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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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

### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Brookstone Community Development District (hereinafter referred to as "District"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above 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, 2023, 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.

### **Basis for Opinions**

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 Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### **Responsibilities of Management 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, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

## **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

### **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budget to actual comparison information on pages 4 - 8 and 25 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about 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 our report dated June 21, 2024, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. 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 the 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 the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C.*

CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, LLC

Fort Walton Beach, Florida

June 21, 2024

## **Management's Discussion And Analysis**

## **Brookstone Community Development District Management's Discussion and Analysis**

Our discussion and analysis of the Brookstone Community Development District's financial performance provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which begin on page 9.

### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- At September 30, 2023, the assets of the District exceeded its liabilities by approximately \$1.2 million.
- During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, the District incurred interest expenditures totaling approximately \$920,000, and repaid \$370,000 of outstanding long-term principal.

### **USING THE ANNUAL REPORT**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities on pages 9 – 10 provide information about the activities of the District as a whole and present a longer-term view of the District's finances. Fund financial statements start on page 11. For governmental activities, these statements tell how these services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the District's most significant funds.

#### ***Reporting the District as a Whole***

Our analysis of the District as a whole begins on page 5. One of the most important questions asked about the District's finances is, "Is the District as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the District as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the District's net position and related changes during the current year. You can think of the District's net position – the difference between assets and liabilities – as one way to measure the District's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position is one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. You will need to consider other nonfinancial factors; however, such as changes in the District's assessment base and the condition of the District's infrastructure, to assess the overall health of the District.

## Brookstone Community Development District Management's Discussion and Analysis

### **Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds**

Our analysis of the District's major funds begins on page 6. The fund financial statements begin on page 11 and provide detailed information about the most significant funds – not the District as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State law and by bond covenants. All of the District's funds are governmental fund-types.

- *Governmental funds* – All of the District's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs.

### THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

The following table reflects the condensed Statement of Net Position and is compared to the prior year.

<i>September 30,</i>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Assets</b>			
Current and other assets	\$ 4,089,229	\$ 3,669,172	\$ 420,057
Capital assets, net	19,419,565	19,788,665	(369,100)
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 23,508,794</b>	<b>\$ 23,457,837</b>	<b>\$ 50,957</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current liabilities	\$ 903,683	\$ 646,223	\$ 257,460
Other liabilities	21,410,000	21,795,000	(385,000)
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>22,313,683</b>	<b>22,441,223</b>	<b>(127,540)</b>
<b>Net position</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	501,512	566,643	(65,131)
Restricted for:			
Debt service	560,559	401,466	159,093
Capital projects	65,739	-	65,739
Unrestricted	67,301	48,505	18,796
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>1,195,111</b>	<b>1,016,614</b>	<b>178,497</b>
<b>Total liabilities and net position</b>	<b>\$ 23,508,794</b>	<b>\$ 23,457,837</b>	<b>\$ 50,957</b>

For more detailed information, see the accompanying Statement of Net Position.

## Brookstone Community Development District Management's Discussion and Analysis

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, total assets increased and total liabilities decreased by approximately \$51,000 and \$128,000, respectively, from the prior fiscal year. The increase in assets relates to the excess of assessments over expenses in the current year, and the decrease in liabilities is primarily due to the repayment of outstanding long-term principal.

The following schedule compares the Statement of Activities for the current and previous fiscal year.

<i>For the year ended September 30,</i>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Revenue:</b>			
Program revenue:			
Charges for services	\$ 1,654,818	\$ 950,881	\$ 703,937
Grants and contributions	148,795	9,324,183	(9,175,388)
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>1,803,613</b>	<b>10,275,064</b>	<b>(8,471,451)</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
General government	99,788	98,133	1,655
Conveyance of capital assets	-	8,837,060	(8,837,060)
Bond issuance costs	5,725	275,272	(269,547)
Unallocated depreciation	383,761	-	383,761
Interest	1,135,842	602,231	533,611
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>1,625,116</b>	<b>9,812,696</b>	<b>(8,187,580)</b>
Change in net position	178,497	462,368	(283,871)
Net position, beginning of year	1,016,614	554,246	462,368
<b>Net position, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 1,195,111</b>	<b>\$ 1,016,614</b>	<b>\$ 178,497</b>

For more detailed information, see the accompanying Statement of Activities.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, total revenue and expenses decreased by approximately \$8.5 million and \$8.2 million, respectively, from the prior fiscal year. The decrease in revenue is primarily due to contribution of certain completed infrastructure from the Developer in the prior year. The decrease in expenses is primarily due to conveyance of infrastructure to Manatee County and the costs of issuance associated with the Series 2022 bonds incurred in the prior year. The overall result was a \$178,497 increase in net position for fiscal year 2023.

### THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

As the District completed the year, its governmental funds (as presented in the balance sheet on page 11) reported a combined fund balance of approximately \$4.0 million, which is an increase from last year's balance that totaled approximately \$3.7 million. Significant transactions are discussed below.

## Brookstone Community Development District Management's Discussion and Analysis

- During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, the District incurred interest expenditures totaling approximately \$920,000, and repaid \$370,000 of outstanding long-term principal.

The overall increase in fund balance for the year ended September 30, 2023 totaled approximately \$394,000.

### GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

An Operating budget was established by the governing board for the District pursuant to the requirements of Florida Statutes. The budget to actual comparison for the general fund, including the original budget and final adopted budget, is shown at page 25.

The District experienced an unfavorable variance in revenue and a favorable variance in expenditures in the amounts of \$593 and \$28,072, respectively, compared to the budget. The variance in expenditures occurred primarily because the District incurred fewer general government expenditures than anticipated, such as trustee fees, legal fees and legal advertising.

### CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

#### **Capital Assets**

At September 30, 2023, the District had approximately \$19.4 million invested in capital assets. This amount represents a decrease of approximately \$369,000 from the fiscal year 2022 total. A listing of capital assets by major category for the current and prior year is as follows:

<i>September 30,</i>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Change</b>
Capital assets not being depreciated	\$ 8,290,486	\$ 8,275,825	\$ 14,661
Capital assets being depreciated	11,512,840	11,512,840	-
Total, prior to depreciation	19,803,326	19,788,665	14,661
Accumulated depreciation	(383,761)	-	(383,761)
<b>Net capital assets</b>	<b>\$ 19,419,565</b>	<b>\$ 19,788,665</b>	<b>\$ (369,100)</b>

More information about the District's capital assets is presented in Note 4 to the financial statements.

#### **Debt**

At September 30, 2023, the District had approximately \$21.8 million of bonds outstanding. This amount represents a decrease of \$370,000 from the fiscal year 2022 total.

## Brookstone Community Development District Management's Discussion and Analysis

A listing of debt amounts outstanding for the current and prior year is as follows:

<i>September 30,</i>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Change</b>
Special Assessment Revenue Bonds:			
Series 2018 bonds	\$ 11,250,000	\$ 11,465,000	\$ (215,000)
Series 2022 bonds	10,545,000	10,700,000	(155,000)
Total	<u>\$ 21,795,000</u>	<u>\$ 22,165,000</u>	<u>\$ (370,000)</u>

More information about the District's long-term debt is presented in Note 5 to the financial statements.

### FUTURE FINANCIAL FACTORS

Brookstone Community Development District is an independent special district that operates under the provisions of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. The District operates under an elected Board of Supervisors, which establishes policy and sets assessment rates. Assessment rates for fiscal year 2024 were established to provide for the operations of the District as well as the necessary debt service requirements.

### CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Brookstone Community Development District's management company, Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC, at 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431.

## **Basic Financial Statements**

**Brookstone Community Development District  
Statement of Net Position**

<i>September 30,</i>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 79,816
Investments	3,950,521
Assessments receivable	52,664
Prepaid expenses	6,228
Capital assets:	
Not being depreciated	8,290,486
Depreciable, net	11,129,079
Total assets	23,508,794
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	9,230
Contracts payable	14,212
Accrued interest payable	477,574
Due to developer	17,667
Non-current liabilities:	
Due within one year	385,000
Due in more than one year	21,410,000
Total liabilities	22,313,683
<b>Net position</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	501,512
Restricted for:	
Debt service	560,559
Capital projects	65,739
Unrestricted	67,301
Total net position	\$ 1,195,111

