

# **PIONEER RANCH**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**February 6, 2026**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
AGENDA**

**PIONEER RANCH**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**AGENDA**  
**LETTER**

**Pioneer Ranch 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**  
<https://PioneerRanchcdd.net/>

January 30, 2026

Board of Supervisors  
Pioneer Ranch Community Development District

Dear Board Members:

The Board of Supervisors of the Pioneer Ranch Community Development District will hold a Special Meeting on February 6, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at 606 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34471. The agenda is as follows:

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comments
3. Consideration of District Management Transition Items
  - A. Acceptance of Termination of JP Ward and Associates, LLC District Management Services
  - B. Consideration of Resolution 2026-01, Appointing and Fixing the Compensation of the District Manager; Appointing a Methodology Consultant; and Providing an Effective Date
    - I. Consideration of Agreement for Management Services: *Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC*
  - C. Consideration of Resolution 2026-02, Electing and Removing Officers of the District and Providing for an Effective Date
  - D. Consideration of Resolution 2026-03, Designating a Public Depository for Funds of the District and Providing an Effective Date
  - E. Consideration of Resolution 2026-04, Directing the District Manager to Appoint Signors on the Local Bank Account; and Providing an Effective Date
  - F. Consideration of Resolution 2026-05, Designating the Primary Administrative Office and Principal Headquarters of the District and Providing an Effective Date
  - G. Consideration of Resolution 2026-06, Designating the Location of the Local District Records Office and Providing an Effective Date

**ATTENDEES:**

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

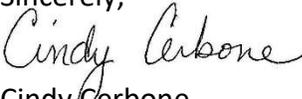
- H. Consideration of Strange Zone, Inc., Quotation #M26-003 for District Website Creation & Development, Maintenance, Hosting & Email, Domain Registration, ADA Monitoring /Audit
  - I. Consideration of Resolution 2026-07, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular Meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and Providing for an Effective Date
4. Consideration of District Counsel Transition Items
    - A. Acceptance of Termination of Coleman, Yovanovich & Koester, P.A.
    - B. Consideration of Kutak Rock LLP Retention and Fee Agreement
  5. Consideration of Resolution 2026-08, Setting a Public Hearing to Adopt Rules Relating to Parking and Parking Enforcement; and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date
  6. Consideration of Resolution 2026-09, Designate the Date, Time and Place of a Public Hearing and Authorization to Publish Notice of Such Hearing for the Purpose of Adopting Rules of Procedure; and Providing an Effective Date
    - A. Rules of Procedure
    - B. Notices [Rule Development and Rulemaking]
  7. Consideration of Traffic Enforcement Agreement
  8. Consideration of Resolution 2026-10, Designating a Date, Time and Location for Landowners' Meeting and Election; Providing for Publication; Establishing Forms for the Landowner Election; and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date **[November 3, 2026 – Seats 1,3,4]**
  9. Consideration of Goals and Objectives Reporting FY2026 [HB7013 - Special Districts Performance Measures and Standards Reporting]
    - Authorization of Chair to Approve Findings Related to 2025 Goals and Objectives Reporting
  10. Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of December 31, 2025
  11. Approval of June 17, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
  12. Staff Reports
    - A. District Counsel: *Kutak Rock LLP*

- B. District Engineer: *Tillman and Associates Engineering, LLC*
- C. District Manager: *Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC*
  - NEXT MEETING DATE: March 5, 2026 at 2:00 PM
    - QUORUM CHECK

SEAT 1	ANDREA AGHA	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON	<input type="checkbox"/> PHONE	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
SEAT 2	ALEC MORRIS	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON	<input type="checkbox"/> PHONE	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
SEAT 3	RON WIESE	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON	<input type="checkbox"/> PHONE	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
SEAT 4	DAVID GARCIA	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON	<input type="checkbox"/> PHONE	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
SEAT 5	CHRIS ARMSTRONG	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON	<input type="checkbox"/> PHONE	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

- 13. Board Members' Comments/Requests
- 14. Public Comments
- 15. Adjournment

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (561) 346-5294 or Chris Conti at (724) 971-8827.

Sincerely,  
  
Cindy Cerbone  
District Manager

**FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF TO ATTEND BY TELEPHONE**  
**CALL-IN NUMBER: 1-888-354-0094**  
**PARTICIPANT PASSCODE: 354 2519**

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**RESOLUTION 2026-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPOINTING AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER; APPOINTING A METHODOLOGY CONSULTANT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, Pioneer Ranch Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within Marion County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 190.007(1), *Florida Statutes*, the Board of Supervisors of the District (the “Board”) desires to employ and fix compensation of a District Manager; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to appoint a Methodology Consultant to advise regarding the proposed issuance of special assessment bonds and other financing methods for District improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that the appointment of a Methodology Consultant is necessary, appropriate and in the District’s best interests; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to appoint a District Manager and Methodology Consultant and to provide compensation for their services.

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

**SECTION 1.** Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC is appointed as District Manager and Methodology Consultant and shall be compensated for their services pursuant to the agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, which is hereby approved.

**SECTION 2.** This authorization shall be continuing in nature until revoked by the District.

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

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 6th day of February, 2026.

ATTEST:

**PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

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**AGREEMENT FOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES**  
**between**  
**PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**  
**and**  
**WRATHELL, HUNT & ASSOCIATES, LLC**

THIS AGREEMENT FOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES (this "Agreement"), is made and entered into on this 6th day of February, 2026, by and between the **Pioneer Ranch Community Development District**, hereinafter referred to as "DISTRICT", and the firm of **Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC**, a Florida limited liability company, hereinafter referred to as "MANAGER".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT desires to retain the MANAGER to provide non-exclusive management, recording, assessment methodology and accounting advisory services for the DISTRICT, as required to meet the needs of the DISTRICT during the contract period; and

WHEREAS, the MANAGER desires to provide such services to the DISTRICT as more particularly described in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements expressed herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby conclusively acknowledged, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

1. The DISTRICT hereby engages the MANAGER to provide the services more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference (collectively, the "Services").
2. The DISTRICT agrees to compensate the MANAGER by payment of the fees (collectively, the "Fees") set forth in the fee schedule attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference (the "Fee Schedule"). The Fees, except as otherwise provided on the Fee Schedule, shall be payable in equal monthly installments on the first day of each month. The DISTRICT will consider price adjustments at the end of the fiscal year of the DISTRICT in effect upon the commencement of this Agreement and each succeeding twelve (12)-month period thereafter to compensate for market conditions and the anticipated type and scope of the Services to be performed during the next twelve (12)-month period. Accordingly, the Fees and the Fee Schedule shall be deemed increased at the end of the fiscal year of the DISTRICT in effect upon the commencement of this Agreement and thereafter annually at the end of each succeeding fiscal year to the extent approved in the annual budget adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the



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DISTRICT (the "Board"). In no event shall the Fees be increased to an amount which exceeds the amount of funds approved for the Services in the applicable budget adopted by the Board.

3. This Agreement shall become effective on the date set forth above and the term of this Agreement shall commence on such date and continue until this Agreement is terminated pursuant to the terms of this Section 3. This Agreement may be terminated as follows:
  - a) by the DISTRICT for "good cause", which shall include misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance by the MANAGER, or failure of the MANAGER to perform the Services as required under this Agreement, if such misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance or failure to perform the Services as required under this Agreement has not been cured within ten (10) business days after the DISTRICT has provided notice of same to the MANAGER (the "Cure Period"), upon providing ten (10) business days prior written notice to the MANAGER (which period shall not begin to run until the expiration of the Cure Period);
  - b) upon the dissolution or court-declared invalidity of the DISTRICT; or
  - c) by either party, for any reason, by providing sixty (60) days prior written notice to the other party.

Upon the termination of this Agreement, the MANAGER agrees to take all reasonable and necessary actions to transfer to the DISTRICT, or to such other party as directed by the DISTRICT, all the books and records of the DISTRICT in the MANAGER'S possession in an orderly fashion. The portion of the Fees and any other amounts due and owing to the MANAGER under this Agreement up to the effective date of the termination of this Agreement shall be due and payable immediately upon the termination of this Agreement. The DISTRICT'S obligation to make payment to the MANAGER of the portion of the Fees and any other amounts due and owing to MANAGER under this Agreement up to the effective date of the termination shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

4. The MANAGER shall devote such time as is reasonably necessary to perform the Services.
5. The MANAGER represents that it presently has no interest and shall acquire no interest, either direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of the Services, as provided for in the standard set forth in Section 112.311, Florida Statutes. The MANAGER further represents that no person having any such interest shall be employed by the MANAGER to perform the Services or any portion thereof.



6. The MANAGER shall promptly notify the DISTRICT in writing of all potential conflicts of interest for any prospective business association, interest or other circumstance which may influence or appear to influence the MANAGER'S judgment or quality of the Services being provided hereunder. Such written notification shall identify the prospective business association, interest or circumstance, identify the nature of work that the MANAGER may undertake, if applicable, and request an opinion of the DISTRICT as to whether the association, interest or circumstance would, in the opinion of the DISTRICT, constitute a conflict of interest if entered into by the MANAGER. The DISTRICT agrees to notify the MANAGER of its opinion within thirty (30) days of receipt of any notification by the MANAGER pursuant to this Section 6. If, in the opinion of the DISTRICT, the prospective business association, interest or circumstance would not constitute a conflict of interest by the MANAGER, the DISTRICT shall so state in its opinion, and in such event (i) the association, interest, or circumstance shall not be deemed to be a conflict of interest with respect to the Services provided to the DISTRICT by the MANAGER under the terms of this Agreement, and (ii) the Manager shall be free to pursue such prospective business association, interest or circumstance. The MANAGER shall be free to perform services similar to the type of services offered to the DISTRICT as part of the Services hereunder, and any other services, for any other special purpose taxing district, developer, landowner or otherwise. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to prevent the MANAGER from performing such services, or any other services, for any other special taxing district, developer, landowner or otherwise and the providing of such services shall not constitute a conflict of interest under this Agreement.
7. The MANAGER agrees that all Services shall be performed by skilled and competent personnel.
8. The DISTRICT acknowledges that the MANAGER is not an attorney and may not render legal advice or opinions. Although the MANAGER may participate in the accumulation of information necessary for use in documents required by the DISTRICT in order to finalize any particular matters, such information shall be verified by the DISTRICT as to its correctness; provided, however, that the DISTRICT shall not be required to verify the correctness of any information originated by the MANAGER in connection with the Services.
9. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any and all legal action necessary to enforce this Agreement will be held in the county where the DISTRICT is located. No remedy herein conferred upon any party is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by any party of any right, power, or remedy hereunder shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof.



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The failure of either party to insist at any time upon the strict observance or performance of any of the provisions of this Agreement, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of the right to insist on the strict observance or performance of any or all of the other provisions of this Agreement. The failure of either party to exercise any right of remedy as provided in this Agreement, shall not impair any such right or remedy or be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of such right of remedy with respect to subsequent defaults. The provisions of this Section 9 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

10. In any action brought by either party for the enforcement of the obligations of the other party, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the non-prevailing party reasonable attorney's fees and all costs and expenses expended or incurred by the prevailing party in connection therewith, including without limitation at all trial levels and appellate levels and in post-judgment proceedings. The provisions of this Section 10 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

11. All notices required in this Agreement shall be sent by either certified mail, return receipt requested with postage prepaid, hand-delivered, or sent by overnight express carrier with next business day delivery guaranteed, addressed to the following addresses, or such other address as either party shall specify hereinafter in written notice to the other party:

If to the Manager: Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC  
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

If to the DISTRICT: Pioneer Ranch Community Development District  
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

with a copy to: Counsel to the District  
Kutak Rock LLP  
107 W College Avenue  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Any such notice sent as referenced above shall be deemed received on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) business day following the day sent, if sent by certified mail with postage prepaid, when delivered if hand-delivered, or on the next business day following the day sent, if sent by overnight express courier with next business day delivery guaranteed.

