

**STAR FARMS
VILLAGE AT NORTH
PORT**

STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

May 7, 2025

**PUBLIC HEARING, REGULAR
MEETING AND AUDIT
COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA**

**STAR FARMS VILLAGE
AT NORTH PORT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

**AGENDA
LETTER**

Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

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April 30, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Please identify yourself each time you speak to facilitate accurate transcription of meeting minutes.

Board of Supervisors

Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District

Dear Board Members:

The Board of Supervisors of the Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District will hold a Public Hearing, Regular Meeting and Audit Committee Meeting on May 7, 2025 at 12:00 p.m., at Forestar, 551 N. Cattlemen Rd., Suite 304, Sarasota, Florida 34232. The agenda is as follows:

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comments
3. Consider Appointment to Fill Unexpired Term of Seat 5; *Term Expires November 2026*
 - Administration of Oath of Office to Appointed Supervisor (*the following to be provided under separate cover*)
 - A. Update: Required Ethics Training and Form 1 Disclosure Filing
 - B. Membership, Obligations and Responsibilities
 - C. Guide to the Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees 2025
 - D. Review of Special Act: Chapter 2024-292 Laws of Florida
 - E. Form 8B: Memorandum of Voting Conflict
4. Consideration of Resolution 2025-10, Electing Certain Officers of the District, and Providing for an Effective Date
5. Public Hearing Confirming the Intent of the District to Use the Uniform Method of Levy, Collection and Enforcement of Non-Ad Valorem Assessments as Authorized and Permitted by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes; Expressing the Need for the Levy of Non-Ad Valorem Assessments and Setting Forth the Legal Description of the Real Property Within the District's Jurisdictional Boundaries that May or Shall Be Subject to the Levy of District Non-Ad Valorem Assessments; Providing for Severability; Providing for Conflict and Providing for an Effective Date
 - A. Affidavit/Proof of Publication

- B. Consideration of Resolution 2025-11, Expressing its Intent to Utilize the Uniform Method of Levying, Collecting, and Enforcing Non-Ad Valorem Assessments Which May Be Levied by the Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District in Accordance with Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date
- 6. Consideration of Resolution 2025-12, Approving a Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and Setting a Public Hearing Thereon Pursuant to Florida Law; Addressing Transmittal, Posting and Publication Requirements; Addressing Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date
- 7. Consideration of Resolution 2025-13, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular Meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and Providing for an Effective Date
- 8. Recess Regular Meeting/Commencement of Audit Selection Committee Meeting
- 9. Review of Responses to Request for Proposals (RFP) for Annual Audit Services
 - A. Affidavit of Publication
 - B. RFP Package
 - C. Respondent(s)
 - I. Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank
 - II. Carr, Riggs & Ingram
 - III. Grau & Associates
 - D. Auditor Evaluation Matrix/Ranking
- 10. Termination of Audit Selection Committee Meeting/Reconvene Special Meeting
- 11. Consider Recommendation of Audit Selection Committee
 - Award of Contract
- 12. Update: Financing
- 13. Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of March 31, 2025
- 14. Approval of February 5, 2025 Public Hearings and Regular Meeting Minutes

15. Staff Reports

- A. District Counsel: *Kutak Rock LLP*
 - B. District Engineer: *Atwell, LLC*
 - C. District Manager: *Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC*
- NEXT MEETING DATE: June 4, 2025 at 12:00 PM

○ QUORUM CHECK

SEAT 1	MARY MOULTON	☐ IN PERSON	☐ PHONE	☐ NO
SEAT 2	MARIA CAMPOREALE	☐ IN PERSON	☐ PHONE	☐ NO
SEAT 3	MARTIN FUCHS	☐ IN PERSON	☐ PHONE	☐ NO
SEAT 4	JAMES RATZ	☐ IN PERSON	☐ PHONE	☐ NO
SEAT 5		☐ IN PERSON	☐ PHONE	☐ NO

16. Board Members' Comments/Requests

17. Public Comments

18. Adjournment

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (239) 464-7114.

Sincerely,



Chesley (Chuck) E. Adams, Jr.
District Manager

FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF TO ATTEND BY TELEPHONE

CALL-IN NUMBER: 1-888-354-0094
PARTICIPANT PASSCODE: 229 774 8903

STAR FARMS VILLAGE
AT NORTH PORT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

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**STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OATH OF OFFICE**

I, _____, A CITIZEN OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND BEING EMPLOYED BY OR AN OFFICER OF STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT AND A RECIPIENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS AS SUCH EMPLOYEE OR OFFICER, DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT I WILL SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

Board Supervisor

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OATH BEING TAKEN

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing oath was administered before me before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization on this ____ day of _____, 202__, by _____, who personally appeared before me, and is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification, and is the person described in and who took the aforementioned oath as a Member of the Board of Supervisors of Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District and acknowledged to and before me that he/she took said oath for the purposes therein expressed.

(NOTARY SEAL)

Notary Public, State of Florida

Print Name: _____

Commission No.: _____ Expires: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: ☐ Home ☐ Office County of Residence _____

Street Phone Fax

City, State, Zip Email Address

STAR FARMS VILLAGE
AT NORTH PORT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2025-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT ELECTING AND REMOVING OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 2024-292, Laws of Florida, being situated within Manatee County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors desires to elect and remove Officers of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1. The following is elected as Officer of the District effective May 7, 2025:

_____ is elected Chair

_____ is elected Vice Chair

_____ is elected Assistant Secretary

_____ is elected Assistant Secretary

_____ is elected Assistant Secretary

SECTION 2. The following Officer shall be removed as Officer effective May 7, 2025:

SECTION 3. The following prior appointments by the Board remain unaffected by this Resolution:

Chesley "Chuck" Adams Secretary

Craig Wrathell Assistant Secretary

Craig Wrathell Treasurer

Jeff Pinder Assistant Treasurer

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7TH DAY OF MAY, 2025.

ATTEST:

**STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

STAR FARMS VILLAGE
AT NORTH PORT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

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Serial Number
25-00671S

Business Observer

Published Weekly
Sarasota, Sarasota County, Florida

COUNTY OF SARASOTA

STATE OF FLORIDA

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared Holly Botkin who on oath says that he/she is Publisher's Representative of the Business Observer a weekly newspaper published at Sarasota, Sarasota County, Florida; that the attached copy of advertisement,

being a Notice of the District's Intent to Use the Uniform Method of Collection of Non-Ad Valorem Assessments

in the matter of Meeting on May 7, 2025 at 12:00pm; Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District

in the Court, was published in said newspaper by print in the

issues of 4/11/2025, 4/18/2025, 4/25/2025, 5/2/2025

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

*This Notice was placed on the newspaper's website and floridapublicnotices.com on the same day the notice appeared in the newspaper.

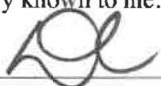


Holly Botkin

Sworn to and subscribed, and personally appeared by physical presence before me,

2nd day of May, 2025 A.D.

by Holly Botkin who is personally known to me.



Notary Public, State of Florida
(SEAL)



Donna Condon
Comm.: HH 534210
Expires: Jun. 29, 2028
Notary Public - State of Florida

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**STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT
NOTICE OF THE DISTRICT'S INTENT TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD
OF COLLECTION OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS**

Notice is hereby given that the Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District (District") intends to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments to be levied by the District pursuant to Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*. The Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the District will conduct a public hearing on May 7, 2025 at 12:00 p.m., at 551 N. Cattleman Road, Suite 304, Sarasota, FL 34232.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the adoption of a resolution authorizing the District to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments to be levied by the District on properties located on land included in, or to be added to, the District.

The District may levy non-ad valorem assessments for the purpose of financing, acquiring, maintaining and/or operating community development facilities, services and improvements within and without the boundaries of the District, to consist of, among other things, roadways, stormwater management, water and sewer utilities, offsite improvements, amenity facilities, hardscaping, landscaping, irrigation, streetlighting and any other public improvements and lawful projects or services of the District as authorized.