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

**Brookstone Community Development District  
Statement of Activities**

*For the year ended September 30,*

**2023**

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u>
<b>Primary government:</b>					
Governmental activities:					
General government	\$ (99,788)	\$ 119,521	\$ -	\$ 19,733	\$ 19,733
Bond issuance costs	(5,725)	-	-	(5,725)	(5,725)
Unallocated depreciation	(383,761)	-	-	(383,761)	(383,761)
Interest	(1,135,842)	1,535,297	84,108	548,250	548,250
<b>Total governmental activities</b>	<b>\$ (1,625,116)</b>	<b>\$ 1,654,818</b>	<b>\$ 84,108</b>	<b>178,497</b>	<b>178,497</b>
<b>Net position - beginning of year</b>					<b>1,016,614</b>
<b>Net position - end of year</b>					<b>\$ 1,195,111</b>

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**Brookstone Community Development District  
Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds**

September 30,

2023

	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 79,816	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 79,816
Investments	-	2,198,627	1,751,894	3,950,521
Accounts receivable	472	6,192	46,000	52,664
Due from other funds	17,375	-	-	17,375
Prepaid expenditures	6,228	-	-	6,228
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 103,891</b>	<b>\$ 2,204,819</b>	<b>\$ 1,797,894</b>	<b>\$ 4,106,604</b>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>				
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Accounts payable	\$ 9,230	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,230
Contracts payable	-	-	14,212	14,212
Due to other funds	-	17,375	-	17,375
Due to developer	9,985	-	7,682	17,667
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>19,215</b>	<b>17,375</b>	<b>21,894</b>	<b>58,484</b>
<b>Fund balances</b>				
Nonspendable	6,228	-	-	6,228
Restricted for debt service	-	2,187,444	-	2,187,444
Restricted for capital projects	-	-	1,776,000	1,776,000
Unassigned	78,448	-	-	78,448
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>84,676</b>	<b>2,187,444</b>	<b>1,776,000</b>	<b>4,048,120</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 103,891</b>	<b>\$ 2,204,819</b>	<b>\$ 1,797,894</b>	<b>\$ 4,106,604</b>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

**Brookstone Community Development District  
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of  
Net Position**

<i>September 30,</i>	<b>2023</b>
Total fund balances, governmental funds	\$ 4,048,120
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund level statements.	19,419,565
Liabilities not due and payable from current resources, including accrued interest, are not reported in the fund level statements.	(22,272,574)
Total net position - governmental activities	\$ 1,195,111

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

**Brookstone Community Development District**  
**Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances –**  
**Governmental Funds**

*For the year ended September 30,*

**2023**

	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenue</b>				
Assessments	\$ 119,521	\$ 1,535,297	\$ -	\$ 1,654,818
Interest	-	84,108	64,687	148,795
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>119,521</b>	<b>1,619,405</b>	<b>64,687</b>	<b>1,803,613</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
General government	83,350	16,438	-	99,788
Debt service:				
Principal	-	370,000	-	370,000
Interest	-	919,535	-	919,535
Capital outlay	-	-	14,661	14,661
Cost of issuance	-	5,725	-	5,725
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>83,350</b>	<b>1,311,698</b>	<b>14,661</b>	<b>1,409,709</b>
Excess (deficit) of revenue over expenditures	36,171	307,707	50,026	393,904
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Transfers in	-	(1,052)	-	(1,052)
Transfers out	-	-	1,052	1,052
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,052)</b>	<b>1,052</b>	<b>-</b>
Net change in fund balances	36,171	306,655	51,078	393,904
Fund balances, beginning of year	48,505	1,880,789	1,724,922	3,654,216
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 84,676	\$ 2,187,444	\$ 1,776,000	\$ 4,048,120

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

**Brookstone Community Development District**  
**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund**  
**Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities**

<i>For the year ended September 30,</i>	<b>2023</b>
Net change in fund balances - governmental funds	\$ 393,904
Capital outlay, reported as expenditures in the governmental funds, is shown as capital assets on the Statement of Net Position.	14,661
Depreciation on capital assets is not recognized in the fund financial statements but is reported as an expense in the Statement of Activities.	(383,761)
Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.	370,000
The change in accrued interest between the current and prior year is recorded on the Statement of Activities but not on the fund financial statements.	(216,307)
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 178,497

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

## **Brookstone Community Development District Notes to Financial Statements**

### **NOTE 1: NATURE OF ORGANIZATION**

The Brookstone Community Development District (the "District") was established on January 26, 2016 pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, otherwise known as Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, by Manatee County Ordinance No. 16-04. The Act provides among other things, the power to manage basic services for community development, power to borrow money and issue bonds, and to levy and assess non-ad valorem assessments for the financing and delivery of capital infrastructure.