12. This Agreement contains the entire understanding and agreement between the parties concerning the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations and undertakings, whether written or oral,



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between the parties, with respect thereto. This Agreement, or any provision contained herein, may not be amended unless such amendment is set forth in a writing signed by the parties hereto.

13. Neither party to this Agreement will be liable to the other for any failure or delay in performing any of its obligations under or pursuant to this Agreement, other than the payment of money, if such failure or delay is due to any (i) strike(s), lockout(s), or labor dispute(s), (ii) inability to obtain labor or materials, or reasonable substitutes therefor, or (iii) acts of God, governmental restrictions, regulations or controls, enemy or hostile governmental action, civil commotion, wars, national emergencies, natural disasters, fire, or other casualty, utility failures or other cause (including, with respect to the MANAGER, the failure of the DISTRICT to have adequate funds required for performance of the Services) beyond the reasonable control of such applicable party, and such applicable party will be entitled to a reasonable extension of the time for performing such obligations as a result of such cause. The terms of this Section 13 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
14. If any term or provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall, to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such term or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and each term and provision of this Agreement shall be valid and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.
15. The MANAGER shall not be liable for any acts or omissions of any previous manager(s) of the DISTRICT. Additionally, neither the MANAGER nor any its members, managers, managing members, officers, employees, agents or representatives (collectively, the "Manager Affiliates") shall be liable, responsible, or accountable in damages or otherwise to the DISTRICT for any acts performed by the MANAGER or the Manager Affiliates in good faith and within the scope of this Agreement. The MANAGER or any of the Manager Affiliates cannot provide financial or real estate feasibility forecasting related to the DISTRICT'S ability to repay its indebtedness such as bonds, bond anticipation notes, notes or any other forms of indebtedness. The success of the real estate venture(s) located within the DISTRICT is in no way guaranteed by MANAGER nor any of the Manager Affiliates. Neither the MANAGER nor any of the Manager Affiliates shall be liable to the DISTRICT or otherwise for any loss or damage resulting from the loss or impairment of funds that have been deposited into a bank account owned by the DISTRICT or otherwise titled in the name of the DISTRICT (collectively, the "District Bank Accounts") due to the failure, insolvency or suspension of a financial institution, or any loss or impairment of funds due to the invalidity of any draft, check, document or other negotiable instrument payable to the DISTRICT which is delivered to the MANAGER and deposited into any of



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- the District Bank Accounts. The terms of this Section 15 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
16. Nothing contained in this Agreement, nor any acts of the parties, shall be deemed or construed to create a partnership or joint venture between the MANAGER and the DISTRICT or to cause the MANAGER to be responsible in any way for the debts or obligations of the DISTRICT. The terms of this Section 16 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
  17. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, both of which, together, shall constitute one and the same agreement.
  18. **THE MANAGER AND THE DISTRICT EACH HEREBY KNOWINGLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO DEMAND A JURY TRIAL IN ANY ACTION FOR THE INTERPRETATION OR ENFORCEMENT OF THIS AGREEMENT. THE TERMS OF THIS SECTION 18 SHALL SURVIVE THE TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.**
  19. Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, does not represent the District as a Municipal Advisor or Securities Broker; nor is Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC registered to provide such services as described in Section 15B of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Similarly, Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, does not provide the District with financial advisory services or offer investment advice in any form.
  20. Scrutinized Companies Statement. In accordance with Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, Manager represents that in entering into this Agreement, neither it nor any of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, members, or agents is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Terrorism Sectors List, or the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List created pursuant to Sections 215.4725 and 215.473, Florida Statutes, and in the event such status changes, Manager shall immediately notify the District. If Manager is found to have submitted a false statement, has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Terrorism Sectors List, or has been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, or is now or in the future on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, or engaged in a boycott of Israel, the District may immediately terminate this Agreement.
  21. Anti-Human Trafficking Requirements. Manager certifies, by acceptance of this Agreement, that neither it nor its principals utilize coercion for labor or services as defined in section 787.06, *Florida Statutes*. Manager agrees to execute an affidavit in compliance with section 787.06(13), *Florida Statutes*.



22. E-Verify Requirements. The Manager, on behalf of itself and Manager directly engaged its subcontractors to Manager (if applicable), hereby warrants compliance with all federal immigration laws and regulations applicable to their employees. The Manager further agrees that the District is a public employer subject to the E-Verify requirements provided in Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*, and such provisions of said statute are applicable to this Agreement, including, but not limited to registration with and use of the E-Verify system. The Manager agrees to utilize the E-Verify system to verify work authorization status of all newly hired Manager employees and subcontractor employees as directly engaged by Manager. The Manager shall provide sufficient evidence that it is registered with the E-Verify system before commencement of performance under this Agreement. If the District has a good faith belief that the Manager is in violation of Section 448.09(1), *Florida Statutes*, or has knowingly hired, recruited, or referred an alien that is not duly authorized to work by the federal immigration laws or the Attorney General of the United States for employment under this Agreement, the District shall terminate this Agreement. The Manager shall require an affidavit from each Manager directly engaged subcontractor providing that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. The Manager shall retain a copy of each such affidavit for the term of this Agreement and all renewals thereof. If the District has a good faith belief that a Manager directly engaged subcontractor of the Manager performing work under this Agreement is in violation of Section 448.09(1), *Florida Statutes*, or has knowingly hired, recruited, or referred an alien that is not duly authorized to work by the federal immigration laws or the Attorney General of the United States for employment under this Agreement, the District promptly notify the Manager and order the Manager to immediately terminate its subcontract with the Manager directly engaged subcontractor. The Manager shall be liable for any additional costs incurred by the District as a result of the termination of any contract, including this Agreement, based on Manager's failure to comply with the E-Verify requirements referenced in this subsection. Any contractors, subcontractors, vendors, and suppliers directly engaged by the "District" shall separately comply with E-Verify Requirements per the terms of their respective agreements with the "District" and Manager does not warrant their compliance under the terms of this agreement.

SIGNATURES APPEAR ON FOLLOWING PAGES]



*Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the **Pioneer Ranch Community Development District** has made and executed this Contract on behalf of the DISTRICT and the MANAGER have each, respectively, by an authorized person or agent, hereunder set their hands and seals effective as of the date and year first above written.

Signed in the presence of

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

**PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Witnesses:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair/Vice Chair

\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**MANAGER:**

**WRATHELL, HUNT & ASSOCIATES, LLC**

\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Craig A. Wrathell, Managing Member

\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_



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**EXHIBIT A - SERVICES**

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***Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC***, will perform all required Management functions of the **Pioneer Ranch Community Development District** (the “District”), which will include but not be limited to the following:

- Attend all meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District (the “Board”) and provide the Board with meaningful dialogue of the issues before the Board for action
- Identify significant policies, including analysis of policy implementation with administrative and impact statement and effect on the District
- Develop and train members of the Board in the requirements of Florida Laws with including with respect to, but not limited to, public officers and employees, and the conduct of District business
- Prepare District's Budget as more fully outlined below
- Implement Budget directives
- Prepare specifications for and coordinate for the following services:
  - Insurance, including General Liability along with Directors and Officers Liability
  - Independent Auditor Services
  - Such other services as may be identified from time to time
- Provide all required annual disclosure information to the local government in the county in which the District is located:
  - Public Facilities Report
  - Designation of Registered Office and Registered Agent
  - Public Meeting Schedule
  - Audited Financial Statements (assist with the preparation of same)



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- Ensure compliance with the following Florida Statutes:
  - Annual Financial Audit
  - Annual Financial Report
  - Public Depositor Report
  - Proposed Budget
  - District Map and Amendments
  - Public Facilities Report
  - Registered Agent and Registered Office
  - Public Meeting Schedule Notice Requirements

(The reporting requirements of Community Development Districts periodically change and *Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC*, will ensure that we update reporting requirements of the District as the legislature updates the reporting requirements.)
- Record all meetings of the District
- Provide Oath of Office and notary public for all newly elected members of the Board
- Coordinate and provide contract administration for any services provided to the District by outside vendors:
  - Develop service contracts for the delivery of services to the District, with the assistance of the District's Attorney
  - Ensure that contract specifications are met
  - Interface with residents and contractors to ensure that anticipated service levels are being provided
  - Prepare contract amendments and change orders as necessary
  - Ensure proper contractor billing is received
- If required, provide day-to-day management of in-house operations by performing the following:



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- Hire and train a highly qualified staff
- Coordinate all personnel applications, benefits, and payroll and submit in an accurate and timely manner
- Prepare and implement operating schedules
- Prepare and implement operating policies
- Interface with residents to ensure anticipated levels of service are being met
- Implement internal purchasing policies
- Prepare and bid services and commodities as necessary
- Coordinate with the residents to determine the services and levels of service to be provided as part of the District's budget preparations:
  - Identify new services
  - Identify expanded areas of existing services
  - Identify new levels of service
  - Provide budget recommendations based on findings
- Establish Budget Public Hearing(s) and dates
- Establish Board workshop dates (if required)
- Preparation of Estoppel Letters for Property Transfers and Monitoring Development of the District and Performance of Assessment True Up Analysis

### ***Recording Services***

***Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC***, will perform all required Recording Secretary functions of the District, which will include but not be limited to the following:

- Prepare all Board Agendas and coordinate receipt of sufficient material for Board to make informed policy decisions



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- Prepare and advertise all notices of meetings in an authorized newspaper of circulation in the county in which the District is located
- Record and transcribe all meetings of the Board including regular meetings, special meetings, workshops and public hearing(s). The recording and transcription (edited for grammar) of meetings of the Board provide an essential link to maintaining a highly accurate public record. These minutes are maintained by *Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC* in perpetuity for the District and sent to the appropriate governmental agencies in accordance with Florida law.
- Maintain all other District public records, including Agreements, Contracts and Resolutions in perpetuity for the District
- Maintain District Seal
- Satisfy public records requests in a timely, professional and efficient manner
- Prepare and coordinate applications for:
  - Federal I.D. Number
  - Tax Exemption Certificate
- Prepare Budget and Assessment Resolutions as required by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes
- Prepare Budget Resolution approving the District Manager's Budget and authorization to set public hearing
- Prepare Budget Resolution adopting the District Manager's Budget, as modified by the Board
- Prepare Agendas for Budget Hearings and attend all Board of Supervisor meetings
- Prepare bid specifications for the purchase of services and commodities pursuant to Florida Statutes



## *Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC*

### *Accounting Services*

***Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC***, will perform all required accounting functions of the District, which will include but not be limited to the following:

- Prepare a Budget that achieves maximum cost-to-benefit equity for approval
- Submit a Preliminary Budget to Board in accordance with Chapter 190, Florida Statutes
- Modify Preliminary Budget for consideration by the Board at the District's advertised public hearing
- Coordinate Budget preparation with District Board, Engineer, Attorney and Collection Agent
- Attend workshop(s) and public hearing(s) and be available to answer questions by the Board and the Public
- Establish Government Fund Accounting System in accordance with the Uniform Accounting System prescribed by Department of Banking and Finance for Government Accounting, Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB)
- Adhere to investment policies and procedures pursuant to Chapter 218, Florida Statutes
- Prepare Annual Financial Report for units of local government and distribute to the State Comptroller
- Prepare Public Depositor's Report and distribute to the State Treasurer
- Coordinate and distribute Annual Public Facilities Report and distribute to appropriate agencies
- Administer purchase order system, periodic payment of invoices
- Coordination of tax collection and miscellaneous receivables
- Prepare all required schedules for year-end audit:



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- Prepare schedule of bank reconciliations
- Prepare cash and Investment confirmations for distribution to authorized Public Depositories and Trustee of District bond issues
- Prepare analysis of accounts receivable
- Prepare schedule of interfund accounts
- Prepare schedule of payables from the governments
- Prepare schedule of all prepaid expenses
- Prepare debt confirmation schedules
- Prepare schedule of accounts payable
- Prepare schedule of changes in fund balances
- Prepare schedule of assessment revenue compared to budget
- Prepare schedule of interest income and provide reasonableness test
- Prepare schedule of investments and accrued interest
- Prepare analysis of all other revenue
- Prepare analysis of interest expenses and calculate accrued interest expense at year end
- Prepare schedule of operating transfers
- Prepare schedule of cash receipts and cash disbursements
- Prepare analysis of cost of development and construction in progress
- Prepare analysis of reserves for encumbrances
- Prepare analysis of retainages payable
- Prepare amortization and depreciation schedules
- Prepare general fixed asset and general long-term debt account groups
- Perform general fixed asset accounting
- Account for assets constructed by or donated to the District for maintenance



