

**Magnolia Creek Community
Development District**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Supervisors
Magnolia Creek Community Development District
Walton County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Magnolia Creek Community Development District as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the 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. 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.

Fort Pierce / Stuart

To the Board of Supervisors
Magnolia Creek Community Development District

Summary of Opinions

| Opinion Unit | Type of Opinion |
|---|-----------------|
| Governmental Activities | Unmodified |
| Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Unit | Adverse |
| General Fund | Unmodified |
| Debt Service Fund | Unmodified |

Basis of Adverse Opinion on the Discretely Presented Component Unit

The financial statements do not include financial data for the District's legally separate component unit. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the financial data for the component unit to be reported with the financial data of the District's primary government unless the District also issues financial statements for the financial reporting entity that include the financial data for its component unit. The District has not issued such reporting entity financial statements. Because of this departure from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the assets, liabilities, net position, revenues, and expenses of the aggregate discretely presented component unit should have been presented.

Adverse Opinion

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on the Discretely Presented Component Unit", the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, the financial position of the discretely presented component unit of the District as of September 30, 2021, or the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on the Discretely Presented Component Unit" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of September 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Unmodified Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to previously present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District, as of September 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

To the Board of Supervisors
Magnolia Creek Community Development District

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 the *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 June 6, 2022 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 Magnolia Creek Community Development District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



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

June 6, 2022

**Magnolia Creek Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021**

Management's discussion and analysis of Magnolia Creek Community Development District's (the "District") financial performance provides an objective and easily readable analysis of the District's financial activities. 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.

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, transportation, 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.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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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 construction in progress, and 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*, reconciliations are 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, 2021.

- ◆ The District's total assets were exceeded by total liabilities by \$(15,401,122) (net position). Net investment in capital assets for the District was \$10,506,729. Unrestricted net position was \$(25,907,851).
- ◆ Governmental activities revenues totaled \$3,768,450 while governmental activities expenses totaled \$1,763,544.

**Magnolia Creek Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021**

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 | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 2021 | 2020 |
| Current assets | \$ 412,892 | \$ 371,944 |
| Restricted assets | 4,753,163 | 1,321,045 |
| Capital assets | 15,369,032 | 15,603,472 |
| Total Assets | 20,535,087 | 17,296,461 |
| Current liabilities | 30,135,591 | 28,708,503 |
| Non-current liabilities | 5,800,618 | 5,993,986 |
| Total Liabilities | 35,936,209 | 34,702,489 |
| Net Position | | |
| Net investment in capital assets | 10,506,729 | 10,742,766 |
| Unrestricted | (25,907,851) | (28,148,794) |
| Total Net Position | \$ (15,401,122) | \$ (17,406,028) |

The increase in current assets was primarily related to the excess of revenues over expenditures at the fund level in the General Fund.

The increase in restricted assets is related to a SPE contribution to the District from the sale of land by the SPE.

The increase in current liabilities is primarily related to the increase in matured interest and principal on the bonds in the current year.

**Magnolia Creek Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021**

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 | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| | 2021 | 2020 |
| Program Revenues | | |
| Charges for services | \$ 97,391 | \$ 90,611 |
| Operating contributions | 3,670,894 | 71,439 |
| General Revenues | | |
| Investment earnings | 165 | 14,096 |
| Total Revenues | <u>3,768,450</u> | <u>176,146</u> |
| Expenses | | |
| General government | 289,796 | 289,599 |
| Physical environment | 2,931 | 2,791 |
| Transportation | 234,440 | - |
| Interest and other charges | 1,236,377 | 1,236,377 |
| Total Expenses | <u>1,763,544</u> | <u>1,528,767</u> |
| Change in Net Position | 2,004,906 | (1,352,621) |
| Net Position - Beginning of Year | <u>(17,406,028)</u> | <u>(16,053,407)</u> |
| Net Position - End of Year | <u>\$ (15,401,122)</u> | <u>\$ (17,406,028)</u> |

The increase in contributions is primarily related to the SPE contribution from the sale of land in the current year.

The increase in transportation is related to the initial year of depreciation on the roads in the current year.