The District was established for the purposes of financing and managing the acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of a portion of the infrastructure necessary for community development within the District.

The District is governed by a Board of Supervisors ("Board"), which is comprised of five members. The Supervisors are elected on an at large basis by the owners of the property within the District. All five of the Supervisors are currently affiliated with the Subsequent Developer of the community (see Note 9). The Board of Supervisors of the District exercises all powers granted to the District pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes.

The Board has the final responsibility for:

1. Assessing and levying assessments.
2. Approving budgets.
3. Exercising control over facilities and properties.
4. Controlling the use of funds generated by the District.
5. Approving the hiring and firing of key personnel.
6. Financing improvements.

In evaluating how to define the government, for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include or exclude a potential component unit in the reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Based on the foregoing criteria, no potential component units were found.

### **NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting policies of the District conform to GAAP as applicable to governments in accordance with those promulgated by GASB. The following is a summary of the more significant policies:

#### ***Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements***

The basic financial statements include both government-wide and fund financial statements.

## Brookstone Community Development District Notes to Financial Statements

### **NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by assessments, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. The business-type activities are reported separately in government-wide financial statements; however, at September 30, 2023, the District did not have any significant business-type activities. Therefore, no business-type activities are reported. Assessments and other items not properly included as program revenues (i.e., charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods or services) are reported as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

#### ***Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation***

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Assessments are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and other similar items are to be recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough 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. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

Assessments, including debt service assessments along with operation and maintenance assessments, are non-ad valorem special assessments imposed on all lands located within the District and benefited by the District's activities, operation and maintenance. Assessments are levied and certified for collection by the District prior to the start of the fiscal year which begins October 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Operation and maintenance special assessments are imposed upon all benefited lands located in the District. Debt service special assessments are imposed upon certain lots and lands as described in each resolution imposing the special assessment for each series of bonds issued by the District.

## Brookstone Community Development District Notes to Financial Statements

### NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Assessments and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

Debt Service Fund – The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for the annual payment of principal and interest on long-term debt.

Capital Projects Fund – The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for the financial resources to be used in the acquisition or construction of major infrastructure within the District.

For the year ended September 30, 2023, the District does not report any proprietary funds.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed. When committed, assigned, or unassigned resources are available for use in the governmental fund financial statements, it is the government's policy to use committed resources first, followed by assigned resources, then unassigned resources as needed.

#### ***Cash, Deposits and Investments***

The District maintains deposits with "Qualified Public Depositories" as defined in Chapter 280, Florida Statutes. All Qualified Public Depositories must place with the Treasurer of the State of Florida securities in accordance with collateral requirements determined by the State's Chief Financial Officer. In the event of default by a Qualified Public Depository, the State Treasurer will pay public depositors all losses. Losses in excess of insurance and collateral will be paid through assessments between all Qualified Public Depositories.

Under this method, all the District's deposits are fully insured or collateralized at the highest level of security as defined by GASB, Statement Number 40, *Deposits and Investment Disclosures (An Amendment of GASB, Statement Number 3)*.

## Brookstone Community Development District Notes to Financial Statements

### **NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

The District is authorized to invest in financial instruments as established by Section 218.415, Florida Statutes. The authorized investments include among others direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury; the Local Government Surplus Trust Funds as created by Section 218.405, Florida Statutes; SEC registered money market funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency; and interest-bearing time deposits or savings accounts in authorized financial institutions.

#### ***Estimates***

The preparation of U.S. GAAP financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### ***Capital Assets***

Capital assets, which include primarily infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, sidewalks, water management systems and similar items), are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial/individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of 2 years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost and estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Property, plant and equipment of the primary government, once placed into service, will be depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives.

In the governmental fund financial statements, amounts incurred for the acquisition of capital assets are reported as fund expenditures. Depreciation expense is not reported in the governmental fund financial statements.

#### ***Long-Term Obligations***

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line or effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of these premiums or discounts. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as current period expenses.

## Brookstone Community Development District Notes to Financial Statements

### NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts during the current period. The face amount of the debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

#### ***Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources***

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position and Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds will sometimes include a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The District does not have any of this type of item at September 30, 2023.

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position and Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District does not have any of this type of item at September 30, 2023.

