

CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors,
Clay County Development Authority:

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and general fund of the Clay County Development Authority (the Authority), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and general fund of the Authority as of September 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position thereof and budgetary comparison statement for the general fund, 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 (GAAS) 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Authority 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

The Authority's 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 Authority'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.

Auditors' 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 auditors' 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 GAAS 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 GAAS, 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 Authority'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 Authority'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.

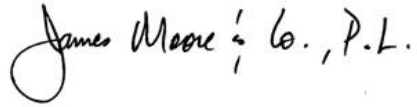
Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and required supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, 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 March 20, 2024, on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on 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 Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Daytona Beach, Florida
March 20, 2024

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**CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

We offer readers of the Authority's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Authority for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the reporting model adopted by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34 Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments. Certain comparative information between the current year and prior year is required to be presented in the MD&A and is presented in the Financial Highlights.

Financial Highlights

Our financial statements provide these insights into the results of this year's operation:

- At September 30, 2023, the Authority's statement of net position reported an ending net position balance of \$1,710,073, which is a change of (\$150,300) from the prior fiscal year. One of the reasons for this decrease is continued recurring expenditure activity with limited non-grant revenues.
- The Authority's assets exceeded its liabilities at September 30, 2023 by \$1,710,073. The full amount (unrestricted net position) may be used to meet the Authority's ongoing obligations.
- Total revenues were \$302,095 and \$902,385 for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Of those amounts, the Authority earned and expended \$300,000 and \$900,000, respectively, in grant revenues.
- Total expenses were \$452,395 and \$1,009,109 for September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The reason for the increase in expenses is related to increase in grant-related expenditures compared to the prior fiscal year.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Authority's financial statements which include a combined governmental fund and a government-wide statement as well as notes to the financial statements. There is additional supplementary information following these financial statements which may be of interest to the reader.

The governmental activities statements include a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities, and are designed to provide you with the financial position of the Authority and are similar to private-sector financial statements.

The Governmental Fund Balance Sheet/Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance (general fund column) shows the Authority's near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

**CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
(Continued)**

Government-wide financial statements – Analysis

Statement of Net Position

	2023	2022
Assets		
Current and other assets	\$ 1,710,073	\$ 1,860,373
Total assets	\$ 1,710,073	\$ 1,860,373
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and other liabilities	\$ -	\$ -
Total liabilities	\$ -	\$ -
Net Position		
Unrestricted	\$ 1,710,073	\$ 1,860,373
Total Net Position	\$ 1,710,073	\$ 1,860,373

The Statement of Net Position column shows the Authority's assets less its liabilities. The difference between these assets and liabilities is reported as net position. Changes in net position over time may be helpful in indicating an improving or deteriorating financial position. The Authority's net position in 2023 remained very similar and stable to the prior years.

Statement of Activities

	2023	2022
Revenues:		
Program revenues:		
Grants	\$ 300,000	\$ 900,000
General revenues:		
Investment income	2,095	2,385
Miscellaneous	-	-
Gain/loss on disposal of capital assets	-	-
Total revenues	302,095	902,385
Expenses:		
Operating costs	152,395	139,109
Capital grants	300,000	870,000
Total expenses	452,395	1,009,109
Change in net position	(150,300)	(106,724)
Net Position – beginning	1,860,373	1,967,097
Net Position - ending	\$ 1,710,073	\$ 1,860,373

Because the focus of governmental funds, general fund column, is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statement, net position column, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental activities in the general fund with governmental information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide column Statement of Net Position.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
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The Statement of Activities column presents information showing how the net position changed during the fiscal year. The statement presents all underlying events, which give rise to the change, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows.

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the combined governmental fund and government-wide statements.

Governmental Funds

The Authority's revenues and other financing sources decreased by approximately \$600,000 when compared to the prior fiscal year, primarily due to significant decrease in grant projects being undertaken in the current fiscal year.

The Authority's expenditures and other financing uses decreased by approximately \$555,000 compared to the prior fiscal year. The decrease in expenditures was mostly attributable to the decrease in grant expenditures of approximately \$570,000.

Budgetary Highlights

Budget to actual statements are provided in the financial statements. No budget amendments were made during the year. The budget to actual statement for the General Fund shows that actual expenditures were less than budgeted expenditures by \$942,865, mostly due to significantly less than anticipated grant revenues and disbursements.