## *Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC*

- Prepare inventories of District property in accordance with the rules of the Auditor General
- Comply with District adopted Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures Pursuant to Chapter 218, *Florida Statutes*

### ***Special Assessment Methodology Preparation Services***

***Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC***, will perform all required special assessment methodology functions of the District, which will include but not be limited to the following:

- Review the District's capital improvement program
- Determine the types of special and general benefits of proposed investments
- Determine which properties within the boundaries of the Districts receive special benefits and which properties receive general benefits
- Determine a fair and reasonable apportionment of the special and peculiar benefits of the District-financed improvements among the properties deriving such benefits
- Based on the determination and apportionment of special and peculiar benefit, calculate a fair and reasonable apportionment of the responsibility to pay the non-ad valorem special assessments resulting from funding of the District's capital improvement plan
- Prepare a Special Assessment Methodology Report for consideration by the Board of the District
- Prepare an assessment roll of all assessable properties within the District
- Present the Special Assessment Methodology Report to the Board at a public meeting and answer any questions pertaining to the Report
- Prepare the Preliminary and Final Assessment Rolls



## *Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC*

- Prepare notices advising the property owners of the completion of construction and the amount of the final assessment
- Act as primary contact to answer property owners' questions regarding the capital assessment

### ***Dissemination Agent Services***

***Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC***, will provide Dissemination Agent Services as specified in the District's Continuing Disclosure Agreement for bonds issued. Such services shall include but are not limited to:

- Determine each year prior to the Annual Filing Date the name, address and filing requirements of the Repository; and
- File a notice with the Issuer stating that the Annual Report or Audited Financial Statement has been provided pursuant to Disclosure Agreement(s), stating the date(s) it was provided, and listing all Repositories with which it was filed.
- All documents, reports, notices, statements, information and other materials provided to the MSRB under the District's Disclosure Agreement(s) shall be provided in an EMMA Compliant Format.



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**Exhibit B - Fee Schedule**

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1. District Management, Recording, Financial Accounting and Assessment Roll Services

**FEE PROPOSED** **\$48,000 annually**

2. Debt Service Fund Accounting/Assessment Collection Services (*Series 2024 Bonds*)/Assessment Roll Preparation

**FEE PROPOSED** **\$15,000 annually**

3. Assessment Methodology Consultant Services [Assessment Methodology Report]\*  
\*[if applicable, for new issuances of bonds]

**FEE PROPOSED** **\$25,000 per bond issue**

4. Issuance of Bonds, and Placement of Loans and Other District Indebtedness\*  
\*[if applicable, for new issuances of bonds]

**FEE PROPOSED** **Not to exceed \$35,000 per issue**

The following formula shall explain this fee. The fee for the first \$5,000,000 bond issue(s) SHALL BE \$3.00/\$1,000 with a minimum fee of \$10,000. The additional fee for bond issues between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000 shall be \$1.00/\$1,000. The fee for bond issues over \$10,000,000 shall be \$.50/\$1,000 of the additional amount. These fees are payable at closing of the bond issue. It is expressly understood that compensation shall be contingent upon completion of financing and if for any reason a financing is not completed, there shall be no compensation owed to **Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC**. For the issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes, the fee is \$10,000 per issuance.

5. Dissemination Agent Services

**FEE PROPOSED** **\$4,000 annually (*Series 2024 Bonds*)**

6. Out of Pocket Expenses: **Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC**, shall be reimbursed for **out-of-pocket expenses** incurred in the performance of the services defined herein (i.e. photocopies, postage, mailings, long distance telephone calls, and printing and binding, etc.). **Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC**, will submit monthly invoices to District for



**Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC**

work performed and payment shall become due and payable within fifteen (15) days of receipt.

7. Additional Services: Should ***Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC***, be requested to provide additional functions on behalf of District, compensation for such services shall be in accordance with the terms mutually agreed to by the parties.

**PIONEER RANCH**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**3C**

**RESOLUTION 2026-02**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ELECTING AND REMOVING OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The following is/are elected as Officer(s) of the District effective February 6, 2026:

- \_\_\_\_\_ is elected Chair
- \_\_\_\_\_ is elected Vice Chair
- Craig Wrathell is elected Secretary
- \_\_\_\_\_ is elected Assistant Secretary
- \_\_\_\_\_ is elected Assistant Secretary
- \_\_\_\_\_ is elected Assistant Secretary
- Chris Conti is elected Assistant Secretary
- Cindy Cerbone is elected Assistant Secretary
- Craig Wrathell is Treasurer
- Jeffrey Pinder is Assistant Treasurer

**SECTION 2.** The following Officer(s) shall be removed as Officer(s) as of February 6, 2026:

James P. Ward                      Secretary

James P. Ward                      Treasurer

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.**

ATTEST:

**PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**PIONEER RANCH**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**3D**

**RESOLUTION 2026-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A PUBLIC DEPOSITORY FOR FUNDS OF THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

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

**WHEREAS**, the District’s Board of Supervisors (“**Board**”) is statutorily authorized to select a depository as defined in Section 280.02, *Florida Statutes*, which meets all the requirements of Chapter 280 and has been designated by the State Treasurer as a qualified public depository; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to designate a public depository for the District funds.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT THAT:**

**1. DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC DEPOSITORY.** \_\_\_\_\_  
is hereby designated as the public depository for District funds. In accordance with Section 280.17(4), *Florida Statutes*, the District’s Secretary is directed to furnish to the State Treasurer prior to the deposit of any public funds, the District’s official name, address, federal employer identification number, and the name of the person or persons responsible for establishing accounts. The District’s Treasurer, upon assuming responsibility for handling the District funds, is directed to furnish to the State Treasurer annually the information required in accordance with Section 280.17(3), *Florida Statutes*.

**2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 6th day of February, 2026.

ATTEST:

**PIONEER RANCH  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

## ACTIVE QUALIFIED PUBLIC DEPOSITORY LIST

The following Qualified Public Depositories (QPDs) are authorized to hold public deposits. The cities and states listed are the home office locations. QPDs marked with an asterisk have limited the amount of public deposits they will administer. QPDs having a date beside their name are in the process of withdrawing from the program and shall not receive or retain public deposits after the date shown. They may, however, have certain obligations to the program after that date with which they must comply before concluding the withdrawal process.

<b>FEIN</b>	<b>INSTITUTION</b>	<b>HOME OFFICE LOCATION</b>
591846933	AMERANT BANK, N.A.	CORAL GABLES, FL
161764661	AMERICAN MOMENTUM BANK	COLLEGE STATION, TX
592430369	AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK	OAKLAND PARK, FL
581111076	AMERIS BANK	MOULTRIE, GA
202502516	ANCHOR BANK	JUNO BEACH, FL
720218544	ANTHEM BANK & TRUST	PLAQUEMINE, LA
651066544	APOLLO BANK	MIAMI, FL
591008568	AXIOM BANK, N.A.	MAITLAND, FL
591485307	BAC FLORIDA BANK	CORAL GABLES, FL
640117230	BANCORPSOUTH BANK	TUPELO, MS
202768792	BANESCO USA	CORAL GABLES, FL
132614394	BANK LEUMI USA	NEW YORK, NY
941687665	BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.	CHARLOTTE, NC
591024375	BANK OF BELLE GLADE	BELLE GLADE, FL
208376899	BANK OF CENTRAL FLORIDA	LAKELAND, FL
591447189	BANK OF TAMPA, THE	TAMPA, FL
591050700	BANK OF THE SOUTH	PENSACOLA, FL
270217289	BANKUNITED, N.A.	MIAMI LAKES, FL
630476286	BBVA USA	BIRMINGHAM, AL
593672784	BEACH COMMUNITY BANK	FORT WALTON BEACH, FL
362085229	BMO HARRIS BANK, N.A.	CHICAGO, IL
590153930	BRANNEN BANK	INVERNESS, FL
370613731	BUSEY BANK	CHAMPAIGN, IL
640156695	CADENCE BANK, N.A.	ATLANTA, GA
593277398	CAPITAL CITY BANK	TALLAHASSEE, FL
630258819	CCB COMMUNITY BANK	ANDALUSIA, AL
710009885	CENTENNIAL BANK	CONWAY, AR
592979916	CENTERSTATE BANK, N.A.	WINTER HAVEN, FL
205909064	CENTRAL BANK	TAMPA, FL
592664950	CHARLOTTE STATE BANK & TRUST	PORT CHARLOTTE, FL
135266470	CITIBANK, N.A.	SIOUX FALLS, SD
590193780	CITIZENS BANK AND TRUST	FROSTPROOF, FL
590557762	CITIZENS BANK OF FLORIDA	OVIEDO, FL
593018034	CITIZENS FIRST BANK	THE VILLAGES, FL
591297458	CITY NATIONAL BANK OF FLORIDA	MIAMI, FL
590201970	COLUMBIA BANK	LAKE CITY, FL
640154830	COMMUNITY BANK OF MISSISSIPPI	FOREST, MS
593611444	COMMUNITY BANK OF THE SOUTH	MERRITT ISLAND, FL
590795359	COMMUNITY STATE BANK	STARKE, FL
591451065	CREWS BANK & TRUST	ARCADIA, FL
592976493	DRUMMOND COMMUNITY BANK	CHIEFLAND, FL
591259357	EASTERN NATIONAL BANK	MIAMI, FL
650765849	EDISON NATIONAL BANK	FORT MYERS, FL

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<b>FEIN</b>	<b>INSTITUTION</b>	<b>HOME OFFICE LOCATION</b>
611433431	ENGLEWOOD BANK & TRUST	ENGLEWOOD, FL
591387466	EXECUTIVE NATIONAL BANK	MIAMI, FL
310676865	FIFTH THIRD BANK	CINCINNATI, OH
208075599	FINEMARK NATIONAL BANK & TRUST	FORT MYERS, FL
590242465	FIRST BANK	CLEWISTON, FL
202945754	FIRST BANK OF THE PALM BEACHES	WEST PALM BEACH, FL
593528089	FIRST CITRUS BANK	TAMPA, FL
590612190	FIRST CITY BANK OF FLORIDA *	FORT WALTON BEACH, FL
261462549	FIRST COLONY BANK OF FLORIDA	MAITLAND, FL
590969721	FIRST FEDERAL BANK	LAKE CITY, FL
208397856	FIRST FLORIDA INTEGRITY BANK	NAPLES, FL
593526917	FIRST HOME BANK	ST. PETERSBURG, FL
620201385	FIRST HORIZON BANK	MEMPHIS, TN
592312147	FIRST NATIONAL BANK NORTHWEST FLORIDA	PANAMA CITY, FL
590242830	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MOUNT DORA, THE	MOUNT DORA, FL
592648115	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PASCO	DADE CITY, FL
590675658	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SOUTH MIAMI	SOUTH MIAMI, FL
590877517	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF WAUCHULA	WAUCHULA, FL
580379465	FIRST SOUTHERN BANK	WAYCROSS, GA
650790413	FIRST STATE BANK OF THE FLORIDA KEYS	KEY WEST, FL
660183103	FIRSTBANK PUERTO RICO	SAN JUAN, PR
650980079	FLAGLER BANK	WEST PALM BEACH, FL
202472079	FLAGSHIP BANK	CLEARWATER, FL
592475686	FLORIDA CAPITAL BANK, N.A.	JACKSONVILLE, FL
590788761	FNBT BANK	FORT WALTON BEACH, FL
590199400	GROVE BANK & TRUST	MIAMI, FL
640169065	HANCOCK WHITNEY BANK	GULFPORT, MS
593584666	HEARTLAND NATIONAL BANK	SEBRING, FL
580659995	HERITAGE SOUTHEAST BANK	JONESBORO, GA
720218470	IBERIABANK	LAFAYETTE, LA
592327185	INTERNATIONAL FINANCE BANK	MIAMI, FL
261783674	INTRACOASTAL BANK	PALM COAST, FL
134994650	JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.	COLUMBUS, OH
590549169	LAFAYETTE STATE BANK	MAYO, FL
204694103	LEGACY BANK OF FLORIDA	BOCA RATON, FL
593559141	MADISON COUNTY COMMUNITY BANK	MADISON, FL
200235207	MAINSTREET COMMUNITY BANK OF FLORIDA	DELAND, FL
650644585	MARINE BANK & TRUST COMPANY	VERO BEACH, FL
420335350	MIDWESTONE BANK	IOWA CITY, IA
361561860	NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY, THE	CHICAGO, IL
592237280	OCEAN BANK	MIAMI, FL
010914314	ONE FLORIDA BANK	ORLANDO, FL
042764211	ONEUNITED BANK	BOSTON, MA