Owners of the properties to be assessed and other interested parties may appear at the public hearing and be heard regarding the use of the uniform method of collecting such non-ad valorem assessments. This hearing is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law for community development districts. The public hearing may be continued to a date, time, and location to be specified on the record at the hearing. There may be occasions when Supervisors or staff may participate by speaker telephone.

Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in the hearing and/or meeting is asked to contact the District Office at c/o Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561) 571-0010, at least 48 hours before the hearing and/or meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8770, who can aid you in contacting the District Office.

Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearing is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

District Manager
April 11, 18, 25; May 2, 2025

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**STAR FARMS VILLAGE
AT NORTH PORT
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RESOLUTION 2025-11

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT EXPRESSING ITS INTENT TO UTILIZE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF LEVYING, COLLECTING, AND ENFORCING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS WHICH MAY BE LEVIED BY THE STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 197.3632, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District (“District”) was established pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2024-292, Laws of Florida, and Chapter 189, Florida Statutes, which authorizes the District to levy certain assessments which include benefit and maintenance assessments and further authorizes the District to levy special assessments pursuant to Chapter 170, Florida Statutes, for the acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of assessable improvements authorized by Chapter 2024-292, Laws of Florida, and Chapter 189, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the above referenced assessments are non-ad valorem in nature and, therefore, may be collected under the provisions of Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, in which the State of Florida has provided a uniform method for the levying, collecting, and enforcing such non-ad valorem assessments; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, the District has caused notice of a public hearing to be advertised weekly in a newspaper of general circulation within Sarasota County for four (4) consecutive weeks prior to such hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District, upon conducting its public hearing as required by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, hereby expresses its intent to use the uniform method of collecting assessments imposed by the District as provided in Chapters 170 and 189, Florida Statutes, each of which are non-ad valorem assessments which may be collected annually pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 189, Florida Statutes, for the purpose of paying principal and interest on any and all of its indebtedness and for the purpose of paying the cost of operating and maintaining its assessable improvements. The legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to a levy of assessments is attached and made a part of this Resolution as **Exhibit A**. The non-ad valorem assessments and the District’s use of the uniform method of collecting its non-ad valorem assessment(s) may continue in any given year when the Board of Supervisors determines that use of the uniform method for that year is in the best interests of the District.

SECTION 2. The District’s Secretary is authorized to provide the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector of Sarasota County and the Department of Revenue of the State of Florida with a

copy of this Resolution and enter into any agreements with the Property Appraiser and/or Tax Collector necessary to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

**STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Legal Description of District

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Exhibit A

TRACT 1 (FROM O.R.L. 2002036237)

A PORTION OF THE NORTH HALF OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 39 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 5; THENCE N.89°37'34"W., ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER, A DISTANCE OF 2652.93 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 5; THENCE N.89°37'34"W., ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER, A DISTANCE OF 2652.93 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 5; THENCE N.00°44'41"E., ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER, A DISTANCE OF 1761.54 FEET TO A POINT ON THE CENTER LINE OF A 100 FOOT WIDE, NON-EXCLUSIVE INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITY EASEMENT RUNNING THROUGH SECTIONS 4, 5 AND 6 AS DESCRIBED IN O.R.L. 2001131259, PUBLIC RECORDS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND TO A POINT ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 2000.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00°51'35", A CHORD BEARING OF S.80°38'17"E., AND A CHORD LENGTH OF 30.01 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, AN ARC LENGTH OF 30.01 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; THENCE S.80°12'29"E., CONTINUING ALONG SAID CENTER LINE, A DISTANCE OF 2116.26 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1000.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 25°59'19", A CHORD BEARING OF N.86°47'52"E. AND A CHORD LENGTH OF 449.71 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, AN ARC LENGTH OF 453.59 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; THENCE N.73°48'12"E., ALONG SAID CENTER LINE, A DISTANCE OF 348.80 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1000.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 71°05'17", A CHORD BEARING OF S.70°39'09"E., AND A CHORD LENGTH OF 1162.66 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, AN ARC LENGTH OF 1240.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; THENCE S.35°06'31"E., ALONG SAID CENTER LINE, A DISTANCE OF 852.30 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF

A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 900.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 54°12'00", A CHORD BEARING OF S.62°12'31" E. AND A CHORD LENGTH OF 819.98 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, AN ARC LENGTH OF 851.37 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; THENCE S.89°18'31"E., ALONG SAID CENTER LINE, A DISTANCE OF 72.56 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 5; THENCE S.00°50'30"W., ALONG SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 88.02 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH THE INGRESS/EGRESS AND UTILITY EASEMENT GRANTED IN O.R. INSTRUMENT NO. 2002036237 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

TRACT 2

A PORTION OF SECTIONS 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 15 AND 16, TOWNSHIP 39 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 39 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, ALSO BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SECOND ADDITION TO NORTH PORT CHARLOTTE ESTATES, PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 19, PAGES 44 AND 44A THROUGH 44-D, PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE S.00°30'07"W. (GRID BEARING, FLORIDA TRANSVERSE MERCATOR, WEST ZONE), ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 6, A DISTANCE OF 2548.44 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTH HALF OF SAID SECTION 6; THENCE S.00°30'07"W., CONTINUING ALONG SAID WEST LINE OF SECTION 6, A DISTANCE OF 100.02 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S.88°26'46"E., PARALLEL WITH AND 100.00 FEET SOUTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH HALF OF SAID SECTION 6, A DISTANCE OF 5299.57 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 5, BEARING S.00°44'41"W., A DISTANCE OF 100.01 FEET FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTH HALF OF SAID SECTION 5; THENCE S.89°37'34"E., PARALLEL WITH AND 100.00 FEET SOUTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH HALF OF SAID SECTION 5, A DISTANCE OF 5305.69 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 4, BEARING S.00°50'30"W., A DISTANCE OF 100.01 FEET FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTH HALF OF SAID SECTION 4; THENCE S.89°49'42"E., PARALLEL WITH AND 100.00 FEET SOUTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH HALF OF SAID SECTION 4, A DISTANCE OF 4877.78 FEET; THENCE S.16°26'43"E., A DISTANCE OF 960.52 FEET; THENCE S.00°47'59"W., PARALLEL WITH AND 150.00 FEET WEST OF THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 4, A DISTANCE OF 513.02 FEET; THENCE S.18°20'50"W., A DISTANCE OF 1189.95 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF

