenue Collections Services		1.00		0.00	\$300.00
Management Services		1.00		0.00	\$1,750.00
Website Compliance & Management		1.00	\$10	0.00	\$100.00
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		Total			04.400.00
		Total			\$4,130.00
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Straley Robin Vericker

1510 W. Cleveland Street

Tampa, FL 33606 Telephone (813) 223-9400 Federal Tax Id. - 20-1778458

Waterford Community Development District 3434 Colwell Avenue Suite 200 Tampa, FL 33614

July 17, 2023

Client: 001592 Matter: Invoice #:

000001 23321

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RE: General

For Professional Services Rendered Through July 11, 2023

SERVICES

Date	Person	Description of Services	Hours	Amount
5/30/2023	WAS	REVIEW PROPOSED BUDGET, COMMUNICATIONS WITH DISTRICT MANAGER REGARDING NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BUDGET HEARING.	0.2	\$65.00
5/31/2023	MS	PREPARE PUBLICATION ADS FOR 23/24 BUDGET HEARING AND MAILED NOTICE LETTER FOR BUDGET INCREASE.	1.8	\$315.00
6/2/2023	MKS	PREPARATION FOR AND ATTENDANCE AT CDD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING (VIA CONFERENCE TELEPHONE).	0.6	\$225.00
6/5/2023	MS	PREPARE PUBLICATION ADS FOR 2023/2024 BUDGET HEARING.	1.2	\$210.00
6/8/2023	WAS	COMMUNICATIONS WITH DISTRICT MANAGER REGARDING AGENDA FOR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING.	0.1	\$32.50
6/9/2023	WAS	PREPARE FOR AND ATTEND CONTINUED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING.	0.4	\$130.00
6/21/2023	JMV	REVIEW COMMUNICATION FROM D. VALLEY; REVIEW LEGAL NOTICE; DRAFT EMAIL TO D. VALLEY.	0.2	\$75.00
6/22/2023	MS	TRANSMIT PUBLICATION ADS AND MAILED NOTICE LETTER FOR 2023/2024 BUDGET HEARING.	0.2	\$35.00
6/23/2023	JMV	PREPARE LEGAL NOTICES FOR CDD BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING.	0.9	\$337.50
		Total Professional Services	5.6	\$1,425.00

July 17, 2023

Client: 001592 Matter: 000001 Invoice #: 23321

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Total Services \$1,425.00 Total Disbursements \$0.00

 Total Current Charges
 \$1,425.00

 Previous Balance
 \$2,931.70

 Less Payments
 (\$2,931.70)

 PAY THIS AMOUNT
 \$1,425.00

Please Include Invoice Number on all Correspondence

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STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF Hernando, Citrus

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Before the undersigned authority personally appeared **Deirdre Bonett** who on oath says that he/she is **Legal Advertising Representative** of the **Tampa Bay Times** a daily newspaper printed in St. Petersburg, in Pinellas County, Florida; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Legal Notice in the matter **RE**: **O&M Assessments** was published in said newspaper by print in the issues of:

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Affiant further says the said Tampa Bay Times is a newspaper published in Hernando, Citrus County, Florida and that the said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said Hernando, Citrus County, Florida each day and has been entered as a second class mail matter at the post office in said Hernando, Citrus County, Florida for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement, and affiant further says that he/she neither paid not promised any person, firm or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or refund for the purpose of securing this advertisement for publication in the said newspaper.

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Sworn to and subscribe	ed before me this .07/1	2/2023	
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD OF THE WATERFORD SUPERVISORS MEETING OF THE WATERFORD **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of the Waterford Community Development District (the "District") will hold a public hearing and a meeting on August 11, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of Coastal Engineering, 966 Candlelight Blvd., Brooksville, Florida 34601.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed adoption of the District's fiscal year 2023-2024 proposed budget and the proposed levy of its annually recurring non-ad valorem special assessments for operation and maintenance to fund the items described in the proposed budget (the "O&M Assessments").

