

**Copperstone Community
Development District**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Supervisors
Copperstone Community Development District
Manatee County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Copperstone Community Development District as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Accounting Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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To the Board of Supervisors
Copperstone Community Development District

Opinion

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Copperstone Community Development District as of September 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by *Governmental Accounting Standards Board* who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with governmental auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted principally of inquires of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated April 15, 2021 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations and contracts. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Copperstone Community Development District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



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Fort Pierce, Florida

April 15, 2021

**Copperstone Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2020**

Management's discussion and analysis of Copperstone Community Development District's (the "District") financial performance provides an objective and easily readable analysis of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020. The analysis provides summary financial information for the District and should be read in conjunction with the District's financial statements.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The District's basic financial statements comprise three components; 1) *Government-wide financial statements*, 2) *Fund financial statements*, and 3) *Notes to financial statements*. The *Government-wide financial statements* present an overall picture of the District's financial position and results of operations. The *Fund financial statements* present financial information for the District's major funds. The *Notes to financial statements* provide additional information concerning the District's finances. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

The *Government-wide financial statements* are the **statement of net position** and the **statement of activities**. These statements use accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. Emphasis is placed on the net position of governmental activities and the change in net position. Governmental activities are primarily supported by special assessments.

The **statement of net position** presents information on all assets and liabilities of the District, with the difference between assets and liabilities reported as net position. Net position is reported in three categories; 1) net investment in capital assets, 2) restricted, and 3) unrestricted. Assets, liabilities, and net position are reported for all Governmental activities.

The **statement of activities** presents information on all revenues and expenses of the District and the change in net position. Expenses are reported by major function and program revenues relating to those functions are reported, providing the net cost of all functions provided by the District. To assist in understanding the District's operations, expenses have been reported as governmental activities. Governmental activities financed by the District include general government, physical environment and debt service.

Fund financial statements present financial information for governmental funds. These statements provide financial information for the major funds of the District. Governmental fund financial statements provide information on the current assets and liabilities of the funds, changes in current financial resources (revenues and expenditures), and current available resources.

**Copperstone Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2020**

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Fund financial statements include a **balance sheet** and a **statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances** for all governmental funds. A **statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances – budget and actual** is provided for the District's General Fund. *Fund financial statements* provide more detailed information about the District's activities. Individual funds are established by the District to track revenues that are restricted to certain uses or to comply with legal requirements.

The *government-wide financial statements* and the *fund financial statements* provide different pictures of the District. The *government-wide financial statements* provide an overall picture of the District's financial standing. These statements are comparable to private-sector companies and give a good understanding of the District's overall financial health and how the District paid for the various activities, or functions, provided by the District. All assets of the District, including infrastructure are reported in the **statement of net position**. All liabilities, including principal outstanding on bonds are included. The **statement of activities** includes depreciation on all long lived assets of the District, but transactions between the different functions of the District have been eliminated in order to avoid "doubling up" the revenues and expenses. The *fund financial statements* provide a picture of the major funds of the District. In the case of governmental activities, outlays for long lived assets are reported as expenditures and long-term liabilities, such as general obligation bonds, are not included in the fund financial statements. To provide a link from the *fund financial statements* to the *government-wide financial statements*, a reconciliation is provided from the *fund financial statements* to the *government-wide financial statements*.

Notes to financial statements provide additional detail concerning the financial activities and financial balances of the District. Additional information about the accounting practices of the District, investments of the District, capital assets and long-term debt are some of the items included in the *notes to financial statements*.

Financial Highlights

The following are the highlights of financial activity for the year ended September 30, 2020.

- ◆ The District's total assets and deferred outflows of resources were exceeded by total liabilities by \$(2,365,753) (net position). Unrestricted net position for Governmental Activities was \$(1,653,585). Net investment in capital assets was \$(735,376). Restricted net position was \$23,208.

- ◆ Governmental activities revenues totaled \$734,421 while governmental activities expenses totaled \$666,065.

**Copperstone Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2020**

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Financial Analysis of the District

The following schedule provides a summary of the assets, liabilities and net position of the District and is presented by category for comparison purposes.