**Magnolia Creek Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021**

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, 2021 and 2020:

| Description | Governmental Activities | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| | 2021 | 2020 |
| Construction in progress | \$ 10,914,670 | \$ 15,603,472 |
| Infrastructure | 4,688,802 | - |
| Accumulated depreciation | (234,440) | - |
| Total Capital Assets, net | \$ 15,369,032 | \$ 15,603,472 |

During the year, \$4,688,802 was transferred from construction in progress to infrastructure and depreciation was \$234,440.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The final budgeted expenditures exceeded actual expenditures due to lower physical environment expenditures than were anticipated.

The General Fund budget was not amended.

Debt Management

Governmental Activities debt includes the following:

- ◆ In July 2007, the District issued \$21,640,000 of Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, consisting of \$7,635,000 Series 2007A Bonds and \$14,005,000 Series 2007B Bonds. The Bonds were issued to finance the acquisition and construction of certain improvements within the District. During the year, the District failed to meet the scheduled debt service requirements and the Series 2007 Bonds remain in default. Matured bonds payable totaled \$15,615,000 at September 30, 2021. The unmatured balance outstanding at September 30, 2021 was \$6,025,000.

**Magnolia Creek Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021**

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

The District's financial conditions continue to deteriorate. The District formed an SPE and foreclosed on certain Developer property for which there were significant delinquent assessments in prior fiscal years. In addition, in the prior, current, and subsequent fiscal years, certain debt service payments were not made. As a result, the District declares an event of default in accordance with the Series 2007 Bond Indenture which allowed the District to pay certain significant trustee, legal, and other professional fees incurred in association with the default using funds available in the trust accounts. Further, the debt service fund reported a deficit fund balance of \$(25,796,316) at September 30, 2021. The District plans to use the SPE contribution received to pay certain matured interest payable and a portion of the Series 2007 Bonds were cancelled during the year ending September 30, 2022.

Request for Information

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Magnolia Creek 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 Magnolia Creek Community Development District's Accounting Department at 3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33614.

Magnolia Creek Community Development District
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2021

| | Governmental Activities |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Current Assets | |
| Cash | \$ 406,626 |
| Assessments receivable | 391 |
| Prepaid expenses | 5,875 |
| Total Current Assets | 412,892 |
| Non-Current Assets | |
| Restricted Assets | |
| Investments | 4,753,163 |
| Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated | |
| Construction in progress | 10,914,670 |
| Capital Assets, Being Depreciated | |
| Infrastructure | 4,688,802 |
| Accumulated depreciation | (234,440) |
| Total Non-Current Assets | 20,122,195 |
| Total Assets | 20,535,087 |
| LIABILITIES | |
| Current Liabilities | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 8,155 |
| Matured bonds payable | 15,615,000 |
| Matured interest payable | 13,807,432 |
| Bonds payable | 195,000 |
| Accrued interest | 510,004 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 30,135,591 |
| Non-Current Liabilities | |
| Bonds payable, net | 5,800,618 |
| Total Liabilities | 35,936,209 |
| NET POSITION | |
| Net investment in capital assets | 10,506,729 |
| Unrestricted | (25,907,851) |
| Total Net Position | \$ (15,401,122) |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Magnolia Creek Community Development District
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

| <u>Functions/Programs</u> | <u>Expenses</u> | <u>Program Revenues</u> | | <u>Net (Expenses)/ Revenues and Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities</u> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| | | <u>Charges for Services</u> | <u>Operating Contributions</u> | |
| Governmental Activities | | | | |
| General government | \$ (289,796) | \$ 50,131 | \$ - | \$ (239,665) |
| Physical environment | (2,931) | 1,753 | 3,670,894 | 3,669,716 |
| Transportation | (234,440) | - | - | (234,440) |
| Interest and other charges | (1,236,377) | 45,507 | - | (1,190,870) |
| Total Governmental Activities | <u>\$ (1,763,544)</u> | <u>\$ 97,391</u> | <u>\$ 3,670,894</u> | <u>2,004,741</u> |
| General Revenues | | | | |
| Investment income | | | | <u>165</u> |
| Change in Net Position | | | | 2,004,906 |
| Net Position - Beginning of Year | | | | <u>(17,406,028)</u> |
| Net Position - End of Year | | | | <u>\$ (15,401,122)</u> |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Magnolia Creek Community Development District
BALANCE SHEET –
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
September 30, 2021

