

BLUEWATERS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

REGULAR BOARD MEETING APRIL 8, 2024 6:15 p.m.

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AGENDA BLUEWATERS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Somerset Academy Silver Palms-Cafeteria Room 23255 S.W. 115th Avenue Miami, Florida 33032 **REGULAR BOARD MEETING** April 8, 2024 6:15 p.m.

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K. Adjourn

MIAMI-DADE

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE:

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared GUILLERMO GARCIA, who on oath says that he or she is the DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, Legal Notices of the Miami Daily Business Review f/k/a Miami Review, of Miami-Dade County, Florida; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Legal Advertisement of Notice in the matter of

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in the XXXX Court,

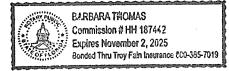
was published in a newspaper by print in the issues of Miami Daily Business Review f/k/a Miami Review on

09/29/2023

Affiant further says that the newspaper complies with all legal requirements for publication in chapter 50, Florida Statutes.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29 day of SEPTEMBER, A.D. 2023

(SÉAL) GUILLERMO GARCIA personally known to me



BLUEWATERS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of the Bluewaters Community Development District (the "District") will hold Regular Meetings in the Somerset Academy Silver Palms, Cafeteria Room, 23255 SW 115th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33032, at 6:15 p.m. on the following dates:

> October 9, 2023 December 11, 2023 February 12, 2024 March 11, 2024 April 8, 2024 May 13, 2024 June 10, 2024 September 9, 2024

The purpose of the meetings is for the Board to consider any District business which may lawfully and properly come before the Board. Meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law for community development districts. Copies of the agendas for any of the meetings may be obtained from the District's website or by contacting the District Manager at 786-313-3661 and/or toll free at 1-877-737-4922, prior to the date of the particular meeting.

From time to time one or two Board members may participate by telephone; therefore, a speaker telephone will be present at the meeting location so that Board members may be fully informed of the discussions taking place. Said meeting(s) may be continued as found necessary to a time and place specified on the record.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at these meetings, such person will need a record of the proceedings and such person may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made at his or her own expense and which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is based.

In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations or an interpreter to participate at any of these meetings should contact the District Manager at 786-313-3661 and/or toll free at 1-877-737-4922 at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the particular meeting.

Meetings may be cancelled from time to time with no advertised notice.

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BLUEWATERS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SPECIAL BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 13, 2023

A. CALL TO ORDER

District Manager Armando Silva called the November 13, 2023, Regular Board Meeting of the Bluewaters Community Development District (the "District") to order at 6:16 p.m. at the Somerset Academy Silver Palms Cafeteria Room.

B. PROOF OF PUBLICATION

Mr. Silva presented proof of publication that notice of the Regular Board Meeting had been published in the *Miami Daily Business Review* on November 2, 2023, as legally required.

C. ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Mr. Silva determined that the attendance of Chairperson Rodney Mejia, Vice Chairperson Lorna Burnett and Supervisor Lazaro Mederos constituted a quorum and it was in order to proceed with the meeting.

Staff in attendance included: District Manager Armando Silva of Special District Services, Inc.; and District Counsel Gregory George of Billing, Cochran, Lyles, Mauro & Ramsey, P.A.

D. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

E. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments from the public for items not on the agenda.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 1. June 12, 2023, Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing

Mr. Silva presented the minutes of the June 12, 2023, Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing and asked if there were any corrections and/or revisions. There being no changes, a **motion** was made by Mr. Mejia, seconded by Mr. Mederos and passed unanimously approving the minutes of the June 12, 2023, Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing, as presented.