Net Position

	Governmental Activities	
	2020	2019
Current assets	\$ 252,471	\$ 237,396
Restricted assets	82,244	55,946
Capital assets, net	<u>2,326,774</u>	<u>2,486,424</u>
Total Assets	<u>2,661,489</u>	<u>2,779,766</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>61,282</u>	<u>64,751</u>
Current liabilities	304,524	278,626
Non-current liabilities	<u>4,784,000</u>	<u>5,000,000</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>5,088,524</u>	<u>5,278,626</u>
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	(735,376)	(626,213)
Restricted	23,208	-
Unrestricted	<u>(1,653,585)</u>	<u>(1,807,896)</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$(2,365,753)</u></u>	<u><u>\$(2,434,109)</u></u>

The decrease in capital assets is primarily the result of depreciation in the current year.

The decrease in non-current liabilities is related to the principal payment made in the current year.

**Copperstone Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2020**

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Financial Analysis of the District (Continued)

The following schedule provides a summary of the changes in net position of the District and is presented by category for comparison purposes.

Change in Net Position

	Governmental Activities	
	2020	2019
Program Revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 732,452	\$ 824,540
General Revenues		
Investment earnings	1,969	10,853
Total Revenues	<u>734,421</u>	<u>835,393</u>
Expenses		
General government	142,375	118,537
Physical environment	373,937	367,631
Interest and other charges	149,753	484,180
Total Expenses	<u>666,065</u>	<u>970,348</u>
Change in Net Position	68,356	(134,955)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>(2,434,109)</u>	<u>(2,299,154)</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u>\$ (2,365,753)</u>	<u>\$ (2,434,109)</u>

The decrease in charges for services is related to decreased debt service special assessments in the current year.

The increase in general government is related to increased engineering expenses related to the lake bank restoration.

The decrease in interest and other charges is related to the bond refunding in the prior year.

**Copperstone Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2020**

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Capital Assets Activity

The following schedule provides a summary of the District's capital assets as of September 30, 2020 and 2019.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Land and improvements	\$ 337,498	\$ 337,498
Improvements other than buildings	106,213	106,213
Infrastructure	3,885,022	3,885,022
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,001,959)</u>	<u>(1,842,309)</u>
Total Capital Assets (Net)	<u>\$ 2,326,774</u>	<u>\$ 2,486,424</u>

The activity for the year consisted of \$159,650 in depreciation.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Actual expenditures were less than the total budget for the year ended September 30, 2020 because reserve expenditures were less than anticipated.

There were no amendments to the budget.

Debt Management

Governmental Activities debt includes the following:

- ◆ In June 2019, the District issued \$5,209,000 Series 2019 Capital Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds. These bonds were issued to currently refund and redeem all of the outstanding principal amount of the Series 2007 Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds. The balance outstanding at September 30, 2020 was \$5,000,000.

**Copperstone Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2020**

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

Copperstone Community Development District issued the Series 2020 Note to finance improvements comprising the Series 2020 Project. The District does not anticipate economic factors to affect operations for the year ended September 30, 2021.

Request for Information

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Copperstone Community Development District's finances for all those with an interest. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Copperstone Community Development District, Rizzetta & Company, 3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33614.

Copperstone Community Development District
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2020

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 242,424
Prepaid expenses	10,047
Total Current Assets	<u>252,471</u>
Non-Current Assets	
Restricted assets	
Investments	82,244
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	
Land and improvements	337,498
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	
Improvements other than buildings	106,213
Infrastructure	3,885,022
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,001,959)</u>
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>2,409,018</u>
Total Assets	<u>2,661,489</u>
 DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred amount on refunding	<u>61,282</u>
 LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	29,149
Accrued interest	59,375
Bonds payable - current portion	216,000
Total Current Liabilities	<u>304,524</u>
Non-Current Liabilities	
Bonds payable	<u>4,784,000</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>5,088,524</u>
 NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	(735,376)
Restricted for debt service	23,208
Unrestricted	<u>(1,653,585)</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ (2,365,753)</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Copperstone Community Development District
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues Charges for Services</u>	<u>Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities</u>
Governmental Activities			
General government	\$ (142,375)	\$ 148,701	\$ 6,326
Physical environment	(373,937)	223,807	(150,130)
Interest and other charges	(149,753)	359,944	210,191
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ (666,065)</u>	<u>\$ 732,452</u>	<u>66,387</u>
General revenues:			
			<u>1,969</u>
			68,356
			<u>(2,434,109)</u>
			<u>\$ (2,365,753)</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Copperstone Community Development District
BALANCE SHEET -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
September 30, 2020

