

**Estates at Cherry Lake Community  
Development District**

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Supervisors  
Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District  
City of Groveland, Florida

### Report on Audit of the Financial Statements

#### *Opinion*

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District (the "District"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the District'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 each major fund of Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District as of September 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### *Basis for Opinion*

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

#### *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.

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Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District

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 one year beyond the financial statement date, including currently known information that may raise substantial doubt thereafter.

***Auditor's Responsibility 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 opinion. 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 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 GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgement 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 judgement, 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.

To the Board of Supervisors  
Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis 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 obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### **Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated May 7, 2024 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations and contracts.

The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's 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 Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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May 7, 2024

**Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023**

Management's discussion and analysis of Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District's (the "District") financial performance provides an objective and easily readable analysis of the District's financial activities. The analysis provides summary financial information for the District and should be read in conjunction with the District's financial statements.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

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

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

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

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

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**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

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

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

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

**Financial Highlights**

The following are the highlights of financial activity for the year ended September 30, 2023.

- ◆ The District's total liabilities exceeded total assets by \$(6,623,645) (net position). Restricted net position was \$355,692 and unrestricted net position was \$(6,979,337).
- ◆ Revenues from governmental activities totaled \$798,032 and expenses from governmental activities totaled \$456,451.

**Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**Financial Analysis of the District**

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

	<b>Net Position</b>	
	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Current assets	\$ 172,560	\$ 152,122
Restricted assets	498,229	519,665
Total Assets	670,789	671,787
Current liabilities	514,434	502,013
Non-current liabilities	6,780,000	7,135,000
Total Liabilities	7,294,434	7,637,013
Net Position		
Restricted	355,692	353,146
Unrestricted	(6,979,337)	(7,318,372)
Total Net Position	\$ (6,623,645)	\$ (6,965,226)

The increase in current assets is related to the increase in assessments receivable in the current year.

The increase in current liabilities is related to the increase in the current portion of bonds payable in the current year.

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



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**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**Financial Analysis of the District (Continued)**

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

**Change In Net Position**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Program Revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 776,414	\$ 844,695
General Revenues		
Investment earnings	21,618	1,634
Total Revenues	<u>798,032</u>	<u>846,329</u>
Expenses		
General government	64,274	61,836
Physical environment	-	19
Interest and other charges	392,177	409,632
Total Expenses	<u>456,451</u>	<u>471,487</u>
Change in Net Position	341,581	374,842
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>(6,965,226)</u>	<u>(7,340,068)</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u>\$ (6,623,645)</u>	<u>\$ (6,965,226)</u>

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

The decrease in interest and other charges is related to the decrease in bonds outstanding in the current year.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The budgeted expenditures exceeded actual expenditures in the current year because engineering and legal fees and contingency expenditures were less than anticipated.

There were no budget amendments in the current year.

**Debt Management**

Governmental Activities debt includes the following:

In May 2006, the District issued \$13,315,000 Series 2006 Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds. These bonds were issued to finance the cost of the construction, installation, and equipping of a portion of the Capital Improvement Program (the "2006 Project"). As of September 30, 2023, the balance outstanding was \$7,135,000.

**Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget**

Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District does not expect any economic factors to have any significant effect on the financial position or results of operations of the District in fiscal year 2024.

**Request for Information**

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District's finances for all those with an interest. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District's Accounting Department at 3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33614.

**Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**September 30, 2023**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 144,913
Assessments receivable	18,050
Prepaid expenses	9,597
Total Current Assets	172,560
Non-Current Assets	
Restricted Assets	
Investments	498,229
Total Assets	670,789
 <b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	383
Bonds payable	355,000
Accrued interest	159,051
Total Current Liabilities	514,434
Non-Current Liabilities	
Bonds payable	6,780,000
Total Liabilities	7,294,434
 <b>NET POSITION</b>	
Restricted for debt service	355,692
Unrestricted	(6,979,337)
Total Net Position	\$ (6,623,645)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2023**