Contacting the Authority

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Authority's finances and to show the Authority's accountability for the management of the financial resources of the Authority. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, you may contact the Clay County Development Authority by mail at 1845 Town Center Blvd, Suite 410, Fleming Island, FL 32003.

**CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BALANCE SHEET / STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

	General Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Net Position
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 136,032	\$ -	\$ 136,032
Investments	485	-	485
Property held for sale	1,263,606	-	1,263,606
Grants and accounts receivable	300,000	-	300,000
Prepaid items and deposits	9,950	-	9,950
Total Assets	\$ 1,710,073	\$ -	\$ 1,710,073
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<u>FUND BALANCE / NET POSITION</u>			
Fund balance:			
Nonspendable:			
Prepaid items and deposits	\$ 9,950	\$ (9,950)	\$ -
Property held for sale	1,263,606	(1,263,606)	-
Assigned			
Subsequent year's budget	83,025	(83,025)	-
Unassigned	353,492	(353,492)	-
Net position:			
Unrestricted	-	1,710,073	1,710,073
Total Fund Balance / Net Position	1,710,073	\$ -	\$ 1,710,073
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 1,710,073		

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

**CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE / STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Statement of Activities</u>
Revenues			
Interest income	\$ 2,095	\$ -	\$ 2,095
Grants	300,000	-	300,000
Total revenues	<u>302,095</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>302,095</u>
Expenditures / expenses			
Legal and professional	125,040	-	125,040
Funding to CEDC	15,500	-	15,500
Grant disbursements	300,000	-	300,000
Miscellaneous	11,855	-	11,855
Total expenditures / expenses	<u>452,395</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>452,395</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures / operating income (loss)	<u>(150,300)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(150,300)</u>
Fund balance / net position, beginning of year	1,860,373	-	1,860,373
Fund balance / net position, end of year	<u>\$ 1,710,073</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,710,073</u>

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are an integral part of these statements.

**CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenues				
Interest income	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,095	\$ (305)
Grants	1,300,000	1,300,000	300,000	(1,000,000)
Total revenues	<u>1,302,400</u>	<u>1,302,400</u>	<u>302,095</u>	<u>(1,000,305)</u>
Expenditures / expenses				
Legal and professional	116,520	116,520	125,040	(8,520)
Funding to CEDC	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
Other grants	500	500	500	-
Grant disbursements	1,240,000	1,250,000	300,000	950,000
Miscellaneous	13,240	13,240	11,855	1,385
Total expenditures / expenses	<u>1,385,260</u>	<u>1,395,260</u>	<u>452,395</u>	<u>942,865</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(82,860)</u>	<u>(92,860)</u>	<u>(150,300)</u>	<u>(57,440)</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year	1,860,373	1,860,373	1,860,373	-
Fund balance, end of year	<u><u>\$ 1,777,513</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,767,513</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,710,073</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (57,440)</u></u>

The accompanying notes to financial statements
are an integral part of this statement.

CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

The accounting policies of the Clay County Development Authority (the Authority) conform to generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of significant policies.

(a) **Reporting entity**—The Authority is an independent special district created under special act by the Florida Legislature, Chapter 2001-317, House Bill 897, for the purpose of performing such acts as shall be necessary for the sound planning and development of Clay County, Florida. It is composed of ten members who are appointed by the governor. The Authority has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Codification and has determined that there are no component units that meet the criteria for inclusion in the Authority's financial statements.

(b) **Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement 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 incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using current *financial resources, measurement focus*, and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized when they are both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities. The Authority considers revenues to be available if they are collected within one year of the end of the fiscal year.

(c) **Budget and budgetary accounting**—The Authority prepares a budget on a consistent basis which does not differ materially from generally accepted accounting principles. The budget is approved and amended by Authority members. The Authority has one budgeted governmental fund, which is the General Fund. The legal level of control is the General Fund as a whole.

(d) **Cash and cash equivalents**—Cash and cash equivalents consists of cash on hand and on deposit in banks and money market accounts.

(e) **Investments**—The Authority's investment practices are governed by Chapter 218.415, Florida Statutes. The Authority is authorized to invest in the following:

- 1) The Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund;
- 2) Securities and Exchange Commission registered money market funds with the highest credit rating from a nationally recognized rating agency;
- 3) Interest bearing time deposits or savings accounts in qualified public depositories; and
- 4) Direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury.

(f) **Property held for sale**—Property held for sale reports the value of vacant land owned by the Authority and intended to be sold in the future.