#### ***Fund Equity***

Net position in the government-wide financial statements represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources and is categorized as net investment in capital assets, restricted or unrestricted. Net investment in capital assets represents assets related to infrastructure and property, plant and equipment, net of any related debt. Restricted net position represents the assets restricted by the District's bond covenants.

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned. Nonspendable fund balance cannot be spent because of its form. Restricted fund balance has limitations imposed by creditors, grantors, or contributors or by enabling legislation or constitutional provisions. Committed fund balance is a limitation imposed by the District board through approval of resolutions. Assigned fund balance is a limitation imposed by a designee of the District board. Unassigned fund balance in the General Fund is the net resources in excess of what can be properly classified in one of the above four categories. Negative unassigned fund balance in other governmental funds represents excess expenditures incurred over the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes.

**Brookstone Community Development District  
Notes to Financial Statements**

**NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

***Budgets***

The District is required to establish a budgetary system and an approved annual budget. Annual budgets are legally adopted on a basis consistent with GAAP for the General Fund. Any revision to the budget must be approved by the District Board. The budgets are compared to actual expenditures. In instances where budget appropriations and estimated revenues have been revised during the year, budget data presented in the financial statements represent final authorization amounts.

The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- A. Each year the District Manager submits to the District Board a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following October 1.
- B. A public hearing is conducted to obtain comments.
- C. Prior to October 1, the budget is legally adopted by the District Board.
- D. All budget changes must be approved by the District Board.
- E. Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Subsequent Events***

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date the financial statement were available to be issued, June 21, 2024, and determined there were no events that occurred that required disclosure. No subsequent events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in these financial statements.

**NOTE 3: INVESTMENTS**

All investments held at September 30, 2023 consist of money market funds in which shares are owned in the fund rather than the underlying investments. In accordance with GASB 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*, these amounts are reported at amortized cost.

The following is a summary of the District's investments:

<i>September 30,</i>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Credit Risk</b>	<b>Maturities</b>
Short-term Money Market Funds	\$ 3,950,521	S&P AAAM	45 days

*Concentration risk* – The District’s investment policy requires diversification, but does not specify limits on types of investments.

**Brookstone Community Development District**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**

**NOTE 3: INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

*Custodial credit risk* – For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that the District will not be able to recover the value of the investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District has no formal policy for custodial risk. At September 30, 2023, none of the investments listed above are exposed to custodial credit risk because their existence is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

*Interest rate risk* – The District does not have a formal policy for addressing interest rate risk; however, investments are made with discretion, to seek reasonable returns, preserve capital, and in general, avoid speculative investments. The District manages its exposure to declines in fair values from interest rate changes by reviewing the portfolio on an ongoing basis for changes in effective yield amounts.

**NOTE 4: CAPITAL ASSETS**

The following is a summary of changes in the capital assets for the year ended September 30, 2023.

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Disposals	Ending Balance
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>				
<i>Capital assets not being depreciated</i>				
Infrastructure under construction	\$ 8,275,825	\$ 14,661	\$ -	\$ 8,290,486
<b>Total capital assets, not being depreciated</b>	<b>8,275,825</b>	<b>14,661</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,290,486</b>
<i>Capital assets being depreciated</i>				
Infrastructure	11,512,840	-	-	11,512,840
<b>Total capital assets, being depreciated</b>	<b>11,512,840</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,512,840</b>
<i>Less accumulated depreciation</i>				
Infrastructure - drainage system	-	92,559	-	92,559
Infrastructure - entrance features	-	44,678	-	44,678
Infrastructure - landscaping and irrigation	-	137,551	-	137,551
Infrastructure - parks and recreation	-	44,694	-	44,694
Infrastructure - street and entry lighting	-	64,279	-	64,279
<b>Total accumulated depreciation</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>383,761</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>383,761</b>
<b>Total capital assets, being depreciated, net</b>	<b>11,512,840</b>	<b>(383,761)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,129,079</b>
<b>Governmental activities capital assets, net</b>	<b>\$ 19,788,665</b>	<b>\$ (369,100)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 19,419,565</b>

## Brookstone Community Development District Notes to Financial Statements

### **NOTE 4: CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)**

The District issued the Series 2018 Bonds during fiscal year 2018 to fund a portion of the 2018 Project. The 2018 Project (Phase I) is estimated to cost approximately \$23.1 million, of which approximately \$12.4 million was funded by the Series 2018 Bonds. The Developer funded the remaining portion of the 2018 Project, which was completed during fiscal year 2022. The District issued the Series 2022 bonds during the prior fiscal year to finance the acquisition of infrastructure associated with the remaining land in the District (Phase II).