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board will, by resolution, adopt a final budget, provide for the levy, collection, and enforcement of the O&M Assessments, and certify an assessment roll. A meeting of the Board will also be held where the Board may consider any other business that may properly come before it.

A copy of the proposed budget, preliminary assessment roll, and the agenda may be viewed on the District's website at least 2 days before the meeting https://www.waterfordcdd. org/, or may be obtained by contacting the District Manager's office via email at sbrizendine@rizzeta.com or via phone at (813) 994-1001.

The table below presents the proposed schedule of the O&M Assessments. Amounts are preliminary and subject to change at the meeting and in any future year.

	PER LOT			
:	LOT SIZE	<u>UNITS</u>	<u>O&M</u>	
Platted				
	Single Family 50' (Ph 1)	118	\$869.57	
Unplatted				
	Single Family 50' (Ph 2)	78	\$0.00	
-	Single Family 40'	192	\$0.00	
	Single Family 50'	287	\$0.00	
	Single Family 60'	126	\$0.00	
	***************************************	801 TOTA	L UNITS	<u></u>

The O&M Assessments (in addition to debt assessments, if any) will appear on November 2023 Hernando County property tax bill. Amount shown includes all applicable collection costs. Property owner is eligible for a discount of up to 4% if paid

The County Tax Collector will collect the assessments for all lots and parcels within the District. Alternatively, the District may elect to directly collect its assessments in accordance with Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the District's assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title or a foreclosure action to be filed against the property. All affected property owners have the right to appear at the public hearing and to file written objections with the District within 20 days of publication of this notice.

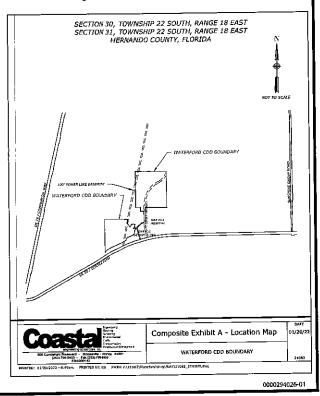
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In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's office at least 2 business days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 711 or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY), or 1-800-955-8770 (voice) for aid in contacting the District Manager's office.

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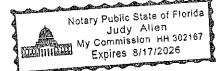
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The public hearing and meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law for community development districts. They may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the hearing or meeting. There may be occasions when staff or Board members may participate by speaker telephone.

In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's office at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 711 or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY), or 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 hearing 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.

Scott Brizendine District Manager

Run Date: July 19, 2023

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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

✓ Next Regular Meeting: September 1, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

District Manager's Report August 11

2023

FINANCIAL SUMMARY	06/30/2023
General Fund Cash Balance General Fund Annual Budget	\$10,021 \$ 233,000
YTD Budget	\$179,500
YTD Actual	\$ 55,196
General Fund Expense Variance: \$124,303	Under Budget

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Quarterly Compliance Audit Report

Waterford

Date: August 2023 - 2nd Quarter **Prepared for:** Scott Brizendine

Developer: Rizzetta **Insurance agency:**



Preparer:

Jason Morgan - Campus Suite Compliance ADA Website Accessibility and Florida F.S. 189.069 Requirements



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Compliance Audit Overview

The Community Website Compliance Audit (CWCA) consists of a thorough assessment of Florida Community Development District (CDD) websites to assure that specified district information is available and fully accessible. Florida Statute Chapter 189.069 states that effective October, 2015, every CDD in the state is required to maintain a fully compliant website for reporting certain information and documents for public access.

The CWCA is a reporting system comprised of quarterly audits and an annual summary audit to meet full disclosure as required by Florida law. These audits are designed to assure that CDDs satisfy all compliance requirements stipulated in Chapter 189.069.

Compliance Criteria

The CWCA focuses on the two primary areas – website accessibility as defined by U.S. federal laws, and the 16-point criteria enumerated in <u>Florida Statute Chapter</u> 189.069.



ADA Website Accessibility

Several federal statutes (American Disabilities Act, Sec. 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973) require public institutions to ensure they are not discriminating against individuals on the basis of a person's disability. Community websites are required to conform to web content accessibility guidelines – WCAG 2.1, which is the international standard established to keep websites barrier-free and the recognized standard for ADA-compliance.