G. OLD BUSINESS 1. Update Regarding Traffic Signal Request – SW 242nd Street & SW 112th Avenue

Mr. Silva shared the following e-mail from FDOT regarding the traffic study being conducted on the intersection of SW 242nd Street & SW 112th Avenue:

Florida Department of Transportation District 6 Traffic Operations Office 1000 NW 111th Avenue, Room 6206A Miami, Florida 33172-5800 Telephone (305) 470-5335

September 12nd, 2023

Mr. Pablo Jerez Email: <u>pjerez@sdsinc.org</u>

SUBJECT: Section 87015, SR 989 / SW 112th Avenue / Allapattah Drive at SW 242nd Street. Request for a traffic signal installation. CTP 2022-07-0003

Good morning, Mr. Jerez,

This is in response to your request for a traffic signal installation along the subject intersection of SW 112th Avenue / Allapattah Drive at SW 242nd Street. The Department completed a signal warrant analysis study at this location which included field observations, turning movement counts, vehicular approach counts, review of crash data, vehicular delays, and engineering judgement. Based on the results of the study, it was recommended to install a traffic signal. Our office will present the study report and its findings to the department's scoping committee for funding, design, and construction approval through the work program for implementation.

The Department appreciates the time you have taken in bringing this matter to our attention and remains committed to addressing the community's traffic and highway safety needs. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at (305) 470-5188 or via e-mail at <u>Ronald.Pierre-Louis@dot.state.fl.us</u>

Best regards,

Ronald Pierre-Louis

Florida Department of Transportation District 6 Traffic Operations Adam Leigh Cann Building 1000 NW 111 Ave, Room 6202A Miami, Florida 33172 Phone: (305) 470-5188 Email: Ronald.Pierre-Louis@dot.state.fl.us



Put it Down , Don't text and drive

2. Update Regarding Installation of Electrical Outlets and Holiday Lighting

Mr. Silva advised that the electrical outlet project had been finalized as of about a month ago. He then asked the Board if they would like to consider installing holiday lighting on the royal palms this year since that was the main purpose for the installation of the electrical outlets. A discussion ensued after which:

A **motion** was made by Mr. Mejia, seconded by Ms. Burnett and unanimously passed approving an amount not to exceed \$12,000 for the installation of holiday lighting along SW 242nd Street.

3. Discussion Regarding Trimming of Trees

Mr. Silva advised that District Field Ops Manager, Pablo Jerez, had identified fifteen (15) mahogany trees throughout the District that were obstructing the illumination of certain street light poles. A discussion ensued after which:

A **motion** was made by Ms. Burnett, seconded by Mr. Mejia and unanimously passed approving the proposal from Trimscape in the amount of \$1,000 for the trimming of the aforementioned trees.

4. Discussion Regarding Raised Sidewalk Repairs

Mr. Silva advised that District staff had reached out to Miami-Dade County ("County") regarding the status of the repairs of the raised sidewalks but they have not yet received a response. He also stated that he would provide the Board Members with the Service Report Number for each raised sidewalk location so that each Board Member could also reach out to the County to speed up the repair process.

5. Discussion Regarding Bus Shelter

Mr. Silva advised that District staff had reached out to Miami-Dade County ("County") regarding the status of the bus shelter along SW 112th Avenue and SW 242nd Street but they have not yet received a response.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Resolution No. 2023-05 – Adopting a Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Amended Budget

Mr. Silva presented Resolution No. 2023-05, entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE BLUEWATERS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING AND ADOPTING AN AMENDED FINAL FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 BUDGET ("AMENDED BUDGET"), PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 189, *FLORIDA STATUTES*; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Silva read the title into the record and provided an explanation for the document. He indicated that there was an operating fund balance of approximately \$451,841 at the end of the fiscal year. A discussion ensued after which:

A **motion** was made by Mr. Mejia, seconded by Mr. Mederos and unanimously passed adopting Resolution No. 2023-05, as presented, thereby setting the amended/revised budget for the 2022/2023 fiscal year.

2. Discussion Regarding Repaying of Streets

Mr. Silva stated that District Field Ops Staff would reach out to the County regarding the timeline for repaying of the streets within the District. He reminded the Board that the District only maintains the streets within the townhome section of the District.