SECTION 9, BEARING N.89°56'00"W., A DISTANCE OF 508.81 FEET FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 9; THENCE N.89°56'03"W., ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 9, A DISTANCE OF 2148.47 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF SAID SECTION 9; THENCE S.01°01'52"W., ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST HALF OF SAID SECTION 9, A DISTANCE OF 5312.87 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF SAID SECTION 9; THENCE S.89°47'00"E., ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 9, ALSO THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 16, A DISTANCE OF 2662.92 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 15; THENCE S.89°40'03"E., ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 15, A DISTANCE OF 536.06 FEET TO A POINT IN THE ALDERMAN SLOUGH; THENCE FOLLOWING SAID ALDERMAN SLOUGH IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION, THE FOLLOWING COURSES THROUGH SECTION 15: THENCE S.12°02'12"E., A DISTANCE OF 127.44 FEET; THENCE S.09°19'36"E., A DISTANCE OF 688.88 FEET; THENCE S.04°17'39"E., A DISTANCE OF 145.23 FEET; THENCE S.11°04'54"E., A DISTANCE OF 278.80 FEET; THENCE S.18°24'37"W., A DISTANCE OF 118.03 FEET; THENCE S.27°30'33"W., A DISTANCE OF 170.26 FEET; THENCE S.05°11'15"E., A DISTANCE OF 86.33 FEET; THENCE S.07°05'59"W., A DISTANCE OF 206.26 FEET; THENCE S.03°47'11"E., A DISTANCE OF 108.15 FEET; THENCE S.15°38'29"W., A DISTANCE OF 229.08 FEET; THENCE S.11°11'29"W., A DISTANCE OF 651.33 FEET; THENCE S.04°17'53"W., A DISTANCE OF 74.25 FEET; THENCE S.16°13'07"W., A DISTANCE OF 79.94 FEET; THENCE S.06°56'07"W., A DISTANCE OF 292.06 FEET; THENCE S.19°33'24"W., A DISTANCE OF 62.42 FEET; THENCE S.51°48'15"W., A DISTANCE OF 177.50 FEET; THENCE S.35°17'02"W., A DISTANCE OF 182.82 FEET; THENCE S.51°44'00"W., A DISTANCE OF 129.18 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 16, BEARING N.00°16'13"E., A DISTANCE OF 1734.15 FEET FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE S.51°44'00"W., THROUGH SECTION 16, A DISTANCE OF 18.84 FEET; THENCE S.35°17'35"W., A DISTANCE OF 203.28 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY LIMITED ACCESS RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE FOR INTERSTATE HIGHWAY #75; THENCE N.44°57'25"W., ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 7168.47 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 5846.49 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 44°14'48", A CHORD BEARING OF N.67°04'49"W., AND A CHORD LENGTH OF 4403.59 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, AN ARC LENGTH OF 4514.95 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; THENCE N.89°12'13"W., ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1309.66 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 8; THENCE N.01°04'23"E., ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 8, A DISTANCE OF 2325.50 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 6; THENCE N.87°10'58"W., ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 6,

ALSO THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 7, A DISTANCE OF 5292.12 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 6; THENCE N.00°30'07"E., ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 6, A DISTANCE OF 2448.42 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

LESS AND EXCEPT:

A PORTION OF THE SOUTH HALF OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 39 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 6, N.= 1007797.74, E.= 605625.27, FLORIDA STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM, WEST ZONE; THENCE N.00°30'07"E., 'GRID BEARING' ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 6, A DISTANCE OF 56.50 FEET; THENCE N.42°23'13"E., A DISTANCE OF 2975.77 FEET; THENCE S.88°26'46"E., A DISTANCE OF 2676.20 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF THAT CERTAIN 50 FOOT WIDE WATER PIPE LINE EASEMENT AS DESCRIBED IN O.R.I. # 1999158305, PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE S.44°53'43"E., ALONG SAID NORTHEASTERLY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 889.05 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 6; THENCE S.00°44'41"W., ALONG SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1812.32 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 6; THENCE N.87°10'58"W., ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 6, A DISTANCE OF 5292.12 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

AND LESS THE PORTION THEREOF CONVEYED IN O.R. INSTRUMENT NO. 2002056489, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS/EGRESS & UTILITIES OVER, ACROSS AND THROUGH SAID LANDS DESCRIBED IN O.R. INSTRUMENT NO. 2002056489

TRACT 3 (FROM O.R.I. 2000076817)

A PORTION OF SECTIONS 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 AND 10, TOWNSHIP 39 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 39 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, ALSO BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SECOND ADDITION TO NORTH PORT CHARLOTTE ESTATES, PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 19, PAGES 44 AND 44A THROUGH 44-0, PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE S.00°30'07"W. (GRID BEARING, FLORIDA TRANSVERSE MERCATOR, WEST ZONE), ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 6, A DISTANCE OF 2548.44 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF

THE NORTH HALF OF SAID SECTION 6 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S.88°26'46"E., ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTH HALF A DISTANCE OF 5299.99 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTH HALF OF SECTION 5; THENCE S.89°37'34"E., ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTH HALF, A DISTANCE OF 5305.86 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTH HALF OF SECTION 4; THENCE S.89°49'42"E., ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTH HALF, A DISTANCE OF 5280.31 FEET TO A POINT IN THE ALDERMAN SLOUGH BEARING N.89°49'42"W., A DISTANCE OF 32.18 FEET FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTH HALF OF SAID SECTION 4; THENCE FOLLOWING SAID ALDERMAN SLOUGH IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION, THE FOLLOWING COURSES: S.19°46'12"W., A DISTANCE OF 384.63 FEET; THENCE S.06°17'38"E., A DISTANCE OF 74.84 FEET; THENCE S.16°26'43"E., A DISTANCE OF 499.12 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 3, BEARING N.00°47'59"E., A DISTANCE OF 1748.16 FEET FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 3; THENCE S.16°26'43"E., THROUGH SECTION 3, A DISTANCE OF 211.62 FEET; THENCE S.03°07'54"W., A DISTANCE OF 225.97 FEET; THENCE S.07°53'10"W., A DISTANCE OF 216.17 FEET; THENCE S.18°35'25"W., A DISTANCE OF 87.96 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 4, BEARING N.00°47'59"E., A DISTANCE OF 1022.00 FEET FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 4; THENCE S.18°20'50"W., A DISTANCE OF 1076.23 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 9, BEARING N.89°56'00"W., A DISTANCE OF 324.51 FEET FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 9; THENCE S.18°25'53"W., THROUGH SECTION 9, A DISTANCE OF 85.39 FEET; THENCE S.27°12'16"E., A DISTANCE OF 517.18 FEET; THENCE S.57°39'41"E., A DISTANCE OF 124.04 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 10, BEARING S.00°58'09"W., A DISTANCE OF 607.04 FEET FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 10; THENCE S.57°39'41"E., THROUGH SECTION 10, A DISTANCE OF 63.21 FEET; THENCE S.10°12'48"E., A DISTANCE OF 555.38 FEET; THENCE S.07°21'16"E., A DISTANCE OF 672.34 FEET; THENCE S.10°44'03"E., A DISTANCE OF 651.24 FEET; THENCE S.10°36'13"W., A DISTANCE OF 530.75 FEET; THENCE S.01°14'47"W., A DISTANCE OF 820.24 FEET; THENCE S.03°22'21"E., A DISTANCE OF 253.99 FEET; THENCE S.08°05'01"E., A DISTANCE OF 925.01 FEET; THENCE S.12°02'12"E., A DISTANCE OF 324.13 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 10; THENCE N.89°40'03"W., ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 10 AND LEAVING SAID ALDERMAN SLOUGH, A DISTANCE OF 536.06 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 9; THENCE N.89°47'00"W., ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 9, A DISTANCE OF 2662.92 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF SAID SECTION 9; THENCE N.01°01'52"E., ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID EAST HALF, A

DISTANCE OF 5312.87 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF SAID SECTION 9; THENCE S89°56'00"E., ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 9, ALSO THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 4, A DISTANCE OF 2148.47 FEET TO A POINT BEARING N.89°56'00"W., A DISTANCE OF 508.81 FEET FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 4; THENCE N.18°20'50"E., THROUGH SECTION 4, A DISTANCE OF 1189.95 FEET; THENCE N.60°47'59"E., PARALLEL WITH AND 150.00 FEET WEST OF THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 4, A DISTANCE OF 513.02 FEET; THENCE N.16°26'43"W., A DISTANCE OF 969.52 FEET; THENCE N.89°49'42"W., PARALLEL WITH AND 100.00 FEET SOUTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH HALF OF SAID SECTION 4, A DISTANCE OF 4877.78 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 5; THENCE N.89°37'34"W., PARALLEL WITH AND 100.00 FEET SOUTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH HALF OF SAID SECTION 5, A DISTANCE OF 5305.89 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 6; THENCE N.88°26'46"W., PARALLEL WITH AND 100.00 FEET SOUTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH HALF OF SAID SECTION 6, A DISTANCE OF 5299.57 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 6; THENCE N.00°30'07"E., ALONG SAID WEST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 100.02 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTH HALF OF SAID SECTION 6 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

AND LESS THE PORTION THEREOF CONVEYED IN O.R. INSTRUMENT NO. 2002056489, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS/EGRESS & UTILITIES OVER, ACROSS AND THROUGH SAID LANDS DESCRIBED IN O.R. INSTRUMENT NO. 2002056489.