| | General | Debt Service | Capital Projects | Total Governmental Funds |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | | |
| Cash | \$ 406,626 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 406,626 |
| Assessments receivable | 36 | 355 | - | 391 |
| Due from other funds | - | 5,712 | - | 5,712 |
| Prepaid expenses | 5,875 | - | - | 5,875 |
| Restricted assets | | | | |
| Investments, at fair value | - | 3,620,049 | 1,133,114 | 4,753,163 |
| Total Assets | <u>\$ 412,537</u> | <u>\$ 3,626,116</u> | <u>\$ 1,133,114</u> | <u>\$ 5,171,767</u> |
| LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | | | | |
| LIABILITIES | | | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$ 8,155 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 8,155 |
| Due to other funds | 5,712 | - | - | 5,712 |
| Matured bonds payable | - | 15,615,000 | - | 15,615,000 |
| Matured interest payable | - | 13,807,432 | - | 13,807,432 |
| Total Liabilities | <u>13,867</u> | <u>29,422,432</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>29,436,299</u> |
| FUND BALANCES | | | | |
| Nonspendable: | | | | |
| Prepaid expenses | 5,875 | - | - | 5,875 |
| Restricted: | | | | |
| Capital projects | - | - | 1,133,114 | 1,133,114 |
| Unassigned | 392,795 | (25,796,316) | - | (25,403,521) |
| Total Fund Balances | <u>398,670</u> | <u>(25,796,316)</u> | <u>1,133,114</u> | <u>(24,264,532)</u> |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Balances | <u>\$ 412,537</u> | <u>\$ 3,626,116</u> | <u>\$ 1,133,114</u> | <u>\$ 5,171,767</u> |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**Magnolia Creek Community Development District
RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES
TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
September 30, 2021**

| | |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Total Governmental Fund Balances | \$ (24,264,532) |
| Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because: | |
| Capital assets, construction in progress, \$10,914,670, and infrastructure, \$4,688,802, net of accumulated depreciation, \$(234,440), used in governmental activities are not current financial resources, and therefore, are not reported at the fund level. | 15,369,032 |
| Long-term liabilities, bonds payable, \$(6,025,000), net of bond discount, \$29,382, are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore, are not reported at the fund level. | (5,995,618) |
| Accrued interest expense for long-term debt is not a current financial use, and therefore, is not reported at the fund level. | <u>(510,004)</u> |
| Net Position of Governmental Activities | <u><u>\$ (15,401,122)</u></u> |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Magnolia Creek Community Development District
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

| | General | Debt Service | Capital Projects | Total Governmental Funds |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Special assessments | \$ 51,884 | \$ 45,507 | \$ - | \$ 97,391 |
| SPE contributions | 71,439 | 3,599,455 | - | 3,670,894 |
| Investment income | 42 | 1 | 122 | 165 |
| Total Revenues | <u>123,365</u> | <u>3,644,963</u> | <u>122</u> | <u>3,768,450</u> |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Current | | | | |
| General government | 92,896 | 26,813 | 170,087 | 289,796 |
| Physical environment | 2,931 | - | - | 2,931 |
| Debt service | | | | |
| Principal | - | 180,000 | - | 180,000 |
| Interest | - | 1,234,745 | - | 1,234,745 |
| Total Expenditures | <u>95,827</u> | <u>1,441,558</u> | <u>170,087</u> | <u>1,707,472</u> |
| Net Change in Fund Balance | 27,538 | 2,203,405 | (169,965) | 2,060,978 |
| Fund Balances - Beginning of Year | <u>371,132</u> | <u>(27,999,721)</u> | <u>1,303,079</u> | <u>(26,325,510)</u> |
| Fund Balances - End of Year | <u>\$ 398,670</u> | <u>\$(25,796,316)</u> | <u>\$ 1,133,114</u> | <u>\$ (24,264,532)</u> |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Magnolia Creek 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, 2021

| | |
|--|----------------------------|
| Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds | \$ 2,060,978 |
| Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because: | |
| Governmental funds report capital outlays. However, in the Statement of Activities the costs of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation. This is the amount of depreciation in the current year. | (234,440) |
| Repayment of bond principal are expenditures in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. | 180,000 |
| Bond discounts are amortized over the life of the bonds as interest. This is the current period amortization. | <u>(1,632)</u> |
| Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities | <u><u>\$ 2,004,906</u></u> |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Magnolia Creek Community Development District
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