Florida Statute Compliance

Pursuant to F.S. <u>189.069</u>, every CDD is required to maintain a dedicated website to serve as an official reporting mechanism covering, at minimum, 16 criteria. The information required to report and have fully accessible spans: establishment charter or ordinance, fiscal year audit, budget, meeting agendas and minutes and more. For a complete list of statute requirements, see page 3.

Audit Process

The Community Website Compliance Audit covers all CDD web pages and linked PDFs.* Following the <u>WCAG 2.1</u> levels A, AA, and AAA for web content accessibility, a comprehensive scan encompassing 312 tests is conducted for every page. In addition, a human inspection is conducted to assure factors such as navigation and color contrasts meet web accessibility standards. See page 4 for complete accessibility grading criteria.

In addition to full ADA-compliance, the audit includes a 16-point checklist directly corresponding with the criteria set forth in Florida Statute Chapter 189.069. See page 5 for the complete compliance criteria checklist.

* NOTE: Because many CDD websites have links to PDFs that contain information required by law (meeting agendas, minutes, budgets, miscellaneous and ad hoc documents, etc.), audits include an examination of all associated PDFs. PDF remediation and ongoing auditing is critical to maintaining compliance.



Accessibility Grading Criteria

Passed	Description
Passed	Website errors* O WCAG 2.1 errors appear on website pages causing issues**
Passed	Keyboard navigation The ability to navigate website without using a mouse
Passed	Website accessibility policy A published policy and a vehicle to submit issues and resolve issues
Passed	Colors provide enough contrast between elements
Passed	Video captioning Closed-captioning and detailed descriptions
Passed	PDF accessibility Formatting PDFs including embedded images and non-text elements
Passed	Site map Alternate methods of navigating the website

^{*}Errors represent less than 5% of the page count are considered passing

^{**}Error reporting details are available in your Campus Suite Website Accessibility dashboard



Florida F.S. 189.069 Requirements Result: PASSED

Compliance Criteria

Passed	Description
Passed	Full Name and primary contact specified
Passed	Public Purpose
Passed	Governing body Information
Passed	Fiscal Year
Passed	Full Charter (Ordinance and Establishment) Information
Passed	CDD Complete Contact Information
Passed	District Boundary map
X	Listing of taxes, fees, assessments imposed by CDD
Passed	Link to Florida Commission on Ethics
Passed	District Budgets (Last two years)
Passed	Complete Financial Audit Report
Passed	Listing of Board Meetings
N/A	Public Facilities Report, if applicable
Passed	Link to Financial Services
Passed	Meeting Agendas for the past year, and 1 week prior to next

Accessibility overview

Everyone deserves equal access.

With nearly 1-in-5 Americans having some sort of disability – visual, hearing, motor, cognitive – there are literally millions of reasons why websites should be fully accessible and compliant with all state and federal laws. Web accessibility not only keeps board members on the right side of the law, but enables the entire community to access all your web content. The very principles that drive accessible website design are also good for those without disabilities.

of population has a disability.



Sight, hearing, physical, cognitive.

The legal and right thing to do

Several federal statutes (American Disabilities Act, Sec. 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973) require public institutions to ensure they are not discriminating against individuals on the basis of a person's disability. Community websites are required to conform to web content accessibility guidelines, WCAG 2.1, the international standard established to keep websites barrier-free. Plain and simple, any content on your website must be accessible to everyone.



ADA Compliance Categories

Most of the problems that occur on a website fall in one or several of the following categories.



Contrast and colors

Some people have vision disabilities that hinder picking up contrasts, and some are color blind, so there needs to be a distinguishable contrast between text and background colors. This goes for buttons, links, text on images – everything. Consideration to contrast and color choice is also important for extreme lighting conditions.

Contract checker: http://webaim.org/resources/contrastchecker



Using semantics to format your HTML pages

When web page codes are clearly described in easy-to-understand terms, it enables broader sharing across all browsers and apps. This 'friendlier' language not only helps all the users, but developers who are striving to make content more universal on more devices.