CONTAINING A TOTAL AREA OF 2,086 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Being subject to any rights-of-way, restrictions and easements of record.

STAR FARMS VILLAGE
AT NORTH PORT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2025-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT APPROVING A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW; ADDRESSING TRANSMITTAL, POSTING AND PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS; ADDRESSING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the District Manager has heretofore prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors ("**Board**") of the Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District ("**District**"), prior to July 15, 2025, a proposed budget ("**Proposed Budget**") for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026 ("**Fiscal Year 2025/2026**"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the Proposed Budget and desires to set the required public hearing thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT:

1. **PROPOSED BUDGET APPROVED.** The Proposed Budget prepared by the District Manager for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved as the basis for conducting a public hearing to adopt said Proposed Budget.
2. **SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING.** A public hearing on said approved Proposed Budget is hereby declared and set as follows:

DATE: _____

HOUR: _____

LOCATION: _____

3. **TRANSMITTAL; POSTING; NOTICE.** The District Manager is hereby directed to submit a copy of the proposed budget to the local general purpose unit(s) of government at least sixty (60) days prior to the hearing set above. In accordance with Section 189.016, *Florida Statutes*, the District's Secretary is further directed to post the approved budget on the District's website at least two (2) days before the budget hearing date as set forth in Section 2. If the District does not have its own website, the District's Secretary is directed to transmit the approved budget to the manager or administrator of the local general purpose unit(s) of government for posting on the applicable website(s). Notice of this public hearing shall be published in the manner prescribed in Florida law.

4. **SEVERABILITY.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or any part thereof.

5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7TH DAY OF MAY, 2025.

Attest:

**STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Proposed Budget

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Proposed Budget

**STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT
PROPOSED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2026**

**STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT
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**STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2026**

	Fiscal Year 2025				Proposed
	Adopted Budget FY 2025	Actual through 3/31/2025	Projected through 9/30/2025	Total Actual & Projected	Budget FY 2026
REVENUES					
Landowner contribution	86,540	2,649	59,731	62,380	\$ 97,440
Total revenues	86,540	2,649	59,731	62,380	97,440
EXPENDITURES					
Professional & administrative					
Management/accounting/recording**	42,000	12,000	16,000	28,000	48,000
Legal	25,000	715	12,000	12,715	25,000
Engineering	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	2,000
Audit	-	-	-	-	3,500
Arbitrage rebate calculation*	-	-	-	-	500
Dissemination agent*	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	1,500
Trustee*	-	-	-	-	5,500
Telephone	200	100	100	200	200
Postage	500	61	439	500	500
Printing & binding	500	250	250	500	500
Legal advertising	7,500	590	6,910	7,500	2,000
Annual special district fee	175	-	175	175	175
Insurance	5,500	-	5,500	5,500	6,400
Contingencies/bank charges	750	509	241	750	750
Website hosting & maintenance	705	-	705	705	705
Website ADA compliance	210	-	210	210	210
Total expenditures	86,540	14,225	46,030	60,255	97,440
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	-	(11,576)	13,701	2,125	-
Fund balance - beginning (unaudited)	-	(2,125)	(13,701)	(2,125)	-
Fund balance - ending (projected)	-	(13,701)	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	(13,701)	-	-	-
Fund balance - ending	\$ -	\$ (13,701)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

*These items will be realized when bonds are issued.

**WHA will charge a reduced management fee of \$2,000 per month until bonds are issued.

**STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT
DEFINITIONS OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**

EXPENDITURES

Professional & administrative

Management/accounting/recording** \$ 48,000

Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC (WHA), specializes in managing community development districts by combining the knowledge, skills and experience of a team of professionals to ensure compliance with all of the District's governmental requirements. WHA develops financing programs, administers the issuance of tax exempt bond financings, operates and maintains the assets of the community.

Legal 25,000

General counsel and legal representation, which includes issues relating to public finance, public bidding, rulemaking, open meetings, public records, real property dedications, conveyances and contracts.

Engineering 2,000

The District's Engineer will provide construction and consulting services, to assist the District in crafting sustainable solutions to address the long term interests of the community while recognizing the needs of government, the environment and maintenance of the District's facilities.

Audit 3,500

Statutorily required for the District to undertake an independent examination of its books, records and accounting procedures.

Arbitrage rebate calculation* 500

To ensure the District's compliance with all tax regulations, annual computations are necessary to calculate the arbitrage rebate liability.

Dissemination agent* 1,500

The District must annually disseminate financial information in order to comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Wrathell, Hunt & Associates serves as dissemination agent.

Trustee* 5,500

Telephone 200

Postage 500

Telephone and fax machine.

Printing & binding 500

Mailing of agenda packages, overnight deliveries, correspondence, etc.

Legal advertising 2,000

Letterhead, envelopes, copies, agenda packages

Annual special district fee 175

The District advertises for monthly meetings, special meetings, public hearings, public bids, etc.

Insurance 6,400

Contingencies/bank charges 750

Bank charges and other miscellaneous expenses incurred during the year and automated AP routing etc.

Website hosting & maintenance 705

Website ADA compliance 210

Total expenditures \$ 97,440

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STAR FARMS VILLAGE
AT NORTH PORT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2025-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT DESIGNATING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 2024-292, Laws of Florida (“Act”) and Chapter 189, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within Sarasota County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (“Board”) is statutorily authorized to exercise the powers granted to the District; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the Board shall be open to the public and governed by the provisions of Chapter 286, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the Board is statutorily required to file annually, with the local governing authority and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, a schedule of its regular meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. ADOPTING REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE. Regular meetings of the District’s Board shall be held during Fiscal Year 2025/2026 as provided on the schedule attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 2. FILING REQUIREMENT. In accordance with Section 189.015(1), *Florida Statutes*, the District’s Secretary is hereby directed to file a schedule of the District’s regular meetings annually with Sarasota County.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of May, 2025.

Attest:

**STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A

STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT		
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 MEETING SCHEDULE		
LOCATION <i>Offices of Forestar</i> <i>551 North Cattlemen Road</i> <i>Suite 304</i> <i>Sarasota, FL 34232</i>		
DATE	POTENTIAL DISCUSSION/FOCUS	TIME
October 1, 2025	Regular Meeting	12:00 PM
November 5, 2025	Regular Meeting	12:00 PM
December 3, 2025	Regular Meeting	12:00 PM
January 7, 2026	Regular Meeting	12:00 PM
February 4, 2026	Regular Meeting	12:00 PM
March 4, 2026	Regular Meeting	12:00 PM
April 1, 2026	Regular Meeting	12:00 PM
May 6, 2026	Regular Meeting	12:00 PM
June 3, 2026	Regular Meeting	12:00 PM
July 1, 2026	Regular Meeting	12:00 PM
August 5, 2026	Regular Meeting	12:00 PM
September 2, 2026	Regular Meeting	12:00 PM

**STAR FARMS VILLAGE
AT NORTH PORT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

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Sarasota, Sarasota County, Florida

COUNTY OF SARASOTA

STATE OF FLORIDA

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared Holly Botkin who on oath says that he/she is Publisher's Representative of the Business Observer a weekly newspaper published at Sarasota, Sarasota County, Florida; that the attached copy of advertisement,

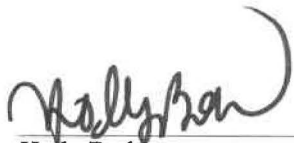
being a Request for Proposals

in the matter of Annual Audit Services; Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District

in the Court, was published in said newspaper by print in the issues of 10/18/2024

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

*This Notice was placed on the newspaper's website and floridapublicnotices.com on the same day the notice appeared in the newspaper.


Holly Botkin

Sworn to and subscribed, and personally appeared by physical presence before me,

18th day of October, 2024 A.D.

by Holly Botkin who is personally known to me.