| | Original Budget | Final Budget | Actual | Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative) |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Revenues | | | | |
| Special assessments | \$ 126,475 | \$ 126,475 | \$ 51,884 | \$ (74,591) |
| SPE contribution | - | - | 71,439 | 71,439 |
| Investment income | - | - | 42 | 42 |
| Total Revenues | <u>126,475</u> | <u>126,475</u> | <u>123,365</u> | <u>(3,110)</u> |
| Expenditures | | | | |
| Current | | | | |
| General government | 92,475 | 92,475 | 92,896 | (421) |
| Physical environment | 34,000 | 34,000 | 2,931 | 31,069 |
| Total Expenditures | <u>126,475</u> | <u>126,475</u> | <u>95,827</u> | <u>30,648</u> |
| Net Change in Fund Balances | - | - | 27,538 | 27,538 |
| Fund Balances - Beginning of Year | - | - | 371,132 | 371,132 |
| Fund Balances - End of Year | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 398,670</u> | <u>\$ 398,670</u> |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Magnolia Creek Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2021

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of 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 September 12, 2006 pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended (the "Act"), by City of Freeport Ordinance 2006-26 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 authorized to issue bonds for the purpose, among others, of financing, funding, planning, establishing, acquiring, constructing district roads, landscaping, and other basic infrastructure projects within or outside the boundaries of the Magnolia Creek Community Development District. The District is governed by a five-member Board of Supervisors who are elected on an at large basis by landowners of the District. The District operates within the criteria established by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes.

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

Based upon the application of the above-mentioned criteria as set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, the District has identified one component unit, Magnolia Creek Holdings, LLC., (the SPE). The SPE is reported as a discretely presented component unit in the accompanying financial statements. The SPE did not record the fair market value for land it acquired through foreclosure proceedings in a prior year.

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

Magnolia Creek Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2021

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 all 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.

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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 classifies fund balance according to 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 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 an 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.

Magnolia Creek Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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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 are 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 Funds – Accounts for the accumulation of resources for the annual payment of principal and interest on long-term general obligation debt.

Capital Projects Funds – The Capital Projects Funds account for the construction of infrastructure improvements within the boundaries of the District.

b. Non-current Governmental Assets/Liabilities

GASB Statement 34 requires that non-current governmental assets, such as land and improvements, and non-current governmental liabilities, such as general obligation bonds and due to developer 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.

Magnolia Creek Community Development District
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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

b. Restricted Net Position

Certain net position of the District is classified as restricted on the Statement of Net Position because their use is limited either by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation; or by restrictions imposed externally by creditors. In a fund with both restricted and unrestricted net position, qualified expenses are considered to be paid first from restricted net position and then from unrestricted net position.

c. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include construction in progress and infrastructure, are reported in the 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 over a 20 year estimated useful life:

d. Unamortized Bond Discounts

Bond discounts associated with the issuance of revenue bonds are amortized according to the straight line method of accounting. For financial reporting, unamortized bond discounts are netted against the applicable long-term debt.

e. 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 columns of the accompanying financial statements may occur.

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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, 2021, the District's bank balance was \$414,930 and the carrying value was \$406,626. 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.

As of September 30, 2021, the District had the following investments and maturities:

| <u>Investment</u> | <u>Maturities</u> | <u>Fair Value</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Fidelity Government Portfolio | 30 Days* | <u>\$ 4,753,163</u> |

*Weighted Average Maturity

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy recently 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 reliable and is based on quoted price for identical assets, or liabilities, in an active market. Level 2 uses significant other observable inputs when obtaining 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 use 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 investments listed above are Level 1 assets.

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.

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September 30, 2021

NOTE B – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

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, 2021, the District's investment in Fidelity Government Portfolio 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 District's investment in the Fidelity Government Portfolio represents 100% of the District's total investments.

The types of deposits and investments and their level of risk exposure as of September 30, 2021 were typical of these items during the fiscal year then ended. The District considers any decline in fair value to be temporary.