3. Consider Engineering Agreement – Alvarez Engineers

Mr. George presented an Engineering Agreement. He explained that the District Engineer, Alvarez Engineers, had requested that the Board consider updating the hourly billing rates for engineering personnel. Ms. Silva advised that the District's budget includes sufficient funds for the engineering budget line and that the increase in billing rates would not affect the District's budget. As per Alvarez Engineers, the billing rates will be reviewed again after a period of five (5) years. A discussion ensued, after which:

A **motion** was made Ms. Burnett, seconded by Mr. Mejia and unanimously passed accepting the Engineering Agreement and updating the billing rates proposed by Alvarez Engineers.

4. Discussion Regarding Required Ethics Training

Mr. George explained, effective January 1, 2024, elected officers, such as the District Board Supervisors, would be required to complete four (4) hours of ethics training annually. He further explained that this requirement was noted on Page 1 of Form 1 - Statement of Financial Interests, which is completed annually by Board Supervisors. Mr. George recommended that this training requirement be completed by July 1 annually, so that the supervisor or officer can verify compliance with the required training on his or her Form 1. Additionally, if supervisors or officers assume office on or before March 31st, they must complete the ethics training by December 31st of the year the term begins; however, if the term starts after March 31st, the supervisor or officer is not required to complete the required ethics training until December 31st of the following year.

5. Memo 2023 Legislative Update

Mr. George presented the Board Members with a memorandum that summarized the legislative acts that had become law during the most recent legislative sessions.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE & OPERATIONAL MATTERS

There were no Administrative & Operational Matters at this time.

J. BOARD MEMBER & STAFF CLOSING COMMENTS

Mr. Silva stated that unless an emergency were to arise, the Board/District would not be required to meet again until March 2024.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, a **motion** was made by Mr. Mejia, seconded by Ms. Burnett and unanimously passed adjourning the Regular Board Meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE BLUEWATERS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPROVING A PROPOSED BUDGET AND NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Bluewaters Community Development District (the "District") is required by Chapter 190.008, *Florida Statutes*, to approve a Proposed Budget for each fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, the Proposed Budget including the Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 has been prepared and considered by the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE BLUEWATERS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1. The Proposed Budget including the Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is approved and adopted.

<u>Section 2</u>. A Public Hearing is hereby scheduled for June 10, 2024 at <u>6:15 p.m.</u> in the Somerset Academy Silver Palms, Cafeteria Room located at 23255 SW 115th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33032, for the purpose of receiving public comments on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget.

PASSED, ADOPTED and EFFECTIVE this <u>8th</u> day of <u>April</u>, 2024.

ATTEST:

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

BLUEWATERS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

By:__

By:___

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson

Bluewaters Community Development District

Proposed Budget For Fiscal Year 2024/2025 October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025

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PROPOSED BUDGET BLUEWATERS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 OCTOBER 1, 2024 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

	FISCAL YE 2024/202	
REVENUES	BUDGET	ſ
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENTS		91,506
MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS		106,968
DEBT ASSESSMENTS		419,947
OTHER REVENUES		0
INTEREST INCOME		960
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	619,381
EXPENDITURES		
MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES		
AQUATIC MAINTENANCE		6,000
ANNUAL LANDSCAPE & IRRIGATION MAINT. SERVICES		58,000
LANDSCAPING UPKEEP		15,000
FPL - IRRIGATION		1,000
IRRIGATION SYSTEM UPKEEP		5,000
COMMUNITY JANITORIAL SERVICES		18,000
PARKING ENFORCEMENT & TOWING EXPENSES		7,500
FIELD OPERATIONS		2,520
ENGINEERING/INSPECTIONS/OTHER		2,000
STORM DRAIN CLEANING - TOWNHOMES		2,000
MAINTENANCE CONTINGENCY		11,000
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TOTAL MAINTENANCE EXPENDITORES	\$	141,020
SUPERVISOR FEES		2,000
PAYROLL TAXES (EMPLOYER)		153
MANAGEMENT		33,348
SECRETARIAL		4,200
LEGAL		11,500
LEGAL/OTHER		2,400
ASSESSMENT ROLL		6,000
AUDIT FEES		4,000
ARBITRAGE REBATE FEE		650
INSURANCE		9,000
LEGAL ADVERTISING		2,000
MISCELLANEOUS		2,700
POSTAGE		425
OFFICE SUPPLIES		575
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS		175
TRUSTEE FEES		4,500
CONTINUING DISCLOSURE FEE		350
WEBSITE MANAGEMENT		2,000
ADMINISTRATIVE CONTINGENCY		1,000
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES	\$	86,976
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	227,996
REVENUES LESS EXPENDITURES	\$	391,385
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BOND PAYMENTS		(394,750)
BALANCE	\$	(3,365)
COUNTY APPRAISER & TAX COLLECTOR FEE		(12,368)
DISCOUNTS FOR EARLY PAYMENTS		(24,737)
EXCESS/ (SHORTFALL)	\$	(40,470)
CARRYOVER FROM PRIOR YEAR		40,470
NET EXCESS/ (SHORTFALL)	\$	