	General	Debt Service	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 242,424	\$ -	\$ 242,424
Prepaid items	10,047	-	10,047
Due from other funds	-	339	339
Restricted assets			
Investments, at fair value	-	82,244	82,244
Total Assets	<u>\$ 252,471</u>	<u>\$ 82,583</u>	<u>\$ 335,054</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 29,149	\$ -	\$ 29,149
Due to other funds	339	-	339
Total Liabilities	<u>29,488</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,488</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable - prepaid expenses	10,047	-	10,047
Restricted			
Debt service	-	82,583	82,583
Assigned-capital projects	112,487	-	112,487
Unassigned	100,449	-	100,449
Total Fund Balances	<u>222,983</u>	<u>82,583</u>	<u>305,566</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 252,471</u>	<u>\$ 82,583</u>	<u>\$ 335,054</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Copperstone Community Development District
RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES
TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
September 30, 2020

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$	305,566
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets, land and improvements, \$337,498, infrastructure, \$3,885,022, improvements other than buildings, \$106,213, net of accumulated depreciation, \$(2,001,959), used in governmental activities are not financial resources and; therefore, are not reported at the fund level.		2,326,774
Deferred amount on refunding is not a current financial resource, and therefore is not reported at the fund level.		61,282
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not reported at the fund level.		(5,000,000)
Accrued interest expense for long-term debt is not a current financial use, and therefore, is not reported at the fund level.		<u>(59,375)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	<u><u>(2,365,753)</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Copperstone Community Development District
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

	General	Debt Service	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Special assessments	\$ 372,508	\$ 359,944	\$ 732,452
Investment earnings	913	1,056	1,969
Total Revenues	<u>373,421</u>	<u>361,000</u>	<u>734,421</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
General government	142,375	-	142,375
Physical environment	214,287	-	214,287
Debt service			
Principal	-	209,000	209,000
Interest and other charges	-	125,363	125,363
Total Expenditures	<u>356,662</u>	<u>334,363</u>	<u>691,025</u>
Net change in fund balances	16,759	26,637	43,396
Fund Balances - Beginning of year	<u>206,224</u>	<u>55,946</u>	<u>262,170</u>
Fund Balances - End of year	<u><u>\$ 222,983</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 82,583</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 305,566</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Copperstone Community Development District
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$	43,396
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; however, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation. This is the amount of depreciation in the current period.		(159,650)
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Repayment of bond and note principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.		209,000
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The deferred amount on refunding is amortized at the government-wide level as interest over the life of the associated bonds payable. This is the current year amount amortized.		(3,469)
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In the Statement of Activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds, interest expenditures are reported when due. This is the net amount between the prior year and the current year accruals.		(20,921)
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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	<u>68,356</u>
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Copperstone Community Development District
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
Revenues				
Special assessments	\$ 367,895	\$ 367,895	\$ 372,508	\$ 4,613
Investment earnings	-	-	913	913
Total Revenues	<u>367,895</u>	<u>367,895</u>	<u>373,421</u>	<u>5,526</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	107,593	107,593	142,375	(34,782)
Physical environment	<u>260,302</u>	<u>260,302</u>	<u>214,287</u>	<u>46,015</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>367,895</u>	<u>367,895</u>	<u>356,662</u>	<u>11,233</u>
Net change in fund balances	-	-	16,759	16,759
Fund Balances - Beginning of year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>206,224</u>	<u>206,224</u>
Fund Balances - End of year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 222,983</u>	<u>\$ 222,983</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Copperstone Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2020

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of Copperstone Community Development District (the "District") have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The District's more significant accounting policies are described below.

1. Reporting Entity

The District was established on November 20, 2006 by Ordinance No. 06-79 of the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida. The District was established pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended (the "Act"), as a Community Development District. The District was established for the purposes of financing and managing the acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of the infrastructure necessary for community development within its jurisdiction. The District is governed by a five-member Board of Supervisors. The Supervisors are elected on an at-large basis by qualified voters residing within the District. The District operates within the criteria established by Chapter 190. The Board has the responsibility for allocating and levying assessments, approving budgets, exercising control over facilities and properties, controlling the use of funds generated by the District, approving the hiring and firing of key personnel, and financing improvements.

The reporting entity for the District includes all functions of government in which the District's Board exercises oversight responsibility. Oversight responsibility includes, but is not limited to, financial interdependency, designation of management, significant ability to influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters. As required by GAAP, these financial statements present the Copperstone Community Development District, (the primary government) as a stand-alone government.

Based upon the application of the above-mentioned criteria as set forth in Governmental Accounting Standards Board, the District has identified no component units.