NOTE C – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REVENUES

Assessment revenues recognized for the 2020-2021 fiscal year were levied in October 2020. All taxes are due and payable on November 1 or as soon as the assessment roll is certified and delivered to the Tax Collector. Per Section 197.162, Florida Statutes, discounts are allowed for early payment at the rate of 4% in November, 3% in December, 2% in January, and 1% in February. Taxes paid in March are without discount.

All unpaid taxes become delinquent as of April 1. Virtually all unpaid taxes are collected via the sale of tax certificates on or prior to June 1; therefore, there were no material taxes receivable at fiscal year end.

NOTE D – INTERFUND BALANCES

Interfund balances at September 30, 2021, consisted for the following:

| Receivable Fund | Payable Fund |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Debt Service Fund | General Fund |
| | \$ 5,712 |

The balances are the result of a prepayment of monies collected in the General Fund that are due to the Debt Service Fund.

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NOTE E – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital Asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2021 was as follows:

| | Balance October 1, 2020 | Additions | Deletions | Balance September 30, 2021 |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <u>Governmental activities:</u> | | | | |
| Capital assets, not being depreciated: | | | | |
| Construction in progress | \$ 15,603,472 | \$ - | \$ (4,688,802) | \$ 10,914,670 |
| Capital assets, being depreciated | | | | |
| Infrastructure | - | 4,688,802 | - | 4,688,802 |
| Accumulated depreciation | | | | |
| Infrastructure | - | (234,440) | - | (234,440) |
| Capital Assets Being Depreciated, net | <u>-</u> | <u>4,454,362</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>4,454,362</u> |
| Total Capital Assets, net | <u>\$ 15,603,472</u> | <u>\$ 4,454,362</u> | <u>\$ (4,688,802)</u> | <u>\$ 15,369,032</u> |

Depreciation of \$234,440 was charged to transportation.

NOTE F – LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of activity for long-term debt of the Governmental Activities for the year ended September 30, 2021:

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Long-term debt at October 1, 2020 | \$ 6,205,000 |
| Principal payments | <u>(180,000)</u> |
| Long-term debt at September 30, 2021 | <u>6,025,000</u> |
| Less bond discount, net | <u>(29,382)</u> |
| Total long-term debt at September 30, 2021 | <u>\$ 5,995,618</u> |

During the year, the scheduled debt service payments on the Series 2007A & 2007B bonds were not paid by the District. These amounts are reflected as matured bonds payable and matured interest payable in the accompanying financial statements.

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NOTE F – LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Long-term debt for Governmental Activities is comprised of the following:

Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds

\$7,635,000 Series 2007A Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds are due in annual principal installments beginning May 2010 maturing May 2039. Interest at 5.90% is due May and November beginning November 2007. Current portion is \$195,000.

\$ 6,025,000

Bond discount, net

(29,382)

Bonds Payable, Net

\$ 5,995,618

The District issued \$14,005,000 Series 2006B Bonds at 5.60% interest. The Bonds matured on May 1, 2014, but the balance outstanding was not paid. The balance outstanding, \$14,005,000 is included as matured bonds payable in the accompanying financial statements.

The annual requirements to amortize the principal and interest of bonded debt outstanding as of September 30, 2021 are as follows:

| Year Ending September 30, | Principal | Interest | Total |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 2022 | \$ 195,000 | \$ 355,475 | \$ 550,475 |
| 2023 | 205,000 | 343,970 | 548,970 |
| 2024 | 220,000 | 331,875 | 551,875 |
| 2025 | 230,000 | 318,895 | 548,895 |
| 2026 | 245,000 | 305,325 | 550,325 |
| 2027-2031 | 1,465,000 | 1,291,805 | 2,756,805 |
| 2032-2036 | 1,970,000 | 802,990 | 2,772,990 |
| 2037-2039 | 1,495,000 | 179,950 | 1,674,950 |
| Totals | <u>\$ 6,025,000</u> | <u>\$ 3,930,285</u> | <u>\$ 9,955,285</u> |

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NOTE F – LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Summary of Significant Bond Resolution Terms and Covenants

Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds

Significant Bond Provisions

The Series 2007A Bonds are subject to redemption at the option of the District prior to their maturity, in whole or in part, at any time after May 1, 2017 at a redemption price set forth in the Trust Indenture. The Series 2007B Bonds are not subject to optional redemption prior to maturity. The Series 2007A and Series 2007B Bonds are subject to extraordinary 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 established certain amounts be maintained in a reserve account. In addition, the Trust Indenture has certain restrictions and requirements relating principally to the use of proceeds to pay for the infrastructure improvements and 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. The District is not in compliance with certain requirements of the Bond Indenture due to Developer nonpayment of assessment revenue.