DETAILED PROPOSED BUDGET BLUEWATERS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 OCTOBER 1, 2024 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

	FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023	FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024	FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025	COMMENTS		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET			
	74,231			Expenditures Less Interest/.94		
	125,022	,		Expenditures Less Carryover/.94		
	419,949	,				
	19,567	-		Interest Projected At \$80 Per Month		
NTEREST INCOME	\$ 638,769					
EXPENDITURES						
MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES						
AQUATIC MAINTENANCE	5,212	6,000	6.000	No Change From 2023/2024 Budget		
NNUAL LANDSCAPE & IRRIGATION MAINT. SERVICES	55,760			No Change From 2023/2024 Budget		
	25,828			No Change From 2023/2024 Budget		
FPL - IRRIGATION	1,095	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	No Change From 2023/2024 Budget		
RRIGATION SYSTEM UPKEEP	0			No Change From 2023/2024 Budget		
COMMUNITY JANITORIAL SERVICES	17,316	, ,		No Change From 2023/2024 Budget		
PARKING ENFORCEMENT & TOWING EXPENSES	7,200			No Change From 2023/2024 Budget		
ELD OPERATIONS	2,520	,	,	No Change From 2023/2024 Budget		
ENGINEERING/INSPECTIONS/OTHER	1,120	, · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		No Change From 2023/2024 Budget		
STORM DRAIN CLEANING - TOWNHOMES	1,120			No Change From 2023/2024 Budget		
	49,955	, · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		No Change From 2023/2024 Budget		
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ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES						
SUPERVISOR FEES	1,385	2,000	2 000	No Change From 2023/2024 Budget		
PAYROLL TAXES (EMPLOYER)	115			Supervisor Fees * 7.65%		
ANAGEMENT	31,452			CPI Adjustment (Capped At 3%)		
SECRETARIAL	4,200			No Change From 2023/2024 Budget		
EGAL	6,776	,		No Change From 2023/2024 Budget		
_EGAL/OTHER	0,770	,		No Change From 2023/2024 Budget		
ASSESSMENT ROLL	6,000			As Per Contract		
AUDIT FEES	3,800		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$100 Increase From 2023/2024 Budget		
ARBITRAGE REBATE FEE	650			No Change From 2023/2024 Budget		
NSURANCE	7,778			Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Expenditure Was \$8,36		
	280	· · · · ·		• • • •		
				Costs Will Increase Due To Closing Of The Miami Business Review		
/IISCELLANEOUS POSTAGE	1,909			\$120 Decrease From 2023/2024 Budget		
	222			\$25 Decrease From 2023/2024 Budget		
				\$25 Decrease From 2023/2024 Budget		
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	175			No Change From 2023/2024 Budget		
	4,500	· · · · · ·		No Change From 2023/2024 Budget		
CONTINUING DISCLOSURE FEE	350			No Change From 2023/2024 Budget		
	2,000	,		No Change From 2023/2024 Budget		
	0			No Change From 2023/2024 Budget		
OTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES	\$ 71,740	\$ 84,061	\$ 86,976			
OTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 237,746	\$ 225,081	\$ 227,996			
REVENUES LESS EXPENDITURES	\$ 401,023	\$ 393,836	\$ 391,385			
BOND PAYMENTS	(399,895)	(394,750)	(394,750)	2025 P & I Payments Less Interest		
BALANCE	\$ 1,128	\$ (914)	\$ (3,365)			
COUNTY APPRAISER & TAX COLLECTOR FEE	(5,952)			Two Percent Of Total Assessment Roll		
DISCOUNTS FOR EARLY PAYMENTS	(23,586)	(24,738)	(24,737)	Four Percent Of Total Assessment Roll		
EXCESS/ (SHORTFALL)	\$ (28,410)	\$ (38,020)	\$ (40,470)			
CARRYOVER FROM PRIOR YEAR	0	38,020	40,470	Carryover From Prior Year		