<b>Functions/Programs</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Program Revenues Charges for Services</b>	<b>Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities</b>
Governmental Activities			
General government	\$ (64,274)	\$ 66,167	\$ 1,893
Interest and other charges	(392,177)	710,247	318,070
Total Governmental Activities	\$ (456,451)	\$ 776,414	319,963
	<b>General Revenues</b>		
	Investment income		21,618
	Changes in Net Position		341,581
	Net Position - Beginning of Year		(6,965,226)
	Net Position - End of Year		\$ (6,623,645)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District**  
**BALANCE SHEET -**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**September 30, 2023**

	General	Debt Service	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash	\$ 144,913	\$ -	\$ 144,913
Assessments receivable	1,536	16,514	18,050
Prepaid expenses	9,597	-	9,597
Restricted assets			
Investments	-	498,229	498,229
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 156,046</b>	<b>\$ 514,743</b>	<b>\$ 670,789</b>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>			
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 383	\$ -	\$ 383
 <b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Nonspendable - prepaid expenses	9,597	-	9,597
Restricted:			
Debt service	-	514,743	514,743
Unassigned	146,066	-	146,066
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>155,663</b>	<b>514,743</b>	<b>670,406</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 156,046</b>	<b>\$ 514,743</b>	<b>\$ 670,789</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District**  
**RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES**  
**TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES**  
**September 30, 2023**

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$ 670,406
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Long-term liabilities, bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore, are not reported at the fund level.	(7,135,000)
Accrued interest for long-term debt is not a current financial use, and therefore, is not reported at the fund level.	<u>(159,051)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ (6,623,645)</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2023**

	General	Debt Service	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues			
Special assessments	\$ 66,167	\$ 710,247	\$ 776,414
Investment income	2,142	19,476	21,618
Total Revenues	<u>68,309</u>	<u>729,723</u>	<u>798,032</u>
Expenditures			
Current			
General government	64,274	-	64,274
Debt service			
Principal	-	335,000	335,000
Interest	-	399,645	399,645
Total Expenditures	<u>64,274</u>	<u>734,645</u>	<u>798,919</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	4,035	(4,922)	(887)
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	<u>151,628</u>	<u>519,665</u>	<u>671,293</u>
Fund Balances - End of Year	<u><u>\$ 155,663</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 514,743</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 670,406</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2023**

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$	(887)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Repayments of bond principal are expenditures at the fund level, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities at the government-wide level.		335,000
At the government-wide level, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds; whereas at the fund level, interest expenditures are reported when due. This is the change in accrued interest in the current period.		<u>7,468</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	<u><u>341,581</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



**Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN**  
**FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2023**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
Revenues				
Special assessments	\$ 66,000	\$ 66,000	\$ 66,167	\$ 167
Investment income	-	-	2,142	2,142
Total Revenues	<u>66,000</u>	<u>66,000</u>	<u>68,309</u>	<u>2,309</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	<u>72,072</u>	<u>72,072</u>	<u>64,274</u>	<u>7,798</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(6,072)	(6,072)	4,035	10,107
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	<u>6,072</u>	<u>6,072</u>	<u>151,628</u>	<u>145,556</u>
Fund Balances - End of Year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 155,663</u>	<u>\$ 155,663</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**September 30, 2023**

**NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

**1. Reporting Entity**

The District was established on May 26, 2005, pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended (the "Act"), by City of Groveland, Florida Ordinance #2005-05-13 as a Community Development District. The District was established for the purposes of financing and managing the acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of the infrastructure necessary for community development within its jurisdiction. The District is authorized to issue bonds for the purpose, among others, of financing, funding, planning, establishing, acquiring, constructing district roads, landscaping, and other basic infrastructure projects within or outside the boundaries of the Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District. The District is governed by a five-member Board of Supervisors who are elected on an at large basis by landowners within the District. The District operates within the criteria established by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes.

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

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

**2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

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

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

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**NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)**

**a. Government-wide Financial Statements**

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

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

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

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

**b. Fund Financial Statements**

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

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

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**NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)**

**b. Fund Financial Statements (Continued)**

**Governmental Funds**

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

The District has various policies governing the fund balance classifications.