The following is a schedule of required reserve deposits as of September 30, 2021:

| Capital Improvement Bonds | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Reserve Balance | Reserve Requirement |
| Series 2007A | \$ - | \$ 545,635 |
| Series 2007B | \$ 201 | \$ 784,066 |

NOTE G – ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY AND RELATED PARTIES

The Developer still owns a large bulk acreage parcel within the District on which it is obligated to pay operating and maintenance assessments. During fiscal year 2021, the Developer paid assessments totaling \$47,332.

During the current fiscal year, \$35,745 was paid to Lerner Real Estate Advisors for monthly management fees and expenses for services related to the SPE. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, three of the five Board Members were affiliated with Lerner Real Estate Advisors. Subsequent to year-end, upon completion of the land sale, those Board Members resigned.

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NOTE H – 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; and natural disasters for which the government carries commercial insurance. The District has not filed any claims under this commercial coverage during the last three years.

NOTE I – SPECIAL PURPOSE ENTITY AGREEMENT

The Developer originally agreed to fund operations of the District and assessments were levied for this purpose on an annual basis. However, as a result of the Developer's failure to pay assessments in prior fiscal years, the District did not make certain debt service payments when due, which constitutes an event of default under the applicable Trust Indenture. In November 2013, the District obtained a final judgement of foreclosure against property on which assessments had not been paid (Foreclosed Property"). The District and the Trustee, on behalf of the Bondholders, created the SPE to own, manage and dispose of the Foreclosed Property. The District, Trustee and the SPE entered into a Tri-Party Agreement whereby the parties acknowledged that the funds to operate the SPE would be provided by the Trustee. The Trustee agreed that it will use available funds on deposit in the Trust Estate, including proceeds from the sale of all or a portion of the Foreclosed Property, subject to the consent of the Bondholders, to pay quarterly operating funding request. If funds are no longer available in the Trust Estate and another funding source has not been secured, the SPE may convey the Foreclosed Property to the District (with District's consent) for ownership and maintenance. Any conveyance of the Foreclosed Property to the District shall be subject to the preservation or satisfaction of any other District liens that may otherwise be extinguished as a result of the District's ownership of the Property.

Pursuant to the Bond Indenture, the Trustee, on behalf of the Bondholders, has access to the funds held on deposit in the trust accounts. Expenditures (including legal fees, trustee fees, and SPE property management fees) totaling \$35,745 were paid out of the trust accounts in the current fiscal year.

The property held by the SPE should be recorded in the financial statements as land held for resale. However, no appraisal was performed on the property so the market value cannot be determined. Consequently, no amount was recorded in the financial statements for this asset. During the current fiscal year, the land held by the SPE was sold, with net proceeds of \$3,599,455.

NOTE J – SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On November 1, 2021, the Trustee, per direction of the Bondholders, made a \$4,558,899 payment on the Series 2007 Bonds matured interest.

In December 2021, the Trustee, per direction of the Bondholders, cancelled \$6,795,000 of the Series 2007A Bonds leaving \$840,000 aggregate principal outstanding. In addition, the Bondholders canceled all \$14,005,000 of the Series 2007B matured Bonds payable.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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
Magnolia Creek Community Development District
Walton 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 Magnolia Creek Community Development District, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 6, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Magnolia Creek 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 Magnolia Creek Community Development District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Magnolia Creek 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 identified a deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness, as follows: See accompanying management letter on pages 31-34.

Board of Supervisors
Magnolia Creek Community Development District

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Magnolia Creek 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 instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. See accompanying management letter on pages 31-34.

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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MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Board of Supervisors
Magnolia Creek Community Development District
Walton County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the Magnolia Creek Community Development District as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated June 6, 2022.

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 Reporting Requirements

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 those reports, which are dated June 6, 2022, 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 taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding financial audit report. The following findings or recommendations were noted in the preceding financial audit report:



To the Board of Supervisors
Magnolia Creek Community Development District

Finding 2014-01, 2017-01, 2018-01, & 2019-01

Finding

The SPE discretely presented component unit did not obtain an appraisal for the land acquired by the SPE through foreclosure proceedings.