(g) **Grants and accounts receivable**—All receivables are determined to be fully collectable. Accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts has been provided.

CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

(1) **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:** (Continued)

(h) **Fund equity**—The Authority had no fund balance other than nonspendable, which represents prepaid items and deposits, assigned, which represent funds designed by the Board for use in the following fiscal year, and unassigned fund balance at September 30, 2023. Should the Authority hold any fund balance/net position that classifies as either restricted or committed, it is the Authority to first apply restricted resources, and then committed resources, before using any unrestricted resources.

(i) **Revenues and expenditures**—Other than grant revenues, the Authority’s primary revenue streams consist of bond fees, earned by the Authority both upon the issuance of conduit debt and on an ongoing basis from conduit debt issuance. Non-grant expenditures generally are for administrative items. The Authority had no conduit debt issuances for the year ended September 30, 2023.

(j) **Use of estimates**—The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets, liabilities, and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(k) **Implementation of new accounting pronouncements**—The Authority implemented GASB Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements, in the current year and noted no agreements that met the criteria for recognition.

(2) **Reconciliation of Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statement:**

(a) **Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund balance sheet and the government-wide statement of net position**—Included with the governmental fund balance sheet is a reconciliation between fund balance – total governmental funds and net position – governmental activities as reported in the government-wide statement of net position. These differences, including various equity reclassifications, are outlined in the “Adjustments” column on the balance sheet / statement of net position.

(b) **Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances and the government-wide statement of activities**—Included with the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances, there is a reconciliation between net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds and changes in net position of governmental activities as reported in the government-wide statement of activities. There were no such reconciling items for the current year.

(3) **Deposits and Investments:**

At September 30, 2023, the carrying amount of the Authority’s deposits was \$136,032. In addition to insurance provided by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, deposits are held in banking institutions approved by the State Treasurer of the State of Florida to hold public funds. Under Florida Statutes Chapter 280, *Florida Security for Public Deposits Act*, the State Treasurer requires all Florida qualified public depositories to deposit with the Treasurer or another banking institution eligible collateral. In the event of failure of a qualified public depository, the remaining public depositories would be responsible for covering any resulting losses. The Authority's deposits at year end are considered insured for custodial credit risk purposes.

CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

(3) **Deposits and Investments:** (Continued)

The Authority measures and records its investments, assets whose use is limited, and restricted assets using fair value measurement guidelines established by the GASB Codification. These guidelines recognize a three-tiered fair value hierarchy, as follows:

- *Level 1:* Quoted prices for identical investments in active markets;
- *Level 2:* Observable inputs other than quoted market prices; and,
- *Level 3:* Unobservable inputs.

Investments of \$485 consist of monies held in the Florida PRIME fund, as managed by the State Board of Administration. The Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund (Florida PRIME) is not a registrant with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC); however, the Board has adopted operating procedures consistent with the requirements of the SEC's Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Rule 2a7 allows SEC-registered mutual funds to use amortized cost rather than market value to report net assets to compute share prices if certain conditions are met. Those conditions include restrictions on the types of investments held; restrictions on the term-to-maturity of individual investments and the dollar-weighted average of the portfolio; requirements for portfolio diversification; requirements for divestiture considerations in the event of security downgrades and defaults; and required actions if the market value of the portfolio deviates from amortized cost by a specified amount. The Florida PRIME is considered a SEC 2a7-like fund, and the account balance is considered the fair value of the investment. The Florida PRIME is rated by Standard & Poor. The current rating is AAAM. The weighted average days to maturity of the Florida PRIME at September 30, 2023, were 35 days.

Property held for resale of \$1,263,606 is valued based on market conditions and resale data of similar parcels of land, a level 3 input. Based on the short period of time from the purchase date to the financial statement date, the purchase price plus direct costs of improvement was used as the estimated fair value at September 30, 2023.

(4) **Noncommitments and Conduit Debt:**

Chapter 159, Parts II and III, Florida Statutes, and other applicable provisions of law (the "Act") authorizes the Authority to make and execute agreements, contracts, deeds, and other instruments necessary or convenient for the construction of an industrial or manufacturing plant as defined in the Act. The Act also authorizes the purchase of machinery, equipment, land, rights in land, and other related appurtenances and facilities, to the end that the Authority may be able to promote the economic development of Clay County and of the State of Florida; to increase opportunities for gainful employment; and to aid in improving the prosperity and welfare of the State and its inhabitants. The Authority, as permitted by the Act, has issued Industrial Revenue Bonds, the various borrowers of which are solely responsible for debt repayment. A schedule of outstanding conduit debt as of September 30, 2023, is not available.