### **NOTE 5: BONDS PAYABLE**

On February 8, 2018, the District issued \$14,300,000 of Special Assessment Revenue Bonds, Series 2018 consisting of \$1,225,000 2018 Term Bonds due November 1, 2023 with a fixed interest rate of 3.875%, \$1,505,000 2018 Term Bonds due November 1, 2028 with a fixed interest rate of 4.625%, \$4,355,000 2018 Term Bonds due May 1, 2038 with a fixed interest rate of 5.125%, and \$7,215,000 2018 Term Bonds due May 1, 2048 with a fixed interest rate of 5.25%. The Bonds were issued to finance the acquisition and construction of certain improvements for the benefit of the District. Interest is to be paid semiannually on each May 1 and November 1. Principal on the Series 2018 Bonds is to be paid serially commencing November 1, 2019 through November 1, 2048. The Series 2018 Bonds are subject to optional redemption beginning November 1, 2031 and to extraordinary mandatory redemption prior to maturity in the manner determined by the Bond Registrar if certain events occur as outlined in the Bond Indenture.

On September 13, 2022, the District issued \$10,700,000 of Special Assessment Revenue Bonds, Series 2022 consisting of \$845,000 2022 Term Bonds due May 1, 2027 with a fixed interest rate of 4.375%, \$1,075,000 2022 Term Bonds due May 1, 2032 with a fixed interest rate of 4.75%, \$3,195,000 2022 Term Bonds due May 1, 2042 with a fixed interest rate of 5.5%, and \$5,585,000 2022 Term Bonds due May 1, 2052 with a fixed interest rate of 5.625%. The Bonds were issued to finance the acquisition and construction of certain improvements for the benefit of the District. Interest is to be paid semiannually on each May 1 and November 1. Principal on the Series 2022 Bonds is to be paid serially commencing May 1, 2023 through May 1, 2052. The Series 2022 Bonds are subject to optional redemption beginning May 1, 2032 and to extraordinary mandatory redemption prior to maturity in the manner determined by the Bond Registrar if certain events occur as outlined in the Bond Indenture.

The Bond Indentures have certain restrictions and requirements relating principally to the use of proceeds to pay for infrastructure improvements and the procedure to be followed by the District on assessments to property owners. The District agreed to levy special assessments in annual amounts adequate to provide payment of debt service and to meet the debt service reserve requirements. The District is in compliance with the requirements of the Bond Indentures.

The Bond Indentures require that the District maintain adequate funds in the reserve accounts to meet the debt service reserve requirements as defined in the Indentures. These requirements have been met for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

**Brookstone Community Development District**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**

**NOTE 5: BONDS PAYABLE (Continued)**

Long-term liability activity for the year ended September 30, 2023, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
<i>Governmental Activities</i>					
Bonds Payable:					
Series 2018	\$ 11,465,000	\$ -	\$ (215,000)	\$ 11,250,000	\$ 225,000
Series 2022	10,700,000	-	(155,000)	10,545,000	160,000
	<u>\$ 22,165,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (370,000)</u>	<u>\$ 21,795,000</u>	<u>\$ 385,000</u>

At September 30, 2023, the scheduled debt service requirements on long-term debt were as follows:

<i>For the year ending September 30,</i>	Principal	Interest	Total Debt Service
2024	\$ 385,000	\$ 1,141,815	\$ 1,526,815
2025	400,000	1,125,137	1,525,137
2026	415,000	1,106,832	1,521,832
2027	440,000	1,087,729	1,527,729
2028	460,000	1,067,610	1,527,610
2029 - 2033	2,650,000	4,977,453	7,627,453
2034 - 2038	3,415,000	4,208,687	7,623,687
2039 - 2043	4,455,000	3,182,659	7,637,659
2044 - 2048	5,800,000	1,824,526	7,624,526
2049 - 2052	3,375,000	397,950	3,772,950
	<u>\$ 21,795,000</u>	<u>\$ 20,120,398</u>	<u>\$ 41,915,398</u>

**NOTE 6: 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. The District maintains commercial insurance coverage to mitigate the risk of loss. Coverage may not extend to all situations. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the District. There have been no settled claims since the District was established.