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The basic financial statements of the District are composed of the following:

- Government-wide financial statements
- Fund financial statements
- Notes to financial statements

Copperstone Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2020

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

a. Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Government-wide financial statements report all non-fiduciary information about the reporting government as a whole. These statements include the governmental activities of the primary government. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

Governmental activities are supported by special assessments and interest. Program revenues are netted with program expenses in the statement of activities to present the net cost of each program.

Amounts paid to acquire capital assets are capitalized as assets, rather than reported as an expenditure. Proceeds of long-term debt are recorded as liabilities in the government-wide financial statements, rather than as an other financing source.

Amounts paid to reduce long-term indebtedness of the reporting government are reported as a reduction of the related liability, rather than as an expenditure.

b. Fund Financial Statements

The underlying accounting system of the District is organized and operated on the basis of separate funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Governmental resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

Fund financial statements for the primary government's governmental funds are presented after the government-wide financial statements. These statements display information about major funds individually.

Copperstone Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2020

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

b. Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Governmental Funds

The District has implemented the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 54 – Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions. The Statement requires the fund balance for governmental funds to be reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

The District has various policies governing the fund balance classifications.

Nonspendable Fund Balance – This classification consists of amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted Fund Balance – This classification includes amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes stipulated by the state constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.

Assigned Fund Balance – This classification consists of the Board of Supervisors' intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The assigned fund balances can also be assigned by the District's management company.

Unassigned Fund Balance – This classification is the residual classification for the government's general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. Unassigned fund balance is considered to be utilized first when expenditure is incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

Fund Balance Spending Hierarchy – For all governmental funds except special revenue funds, when restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balances are combined in a fund, qualified expenditures are paid first from restricted or committed fund balance, as appropriate, then assigned and finally unassigned fund balances.

Copperstone Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2020

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

b. Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Governmental Funds (Continued)

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collected within the current period or soon thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. Interest associated with the current fiscal period is considered to be an accrual item and so has been recognized as revenue of the current fiscal period.

Under the current financial resources measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The reported fund balance is considered to be a measure of “available spendable resources”. Governmental fund operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of “available spendable resources” during a period.

Because of their spending measurement focus, expenditure recognition for governmental fund types excludes amounts represented by non-current liabilities. Since they do not affect net current assets, such long-term amounts are not recognized as governmental fund type expenditures or fund liabilities.

Amounts expended to acquire capital assets are recorded as expenditures in the year that resources were expended, rather than as fund assets. The proceeds of long-term debt are recorded as an other financing source rather than as a fund liability.

Debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

3. Basis of Presentation

a. Governmental Major Funds

General Fund – The General Fund is the District’s primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3. Basis of Presentation (Continued)

a. Governmental Major Funds (Continued)

Debt Service Fund – The Debt Service Fund accounts for debt service requirements to retire certain capital improvement revenue bonds which were used to finance the construction of District infrastructure improvements and finance certain additional improvements. The bond series is secured by a pledge of debt service special assessment revenues in any fiscal year related to the improvements. A lien is placed on all benefited land in relationship to the debt outstanding.

b. Non-current Governmental Assets/Liabilities

GASB Statement 34 requires that non-current governmental assets, such as land and buildings, and non-current governmental liabilities, such as special assessment bonds, be reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide Statement of Net Position.

4. Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity

a. Cash and Investments

Florida Statutes require state and local governmental units to deposit monies with financial institutions classified as "Qualified Public Depositories," a multiple financial institution pool whereby groups of securities pledged by the various financial institutions provide common collateral from their deposits of public funds. This pool is provided as additional insurance to the federal depository insurance and allows for additional assessments against the member institutions, providing full insurance for public deposits.

The District is authorized to invest in those financial instruments as established by Section 218.415, Florida Statutes. The authorized investments consist of:

1. Direct obligations of the United States Treasury;
2. The Local Government Surplus Funds Trust or any intergovernmental investment pool authorized pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperative Act of 1969;
3. Interest-bearing time deposits or savings accounts in authorized qualified public depositories;
4. Securities and Exchange Commission, registered money market funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency.

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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

4. Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

b. Receivables and Payables

Activities between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as “due to/from other funds”. Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported as “internal balances”.

c. Net Position

Net position is the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net position in the government-wide financial statements are categorized as net investment in capital assets, restricted, or unrestricted. Net investment in capital assets represents net position related to infrastructure and property, plant and equipment. Restricted net position represents the assets restricted by the District’s bond covenants and other contractual restrictions. Unrestricted net position consists of the net position not meeting the definition of either of the other two components.

d. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land and improvements, improvements other than buildings and infrastructure, are reported in the applicable governmental activities column.