(5) **Risk Management:**

The Authority 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 Authority carries commercial insurance. There have been no claims or reductions in coverage from the prior year.



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 Directors,
Clay County Development Authority:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America, the financial statements of the governmental activities and general fund of the Clay County Development Authority (the Authority) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 20, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audits of the financial statements, we considered the Authority'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority'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 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 Authority'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.

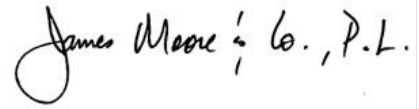
Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Authority'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 financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audits and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

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

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Daytona Beach, Florida
March 20, 2024



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT LETTER REQUIRED
BY CHAPTER 10.550, RULES OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL**

To the Board of Directors,
Clay County Development Authority:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Clay County Development Authority (the Authority), as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated March 20, 2024.

Auditors' 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 Florida Auditor General.

Other Reports and Schedule

We have issued our Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on 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 reports and schedule, which are dated March 20, 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. No findings remain uncorrected from the second preceding audit. There were no recommendations from the prior fiscal year audit.

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 Clay County Development Authority was established by special act by the Florida Legislature, Chapter 2001-317, HB 897. There are no component units related to the Authority.

Financial Condition and Management

Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, require that we apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether or not the Authority has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audits, we determined that the Authority 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. It is management's responsibility to monitor the Authority'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.

Special District Component Units

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.c., Rules of the Auditor General, requires, if appropriate, that we communicate the failure of a special district that is a component unit of a county, municipality, or special district, to provide the financial information necessary for proper reporting of the component unit within the audited financial statements of the county, municipality, or special district in accordance with Section 218.39(3)(b), Florida Statutes. In connection with our audit, we did not note any special district component units; therefore, we did not note any such component units that failed to provide the necessary information, nor is any specific special district information required to be reported.

Specific Special District Information – Clay County Development Authority

The following items have been provided to us to comply with state reporting requirements and have not been audited by us. We did not audit the following information within this section, nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or the completeness of the information provided by management. We do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on this data.

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)6, Rules of the Auditor General, the Authority reported the following unaudited data:

- a) The total number of district employees compensated in the last pay period of the district's fiscal year: -0-.
- b) The total number of independent contractors to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the district's fiscal year: 3 (three).
- c) All compensation earned by or awarded to employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency: \$-0-.
- d) All compensation earned by or awarded to nonemployee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency: \$101,400.
- e) 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 of the fiscal year being reported, together with the total expenditures for such project as:
 - a. No such projects noted.

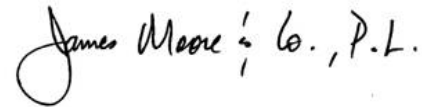
- f) A budget variance based on the budget adopted under Section 189.016(4), Florida Statutes, before the beginning of the fiscal year being reported if the district amends a final adopted budget under Section 189.016(6), Florida Statutes, as follows: there were no amendments between the original and final total district expenditure budget.

Additional Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address 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 the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, and applicable management and the Board of Directors, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Moore & Co., P.L." The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a thin black rectangular border.

Daytona Beach, Florida
March 20, 2024

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' EXAMINATION REPORT

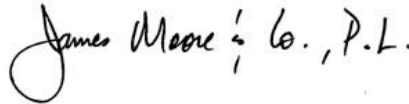
To the Board of Directors,
Clay County Development Authority:

We have examined the Clay County Development Authority's (the Authority) compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, *Local Government Investment Policies* (the Statute), for the year ended September 30, 2023. Management is responsible for the Authority's compliance with the Statute. Our responsibility is to obtain reasonable assurance by evaluate the Authority's compliance with the Statute and performing other procedures to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence to express an opinion that conveys the results of our evaluation based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards for a direct examination engagement established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). Those standards require that we obtain reasonable assurance for evaluating the Authority's compliance with the Statute, and performing other procedures to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence to express an opinion that conveys the results of our evaluation of the Authority's compliance with the Statute. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of risks that the Authority was not in compliance with the Statute in all material respects, 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.

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



Daytona Beach, Florida
March 20, 2024