Effect

The financial statements of the SPE are not stated materially correct because of the omission of the value for the land held for resale.

Management Response

The SPE is a separate limited liability company (LLC) created by the District, the bondholders and the Trustee for the sole purpose of holding lands acquired through foreclosure. No appraisal has been performed for the land acquired and therefore the market value could not be determined.

Current Status

The land was sold during the current fiscal year for \$3,850,000.

Finding 2019-02 Financial Condition, Meet Debt Service Reserves, Make Debt Service Payments

Finding

The District's financial condition continues to deteriorate. The Developer failed to pay assessments in prior years and as a result the related property was foreclosed and acquired by the SPE. Certain scheduled debt service payments were not made on prior years and in the current year, which resulted in events of default. The reserve requirements have not been met and the Debt Service Fund has a \$(27,999,721) deficit fund balance at September 30, 2020.

Recommendation

The District should take all legally available steps to remedy the deteriorating financial condition.

Management Response

The District has taken all necessary and available steps to comply with the Trust Indenture. The property was foreclosed on in November 2013 and a SPE was formed, Magnolia Creek Holdings, LLC to own, manage and dispose of the foreclosed property. The District, the Trustee and the SPE entered into a tri-party agreement whereby the SPE assumed responsibility for delinquent operating and maintenance assessments owed to the District and agreed to pay future operating and maintenance assessments.

Current Status

There is no change in the current fiscal year.



To the Board of Supervisors
Magnolia Creek Community Development District

Financial Condition and Management

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether or not Magnolia Creek 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 Magnolia Creek Community Development District met one of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1) Florida Statutes (See Finding 2019-02 above).

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for Magnolia Creek Community Development District. It is management's responsibility to monitor the Magnolia Creek 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 as of September 30, 2021.

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 note any such recommendations:

Specific Information

The information provided below was provided by management and has not been audited; therefore, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information.

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c) and Section 218.32(1)(c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)6, Rules of the Auditor General, the Magnolia Creek Community Development District reported:

- 1) The total number of district employees compensated in the last pay period of the District's fiscal year: 0
- 2) The total number of independent contractors to whom nonemployee compensation, defined as individuals or entities that receive 1099s, was paid in the last month of the District's fiscal year: 9
- 3) All compensation earned by or awarded to employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency: N/A
- 4) All compensation earned by or awarded to nonemployee independent contractors, defined as entities or individuals that receive 1099s, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency: \$20,448
- 5) Each construction project with a total cost of at least \$65,000 approved by the District that is scheduled to begin on or after October 1, 2020, together with the total expenditures for such project: The District had no construction projects during the year.
- 6) A budget variance based on the budget adopted under Section 189.016(4), Florida Statutes, before the beginning of the fiscal year being reported if the District amends a final adopted budget under Section 189.016(6), Florida Statutes: There were no amendments to the FY 2021 budget.



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Magnolia Creek Community Development District

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c) and Section 218.32(1)(c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)8, Rules of the Auditor General, the Magnolia Creek Community Development District reported:

- 7) The rate or rates of non-ad valorem special assessments imposed by the District: General Fund \$124.11 - \$137.90 and Debt Service \$1,215.00 - \$1,350.00.
- 8) The amount of special assessments collected by or on behalf of the District: \$97,391.
- 9) The total amount of outstanding bonds issued by the District and the terms of such bonds: Series 2007A \$1,610,000 matured and \$6,025,000 unmatured and Series 2007B \$14,005,000 matured.

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 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 ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT/COMPLIANCE WITH
SECTION 218.415, FLORIDA STATUTES**

To the Board of Supervisors
Magnolia Creek Community Development District
Walton County, Florida

We have examined Magnolia Creek Community Development District's compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes during the year ended September 30, 2021. Management is responsible for Magnolia Creek Community Development District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Magnolia Creek 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 Magnolia Creek 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 Magnolia Creek Community Development District's compliance with the specified requirements.

In our opinion, Magnolia Creek Community Development District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements during the year ended September 30, 2021.

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Certified Public Accountants PL
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June 6, 2022