Notary Public, State of Florida
(SEAL)

 Donna Condon
Comm.: HH 534210
Expires: Jun. 29, 2028
Notary Public - State of Florida

STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES

The Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District hereby requests proposals for annual financial auditing services. The proposal must provide for the auditing of the District's financial records for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, with an option for two additional optional annual renewals. The District is a local unit of special-purpose government created under Chapter 2024-292, *Local Government*, for the purpose of financing, constructing, and maintaining public infrastructure. The District is located in the City of North Port, Florida, and has an annual operating budget of approximately \$86,540. The final contract will require that, among other things, the audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, be completed no later than June 30, 2026.

The auditing entity submitting a proposal must be duly licensed under Chapter 473, *Florida Statutes*, and be qualified to conduct audits in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards," as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy. Audits shall be conducted in accordance with Florida Law and particularly Section 218.39, *Florida Statutes*, and the rules of the Florida Auditor General.

Proposal packages, which include evaluation criteria and instructions to proposers, are available from the District Manager at the address and telephone number listed below. Proposers must provide one (1) electronic and one (1) hardcopy of their proposal to the District Manager, Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561) 571-0010 in an envelope marked on the outside "Auditing Services; Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District." Proposals must be received by 12: 00 p.m., on October 28, 2024, at the office of the District Manager. Please direct all questions regarding this Notice to the District Manager.

District Manager
October 18, 2024

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STAR FARMS VILLAGE
AT NORTH PORT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

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**STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES**

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District Manager

STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

District Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2025

City of North Port, Florida

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

SECTION 1. DUE DATE. Sealed proposals must be received no later than **October 28, 2024**, at 12:00 p.m., at the offices of District Manager, Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561) 571-0010. Proposals will be publicly opened at that time.

SECTION 2. FAMILIARITY WITH THE LAW. By submitting a proposal, the Proposer is assumed to be familiar with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that in any manner affect the work. Ignorance on the part of the Proposer will in no way relieve it from responsibility to perform the work covered by the proposal in compliance with all such laws, ordinances and regulations.

SECTION 3. QUALIFICATIONS OF PROPOSER. The contract, if awarded, will only be awarded to a responsible Proposer who is qualified by experience and licensing to do the work specified herein. The Proposer shall submit with its proposal satisfactory evidence of experience in similar work and show that it is fully prepared to complete the work to the satisfaction of the District.

SECTION 4. SUBMISSION OF ONLY ONE PROPOSAL. Proposers shall be disqualified and their proposals rejected if the District has reason to believe that collusion may exist among the Proposers, the Proposer has defaulted on any previous contract or is in arrears on any previous or existing contract, or for failure to demonstrate proper licensure and business organization.

SECTION 5. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL. Submit one (1) electronic and one (1) hardcopy of the Proposal Documents, and other requested attachments at the time and place indicated herein, which shall be enclosed in an opaque sealed envelope, marked with the title "Auditing Services – Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District" on the face of it. **Please include pricing for each additional bond issuance.**

SECTION 6. MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL. Proposals may be modified or withdrawn by an appropriate document duly executed and delivered to the place where proposals are to be submitted at any time prior to the time and date the proposals are due. No proposal may be withdrawn after opening for a period of ninety (90) days.

SECTION 7. PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS. The proposal documents shall consist of the notice announcing the request for proposals, these instructions, the Evaluation Criteria Sheet and a proposal with all required documentation pursuant to Section 12 of these instructions (the "Proposal Documents").

SECTION 8. PROPOSAL. In making its proposal, each Proposer represents that it has read and understands the Proposal Documents and that the proposal is made in accordance therewith.

SECTION 9. BASIS OF AWARD/RIGHT TO REJECT. The District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, make modifications to the work, and waive any informalities or irregularities in proposals as it is deemed in the best interests of the District.

SECTION 10. CONTRACT AWARD. Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the Notice of Award from the District, the Proposer shall enter into and execute a Contract (engagement letter) with the District.

SECTION 11. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY. Nothing herein shall be construed as or constitute a waiver of the District's limited waiver of liability contained in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or any other statute or law.

SECTION 12. MISCELLANEOUS. All proposals shall include the following information in addition to any other requirements of the proposal documents.

- A. List the position or title of all personnel to perform work on the District audit. Include resumes for each person listed; list years of experience in present position for each party listed and years of related experience.
- B. Describe proposed staffing levels, including resumes with applicable certifications.
- C. Three references from projects of similar size and scope. The Proposer should include information relating to the work it conducted for each reference as well as a name, address and phone number of a contact person.
- D. The lump sum cost of the provision of the services under the proposal for the District's first audit for which there are no special assessment bonds, plus the lump sum cost of two (2) annual renewals, which renewals shall include services related to the District's anticipated issuance of special assessment bonds.

SECTION 13. PROTESTS. In accordance with the District's Rules of Procedure, any protest regarding the Proposal Documents, must be filed in writing, at the offices of the

District Manager, within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays) after the receipt of the Proposal Documents. The formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. Failure to timely file a notice of protest or failure to timely file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of any right to object or protest with respect to the aforesaid Proposal Documents.

SECTION 14. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS. The criteria to be used in the evaluation of proposals are presented in the Evaluation Criteria Sheet, contained within the Proposal Documents.

1. Ability of Personnel. (20 Points)

2. Proposer's Experience. (20 Points)

3. Understanding of Scope of Work. (20 Points)

4. Ability to Furnish the Required Services. (20 Points)

5. Price. (20 Points)***

Total (100 Points)

***Alternatively, the Board may choose to evaluate firms without considering price, in which case the remaining categories would be assigned 25 points each.

STAR FARMS VILLAGE
AT NORTH PORT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

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**STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

PROPOSAL FOR AUDIT SERVICES

PROPOSED BY:

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, PL

600 Citrus Avenue, Suite 200
Fort Pierce, Florida 34950

(772) 461-6120

CONTACT PERSON:

J. W. Gaines, CPA, Director

DATE OF PROPOSAL:

April 30, 2025

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April 30, 2025

Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District
Wrathell Hunt & Associates LLC
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

Dear District Manager:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to present our professional credentials to provide audit services for Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District.

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL has assembled a team of governmental and nonprofit specialists second to none to serve our clients. Our firm has the necessary qualifications and experience to serve as the independent auditors for Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District. We will provide you with top quality, responsive service.

Experience

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL is a recognized leader in providing services to governmental and nonprofit agencies throughout Florida. We have been the independent auditors for a number of local governmental agencies and through our experience in performing their audits, we have been able to increase our audit efficiency and; therefore, reduce costs. We have continually passed this cost savings on to our clients and will continue to do so in the future. As a result of our experience and expertise, we have developed an effective and efficient audit approach designed to meet or exceed the performance specifications 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 the standards for financial and compliance audits. We will conduct the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; "Government Auditing Standards" issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the provisions of the Single Audit Act, Subpart F of Title 2 US Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, with minimal disruption to your operations. Our firm has frequent technical updates to keep our personnel informed and up-to-date on all changes that are occurring within the industry.



Berger, Toombs, Elam,
Gaines & Frank
Certified Public Accountants PL

Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District
May 1, 2025

Our firm is a member of the Government Audit Quality Center, an organization dedicated to improving government audit quality. We also utilize the audit program software of a nationally recognized CPA firm to assure us that we are up to date with all auditing standards and to assist us maintain maximum audit efficiencies.

To facilitate your evaluation of our qualifications and experience, we have arranged this proposal to include a resume of our firm, including our available staff, our extensive prior governmental and nonprofit auditing experience and clients to be contacted.

You need a firm that will provide an efficient, cost-effective, high-quality audit within critical time constraints. You need a firm with the prerequisite governmental and nonprofit experience to perform your audit according to stringent legal and regulatory requirements, a firm that understands the complex nature of community development districts and their unique compliance requirements. You need a firm with recognized governmental and nonprofit specialists within the finance and governmental communities. And, certainly, you need a firm that will provide you with valuable feedback to enhance your current and future operations. Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL is that firm. J. W. Gaines is the person authorized to make representations for the firm.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit this proposal to Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District.