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<b>FEIN</b>	<b>INSTITUTION</b>	<b>HOME OFFICE LOCATION</b>
592437764	PACIFIC NATIONAL BANK	MIAMI, FL
203037095	PARADISE BANK	BOCA RATON, FL
591510993	PEOPLES BANK OF GRACEVILLE	GRACEVILLE, FL
581171935	PEOPLESSOUTH BANK	COLQUITT, GA
592689717	PILOT BANK	TAMPA, FL
580137310	PINELAND BANK	ALMA, GA
592648364	PNB COMMUNITY BANK	NICEVILLE, FL
221146430	PNC BANK, N.A.	WILMINGTON, DE
522126008	POPULAR BANK	NEW YORK, NY
260474086	PRIME MERIDIAN BANK	TALLAHASSEE, FL
580163257	PRIMESOUTH BANK	BLACKSHEAR, GA
262155465	PROFESSIONAL BANK	CORAL GABLES, FL
261740755	PROGRESS BANK AND TRUST	HUNTSVILLE, AL
593244348	RAYMOND JAMES BANK, N.A.	ST. PETERSBURG, FL
630371391	REGIONS BANK	BIRMINGHAM, AL
640220550	RENASANT BANK	TUPELO, MS
610197400	REPUBLIC BANK & TRUST COMPANY	LOUISVILLE, KY
590193820	SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK	STUART, FL
203341252	SEASIDE NATIONAL BANK & TRUST	ORLANDO, FL
202451671	SERVISFIRST BANK	HOMEWOOD, AL
204091629	SMARTBANK	PIGEON FORGE, TN
580214350	SOUTHEASTERN BANK	DARIEN, GA
650878433	SUNSTATE BANK	MIAMI, FL
590580845	SURETY BANK	DELAND, FL
580201800	SYNOVUS BANK	COLUMBUS, GA
010137770	TD BANK, N.A.	WILMINGTON, DE
592532510	TERRABANK	MIAMI, FL
640878155	THE FIRST, A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION	HATTIESBURG, MS
593531592	TIAA, FSB DBA EVERBANK	JACKSONVILLE, FL
561074313	TRUIST BANK	CHARLOTTE, NC
140578631	TRUSTCO BANK	GLENVILLE, NY
640180810	TRUSTMARK NATIONAL BANK	JACKSON, MS
310841368	U.S. BANK N.A.	CINCINNATI, OH
522371258	U.S. CENTURY BANK	DORAL, FL
630838750	UNITED BANK	ATMORE, AL
590489540	UNITED SOUTHERN BANK	UMATILLA, FL
221186387	VALLEY NATIONAL BANK	PASSAIC, NJ
590500870	WAUCHULA STATE BANK	WAUCHULA, FL
941347393	WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.	SIOUX FALLS, SD
821914784	WINTER PARK NATIONAL BANK	WINTER PARK, FL

Updated February 3, 2020

**PIONEER RANCH**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**3 E**

**RESOLUTION 2026-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DIRECTING THE DISTRICT MANAGER TO APPOINT SIGNORS ON THE LOCAL BANK ACCOUNT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the District’s Board of Supervisors desires to appoint the District Chair, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer as signors on the local bank account.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT THAT:**

**1. DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES.** The District Chair, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer shall be appointed as signors on the local bank account.

**2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 6th day of February, 2026.

ATTEST:

**PIONEER RANCH  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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

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Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**PIONEER RANCH**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**3F**

**RESOLUTION 2026-05**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING THE PRIMARY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AND PRINCIPAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, Pioneer Ranch Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within Marion County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to designate its primary administrative office as the location where the District’s public records are routinely created, sent, received, maintained, and requested, for the purposes of prominently posting the contact information of the District’s Record’s Custodian in order to provide citizens with the ability to access the District’s records and ensure that the public is informed of the activities of the District in accordance with Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*; and

**WHEREAS**, the District additionally desires to specify the location of the District’s principal headquarters for the purpose of establishing proper venue under the common law home venue privilege applicable to the District.

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

**SECTION 1.** The District’s primary administrative office for purposes of Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*, shall be located at Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431.

**SECTION 2.** The District’s principal headquarters for purposes of establishing proper venue shall be located within Marion County, Florida.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 6th day of February, 2026.

ATTEST:

**PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**PIONEER RANCH**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**3G**

**RESOLUTION 2026-06**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING THE LOCATION OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT RECORDS OFFICE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the Pioneer Ranch Community Development District (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated within Marion County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the District is statutorily required to designate a local district records office location for the purposes of affording citizens the ability to access the District’s records, promoting the disclosure of matters undertaken by the District, and ensuring that the public is informed of the activities of the District in accordance with Chapter 119 and Section 190.006(7), *Florida Statutes*; and

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

**SECTION 1.** The District’s local records office shall be located at:

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**SECTION 2.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 6th day of February, 2026.

ATTEST:

**PIONEER RANCH  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**PIONEER RANCH**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**3H**

# Strange Zone, Inc.

# Quotation

260 NW 67th Street #108  
Boca Raton, FL 33487  
Phone: (305) 607-2989

**DATE** January 7, 2026  
**Quotation #** M26-003  
**Customer ID** PRCDD

*Prepared by:* Stephan

**Prepared For:**  
Pioneer Ranch CDD  
C.O. Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC  
PO Box 810036  
Boca Raton, Florida 33481  
Phone: (561) 571-0010

Description	AMOUNT
<b>Website creation &amp; development</b> <i>Website creation based on district provided colors, images &amp; logo if available. Website will include the following pages &amp; content: Home page, About page, What is a CDD page, Required reporting information page, FAQs page, News section if desired, Contact page, and Meetings &amp; documents page which include PDF documents of audits, budget, meeting agenda, meeting schedule &amp; minutes from meetings. Website HTML Code will be WCAG 2.2 AA Compliant. <b>Client will be responsible for providing Remediated Compliant PDF.</b></i>	\$ 975.00
<b>Website maintenance   For 1 year</b> Please allow up to 48 hours for updates to be posted. <i>Maintenance includes posting of minutes, meeting agendas, audits, scheduled meetings, budgets, general documents, and any other content update needed. Creation of new pages will be a separate fee of \$50/ Page.</i>	\$ 600.00
<b>Website hosting &amp; Email   For 1 year</b> <i>Hosting service also includes 5 emails address accounts with 2GB of space for each account. Business Email with 50GB of Space \$10/User/Month</i>	Included
<b>Domain Registration (pioneerranchcdd.org)</b>	\$ 35.00
<b>SSL Certificates   1 year</b>	\$ 69.99
<b>AudioEye 24/7 A.I. ADA Monitoring + 2 Human Audit /Year.</b>	\$ 145.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 1,824.99

If you have any questions concerning this quotation, Stephan, (305) 607-2989, stephan@strangezone.com

Payment must be received before the start of this agreement.

Date

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!**

# **PIONEER RANCH**

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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**RESOLUTION 2026-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS FOR REGULAR MEETINGS FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, Pioneer Ranch Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within Marion County, Florida; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to adopt the annual meeting schedule for the remainder of the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026 (“Fiscal Year 2026”), attached as **Exhibit A**.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

**SECTION 1.** The Fiscal Year 2026 annual meeting schedule attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved and shall be published in accordance with the requirements of Florida law and also provided to applicable governing authorities.

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

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 6th day of February, 2026.

ATTEST:

**PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**Exhibit A:** Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Meeting Schedule

**Exhibit A:**

<b>PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT</b>		
<b>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 MEETING SCHEDULE</b>		
<b>LOCATION</b>		
<i>606 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34471</i>		
<b>DATE</b>	<b>POTENTIAL DISCUSSION/FOCUS</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>March 5, 2026</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
<b>April 2, 2026</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
<b>May 7, 2026</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
<b>June 4, 2026</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
<b>July 2, 2026</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
<b>August 6, 2026</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
<b>September 3, 2026</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>

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## **RETENTION AND FEE AGREEMENT**

### **I. PARTIES**

THIS RETENTION AND FEE AGREEMENT (“**Agreement**”) is made and entered into by and between the following parties:

A. Pioneer Ranch CDD (“**Client**”)  
c/o Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC  
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W  
Boca Raton, FL 33431

and

B. Kutak Rock LLP (“**Kutak Rock**”)  
107 West College Avenue  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

### **II. SCOPE OF SERVICES**

In consideration of the mutual undertakings and agreements contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

- A. The Client agrees to employ and retain Kutak Rock as its attorney and legal representative for general advice, counseling and representation of Client and its Board of Supervisors.
- B. Kutak Rock accepts such employment and agrees to serve as attorney for and provide legal representation to the Client in connection with those matters referenced above. No other legal representation is contemplated by this Agreement. Any additional legal services to be provided under the terms of this Agreement shall be agreed to by Client and Kutak Rock in writing. Unless set forth in a separate agreement to which Client consents in writing, Kutak Rock does not represent individual members of the Client’s Board of Supervisors

### **III. CLIENT FILES**

The files and work product materials (“**Client File**”) of the Client generated or received by Kutak Rock will be maintained confidentially to the extent permitted by law and in accordance with the Florida Bar rules. At the conclusion of the representation, the Client File will be stored by Kutak Rock for a minimum of five (5) years. After the five (5) year storage period, the Client hereby acknowledges and consents that Kutak Rock may confidentially destroy or shred the Client File. Notwithstanding the prior sentence, if the Client provides Kutak Rock with a written request for the return of the Client File before the end of the five (5) year storage period, then Kutak Rock will return the Client File at Client’s expense.

**IV. FEES**

- A. The Client agrees to compensate Kutak Rock for services rendered in connection with any matters covered by this Agreement on an hourly rate basis plus actual expenses incurred by Kutak Rock in accordance with the attached Expense Reimbursement Policy (Attachment A, incorporated herein by reference). Time will be billed in increments of one-tenth (1/10) of an hour. Certain work related to issuance of bonds and bond anticipation notes may be performed under a flat fee to be separately established prior to or at the time of bond or note issuance.
- B. Attorneys and staff, if applicable, who perform work for Client will be billed at their regular hourly rates, as may be adjusted from time to time. The hourly rates of those initially expected to handle the bulk of Client’s work are as follows:

Jere L. Earlywine	\$375
Associates	\$265-\$305
Contract Attorney	\$260-285
Paralegals	\$185-250

Kutak Rock’s regular hourly billing rates are reevaluated annually and are subject to change not more than once in a calendar year. Client agrees to Kutak Rock’s annual rate increases to the extent hourly rates are not increased beyond \$15/hour per year.

- C. To the extent practicable and consistent with the requirements of sound legal representation, Kutak Rock will attempt to reduce Client’s bills by assigning each task to the person best able to perform it at the lowest rate, so long as he or she has the requisite knowledge and experience.
- D. Upon consent of Client, Kutak Rock may subcontract for legal services in the event that Client requires legal services for which Kutak Rock does not have adequate capabilities.
- E. Kutak Rock will include costs and expenses (including interest charges on past due statements) on its billing statements for Client reimbursement in accordance with the attached Expense Reimbursement Policy.