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

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

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

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

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

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**NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)**

**b. Fund Financial Statements (Continued)**

**Governmental Funds (Continued)**

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

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

Under the current financial resources measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The reported fund balance is considered to be a measure of “available spendable resources”.

Governmental fund operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of “available spendable resources” during a period.

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

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

Debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

**3. Basis of Presentation**

**a. Governmental Major Funds**

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

**Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**September 30, 2023**

**NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**3. Basis of Presentation (Continued)**

**a. Governmental Major Funds (Continued)**

Debt Service Fund – Accounts for debt service requirements to retire the capital improvement bonds which were used to finance the construction of District infrastructure improvements.

**b. Non-current Governmental Assets/Liabilities**

GASB Statement 34 requires that non-current governmental assets, such as infrastructure and improvements, and non-current governmental liabilities, such as general obligation bonds and developer obligations be reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide Statement of Net Position.

**4. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity**

**a. Cash and Investments**

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

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

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

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash equivalents include time deposits and all highly liquid debt instruments with original maturities of three months or less and held in a qualified public depository as defined by Section 280.02, Florida Statutes.

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**NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

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

**b. Restricted Net Position**

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

**c. Budgets**

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

**NOTE B – CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

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

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a formal deposit policy for custodial credit risk; however, they follow the provisions of Chapter 280, Florida Statutes regarding deposits and investments. As of September 30, 2023, the District's bank balance was \$148,413 and the carrying value was \$144,913. Exposure to custodial credit risk was as follows. The District maintains all deposits in a qualified public depository in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 280, Florida Statutes, which means that all deposits are fully insured by Federal Depositors Insurance or collateralized under Chapter 280, Florida Statutes.

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**NOTE B – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

Investments

As of September 30, 2023, the District had the following investments and maturities:

<b>Investment</b>	<b>Maturities</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
First American Treasury Obligations	39 Days*	\$ 498,229

\*Maturity is a weighted average maturity

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

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

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

Interest Rate Risk

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

Credit Risk

The District's investments in treasury funds, money markets and government loans are limited by state statutory requirements and bond compliance. The District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices. As of September 30, 2023, the District's investments in First American Treasury Obligations was rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's.

Concentration of Credit Risk

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

The types of deposits and investments and their level of risk exposure as of September 30, 2023 were typical of these items during the fiscal year then ended. The District considers any decline in fair value for certain investments to be temporary.



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**NOTE C – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REVENUES**

Assessments are non-ad valorem assessments on benefited property within the District. Operating and Maintenance Assessments are based upon the adopted budget and levied annually at a public hearing by the District. Debt Service Assessments are levied when bonds are issued and collected annually. The District may collect assessments directly or utilize the uniform method of collections (Chapter 197.3632, Florida Statutes). Direct collected assessments are due as determined by annual assessment resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Assessments collected under the uniform method are due and payable on November 1 or as soon as the assessment roll is certified and delivered to the Tax Collector. Per Section 197.162, Florida Statutes discounts are allowed for early payment at the rate of 4% in November, 3% in December, 2% in January, and 1% in February. Taxes paid in March are without discount.

All unpaid assessments become delinquent as of April 1. Virtually all unpaid assessments are collected via the sale of tax certificates on, or prior to, June 1; therefore, there were no material amounts receivable at fiscal year-end. Assessment levied for the 2022-2023 fiscal year were levied in August 2022.

**NOTE D – LONG-TERM DEBT**

Governmental Activities

The following is a summary of activity for long-term debt of the Governmental Activities for the year ended September 30, 2023:

Long-term debt at October 1, 2022	\$ 7,470,000
Principal payments	<u>(335,000)</u>
Long-term debt at September 30, 2023	<u>\$ 7,135,000</u>

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

**Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds**

\$13,315,000 Series 2006 Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds are due in annual principal installments beginning May 2008 maturing May 2037. Interest at a rate of 5.35% is due May and November beginning November 2006. Current portion is \$355,000.