Very truly yours,

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

PROFILE OF THE PROPOSER

Description and History of Audit Firm

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL is a Treasure Coast public accounting firm, which qualifies as a small business firm, as established by the Small Business Administration (13 CFR 121.38), with offices in Fort Pierce and Stuart. We are a member of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The firm was formed from the merger of Edwards, Berger, Harris & Company (originated in 1972) and McAlpin, Curtis & Associates (originated in 1949). J. W. Gaines and Associates (originated in 1979) merged with the firm in 2004. Our tremendous growth rate experienced over the last 69 years is directly attributable to the firm's unrelenting dedication to providing the highest quality, responsive professional services attainable to its clients.

We are a member of the Private Companies Practice Section (PCPS) of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) to assure we meet the highest standards. Membership in this practice section requires that our firm meet more stringent standards than standard AICPA membership. These rigorous requirements include the requirement of a triennial peer review of our firm's auditing and accounting practice and annual Continuing Professional Education (CPE) for all accounting staff (whether CPA or non-CPA). For standard AICPA membership, only a quality review is required and only CPAs must meet CPE requirements.

We are also a member of the Government Audit Quality Center ("the Center") of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants to assure the quality of our government audits. Membership in the Center, which is voluntary, requires our firm to comply with additional standards to promote the quality of government audits.

We have been extensively involved in serving local government entities with professional accounting, auditing and consulting services throughout the entire 69 year history of our firm. Our substantial experience over the years makes us uniquely qualified to provide accounting, auditing, and consulting services to these clients. We are a recognized leader in providing services to governmental and nonprofit agencies on the Treasure Coast and in Central and South Florida, with extensive experience in auditing community development districts and water control districts. We were the independent auditors of the City of Fort Pierce for over 37 years and currently, we are the independent auditors for St. Lucie County since 2002, and for 34 of the 38 years that the county has been audited by CPA firms. Additionally, we have performed audits of the City of Stuart, the City of Vero Beach, Indian River County and Martin County. We also presently audit over 75 Community Development Districts throughout Florida.

Our firm was founded on the belief that we are better able to respond to our clients needs through education, experience, independence, quality control, and personal service. Our firm's commitment to quality is reflected in our endeavor of professional excellence via continuing education, the use of the latest computer technology, professional membership in PCPS and peer review.

We believe our approach to audit engagements, intelligence and innovation teamed with sound professional judgment enables us to explore new concepts while remaining sensitive to the fundamental need for practical solutions. We take pride in giving you the assurance that the personal assistance you receive comes from years of advanced training, technical experience and financial acumen.

Professional Staff Resources

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL has a total of 27 professional and administrative staff (including 12 professional staff with extensive experience servicing government entities). The work will be performed out of our Fort Pierce office with a proposed staff of one senior accountant and one or two staff accountants supervised by an audit manager and audit partner. With the exception of the directors of the firm's offices, the professional staff is not specifically assigned to any of our individual offices. The professional and administrative staff resources available to you through Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL are as follows:

	<u>Total</u>
Partners/Directors (CPA's)	6
Managers (2 CPA's)	2
Senior/Supervisor Accountants (3 CPA's)	3
Staff Accountants (2 CPA)	11
Computer Specialist	1
Paraprofessional	7
Administrative	<u>5</u>
Total – all personnel	35

Following is a brief description of each employee classification:

Staff Accountant – Staff accountants work directly under the constant supervision of the auditor-in-charge and, are responsible for the various testing of documents, account analysis and any other duties as his/her supervisor believes appropriate. Minimum qualification for a staff accountant is graduation from an accredited university or college with a degree in accounting or equivalent.

Senior Accountant – A senior accountant must possess all the qualifications of the staff accountant, in addition to being able to draft the necessary reports and financial statements, and supervise other staff accountants when necessary.

Managers – A manager must possess the qualifications of the senior accountant, plus be able to work without extensive supervision from the auditor-in-charge. The manager should be able to draft audit reports from start to finish and to supervise the audit team, if necessary.

Principal – A principal is a partner/director in training. He has been a manager for several years and possesses the technical skills to act as the auditor-in-charge. A principal has no financial interest in the firm.

Partner/Director – The director has extensive governmental auditing experience and acts as the auditor-in-charge. Directors have a financial interest in the firm.

Professional Staff Resources (Continued)

Independence – Independence of the public accounting firm, with respect to the audit client, is the foundation from which the public gains its trust in the opinion issued by the public accounting firm at the end of the audit process. This independence must be in appearance as well as in fact. The public must perceive that the accounting firm is independent of the audit entity to ensure that nothing would compromise the opinion issued by the public accounting firm. **Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL** is independent of Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District, including its elected officials and related parties, at the date of this proposal, as defined by the following rules, regulations, and standards:

AuSection 220 – Statements on Auditing Standards issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants;

ET Sections 101 and 102 – Code of Professional Conduct of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants;

Chapter 21A-1, Florida Administrative Code;

Section 473.315, Florida Statutes; and,

Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

On an annual basis, all members of the firm are required to confirm, in writing, that they have no personal or financial relationships or holding that would impair their independence with regard to the firm's clients.

Independence is a hallmark of our profession. We encourage our staff to use professional judgment in situations where our independence could be impaired or the perception of a conflict of interest might exist. In the governmental sector, public perception is as important as professional standards. Therefore, the utmost care must be exercised by independent auditors in the performance of their duties.

Ability to Furnish the Required Services

As previously noted in the Profile of the Proposer section of this document, our firm has been in existence for over 74 years. We have provided audit services to some clients for over 30 years continually. Our firm is insured against physical loss through commercial insurance and we also carry liability insurance. The majority of our audit documentation is stored electronically, both on our office network and on each employee laptop or computer assigned to each specific job. Our office computer network is backed up on tape, so in the event of a total equipment loss, we can restore all data as soon as replacement equipment is acquired. In addition, our field laptop computers carry the same data and can be used in the event of emergency with virtually no delay in completing the required services.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED

Arbitrage Rebate Services

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL also provides arbitrage rebate compliance and related services to governmental issuers. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 requires issuers of most tax-exempt obligations to pay (i.e., “rebate”) to the United States government any arbitrage profits. Arbitrage profits are earnings on the investment of bond proceeds and certain other monies in excess of what would have been earned had such monies been invested at a yield equal to the yield on the bonds.

Federal tax law requires that interim rebate calculations and payments are due at the end of every fifth bond year. Final payment is required upon redemption of the bonds. More frequent calculations may be deemed advisable by an issuer’s auditor, trustee or bond counsel or to assure that accurate and current records are available. These more frequent requirements are usually contained in the Arbitrage or Rebate Certificate with respect to the bonds.

Our firm performs a comprehensive rebate analysis and includes the following:

- Verifying that the issue is subject to rebate;
- Calculating the bond yield;
- Identifying, and separately accounting for, all “Gross Proceeds” (as that term is defined in the Code) of the bond issue, including those requiring analysis due to “transferred proceeds” and/or “commingled funds” circumstances;
- Determining what general and/or elective options are available to Gross proceeds of the issue;
- Calculating the issue’s excess investment earning (rebate liability), if any;
- Delivering appropriate documentation to support all calculations;
- Providing an executive summary identifying the methodology employed, major assumptions, conclusions, and any other recommendations for changes in recordkeeping and investment policies;
- Assisting as necessary in the event of an Internal Revenue Service inquiry; and,
- Consulting with issue staff, as necessary, regarding arbitrage related matters.

GOVERNMENTAL AUDITING EXPERIENCE

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL has been practicing public accounting in Florida for 69 years. Our success over the years has been the result of a strong commitment to providing personalized quality service to our clients.

The current members of our firm have performed audits of over 1,100 community development districts, and over 2,100 audits of municipalities, counties and other governmental entities such as the City of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County.