DETAILED PROPOSED DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGET BLUEWATERS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 OCTOBER 1, 2024 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

	FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR	
	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	
REVENUES	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	COMMENTS
Interest Income	20,812	100	500	Projected Interest For 2024/2025
NAV Tax Collection	399,895	394,750	394,750	Maximum Debt Service Collection
Total Revenues	\$ 420,707	\$ 394,850	\$ 395,250	
EXPENDITURES				
Principal Payments	225,000	235,000	235,000	Principal Payment Due In 2025
Interest Payments	112,455	100,045	92,055	Interest Payments Due In 2025
Mandatory Principal Redemption	45,000	59,805	68,195	Mandatory Principal Redemption
Total Expenditures	\$ 382,455	\$ 394,850	\$ 395,250	
Excess/ (Shortfall)	\$ 38,252	\$ -	\$ -	

Note: On 11/1/24 Interest Rate may increase by as much as 5%.

If Interest Rate increases by that amount - 24/25 Interest could be approximately \$230,000, which would be an increase of approximately \$138,000. There are enough funds in the Revenue Account to cover the increase without increasing assessments.

Series 2014 Bond Refunding Information

Original Par Amount =	\$5,220,000	Annual Principal Payments Due =	May 1st
Interest Rate =	3.4% - 8.4%	Annual Interest Payments Due =	May 1st & November 1st
Issue Date =	August 2014		
Maturity Date =	May 2035		
Par Amount As Of 1-1-2024 =	\$3,015,000		

Bluewaters Community Development District Assessment Comparison

	2	Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Assessment Before Discount*		Fiscal YearFiscal Year2022/20232023/2024AssessmentAssessmentBefore Discount*Before Discount*		Projec	Fiscal Year 2024/2025 ted Assessment ore Discount*	
Administrative	\$	166.87	\$	154.41	\$	186.80	\$	192.25
Maintenance	\$	250.36	\$	262.65	\$	230.20	\$	224.73
<u>Debt</u>	\$	884.10	\$	884.10	\$	884.10	\$	884.10
Total	\$	1,301.33	\$	1,301.16	\$	1,301.10	\$	1,301.08

* Assessments Include the Following :

4% Discount for Early Payments

1% County Tax Collector Fee

1% County Property Appraiser Fee

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475	
	<u>1</u>

IV

RESOLUTION 2024-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE **BLUEWATERS COMMUNITY** DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ESTABLISHING AN **ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE** POLICY, PROVIDING DISTRICT MANAGER WITH AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR APPROVAL OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTROL PROCESSES AND **PROCEDURES TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE, INTEGRITY,** AND SECURITY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 688, FLORIDA **STATUTES:** AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Bluewaters Community Development District (the "District"), is a local unit of special-purpose government organized and existing in accordance with the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended (the "Act"), created by Ordinance No. 04-73 of the Board of County Commissioners of Miami Dade County, Florida, Florida enacted on April 23, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District regularly directs the District Manager of the District to execute and accept certain documents on behalf of the District and it is customary for certain documents to be transmitted via electronic means endorsed with electronic signatures; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Chapter 688, Florida Statutes, the District is responsible for adopting and implementing control processes and procedures to ensure adequate integrity, security, confidentiality, and auditability of business transactions conducted using electronic commerce; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Supervisors finds that it is in the best interest of the District to enact a policy pertaining to the use and receipt of electronic signatures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE BLUEWATERS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated as findings of fact of the District Board of Supervisors.