\$ 7,135,000

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**NOTE D – LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)**

The annual requirements to amortize the principal and interest of bonded debt outstanding as of September 30, 2023 are as follows:

<u>Year Ending September 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ 355,000	\$ 381,723	\$ 736,723
2025	375,000	362,730	737,730
2026	395,000	342,668	737,668
2027	415,000	321,535	736,535
2028	435,000	299,333	734,333
2029-2033	2,565,000	1,120,559	3,685,559
2034-2039	2,595,000	356,044	2,951,044
Totals	<u>\$ 7,135,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,184,592</u>	<u>\$ 10,319,592</u>

Summary of Significant Bond Resolution Terms and Covenants

The Series 2006 Bonds are subject to redemption at the option of the District prior to their maturity, in whole or in part, at any time after May 1, 2016 at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of the Series 2006 Bonds to be redeemed, together with accrued interest to the date of redemption. The Series 2006 Bonds are subject to extraordinary mandatory redemption prior to maturity in the manner determined by the Bond Registrar if certain events occurred as outlined in the Trust Indenture.

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

In October 2014, the District amended the First Supplemental Trust Indenture. Pursuant to the amendment, the Reserve Requirement shall be zero and the Deferred Cost account closed. Pursuant to the provisions of the Bond Indenture, at least a majority of the Bond owners' consent was obtained.

**NOTE E – RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the government carries commercial insurance. There were no claims or settled claims from these risks that exceeded commercial coverage in the last three years.

**NOTE F – RELATED PARTIES**

Two of the Board members are members of the same immediate family.



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

To the Board of Supervisors  
Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District  
City of Groveland, 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, as listed in the table of contents, of Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 7, 2024.

### **Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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

To the Board of Supervisors  
Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District  
City of Groveland, Florida

### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

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

### **Purpose of this Report**

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



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## MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Board of Supervisors  
Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District  
City of Groveland, Florida

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated May 7, 2024.

### Auditor's Responsibility

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

### Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and our Independent Auditor's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professionals Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated May 7, 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 financial audit report. There were no findings or recommendations in the preceding financial audit report.

### 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 Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific conditions met. In connection with our audit, we determined that Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

To the Board of Supervisors  
Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District

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 Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District. It is management's responsibility to monitor the Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District's financial condition; our financial condition assessment was based in part on the representations made by management and the review of the financial information provided by the same as of September 30, 2023.

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**

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

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

- 1) The total number of district employees compensated in the last pay period of the District's fiscal year: 0
- 2) The total number of independent contractors to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the District's fiscal year: 2
- 3) All compensation earned by or awarded to employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency: \$0
- 4) All compensation earned by or awarded to nonemployee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency: \$5,005
- 5) Each construction project with a total cost of at least \$65,000 approved by the District that is scheduled to begin on or after October 1, 2022, together with the total expenditures for such project: N/A
- 6) A budget variance based on the budget adopted under Section 189.016(4), Florida Statutes, before the beginning of the fiscal year being reported if the District amends a final adopted budget under Section 189.016(6), Florida Statutes: There were no amendments to the FY 2023 budget.

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)8, Rules of the Auditor General, the Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District reported:

- 1) The rate or rates of non-ad valorem special assessments imposed by the District: General Fund \$46.68 and the Debt Service Fund \$115.24 - \$617.11.
- 2) The amount of special assessments collected by or on behalf of the District: Total Special Assessments collected was \$776,414.
- 3) The total amount of outstanding bonds issued by the District and the terms of such bonds: \$7,135,000, Series 2006 Bonds, matures May 2037.



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### **Additional Matters**

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

### **Purpose of this Letter**

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

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

To the Board of Supervisors  
Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District  
City of Groveland, Florida

We have examined Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District's compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes during the year ended September 30, 2023. Management is responsible for Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District's compliance based on our examination.

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

In our opinion, Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements during the year ended September 30, 2023.

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