Our firm provides a variety of accounting, auditing, tax litigation support, and consulting services. Some of the professional accounting, auditing and management consulting services that are provided by our firm are listed below:

- Performance of annual financial and compliance audits, including Single Audits of state and federal financial assistance programs, under the provisions of the Single Audit Act, Subpart F of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), with minimal disruptions to your operations;
- Performance of special compliance audits to ascertain compliance with the applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations;
- Issuance of comfort letters and consent letters in conjunction with the issuance of tax-exempt debt obligations, including compiling financial data and interim period financial statement reviews;
- Calculation of estimated and actual federal arbitrage rebates;
- Assistance in compiling historical financial data for first-time and supplemental submissions for GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting;
- Preparation of indirect cost allocation systems in accordance with Federal and State regulatory requirements;
- Providing human resource and employee benefit consulting;
- Performance of automation feasibility studies and disaster recovery plans;
- Performance feasibility studies concerning major fixed asset acquisitions and utility plant expansion plans (including electric, water, pollution control, and sanitation utilities); and
- Assistance in litigation, including testimony in civil and criminal court.
- Assist clients who utilize QuickBooks software with their software needs. Our Certified QuickBooks Advisor has undergone extensive training through QuickBooks and has passed several exams to attain this Certification.

Continuing Professional Education

All members of the governmental audit staff of our firm, and audit team members assigned to this engagement, are in compliance with the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirements set forth in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. In addition, our firm is in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Florida Statutes that require CPA's to have met certain CPE requirements prior to proposing on governmental audit engagements.

GOVERNMENTAL AUDITING EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

The audit team has extensive experience in performing governmental audits and is exposed to intensive and continuing concentration on these types of audits. Due to the total number of governmental audits our team performs, each member of our governmental staff must understand and be able to perform several types of governmental audits. It is our objective to provide each professional employee fifty hours or more of comprehensive continuing professional education each year. This is accomplished through attending seminars throughout Florida and is reinforced through in-house training.

Our firm has made a steadfast commitment to professional education. Our active attendance and participation in continuing professional education is a major part of our objective to obtain the most recent knowledge on issues which are of importance to our clients. We are growing on the reputation for work that our firm is providing today.

Quality Control Program

Quality control requires continuing commitment to professional excellence. **Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL** is formally dedicated to that commitment.

To ensure maintaining the standards of working excellence required by our firm, we joined the Private Companies Practice Section (PCPS) of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). To be a participating member firm of this practice section, a firm must obtain an independent Peer Review of its quality control policies and procedures to ascertain the firm's compliance with existing auditing standards on the applicable engagements.

The scope of the Peer Review is comprehensive in that it specifically reviews the following quality control policies and procedures of the participating firm:

- Professional, economic, and administrative independence;
- Assignment of professional personnel to engagements;
- Consultation on technical matters;
- Supervision of engagement personnel;
- Hiring and employment of personnel;
- Professional development;
- Advancement;
- Acceptance and continuation of clients; and,
- Inspection and review system.

We believe that our commitment to the program is rewarding not only to our firm, but primarily to our clients.

The external independent Peer Review of the elements of our quality control policies and procedures performed by an independent certified public accountant, approved by the PCPS of the AICPA, provides you with the assurance that we continue to conform to standards of the profession in the conduct of our accounting and auditing practice.

GOVERNMENTAL AUDITING EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

Our firm is also a member of Governmental Audit Quality Center (GAQC), a voluntary membership center for CPA firms that perform governmental audits. This center promotes the quality of governmental audits.

Our firm has completed successive Peer Reviews. These reviews included a representative sample of our firm's local governmental auditing engagements. As a result of these reviews, our firm obtained an unqualified opinion on our quality control program and work procedures. On page 31 is a copy of our most recent Peer Review report. It should be noted that we received a pass rating.

Our firm has never had any disciplinary actions by state regulatory bodies or professional organizations.

As our firm performs approximately one hundred audits each year that are reviewed by federal, state or local entities, we are constantly dealing with questions from these entities about our audits. We are pleased to say that any questions that have been raised were minor issues and were easily resolved without re-issuing any reports.

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR)

We are proud and honored to have been involved with the City of Fort Pierce and the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority when they received their first Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal years ended September 30, 1988 and 1994, respectively. We were also instrumental in the City of Stuart receiving the award, in our first year of performing their audit, for the year ended September 30, 1999.

We also assisted St. Lucie County, Florida for the year ended September 30, 2003, in preparing their first Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, and St. Lucie County has received their Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting every year since.

As continued commitment to insuring that we are providing the highest level of experience, we have had at least one employee of our firm serve on the GFOA – Special Review Committee since the mid-1980s. This committee is made up of selective Certified Public Accountants throughout the United States who have demonstrated their high level of knowledge and expertise in governmental accounting. Each committee member attends a special review meeting at the Annual GFOA Conference. At this meeting, the committee reports on the Certificate of Achievement Program's most recent results, future goals, and common reporting deficiencies.

We feel that our previous experience in assisting the City of Fort Pierce, the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority and St. Lucie County obtain their first CAFRs, and the City of Stuart in continuing to receive a CAFR and our firm's continued involvement with the GFOA, and the CAFR review committee make us a valued asset for any client in the field of governmental financial reporting.

GOVERNMENTAL AUDIT EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

References

Terracina Community Development
District
Jeff Walker, Special District Services
(561) 630-4922

Gateway Community Development
District
Stephen Bloom, Severn Trent Management
(954) 753-5841

The Reserve Community Development District

Darrin Mossing, Governmental Management
Services LLC
(407) 841-5524

Clearwater Cay Community Development
District
Cal Teague, Premier District Management

(239) 690-7100 ext 101

In addition to the above, we have the following additional governmental audit experience:

Community Development Districts

Aberdeen Community Development
District

Beacon Lakes Community
Development District

Alta Lakes Community Development
District

Beaumont Community Development
District

Amelia Concourse Community
Development District

Bella Collina Community Development
District

Amelia Walk Community
Development District

Bonnet Creek Community
Development District

Aqua One Community Development
District

Buckeye Park Community
Development District

Arborwood Community Development
District

Candler Hills East Community
Development District

Arlington Ridge Community
Development District

Cedar Hammock Community
Development District

Bartram Springs Community
Development District

Central Lake Community
Development District

Baytree Community Development
District

Channing Park Community
Development District

GOVERNMENTAL AUDIT EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

Cheval West Community Development District	Evergreen Community Development District
Coconut Cay Community Development District	Forest Brooke Community Development District
Colonial Country Club Community Development District	Gateway Services Community Development District
Connerton West Community Development District	Gramercy Farms Community Development District
Copperstone Community Development District	Greenway Improvement District
Creekside @ Twin Creeks Community Development District	Greyhawk Landing Community Development District
Deer Run Community Development District	Griffin Lakes Community Development District
Dowden West Community Development District	Habitat Community Development District
DP1 Community Development District	Harbor Bay Community Development District
Eagle Point Community Development District	Harbourage at Braden River Community Development District
East Nassau Stewardship District	Harmony Community Development District
Eastlake Oaks Community Development District	Harmony West Community Development District
Easton Park Community Development District	Harrison Ranch Community Development District
Estancia @ Wiregrass Community Development District	Hawkstone Community Development District

GOVERNMENTAL AUDIT EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

Heritage Harbor Community Development District	Madeira Community Development District
Heritage Isles Community Development District	Marhsall Creek Community Development District
Heritage Lake Park Community Development District	Meadow Pointe IV Community Development District
Heritage Landing Community Development District	Meadow View at Twin Creek Community Development District
Heritage Palms Community Development District	Mediterra North Community Development District
Heron Isles Community Development District	Midtown Miami Community Development District
Heron Isles Community Development District	Mira Lago West Community Development District
Highland Meadows II Community Development District	Montecito Community Development District
Julington Creek Community Development District	Narcoossee Community Development District
Laguna Lakes Community Development District	Naturewalk Community Development District
Lake Bernadette Community Development District	New Port Tampa Bay Community Development District
Lakeside Plantation Community Development District	Overoaks Community Development District
Landings at Miami Community Development District	Panther Trace II Community Development District
Legends Bay Community Development District	Paseo Community Development District
Lexington Oaks Community Development District	Pine Ridge Plantation Community Development District
Live Oak No. 2 Community Development District	Piney Z Community Development District