**V. BILLING AND PAYMENT**

The Client agrees to pay Kutak Rock’s monthly billings for fees and expenses incurred within thirty (30) days following receipt of an invoice, or the time permitted by Florida law, whichever is greater. Kutak Rock shall not be obligated to perform further legal services under this Agreement if any such billing statement remains unpaid longer than thirty (30) days after submittal to and receipt by Client. Non-payment of billing statements shall be a basis for Kutak Rock to immediately withdraw from the representation without regard to remaining actions necessitating attention by Kutak Rock as part of the representation.

## **VI. DEFAULT; VENUE**

In any legal proceeding to collect outstanding balances due under this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees in addition to costs and outstanding balances due under this Agreement. Venue of any such action shall be exclusive in the state courts of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Leon County, Florida.

## **VII. CONFLICTS**

It is important to disclose that Kutak Rock represents a number of special districts, trustees ("Trustees"), bondholders, developers, builders, and other entities throughout Florida and the United States of America relating to community development districts, special districts, local governments and land development. Kutak Rock or its attorneys may also have represented the entity which petitioned for the formation of the Client. Kutak Rock understands that Client may enter into an agreement with a Trustee in connection with the issuance of bonds, and that Client may request that Kutak Rock simultaneously represent Client in connection with the issuance of bonds, while Kutak Rock is also representing such Trustee on unrelated matters. By accepting this Agreement Client agrees that (1) Client was provided with an explanation of the implications of the common representation(s) and the advantages and risks involved; (2) Kutak Rock will be able to provide competent and diligent representation of Client, regardless of Kutak Rock's other representations, and (3) there is not a substantial risk that Kutak Rock's representation of Client would be materially limited by Kutak Rock's responsibilities to another client, a former client or a third person or by a personal interest. Acceptance of this Agreement will constitute Client's waiver of any "conflict" with Kutak Rock's representation of various special districts, Trustees, bondholders, developers, builders, and other entities relating to community development districts, special districts, local governments and land development.

## **VIII. ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Client acknowledges that the Kutak Rock cannot make any promises to Client as to the outcome of any legal dispute or guarantee that Client will prevail in any legal dispute.

## **IX. TERMINATION**

Either party may terminate this Agreement upon providing prior written notice to the other party at its regular place of business. All fees due and payable in accordance with this Agreement shall accrue and become payable pursuant to the terms of this Agreement through the date of termination.

## **X. EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT**

This Agreement shall be deemed fully executed upon its signing by Kutak Rock and the Client. The contract formed between Kutak Rock and the Client shall be the operational contract between the parties.

**XI. ENTIRE CONTRACT**

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

Accepted and Agreed to:

**Pioneer Ranch CDD**

**KUTAK ROCK LLP**

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

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Jere L. Earlywine

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

Date: January 2, 2026

## ATTACHMENT A

### KUTAK ROCK LLP EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

The following is Kutak Rock's standard expense reimbursement policy. This policy applies unless a different arrangement has been negotiated based on the unique circumstances of a particular client or matter.

All expenses are billed monthly. Billings ordinarily reflect expenses for the most recent month, except where there are delays in receiving bills from third party vendors.

Photocopying and Printing. In-house photocopying and printing are charged at \$0.25 per page (black & white) and \$0.50 per page (color). Outside copying is billed as a pass-through of the outside vendor's charges.

Postage. Postage is billed at actual cost.

Overnight Delivery. Overnight delivery is billed at actual cost.

Local Messenger Service. Local messenger service is billed at the IRS approved reimbursement rate.

Computerized Legal Research. Charges for computerized legal research are billed at an amount approximating actual cost.

Travel. Travel (including air fare, rental cars, taxicabs, hotel, meals, tips, etc.) is billed at actual cost. Where air travel is required, coach class is used wherever feasible. Out-of-town mileage is billed at the IRS approved reimbursement rate. Reasonable travel-related expenses for meals, lodging, gratuities, taxi fares, tolls, and parking fees shall also be reimbursed.

Consultants. Unless prior arrangements are made, consultants are ordinarily employed directly by the client. Where consulting or testifying experts are employed by the firm, their charges are passed through with no mark-up. The client is responsible for notifying the firm of any particular billing arrangements or procedures which the client requires of the consulting or testifying experts.

Other Expenses. Other outside expenses, such as court reporters, agency copies, conference calls, etc. are billed at actual cost.

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**RESOLUTION 2026-08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT RULES RELATING TO PARKING ENFORCEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the Pioneer Ranch Community Development District (“**District**”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, being situated in the Marion County, Florida;

**WHEREAS**, the District owns and maintains certain common areas that are located within the boundaries of the District (“**District Property**”);

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of the District (“**Board**”) is authorized by Sections 190.011(15) and 190.012(3), Florida Statutes, to adopt a Parking Enforcement Rule; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the district to adopt the Rules Relating to Parking Enforcement;

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

**SECTION 1.** A Public Hearing will be held to consider the proposed Rules Relating to Parking Enforcement, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. The Public Hearing will be held at the following date, time and location:

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TIME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCATION:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 2.** The District Secretary is directed to publish notice of rule development and rulemaking regarding the public hearing in accordance with the Act and Section 120.54, Florida Statutes.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 6th day of February, 2026.

**ATTEST:**

**PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**Exhibit A:** Parking Enforcement Rule

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Parking Enforcement Rule

## EXHIBIT A

### PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT *RULE RELATING TO PARKING ENFORCEMENT*

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In accordance with Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, at a duly noticed public meeting, and after a public hearing, the Board of Supervisors of the Pioneer Ranch Community Development District (“District”) adopted the following rule to govern parking enforcement on certain District property.

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1. **INTRODUCTION.** The District finds that parked vehicles can cause hazards and danger to the health, safety and welfare of District residents and the public. This rule is intended to provide the District with the ability to remove such vehicles and fine such owners consistent with this rule and as indicated herein.
  
2. **PARKING RULES.**

#### *State and Local Parking Rules*

The parking prohibitions set forth in applicable state and local ordinances, including but not limited to, Chapter 316, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 18 – Traffic of the Marion County Code of Ordinances, are applicable to District-owned property, including but not limited to District-owned rights-of-way, and are incorporated herein by this reference (“**State & Local Parking Rules**”).

#### *Parking on CDD Streets and Other Property*

The District hereby adopts the State & Local Parking Rules for CDD streets and other common property. Without intending to limit the foregoing, a summary of certain of such prohibitions is listed here (taken from Sections 316.1945 and 316.195, Florida Statutes), and certain additional provisions are also hereby created below:

- a. **Direction:** Vehicles must park in the direction of authorized traffic movement.
- b. **Distance from Curb:** Right-hand wheels must be within 12 inches of the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.
- c. **Prohibited Areas (No Stopping, Standing, or Parking):**
  - (1) Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or official traffic control device, no person shall:
    - (a) Stop, stand, or park a vehicle:
      1. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street.
      2. On a sidewalk.
      3. Within an intersection.
      4. On a crosswalk.

5. Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within 30 feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless the Department of Transportation indicates a different length by signs or markings.
  6. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic.
  7. Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway or within a highway tunnel.
  8. On any railroad tracks.
  9. On a bicycle path.
  10. At any place where official traffic control devices prohibit stopping.
- (b) Stand or park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger or passengers:
1. In front of a public or private driveway.
  2. Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.
  3. Within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection.
  4. Within 30 feet upon the approach to any flashing signal, stop sign, or traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway.
  5. Within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within 75 feet of such entrance (when property signposted).
  6. On an exclusive bicycle lane.
  7. At any place where official traffic control devices prohibit standing.
- d. Disabled Parking:**
- i. It is illegal to park in marked disabled spaces without a proper permit.
  - ii. It is illegal to obstruct the path of travel to an accessible parking space or curb cut.
- e. Parking and Emergency Access:**
- i. No person may park a vehicle directly across from another vehicle, regardless of permitting status.
  - ii. No vehicle shall be parked in a manner that would block access by sanitation trucks, emergency vehicles, or other governmental service providers.
- f. Parking on Common Areas Prohibited:**
- i. Except as outlined in this rule, parking on grassy areas or other common areas owned by the District or in which the District owns an easement is strictly prohibited except for authorized District vehicles and/or District contractors.

### **3. TOWING/REMOVAL PROCEDURES.**

- a. SIGNAGE AND LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS.** Notice of these rules, and the parking prohibitions stated herein, shall be approved by the District's Board of Supervisors and shall be posted on District property in the manner set forth in section 715.07, *Florida Statutes*. Such signage is to be placed in conspicuous locations, in accordance with section 715.07, *Florida Statutes*.
- b. AGREEMENT WITH AUTHORIZED TOWING SERVICE.** The District's Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into and maintain an agreement with a firm authorized by Florida law to tow/remove unauthorized vehicles in accordance with Florida law and with the rules set forth herein ("Towing Operator").

**c. TOWING/REMOVAL AUTHORITY.**

***Streets / Other Common Area*** - The District's staff may contact the Towing Operator for removal of a vehicle parked on the District's streets or common areas in violation of this Rule. The Towing Operator shall render its services in accordance with this Rule, the Towing Agreement and Florida law, specifically the provisions set forth in section 715.07, Florida Statutes. Alternatively, the District's staff may elect to contact local law enforcement and notify such authority of any vehicle parked in violation of these rules.

- 4. OTHER DISTRICT PENALTIES.** If any person is found to have violated any of the provisions of this rule, and pursuant to Sections 120.69(2) and (7), Florida Statutes and other applicable law, the District shall have the right to impose a fine in the amount of \$100 and collect such fine and attorney's fees as a contractual lien or as otherwise provided by Florida law.
- 5. PARKING AT YOUR OWN RISK.** Vehicles may be parked on District property pursuant to this rule, provided, however, that the District assumes no liability for any theft, vandalism and/ or damage that might occur to personal property and/or to such vehicles.

Effective date: \_\_\_\_\_, **2026**

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**RESOLUTION 2026-09**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO DESIGNATE THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF A PUBLIC HEARING AND AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF SUCH HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING RULES OF PROCEDURE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of the District (the “Board”) is authorized by Section 190.011(5), *Florida Statutes*, to adopt rules and orders pursuant to Chapter 120, *Florida Statutes*.

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

**SECTION 1.** A Public Hearing will be held to adopt Rules of Procedure as follows:

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TIME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCATION:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 2.** The District Secretary is directed to publish notice of the hearing in accordance with Section 120.54, *Florida Statutes*.

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

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 6th day of February, 2026.

ATTEST:

**PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**PIONEER RANCH**  
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**RULES OF PROCEDURE  
PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**EFFECTIVE AS OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2026**

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**Rule 1.0      General.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) Notice. Except in emergencies, or as otherwise required by statute or these Rules, at least seven (7) days public notice shall be given of any public meeting, hearing or workshop of the Board. Public notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. “General circulation” means a publication that is printed and published at least once a week for the preceding year, offering at least 25% of its words in the English language, qualifies as a periodicals material for postal purposes in the county in which the District is located, is for sale to the public generally, is available to the public generally for the publication of official or other notices, and is customarily containing information of a public character or of interest or of value to the residents or owners of property in the county where published, or of interest or of value to the general public. The annual meeting notice required to be published by Section 189.015 of the Florida Statutes, shall be published in a newspaper not of limited subject matter, which is published at least five days a week, unless the only newspaper in the county is published less than five days a week. Each Notice shall state, as applicable:
- (a) The date, time and place of the meeting, hearing or workshop;
  - (b) A brief description of the nature, subjects, and purposes of the meeting, hearing, or workshop;
  - (c) The District office address for the submission of requests for copies of the agenda, as well as a contact name and telephone number for verbal requests for copies of the agenda; and
  - (d) The following or substantially similar language: “Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting/hearing/workshop is asked to advise the District Office at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting/hearing/workshop by contacting the District Manager at (561) 571-0010. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1 (800) 955-8770 or 1 (800) 955-8771, who can aid you in contacting the District Office.”
  - (e) The following or substantially similar language: “A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting/hearing/workshop with respect to any matter considered at the meeting/hearing/workshop is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Rule 2.0 Rulemaking Proceedings.**

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

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

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

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

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

(11) Petitions to Challenge Existing Rules.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Rule 3.0 Competitive Purchase.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(4) Competitive Selection.