## **Brookstone Community Development District Notes to Financial Statements**

### **NOTE 7: MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

The District has contracted with a management company to perform management advisory services, which include financial and accounting advisory 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, and other administrative costs.

### **NOTE 8: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

A significant portion of the District's activity is dependent upon the continued involvement of the Subsequent Developer, DR Horton, the loss of significant involvement could have a material adverse effect on the District's operations.

For the year ended September 30, 2023, the Developer was assessed \$40,773 and \$502,913 for operations and maintenance and debt service, respectively. In addition, the District owed the previous Developer \$5,649 as of fiscal year end related to an overpayment of fiscal year 2019 expenditures and DR Horton \$12,018 for overpayment of current and prior year expenditures, which is reported as due to developer on the accompanying Statement of Net Position and Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds.

### **NOTE 9: COMMITMENTS**

In November 2017, the District entered into an interlocal agreement with Fieldstone Community Development District ("Fieldstone"), an adjoining district, related to roadway and utility improvements that will benefit both districts. In January 2018, the agreement was amended to clarify that the District's proportionate share of these improvement costs will not exceed \$2.5 million.

**Required Supplemental Information  
(Other Than MD&A)**

**Brookstone Community Development District  
Budget to Actual Comparison Schedule – General Fund**

<i>For the year ended September 30,</i>	<b>2023</b>		
	<b>Original and Final Budget</b>	<b>Actual Amounts</b>	<b>Variance with Final Budget</b>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Assessments	\$ 120,114	\$ 119,521	\$ (593)
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>120,114</b>	<b>119,521</b>	<b>(593)</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
General government	111,422	83,350	28,072
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>111,422</b>	<b>83,350</b>	<b>28,072</b>
<b>Excess of revenue over expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 8,692</b>	<b>\$ 36,171</b>	<b>\$ 27,479</b>



**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  
Brookstone 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 the governmental activities and each major fund of Brookstone Community Development District (hereinafter referred to as the "District"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 21, 2024.

**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the 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 the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 a 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.

## Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from 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 financial statements. 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 District'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 District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C.*

CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, LLC

Fort Walton Beach, Florida  
June 21, 2024



## **MANAGEMENT LETTER**

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

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the financial statements of the Brookstone Community Development District (“District”) as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated June 21, 2024.

### **Auditor’s Responsibility**

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

### **Other Reporting Requirements**

We have issued our Independent Auditor’s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and Independent Accountants’ Report on an examination conducted in accordance with AICPA Professional Standards, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those report, which are dated June 21, 2024, 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 annual financial audit report. There were no findings or recommendations made in the preceding annual audit report.

### **Official Title and Legal Authority**

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. The information required is disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

## **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 the District has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the District did not meet any 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 condition assessment procedures for the District. It is management's responsibility to monitor the District's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by 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.

## **Specific Information**

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

- a. The total number of district employees compensated in the last pay period of the District's fiscal year as 0.
- b. The total number of independent contractors to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the district's fiscal year as 0.
- c. All compensation earned by or awarded to employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency as \$0.
- d. All compensation earned by or awarded to nonemployee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency as \$0.
- e. The District does not have any construction projects with a total cost of at least \$65,000 that are scheduled to begin on or after October 1 of the fiscal year being reported.
- f. The District did not amend its final adopted general fund budget under Section 189.016(6), Florida Statutes.

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)7, Rules of the Auditor General, the Brookstone Community Development District reported:

- a. The rate or rates of non-ad valorem special assessments imposed by the District range from \$1,307 to \$1,842 per residential unit.

b. The total amount of special assessments collected by or on behalf of the District as \$1,654,818.

c. The total amount of outstanding bonds issued by the district as \$21,795,000.

#### **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 have any such findings.

#### **Purpose of this Letter**

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of 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.

*Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C.*

CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, LLC

Fort Walton Beach, Florida  
June 21, 2024

## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

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

We have examined Brookstone Community Development District's compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, *Local Government Investment Policies*, during the year ended September 30, 2023. Management is responsible for the District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the 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. Those standards require that we plan and performed the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the District complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the District complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgement, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the engagement.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the District's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended September 30, 2023.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the State of Florida Auditor General and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC*

CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, LLC

Fort Walton Beach, Florida  
June 21, 2024