The District defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. The valuation basis for all assets is historical cost.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend its useful life are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Depreciation of capital assets is computed and recorded by utilizing the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives of the various classes of depreciable capital assets are as follows:

Improvements other than buildings	25 years
Infrastructure	25 years

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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

4. Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

e. Deferred Outflows of Resources

Deferred outflows of resources is the consumption of net position by the government that is applicable to a future reported period. Deferred amount on refunding is amortized and recognized as a component of interest expense over the life of the bond

f. Budgets

Budgets are prepared and adopted after public hearings for the governmental funds, pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. The District utilizes the same basis of accounting for budgets as it does for revenues and expenditures in its various funds. The legal level of budgetary control is at the fund level. All budgeted appropriations lapse at year end. Formal budgets are adopted for the general and debt service funds. As a result, deficits in the budget variance columns of the accompanying financial statements may occur.

NOTE B – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

All deposits are held in qualified public depositories and are included on the accompanying balance sheet as cash and investments.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a formal deposit policy for custodial credit risk, however, they follow the provisions of Chapter 280, Florida Statutes regarding deposits and investments. As of September 30, 2020, the District's bank balance was \$260,703 and the carrying value was \$242,424. Exposure to custodial credit risk was as follows. The District maintains all deposits in a qualified public depository in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 280, Florida Statutes, which means that all deposits are fully insured by Federal Depositors Insurance or collateralized under Chapter 280, Florida Statutes.

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NOTE B – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

As of September 30, 2020, the District had the following investments and maturities:

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
First American Treasury Obligation	46 days*	<u>\$ 82,244</u>

*Maturity is a weighted maturity.

The District categorizes its fair value measurement within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset, or paid to transfer a liability, in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. The District uses a market approach in measuring fair value that uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or similar assets, liabilities, or groups of assets and liabilities.

Assets or liabilities are classified into one of three levels. Level 1 is the most realizable and is based on quoted price for identical assets, or liabilities, in an active market. Level 2 uses significant other observable inputs when obtained quoted prices for identical or similar assets, or liabilities, in markets that are not active. Level 3 is the least reliable and uses significant unobservable inputs that uses the best information available under the circumstances which includes the District's own data in measuring unobservable inputs.

Based on the criteria in the preceding paragraph, the investment listed above is a Level 1 asset.

Interest Rate Risk

The District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk

The District's investments are limited by state statutory requirements and bond compliance. The District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices. As of September 30, 2020, the District's investment in First American Treasury Obligation was rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one fund. The investment in the First American Treasury Obligation is 100% of the District's total investments.

The types of deposits and investments and their level of risk exposure as of September 30, 2020 were typical of these items during the fiscal year then ended. The District considers any decline in fair value for certain investments to be temporary.

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NOTE C – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REVENUES

Assessments are non-ad valorem assessments imposed on assessable lands located within the District. Assessments may be levied on property to pay for the operation and maintenance of the District, as well as to pay for debt service on the District's Bonds. The fiscal year for which annual assessments may be levied begins October 1 with discounts available for payments through February 28 and become delinquent on April 1. For debt service assessments, amounts collected as advance payments are used to prepay a portion of the Bonds outstanding. Otherwise, assessments are collected annually to provide funds for the debt service on the portion of the Bonds which are not paid with prepaid assessments.

Assessments and interest associated with the current fiscal period are considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. The portion of assessments receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period.

NOTE D – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital Asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2020 was as follows:

	October 1, 2019	Additions	Disposals	September 30, 2020
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>				
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Land and improvements	\$ 337,498	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 337,498
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Improvements other than buildings	106,213	-	-	106,213
Infrastructure	3,885,022	-	-	3,885,022
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>3,991,235</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,991,235</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Improvements other than buildings	(15,717)	(4,249)	-	(19,966)
Infrastructure	(1,826,592)	(155,401)	-	(1,981,993)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,842,309)</u>	<u>(159,650)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,001,959)</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated, net	<u>2,148,926</u>	<u>(159,650)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,989,276</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, net	<u>\$ 2,486,424</u>	<u>\$ (159,650)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,326,774</u>

Depreciation of \$159,650 was charged to physical environment.

NOTE E – LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of activity for long-term debt of the District for the year ended September 30, 2020:

Long-term debt at October 1, 2019	\$ 5,209,000
Principal payments	(209,000)
Long-term debt at September 30, 2020	<u>\$ 5,000,000</u>

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NOTE E – LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Capital Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds

\$5,209,000 Series 2019 Capital Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds due in annual principal installments beginning May 2020 and maturing in May 1, 2038. Interest at 2.85% is due May and November beginning November 2019. Current portion is \$216,000.