<u>Section 2</u>. The Board of Supervisors of the Bluewaters Community Development District hereby establishes and adopts the "Electronic Signature Policy," as follows:

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE POLICY

<u>PURPOSE</u>: The purpose of this policy is to establish and identify the criteria and requirements for the use and validation of electronic signatures on documents on behalf of and for District business in accordance with Chapter 688, Florida Statutes, "Electronic Signature Act".

DEFINITIONS:

Electronic means technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic or similar capabilities.

<u>Electronic record</u> means a record created, generated, sent, communicated, received, or stored by electronic means.

<u>Electronic signature</u> means any letters, characters, or symbols, manifested by electronic or similar means, or logically associated with a record and that is executed or adopted with the intent to sign the record.

<u>Electronic transaction</u> means a transaction that is conducted or performed, in whole or in part, by electronic means or electronic records.

<u>*Record*</u> means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and that is retrievable in perceivable form.

<u>POLICY</u>: This policy applies to any Electronic transaction that is a replacement for or complement to handwritten signatures on any record of or for the District, including, but not limited to, contracts, agreements, official minutes, bids, proposals and resolutions. Any Electronic record or Electronic signature may not be denied legal effect or enforceability solely because the record or signature is in electronic form. This policy does not limit the District's right or option to require original signatures or Records in a non-electronic format as the District deems necessary or as required by appliable policies, laws or regulations.

<u>PROCEDURE</u>: When a document containing an Electronic signature is signed, transmitted and received the following requirements must be met:

1. The Electronic signature must establish sender/user authenticity. The electronic signing of a document by an individual must be accompanied by documentation that shows that the signer is the individual signing the document and the individual that has the authority to bind the entity entering into an agreement or contract with the District.

2. If a document has been modified or changed, the prior Electronic signature is invalid and said document requires another Electronic signature or shall be signed by hand. This is to prevent any issue that a document has been changed after it is signed.

3. The District Manager, or his or her designee, has the authority and responsibility for approval of any Electronic signature method utilized and shall be responsible for the implementation of control processes and procedures to ensure adequate integrity, security, confidentiality, and auditability of District business transactions conducted using electronic methods.

4. The Electronic signature shall include the entire name of the individual and shall be located on or near the signature block on the document being electronically signed.

5. The date of the Electronic signature must be captured, stored, and available for retrieval for the required retention period of the document executed.

6. The Electronic record must be transmitted to all parties in a format acceptable to the District Manager, or his or her designee.

Section 3. The District Manager is hereby directed to take all actions necessary and consistent with the intent of this Resolution.

Section 4. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

<u>Section 5.</u> If any clause, section or other part or application of this Resolution is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, in part or as applied, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Resolution.

<u>Section 6</u>. The Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the District Board of Supervisors, this $\underline{8^{h}}$ day of <u>April</u>, 2024.

BLUEWATERS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chair / Vice Chair



Ethics Training

Beginning in 2024, District Supervisors are required to complete four (4) hours of ethics training annually. Below are links to two training sessions that will, upon completion, satisfy the training requirement. *Beginning with the 2024 Form 1, District Supervisors will be required to confirm that they have completed the training each year.*

- State Ethics Laws for Constitutional Officers & Elected Municipal Officers
 - o <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U8JktIMKzyl</u>
- Public Meetings and Public Records Law
 - <u>https://www.myfloridalegal.com/sites/default/files/Full%2520audio%25</u> <u>202018%5B2%5D.mp3</u>

Both links can be found on SDS' website, at <u>www.sdsinc.org/links</u>.

The Florida Association of Special Districts (FASD) also offers a training option through Florida State University's Florida Institute of Government. If your special district is a member of FASD, the cost for this special district-specific ethics training is \$49.00 for each district official.

If your special district is NOT a member of FASD, the cost for this special district-specific ethics training is \$79.00 for each district official.

Information on the FASD course can be found at <u>https://www.fasd.com/ethics-for-special-districts</u>.