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

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

(5) Competitive Negotiation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Definitions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Rule 3.3 Purchase of Insurance.**

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

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

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

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

**Law Implemented:** § 112.08, Fla. Stat.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) Suspension, Revocation, or Denial of Qualification

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Examples of factors affecting the seriousness of a deficiency are:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Procedure.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Rule 3.7      Payment and Performance Bonds.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Rule 3.9 Maintenance Services.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Rule 3.10 Contractual Services.**

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Filing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Rule 4.0      Effective Date.**

These Rules shall be effective \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, except that no election of officers required by these Rules shall be required until after the next regular election for the Board.

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

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

**PIONEER RANCH**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**6B**

**NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT BY THE  
PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

In accord with Chapters 120 and 190, *Florida Statutes*, Pioneer Ranch Community Development District (“**District**”) hereby gives notice of its intention to develop Rules of Procedure to govern the operations of the District.

The Rules of Procedure will address such areas as the Board of Supervisors, officers and voting, district offices, public information and inspection of records, policies, public meetings, hearings and workshops, rulemaking proceedings and competitive purchase including procedure under the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act, procedure regarding auditor selection, purchase of insurance, pre-qualification, construction contracts, goods, supplies and materials, maintenance services, contractual services and protests with respect to proceedings, as well as any other area of the general operation of the District.

The purpose and effect of the Rules of Procedure is to provide for efficient and effective District operations and to ensure compliance with Florida law. The legal authority for the adoption of the proposed Rules of Procedure includes Sections 190.011(5), 190.011(15) and 190.035, *Florida Statutes* (2022). The specific laws implemented in the Rules of Procedure include, but are not limited to, Sections 112.08, 112.3143, 112.31446, 112.3145, 119.07, 119.0701, 189.053, 189.069(2)(a)16, 190.006, 190.007, 190.008, 190.011(3), 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 190.033, 190.035, 218.33, 218.391, 255.05, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 286.0105, 286.011, 286.0113, 286.0114, 287.017, 287.055 and 287.084, *Florida Statutes* (2022).

A copy of the proposed Rules of Procedure may be obtained by contacting the District Manager, at Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, 561-571-0010.

District Manager  
Pioneer Ranch Community Development District

Run Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_\_\_

PUBLISH: [AT LEAST 29 DAYS PRIOR TO ADOPTION DATE; AT LEAST ONE DAY PRIOR TO NOTICE OF RULEMAKING]

**NOTICE OF RULEMAKING REGARDING THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE  
PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

A public hearing will be conducted by the Board of Supervisors of Pioneer Ranch Community Development District ("District") on \_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.m. at \_\_\_\_\_.

In accord with Chapters 120 and 190, Florida Statutes, the District hereby gives the public notice of its intent to adopt its proposed Rules of Procedure. The purpose and effect of the proposed Rules of Procedure is to provide for efficient and effective District operations and to ensure compliance with recent changes to Florida law. Prior notice of rule development was published in the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_.

The Rules of Procedure may address such areas as the Board of Supervisors, officers and voting, district offices, public information and inspection of records, policies, public meetings, hearings and workshops, rulemaking proceedings and competitive purchase including procedure under the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act, procedure regarding auditor selection, purchase of insurance, pre-qualification, construction contracts, goods, supplies and materials, maintenance services, contractual services and protests with respect to proceedings, as well as any other area of the general operation of the District.

Specific legal authority for the adoption of the proposed Rules of Procedure includes Sections 190.011(5), 190.011(15) and 190.035, Florida Statutes (2022). The specific laws implemented in the Rules of Procedure include, but are not limited to, Sections 112.08, 112.3143, 112.31446, 112.3145, 119.07, 119.0701, 189.053, 189.069(2)(a)16, 190.006, 190.007, 190.008, 190.011(3), 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 190.033, 190.035, 218.33, 218.391, 255.05, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 286.0105, 286.011, 286.0113, 286.0114, 287.017, 287.055 and 287.084, Florida Statutes (2022).

A copy of the proposed Rules of Procedure may be obtained by contacting the District Manager's Office at Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561) 571-0010.

Any person who wishes to provide the District with a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), Florida Statutes, must do so in writing within twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice to the District Manager's Office.

This public hearing may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the hearing without additional notice. If anyone chooses to appeal any decision of the Board with respect to any matter considered at a public hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and should accordingly ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which includes the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based. At the hearing, staff or Supervisors may participate in the public hearing by speaker telephone.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District 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 at 1-800-955-8771 or 1-800-955-8770 for aid in contacting the District Office.

Pioneer Ranch Community Development District  
District Manager

**Run Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLISH: [AT LEAST 28 DAYS PRIOR TO ADOPTION DATE]**

# **PIONEER RANCH**

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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## TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into, by and between WILLIAM "BILLY" WOODS, as SHERIFF of MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, hereinafter referred to as SHERIFF, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, hereinafter referred to as COUNTY, and PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, hereinafter referred to as COMMUNITY.

### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the COMMUNITY is a master-planned community doing business at c/o Wrathell Hunt & Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431; and

WHEREAS, the COMMUNITY desires to have the SHERIFF provide traffic and parking enforcement over roads owned by the COMMUNITY as described in Florida State Statute §316.006 and located within COMMUNITY as set forth below, *in addition* to jurisdictional authority presently exercised by counties under law, and nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to limit or remove any such jurisdictional authority; and

WHEREAS, the SHERIFF has agreed to provide said services;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants as set forth below, the parties agree as follows:

**1. SHERIFF'S SERVICE AREA:** There is created a Sheriff's Service Area encompassing all roads owned or controlled by the COMMUNITY in Marion County, Florida. A map reflecting the boundaries of the COMMUNITY and the roads that are the subject of this agreement is attached.

**2. DUTIES OF SHERIFF:** The SHERIFF shall provide, in the area to be serviced, all law enforcement services normally provided by the SHERIFF within the unincorporated areas of Marion County, Florida. By this Agreement the SHERIFF will have jurisdiction to control traffic within the COMMUNITY as described in Florida State Statute §316.006(3). The assignment and schedule of any deputy sheriff assigned to Sheriff's Service Area shall be determined at sole discretion of the SHERIFF. It is understood and agreed that the COMMUNITY has no authority under this Agreement concerning said assignment and scheduling or of the enforcement of any laws or ordinances.

**3. SHERIFF'S LEGAL OBLIGATIONS:** The COMMUNITY and SHERIFF recognize that there may be certain legal obligations as a constitutional officer of the State of Florida which may modify the terms of this Agreement, and COMMUNITY and SHERIFF agree to abide by this Agreement as modified by any statutory or constitutional obligations of the SHERIFF. The SHERIFF is responsible for his defense and the defense of his agents for any action arising out of the performance or non-performance of his duties or the duties of his agents. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed as a waiver by the SHERIFF or the COUNTY of their sovereign immunity. The SHERIFF shall not be responsible for defense of any action arising out of acts or omissions of other

agencies or other agents. In the event a lawsuit is filed against any party to this Agreement, the County Attorney and the SHERIFF'S General Counsel shall be immediately notified by parties served.

**4. LIMITATIONS;** There are no intended third-party beneficiaries to this Agreement, and nothing herein shall be construed to grant any person, firm, or other entity which is not a signatory to this Agreement the right, benefit, or privileges to rely on or demand performance of any provision of this Agreement.

**5. OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY AND/OR EQUIPMENT:** The COMMUNITY acknowledges that the SHERIFF owns all property utilized by the officer(s) performing the law enforcement services within the scope of this Agreement. Such equipment includes, but is not limited to, the vehicle, mobile radio, light bar, siren, vest, rifle, handgun, radar unit, etc.

**6. SPECIFIC REQUESTS:** The COMMUNITY may request additional traffic enforcement during specified times utilizing off-duty deputies through the SHERIFF'S OFFICE Special Detail Program.

**7. TERM OF AGREEMENT:** This agreement shall commence upon signature of all parties (i.e., beginning on the date the last signature is affixed) and shall be in effect for a term of one year. Thereafter, this Agreement shall automatically renew for successive one-year terms, unless and until terminated in accordance with Paragraph 9 herein.

**8. MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT:** This Agreement may be modified only by written addendum to this contract, executed by all parties.

**9. TERMINATION CLAUSE:** This Agreement may be terminated by either party on written notice given at least 30 days in advance of termination.

**10. PROVISION OF NOTICE:** Provision of any notice under this agreement shall be made via certified mail to the following persons and shall be deemed received three (3) calendar days after mailing:

- A. For the SHERIFF: Sheriff William "Billy" Woods, 692 NW 30th Ave, Ocala, FL 34475, with copy to: Legal Division, 692 NW 30th Ave, Ocala, FL 34475
- B. For the COUNTY: Chairperson of the Board of County Commissioners, 601 SE 25th Ave, Ocala, FL 34471
- C. For the COMMUNITY: Marion County Community Development District, c/o Wrathell Hunt & Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by duly authorized officials the day and year set forth below.

WILLIAM "BILLY" WOODS  
SHERIFF OF MARION COUNTY,  
FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_  
WILLIAM "BILLY" WOODS, Sheriff

PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

\_\_\_\_\_  
GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson  
Board of County Commissioners

# **PIONEER RANCH**

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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**RESOLUTION 2026-10**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A DATE, TIME AND LOCATION FOR LANDOWNERS’ MEETING AND ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; ESTABLISHING FORMS FOR THE LANDOWNER ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, Pioneer Ranch Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within Marion County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the District’s Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) is statutorily authorized to exercise the powers granted to the District; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the effective date of Marion County Ordinance No. 23-34 creating the District (the “Ordinance”) is December 20, 2023; and

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

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

**SECTION 1.** In accordance with section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*, the meeting of the landowners to elect three (3) supervisors of the District, shall be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026 at \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ \_\_.m., at

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

**SECTION 3.** Pursuant to Section 190.006(2)(b), *Florida Statutes*, the landowners’ meeting and election is hereby announced at the Board’s Regular Meeting held on the 6th day of February, 2026. A sample notice of landowners’ meeting and election, proxy, ballot form and instructions were presented at such meeting and are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

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

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 6th day of February, 2026.

Attest:

**PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

## Exhibit A

**NOTICE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING AND ELECTION AND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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

**DATE:** November 3, 2026

**TIME:** \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_.m.

**PLACE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Each landowner may vote in person or by written proxy. Proxy forms may be obtained upon request at the office of the District Manager, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, by emailing wrathellc@whhassociates.com or calling (561) 571-0010. At said meeting, each landowner or his or her proxy shall be entitled to nominate persons for the position of Supervisor and cast one vote per acre of land, or fractional portion thereof, owned by him or her and located within the District for each person to be elected to the position of Supervisor. A fraction of an acre shall be treated as one acre, entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Platted lots shall be counted individually and rounded up to the nearest whole acre. The acreage of platted lots shall not be aggregated for determining the number of voting units held by a landowner or a landowner's proxy. At the landowners' meeting, the landowners shall select a person to serve as the meeting chair and who shall conduct the meeting.

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

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

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

District Manager

Run Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

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

**INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO LANDOWNERS' MEETING OF  
PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
FOR THE ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS**

DATE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING: **November 3, 2026**

TIME: \_\_\_:\_\_\_ \_\_.m.