\$ 5,000,000

The annual requirements to amortize the principal and interest of bonded debt outstanding as of September 30, 2020 are as follows:

Year Ending September 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$ 216,000	\$ 142,500	\$ 358,500
2022	222,000	136,344	358,344
2023	228,000	130,017	358,017
2024	235,000	123,519	358,519
2025	242,000	116,822	358,822
2026-2030	1,318,000	476,634	1,794,634
2031-2035	1,518,000	277,704	1,795,704
2036-2038	1,021,000	58,738	1,079,738
Totals	<u>\$ 5,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,462,278</u>	<u>\$ 6,462,278</u>

Summary of Significant Bond Resolution Terms and Covenants

The Series 2019 Bonds are subject to redemption at the option of the District prior to maturity. The Series 2019 Bonds are subject to mandatory redemption prior to maturity in the manner determined by the Bond Registrar if certain events occurred as outlined in the Trust Indenture.

The Trust Indenture establishes certain amounts be maintained in a reserve account. In addition, the Trust Indenture has certain restrictions and requirements relating to the procedures to be followed by the District on assessments to property owners. The District agrees to levy special assessments in annual amounts adequate to provide payment of debt service and to meet the reserve requirements.

Reserve Fund – The Series 2019 Reserve Account shall not exceed 25% of the maximum annual debt service requirement. As of September 30, 2020, the Series 2019 Bonds had a \$2,719 reserve account balance.

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NOTE F – MANAGEMENT COMPANY

The District has contracted with a management company to perform management services, which include financial and accounting services. Certain employees of the management company also serve as officers (Board appointed non-voting positions) of the District. Under the agreement, the District compensates the management company for management, accounting, financial reporting, computer and other administrative costs.

NOTE G – RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; natural disasters; and environmental remediation. The District has obtained commercial insurance from independent third parties to mitigate the costs of these risks; coverage may not extend to all situations. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage over the past three years.

NOTE H – COST SHARE AGREEMENT

In June 2007, the District entered into a cost-sharing agreement with Copperstone Master Association, Inc. (“Association”) whereby the Association arranges for and supervises landscape maintenance services. The District is required to pay the Association for the District portion of shared costs related to the landscaping and irrigation maintenance activity of the District. Shared costs are allocated on a percentage basis with 60% allocated to the District and 40% allocated to the Association. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, the District incurred charges of approximately \$127,523 related to the agreement.

NOTE I – SUBSEQUENT EVENT

In December 2020, the District issued \$800,000, Series 2020 Note to fund the cost of acquiring and constructing all or a portion of the Series 2020 Project.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Supervisors
Copperstone Community Development District
Manatee County, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Copperstone Community Development District, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 15, 2021.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Copperstone Community Development District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Copperstone Community Development District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Copperstone Community Development District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Board of Supervisors
Copperstone Community Development District
Manatee County, Florida

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Copperstone Community Development District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



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April 15, 2021



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MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Board of Supervisors
Copperstone Community Development District
Manatee County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the Copperstone Community Development District as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated April 15, 2021.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Florida Auditor General.

Other Reports and Schedule

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and our Independent Auditor's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with AICPA Professionals Standards, AT-C Section 315 regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in that report, which is dated April 15, 2021, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been made to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding financial audit report. There were no findings or recommendations in the preceding audit.

To the Board of Supervisors
Copperstone Community Development District

Financial Condition and Management

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether or not Copperstone Community Development District has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific conditions met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Copperstone Community Development District did not meet one of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial conditions assessment procedures as of September 30, 2020 for the Copperstone Community Development District. It is management's responsibility to monitor the Copperstone Community Development District's financial condition; our financial condition assessment was based in part on the representations made by management and the review of the financial information provided by the same.

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Additional Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to communicate noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not note any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, the Board of Supervisors, and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT/COMPLIANCE WITH
SECTION 218.415, FLORIDA STATUTES**

To the Board of Supervisors
Copperstone Community Development District
Manatee County, Florida

We have examined Copperstone Community Development District's compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes during the year ended September 30, 2020. Management is responsible for Copperstone Community Development District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Copperstone Community Development District's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about Copperstone Community Development District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on Copperstone Community Development District's compliance with the specified requirements.

In our opinion, Copperstone Community Development District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements during the year ended September 30, 2020.

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April 15, 2021