Text alternatives for non-text content

Written replacements for images, audio and video should provide all the same descriptors that the non-text content conveys. Besides helping with searching, clear, concise word choice can make vivid non-text content for the disabled.

Helpful article: http://webaim.org/techniques/alttext



Ability to navigate with the keyboard

Not everyone can use a mouse. Blind people with many with motor disabilities have to use a keyboard to make their way around a website. Users need to be able to interact fully with your website by navigating using the tab, arrows and return keys only. A "skip navigation" option is also required. Consider using WAI-ARIA for improved accessibility, and properly highlight the links as you use the tab key to make sections.

Helpful article: www.nngroup.com/articles/keyboard-accessibility

Helpful article: http://webaim.org/techniques/skipnav



Easy to navigate and find information

Finding relevant content via search and easy navigation is a universal need. Alt text, heading structure, page titles, descriptive link text (no 'click here' please) are just some ways to help everyone find what they're searching for. You must also provide multiple ways to navigate such as a search and a site map.

Helpful article: http://webaim.org/techniques/sitetools/



Properly formatting tables

Tables are hard for screen readers to decipher. Users need to be able to navigate through a table one cell at a time. In addition to the table itself needing a caption, row and column headers need to be labeled and data correctly associated with the right header.

Helpful article: http://webaim.org/techniques/tables/data



Making PDFs accessible

PDF files must be tagged properly to be accessible, and unfortunately many are not. Images and other non-text elements within that PDF also need to be ADA-compliant. Creating anew is one thing; converting old PDFs – called PDF remediation – takes time.

Helpful articles: http://webaim.org/techniques/acrobat/acrobat



Making videos accessible

Simply adding a transcript isn't enough. Videos require closed captioning and detailed descriptions (e.g., who's on-screen, where they are, what they're doing, even facial expressions) to be fully accessible and ADA compliant.

Helpful article: http://webaim.org/techniques/captions



Making forms accessible

Forms are common tools for gathering info and interacting. From logging in to registration, they can be challenging if not designed to be web-accessible. How it's laid out, use of labels, size of clickable areas and other aspects need to be considered.

Helpful article: http://webaim.org/techniques/forms



Alternate versions

Attempts to be fully accessible sometimes fall short, and in those cases, alternate versions of key pages must be created. That is, it is sometimes not feasible (legally, technically) to modify some content. These are the 'exceptions', but still must be accommodated.



Feedback for users

To be fully interactive, your site needs to be able to provide an easy way for users to submit feedback on any website issues. Clarity is key for both any confirmation or error feedback that occurs while engaging the page.



Other related requirements

No flashing

Blinking and flashing are not only bothersome, but can be disorienting and even dangerous for many users. Seizures can even be triggered by flashing, so avoid using any flashing or flickering content.

Timers

Timed connections can create difficulties for the disabled. They may not even know a timer is in effect, it may create stress. In some cases (e.g., purchasing items), a timer is required, but for most school content, avoid using them.

Fly-out menus

Menus that fly out or down when an item is clicked are helpful to dig deeper into the site's content, but they need to be available via keyboard navigation, and not immediately snap back when those using a mouse move from the clickable area.

No pop-ups

Pop-up windows present a range of obstacles for many disabled users, so it's best to avoid using them altogether. If you must, be sure to alert the user that a pop-up is about to be launched.

Web Accessibility Glossary

Assistive technology	Hardware and software for disabled people that enable them to perform tasks they otherwise would not be able to perform (eg., a screen reader)
WCAG 2.0	Evolving web design guidelines established by the W3C that specify how to accommodate web access for the disabled
504	Section of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that protects civil liberties and guarantees certain rights of disabled people
508	An amendment to the Rehabilitation Act that eliminates barriers in information technology for the disabled
ADA	American with Disabilities Act (1990)
Screen reader	Software technology that transforms the on-screen text into an audible voice. Includes tools for navigating/accessing web pages.
Website accessibility	Making your website fully accessible for people of all abilities
W3C	World Wide Web Consortium – the international body that develops standards for using the web