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

**LANDOWNER PROXY**

**PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – November 3, 2026**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned, the fee simple owner of the lands described herein, hereby constitutes and appoints \_\_\_\_\_ (“Proxy Holder”) for and on behalf of the undersigned, to vote as proxy at the meeting of the landowners of the Pioneer Ranch Community Development District to be held at \_\_\_:\_\_\_ \_\_.m., on November 3, 2026 at \_\_\_\_\_, and at any adjournments thereof, according to the number of acres of unplatted land and/or platted lots owned by the undersigned landowner that the undersigned would be entitled to vote if then personally present, upon any question, proposition, or resolution or any other matter or thing that may be considered at said meeting including, but not limited to, the election of members of the Board of Supervisors. Said Proxy Holder may vote in accordance with his or her discretion on all matters not known or determined at the time of solicitation of this proxy, which may legally be considered at said meeting.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Legal Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Legal Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

<b><u>Parcel Description</u></b>	<b><u>Acreage</u></b>	<b><u>Authorized Votes</u></b>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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

**Total Number of Authorized Votes:** \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES: Pursuant to Section 190.006(2)(b), Florida Statutes, a fraction of an acre is treated as one (1) acre entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. For purposes of determining voting interests, platted lots shall be counted individually and rounded up to the nearest whole acre. Moreover, two (2) or more persons who own real property in common that is one acre or less are together entitled to only one vote for that real property.

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

OFFICIAL BALLOT

**PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – NOVEMBER 3, 2026**

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

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

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

or

**Attach Proxy.**

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

<b>SEAT</b>	<b>NAME OF CANDIDATE</b>	<b>NUMBER OF VOTES</b>
1.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**PIONEER RANCH**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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**PIONEER RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
Performance Measures/Standards & Annual Reporting Form  
October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026**

**1. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

**Goal 1.1 Public Meetings Compliance**

**Objective:** Hold at least two (2) regular Board of Supervisor meetings per year to conduct CDD related business and discuss community needs.

**Measurement:** Number of public board meetings held annually as evidenced by meeting minutes and legal advertisements.

**Standard:** A minimum of two (2) regular board meetings was held during the fiscal year.

**Achieved:** Yes  No

**Goal 1.2 Notice of Meetings Compliance**

**Objective:** Provide public notice of each meeting at least seven days in advance, as specified in Section 190.007(1), using at least two communication methods.

**Measurement:** Timeliness and method of meeting notices as evidenced by posting to CDD website, publishing in local newspaper and via electronic communication.

**Standard:** 100% of meetings were advertised with 7 days' notice per statute on at least two mediums (i.e., newspaper, CDD website, electronic communications).

**Achieved:** Yes  No

**Goal 1.3 Access to Records Compliance**

**Objective:** Ensure that meeting minutes and other public records are readily available and easily accessible to the public by completing monthly CDD website checks.

**Measurement:** Monthly website reviews will be completed to ensure meeting minutes and other public records are up to date as evidenced by District Management's records.

**Standard:** 100% of monthly website checks were completed by District Management.

**Achieved:** Yes  No

## 2. **INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES MAINTENANCE**

### **Goal 2.1 District Infrastructure and Facilities Inspections**

**Objective:** District Engineer will conduct an annual inspection of the District's infrastructure and related systems.

**Measurement:** A minimum of one (1) inspection completed per year as evidenced by district engineer's report related to district's infrastructure and related systems.

**Standard:** Minimum of one (1) inspection was completed in the Fiscal Year by the district's engineer.

**Achieved:** Yes  No

## 3. **FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

### **Goal 3.1 Annual Budget Preparation**

**Objective:** Prepare and approve the annual proposed budget by June 15 and final budget was adopted by September 30 each year.

**Measurement:** Proposed budget was approved by the Board before June 15 and final budget was adopted by September 30 as evidenced by meeting minutes and budget documents listed on CDD website and/or within district records.

**Standard:** 100% of budget approval and adoption were completed by the statutory deadlines and posted to the CDD website.

**Achieved:** Yes  No

**Goal 3.2      Financial Reports**

**Objective:** Publish to the CDD website the most recent versions of the following documents: current fiscal year budget with any amendments, most recent financials within the latest agenda package; and annual audit via link to Florida Auditor General website.

**Measurement:** Previous years' budgets, financials and annual audit, are accessible to the public as evidenced by corresponding documents and link on the CDD's website.

**Standard:** CDD website contains 100% of the following information: most recent link to annual audit, most recently adopted/amended fiscal year budget, and most recent agenda package with updated financials.

**Achieved:** Yes  No

**Goal 3.3      Annual Financial Audit**

**Objective:** Conduct an annual independent financial audit per statutory requirements, transmit to the State of Florida and publish corresponding link to Florida Auditor General Website on the CDD website for public inspection.

**Measurement:** Timeliness of audit completion and publication as evidenced by meeting minutes showing board approval and annual audit is transmitted to the State of Florida and available on the Florida Auditor General Website, for which a corresponding link is published on the CDD website.

**Standard:** Audit was completed by an independent auditing firm per statutory requirements and results were transmitted to the State of Florida and corresponding link to Florida Auditor General Website is published on CDD website.

**Achieved:** Yes  No

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District Manager

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Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

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Print Name

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**PIONEER RANCH**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**UNAUDITED**  
**FINANCIAL**  
**STATEMENTS**

# Pioneer Ranch

Community Development District

*Financial Statements  
December 31, 2025*

*JPWard and Associates, LLC*  
2301 N.E. 37<sup>th</sup> Street  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308  
Phone: (954) 658-4900

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**Pioneer Ranch  
Community Development District  
Balance Sheet  
for the Period Ending December 31, 2025**

	Governmental Funds						Totals (Memorandum Only)
	Debt Service Funds		Capital Project Fund		Account Groups		
	General Fund	Series 2024	Series 2024	General Long Term Debt	General Fixed Assets		
<b>Assets</b>							
<b>Cash and Investments</b>							
General Fund - Invested Cash	\$ 6,978	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,978
Debt Service Fund							
Interest Account	-	24	-	-	-	-	24
Reserve Account	-	503,885	-	-	-	-	503,885
Revenue Account	-	477	-	-	-	-	477
Prepayment Account	-	182,857	-	-	-	-	182,857
Construction Account	-	-	5,635,513	-	-	-	5,635,513
<b>Due from Other Funds</b>							
General Fund	-	2,619	-	-	-	-	2,619
Debt Service Fund(s)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Amount Available in Debt Service Funds</b>	-	-	-	689,862	-	-	689,862
<b>Amount to be Provided by Debt Service Funds</b>	-	-	-	14,515,138	-	-	14,515,138
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 6,978</b>	<b>\$ 689,862</b>	<b>\$ 5,635,513</b>	<b>\$ 15,205,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 21,537,354</b>

**Pioneer Ranch  
Community Development District  
Balance Sheet  
for the Period Ending December 31, 2025**

	Governmental Funds						Totals (Memorandum Only)
	Debt Service Funds		Capital Project Fund		Account Groups		
	General Fund	Series 2024	Series 2024	General Long Term Debt	General Fixed Assets		
<b>Liabilities</b>							
<b>Accounts Payable</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Due to Other Funds</b>							
General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service Fund(s)	2,619	-	-	-	-	-	2,619
<b>Due to Developer</b>	44,466	-	-	-	-	-	44,466
<b>Bonds Payable</b>							
Current Portion (Due within 12 months)							
Series 2024	-	-	-	240,000	-	-	240,000
Long Term							
Series 2024	-	-	-	14,965,000	-	-	14,965,000
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 47,085</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 15,205,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 15,252,085</b>
<b>Fund Equity and Other Credits</b>							
<b>Investment in General Fixed Assets</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Fund Balance</b>							
<b>Restricted</b>							
Beginning: October 1, 2025 (Unaudited)	-	725,060	5,575,461	-	-	-	6,300,521
Results from Current Operations	-	(35,198)	60,053	-	-	-	24,854
<b>Unassigned</b>							
Beginning: October 1, 2025 (Unaudited)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Results from Current Operations	(40,107)	-	-	-	-	-	(40,107)
<b>Total Fund Equity and Other Credits</b>	<b>\$ (40,107)</b>	<b>\$ 689,862</b>	<b>\$ 5,635,513</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 6,285,269</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Fund Equity and Other Credits</b>	<b>\$ 6,978</b>	<b>\$ 689,862</b>	<b>\$ 5,635,513</b>	<b>\$ 15,205,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 21,537,354</b>

**Pioneer Ranch  
Community Development District  
General Fund  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance  
Through December 31, 2025**

Description	December	Year to Date	Total Annual Budget	% of Budget
<b>Revenue and Other Sources</b>				
<b>Carryforward</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
<b>Special Assessment Revenue</b>				
Special Assessments - On-Roll	308	308	133,954	0%
<b>Other Fees and Charges</b>				
Discounts/Collection Fees	-	-	(10,083)	0%
<b>Total Revenue and Other Sources:</b>	<b>\$ 308</b>	<b>\$ 308</b>	<b>\$ 123,871</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Expenditures and Other Uses</b>				
<b>Executive</b>				
Professional Management	3,500	10,500	42,000	25%
<b>Financial and Administrative</b>				
Audit Services	4,800	4,800	4,000	120%
Accounting Services	1,417	4,250	17,000	25%
Assessment Roll Preparation	1,417	4,250	17,000	25%
Arbitrage Rebate Services	500	500	500	100%
<b>Other Contractual Services</b>				
Legal Advertising	-	-	1,000	0%
Trustee Services	-	4,246	4,246	100%
Dissemination Agent Services	-	3,500	4,000	88%
Bond Amortization Schedules	-	500	-	0%
Bank Service Fees	-	-	250	0%
<b>Communications &amp; Freight Services</b>				
Postage, Freight & Messenger	12	12	100	12%
Website Development	800	800	2,400	33%
<b>Insurance</b>				
	-	5,800	5,700	102%
<b>Printing &amp; Binding</b>				
	-	-	500	0%
<b>Subscription &amp; Memberships</b>				
	-	175	175	100%
<b>Legal Services</b>				
Legal - General Counsel	999	999	12,500	8%
Legal - Series 2024 Bonds	83	83	-	0%
<b>Other General Government Services</b>				
Engineering Services	-	-	12,500	0%
<b>Other Current Charges/Obligations</b>				
Marion County RE Tax	-	-	-	0%
<b>Total Expenditures and Other Uses:</b>	<b>\$ 13,527</b>	<b>\$ 40,415</b>	<b>\$ 123,871</b>	<b>33%</b>
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(13,219)	(40,107)	-	
Fund Balance - Beginning	(26,888)	-	-	
<b>Fund Balance - Ending</b>	<b>\$ (40,107)</b>	<b>\$ (40,107)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

Prepared by:

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**Pioneer Ranch  
Community Development District  
Debt Service Fund - Series 2024  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance  
Through December 31, 2025**

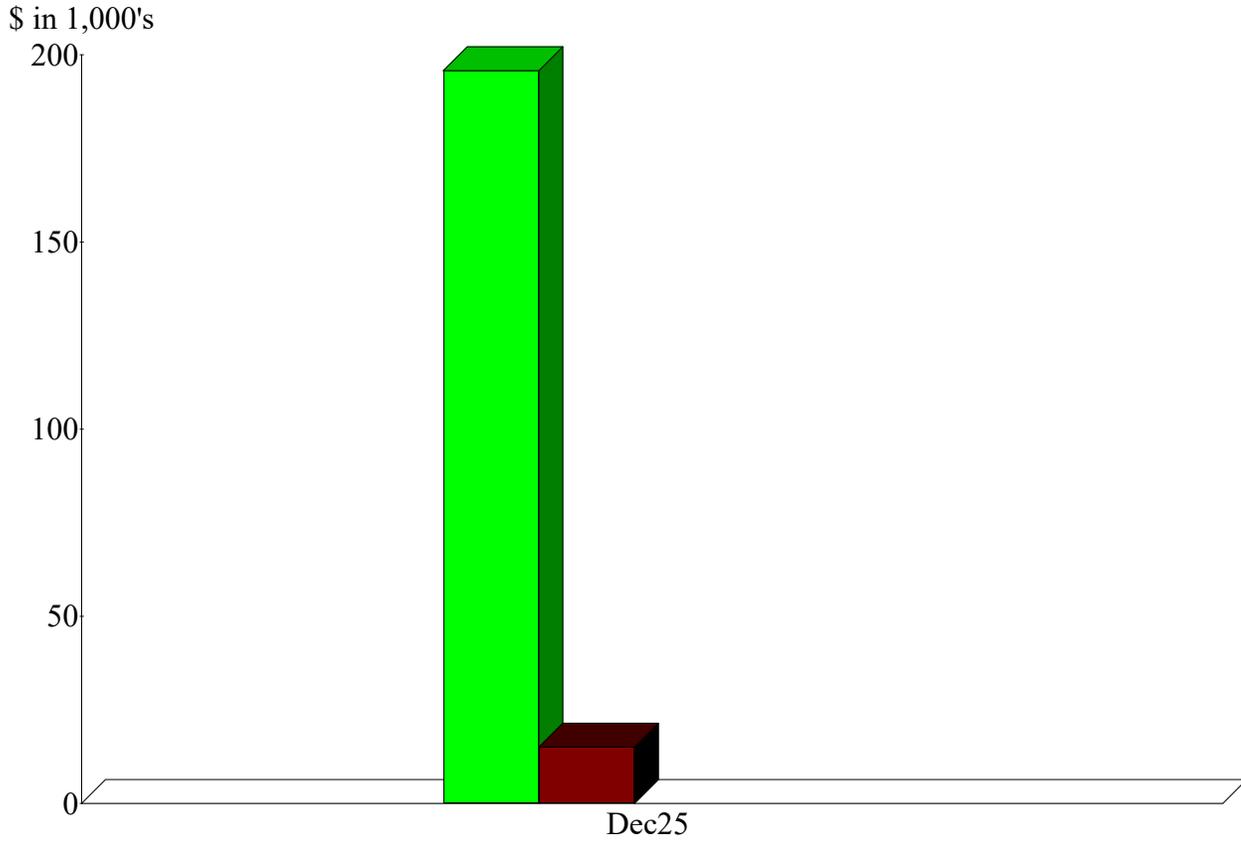
Description	December	Year to Date	Total Annual Budget	% of Budget
<b>Revenue and Other Sources</b>				
<b>Carryforward</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
<b>Interest Income</b>				
Interest Account	1	47	-	0%
Reserve Account	1,568	5,020	15,312	33%
Prepayment Account	58	1,094	-	0%
Revenue Account	80	454	-	0%
<b>Special Assessments - Prepayments</b>				
Special Assessments - On Roll	2,619	2,619	1,105,330	0%
Special Assessments - Prepayments	172,289	172,289	-	0%
<b>Developer Contribution</b>	-	384,915	-	0%
<b>Other Fees and Charges</b>				
Discounts for Early Payment	-	-	(51,258)	0%
<b>Intragovernmental Transfer In</b>	-	-	-	0%
<b>Total Revenue and Other Sources:</b>	<b>\$ 176,615</b>	<b>\$ 566,437</b>	<b>\$ 1,069,384</b>	<b>53%</b>
<b>Expenditures and Other Uses</b>				
<b>Debt Service</b>				
<b>Principal Debt Service - Mandatory</b>				
Series 2024	-	-	240,000	0%
<b>Principal Debt Service - Early Redemptions</b>				
Series 2024	-	205,000	-	0%
<b>Interest Expense</b>				
Series 2024	-	391,615	785,160	50%
<b>Intragovernmental Transfer Out</b>	1,568	5,020	-	0%
<b>Total Expenditures and Other Uses:</b>	<b>\$ 1,568</b>	<b>\$ 601,635</b>	<b>\$ 1,025,160</b>	<b>0%</b>
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Fund Balance	175,047	(35,198)	44,224	
Fund Balance - Beginning	516,546	725,060	725,060	
<b>Fund Balance - Ending</b>	<b>\$ 691,594</b>	<b>\$ 689,862</b>	<b>\$ 769,284</b>	

**Pioneer Ranch  
Community Development District  
Capital Projects Fund - Series 2024  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance  
Through December 31, 2025**

Description	December	Year to Date	Total Annual Budget	% of Budget
<b>Revenue and Other Sources</b>				
Carryforward	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
<b>Interest Income</b>				
Construction Account	17,289	55,033	-	0%
Developer Contributions	-	-	-	0%
Operating Transfers In (From Other Funds)	1,568	5,020	-	0%
<b>Total Revenue and Other Sources:</b>	<b>\$ 18,856</b>	<b>\$ 60,053</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Expenditures and Other Uses</b>				
<b>Capital Outlay</b>				
Operating Transfers Out (To Other Funds)	-	-	-	0%
<b>Total Expenditures and Other Uses:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0%</b>
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Fund Balance	18,856	60,053	-	
Fund Balance - Beginning	5,616,657	5,575,461	-	
<b>Fund Balance - Ending</b>	<b>\$ 5,635,513</b>	<b>\$ 5,635,513</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

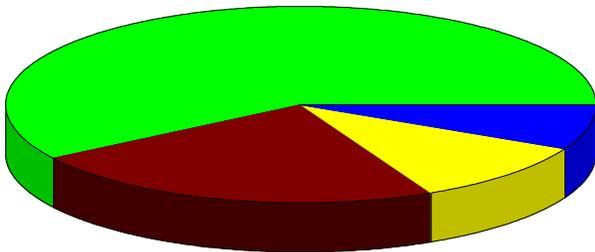
# Pioneer Ranch Community Development District

Income and Expense by Month  
December 2025



Expense Summary  
December 2025

5130000 · Financial and Administrative	59.26%
5120000 · Executive	23.19
5810000 · Interfund Transfer Out	10.39
5140000 · Legal Services	7.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,094.28</b>



By Account

**PIONEER RANCH**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**MINUTES**

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**MINUTES OF MEETING  
PIONEER RANCH  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Pioneer Ranch Community Development District was held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at the offices of Armstrong Homes, 1415 SW 17th Street, Ocala, Florida 34471. It began at 4:30 p.m. and was presided over by Chris Armstrong, Chairperson, with James P. Ward as Secretary.

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**Present and constituting a quorum:**

Chris Armstrong	Chairperson
Andrea Agha	Vice Chairperson
Ron Wiese	Assistant Secretary
Alec Morris	Assistant Secretary
David Garcia	Assistant Secretary

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**Also present were:**

James P. Ward	District Manager
Meagan Magaldi	District Attorney

**Audience:**

All residents' names were not included with the minutes. If a resident did not identify themselves or the audio file did not pick up the name, the name was not recorded in these minutes. Portions of this meeting were transcribed verbatim and are in *italics*.

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

Mr. James P. Ward called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 p.m. He conducted roll call; all Members of the Board were present, constituting a quorum.

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Notice of Advertisement**

**Notice of Advertisement of Public Hearings**

**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Minutes**

**April 15, 2025 - Regular Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Ward asked if there were any additions, corrections, or deletions to the Minutes; hearing none, he called for a motion.

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**On MOTION made by Alec Morris, seconded by Chris Armstrong, and with all in favor, the April 15, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved.**

**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Mr. Ward explained the Public Hearing process noting there were two public hearings, the first related to the Budget itself.

**a) FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET**

**I. Public Comment and Testimony**

Mr. Ward called for a motion to open the Public Hearing.

**On MOTION made by Alec Morris, seconded by Chris Armstrong, and with all in favor, the Public Hearing was opened.**

Mr. Ward noted there were no members of the public present in person. He asked if there were any members of the public present via audio or video with any questions; there were none. He called for a motion to close the public hearing.

**On MOTION made by Chris Armstrong, seconded by Alec Morris, and with all in favor, the Public Hearing was closed.**

**II. Board Comment**

Mr. Ward asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board; there were none.

**III. Consideration of Resolution 2025-4, a resolution of the Board of Supervisors adopting the Annual Appropriation and Budget for Fiscal Year 2026**

Mr. Ward called for a motion.

**On MOTION made by Alec Morris, seconded by Chris Armstrong, and with all in favor, Resolution 2025-4 was adopted, and the Chair was authorized to sign.**

**b) FISCAL YEAR 2026 IMPOSING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, CERTIFYING AN ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

95 Mr. Ward indicated this public hearing set into place the assessment rates and certified an  
96 assessment roll.

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98 **I. Public Comment and Testimony**

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100 Mr. Ward called for a motion to open the Public Hearing.

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**On MOTION made by Alec Morris, seconded by Chris  
Armstrong, and with all in favor, the Public Hearing was  
opened.**

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108 any questions; there were none. He called for a motion to close the public  
109 hearing.

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**On MOTION made by Ron Wiese, seconded by Alec Morris,  
and with all in favor, the Public Hearing was closed.**

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114 **II. Board Comment**

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116 Mr. Ward noted Resolution 2025-5 set the assessment rate and certified the assessment  
117 roll. He asked if there were any questions from the Board; there were none.

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119 **III. Consideration of Resolution 2025-5, a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors  
120 imposing special assessments, adopting an assessment roll, and approving the  
121 general fund special assessment methodology**

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123 Mr. Ward called for a motion.

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**On MOTION made by Chris Armstrong, seconded by Alec  
Morris, and with all in favor, Resolution 2025-5 was  
adopted, and the Chair was authorized to sign.**

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130 **FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Resolution 2025-6**

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132 **Consideration of Resolution 2025-6, a resolution of the Board of Supervisors  
133 designating dates, time, and location for regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors  
134 for Fiscal Year 2026**

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136 Mr. Ward noted the meeting dates would be the third Tuesday of each month at 4:15 p.m. at  
137 the offices of Armstrong Homes, 1415 SW 17th Street, Ocala, Florida 34471. He noted the  
138 Resolution allowed the CDD to advertise all meetings once in September, it did not bind the  
139 Board to the use of these dates, it simply set the dates, time, and location; the dates, time or  
140 location could be changed and readvertised at the discretion of the Board. He asked if there  
141 were any questions; hearing none, he called for a motion.

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**On MOTION made by Chris Armstrong, seconded by Alec Morris, and with all in favor, Resolution 2025-6 was adopted as amended, and the Chair was authorized to sign.**

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Staff Reports**

**I. District Attorney**

No report.

**II. District Engineer**

No report.

**III. District Manager**

- a) Supervisor of Elections Qualified Elector Report: 25 as of April 15, 2025**
- b) Special District Reporting: Goals and Objectives for Fiscal Year 2026**
- c) Important Board Meeting Dates for Balance of Fiscal Year 2025**
  - 1. June/July - Look for Commission on Ethics email (Form 1 Financial Disclosure)**
- d) Financial Statements for period ending April 30, 2025 (unaudited)**
- e) Financial Statements for period ending May 31, 2025 (unaudited)**

Mr. Ward reported the number of qualified electors in the District was 25 as of April 15, 2025. He explained transition to a qualified elector board would begin in 2030 as long as there were 250 qualified electors residing in the District; the transition could not begin before 2030. He reported the CDD’s goals and objectives were the same this year as last year. He asked if there were any questions; hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the goals and objectives for fiscal year 2026.

**On MOTION made by Chris Armstrong, seconded by Alec Morris, and with all in favor, the goals and objectives for fiscal year 2026 were approved.**

Mr. Ward reminded the Board to file Form 1 by July 1, 2025 and check the ethics training box, and to complete this year’s ethics training before December 31, 2025. He noted staff would send out links for free ethics training modules.

**SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Supervisor’s Requests**

Mr. Ward asked if there were any supervisor’s requests; there were none.

188 **EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Public Comments**

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190 **The public comment period is for items not listed on the Agenda, and comments are**  
191 **limited to three (3) minutes per person and assignment of speaking time is not**  
192 **permitted; however, the Presiding Officer may extend or reduce the time for the public**  
193 **comment period consistent with Section 286.0114, Florida Statutes**

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195 Mr. Ward asked if there were any public comments; there were none. There were no  
196 members of the public present.

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199 **NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Adjournment**

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201 Mr. Ward adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:35 p.m.

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**On MOTION made by Alec Morris, seconded by Chris  
203 Armstrong, and with all in favor, the meeting was  
204 adjourned.**

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James P. Ward, Secretary

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Chris Armstrong, Chairperson