GOVERNMENTAL AUDIT EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

Poinciana Community Development District	Sampson Creek Community Development District
Poinciana West Community Development District	San Simeon Community Development District
Port of the Islands Community Development District	Six Mile Creek Community Development District
Portofino Isles Community Development District	South Village Community Development District
Quarry Community Development District	Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District
Renaissance Commons Community Development District	Southern Hills Plantation III Community Development District
Reserve Community Development District	South Fork Community Development District
Reserve #2 Community Development District	St. John's Forest Community Development District
River Glen Community Development District	Stoneybrook South Community Development District
River Hall Community Development District	Stoneybrook South at ChampionsGate Community Development District
River Place on the St. Lucie Community Development District	Stoneybrook West Community Development District
Rivers Edge Community Development District	Tern Bay Community Development District
Riverwood Community Development District	Terracina Community Development District
Riverwood Estates Community Development District	Tison's Landing Community Development District
Rolling Hills Community Development District	TPOST Community Development District
Rolling Oaks Community Development District	

GOVERNMENTAL AUDIT EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

Triple Creek Community Development District	Vizcaya in Kendall Development District
TSR Community Development District	Waterset North Community Development District
Turnbull Creek Community Development District	Westside Community Development District
Twin Creeks North Community Development District	WildBlue Community Development District
Urban Orlando Community Development District	Willow Creek Community Development District
Verano #2 Community Development District	Willow Hammock Community Development District
Viera East Community Development District	Winston Trails Community Development District
VillaMar Community Development District	Zephyr Ridge Community Development District

GOVERNMENTAL AUDIT EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

Other Governmental Organizations

City of Westlake	Office of the Medical Examiner, District 19
Florida Inland Navigation District	Rupert J. Smith Law Library of St. Lucie County
Fort Pierce Farms Water Control District	St. Lucie Education Foundation
Indian River Regional Crime Laboratory, District 19, Florida	Seminole Improvement District
Viera Stewardship District	Troup Indiantown Water Control District

Current or Recent Single Audits.

St. Lucie County, Florida
Early Learning Coalition, Inc.
Gateway Services Community Development District.

Members of our audit team have acquired extensive experience from performing or participating in over 1,800 audits of governments, independent special taxing districts, school boards, and other agencies that receive public money and utilize fund accounting.

Much of our firm's auditing experience is with compliance auditing, which is required for publicly financed agencies. In this type of audit, we do a financial examination and also confirm compliance with various statutory and regulatory guidelines.

Following is a summary of our other experience, including Auditor General experience, as it pertains to other governmental and fund accounting audits.

Counties

(Includes elected constitutional officers, utilities and dependent taxing districts)

Indian River
Martin
Okeechobee
Palm Beach

Municipalities

City of Port St. Lucie
City of Vero Beach
Town of Orchid

GOVERNMENTAL AUDIT EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

Special Districts

Bannon Lakes Community Development District
Boggy Creek Community Development District
Capron Trail Community Development District
Celebration Pointe Community Development District
Coquina Water Control District
Diamond Hill Community Development District
Dovera Community Development District
Durbin Crossing Community Development District
Golden Lakes Community Development District
Lakewood Ranch Community Development District
Martin Soil and Water Conservation District
Meadow Pointe III Community Development District
Myrtle Creek Community Development District
St. Lucie County – Fort Pierce Fire District
The Crossings at Fleming Island
St. Lucie West Services District
Indian River County Mosquito Control District
St. John's Water Control District
Westchase and Westchase East Community Development Districts
Pier Park Community Development District
Verandahs Community Development District
Magnolia Park Community Development District

Schools and Colleges

Federal Student Aid Programs – Indian River Community College
Indian River Community College
Okeechobee County District School Board
St. Lucie County District School Board

State and County Agencies

Central Florida Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc. (a nonprofit organization affiliated with the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners)
Florida School for Boys at Okeechobee
Indian River Community College Crime Laboratory
Indian River Correctional Institution

FEE SCHEDULE

We propose the fee for our audit services described below to be \$3,400 for the year ended September 30, 2025, and \$3,500 for the years ended September 30, 2026 and 2027. In addition, if a bond issuance occurs in the fiscal years ended September 30, 2025, 2026, and 2027, there will be an additional fee of \$1,400 per issuance. The fee is contingent upon the financial records and accounting systems of Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District being "audit ready" and the financial activity for the District is not materially increased. If we discover that additional preparation work or subsidiary schedules are needed, we will consult with your authorized representative. We can assist with this additional work at our standard rates should you desire.

SCOPE OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED

If selected as the District's auditors, we will perform a financial and compliance audit in accordance with Section 11.45, Florida Statutes, in order to express an opinion on an annual basis on the financial statements of Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District as of September 30, 2025, 2026, and 2027. The audits will be performed to the extent necessary to express an opinion on the fairness in all material respects with which the financial statements present the financial position, results of operations and changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and to determine whether, for selected transactions, operations are properly conducted in accordance with legal and regulatory requirements. Reportable conditions that are also material weaknesses shall be identified as such in the Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters. Other (non-reportable) conditions discovered during the course of the audit will be reported in a separate letter to management, which will be referred to in the Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters.

Our audit will be performed in accordance with standards for financial and compliance audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as in compliance with rules and regulations of audits of special districts as set forth by the State Auditor General in Chapter 10.550, Local Governmental Entity Audits, and other relevant federal, state and county orders, statutes, ordinances, charter, resolutions, bond covenants, Administrative Code and procedures, or rules and regulations which may pertain to the work required in the engagement.

The primary purpose of our audit will be to express an opinion on the financial statements discussed above. It should be noted that such audits are subject to the inherent risk that errors or irregularities may not be detected. However, if conditions are discovered which lead to the belief that material errors, defalcations or other irregularities may exist or if other circumstances are encountered that require extended services, we will promptly notify the appropriate individual.

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

J. W. Gaines, CPA, CITP

Director – 45 years

Education

- ◆ Stetson University, B.B.A. – Accounting

Registrations

- ◆ Certified Public Accountant – State of Florida, State Board of Accountancy
- ◆ Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP) – American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Professional Affiliations/Community Service

- ◆ Member of the American and Florida Institutes of Certified Public Accountants
- ◆ Affiliate member Government Finance Officers Association
- ◆ Past President, Vice President-Campaign Chairman, Vice President and Board Member of United Way of St. Lucie County, 1989 - 1994
- ◆ Past President, President Elect, Secretary and Treasurer of the Treasure Coast Chapter of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants, 1988 - 1991
- ◆ Past President of Ft. Pierce Kiwanis Club, 1994 - 95, Member/Board Member since 1982
- ◆ Past President, Vice President and Treasurer of St. Lucie County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, 1980 -1986
- ◆ Member of the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, Member Board of Directors, Treasurer, September 2002 - 2006, Chairman Elect 2007, Chairman 2008, Past Chairman 2009
- ◆ Member Lawnwood Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees, 2000 – Present, Chairman 2013 - Present
- ◆ Member of St. Lucie County Citizens Budget Committee, 2001 – 2002
- ◆ Member of Ft. Pierce Citizens Budget Advisory Committee, 2010 – 2011
- ◆ Member of Ft. Pierce Civil Service Appeals Board, 2013 - Present

Professional Experience

- ◆ Miles Grant Development/Country Club – Stuart, Florida, July 1975 – October 1976
- ◆ State Auditor General's Office – Public Accounts Auditor – November 1976 through September 1979
- ◆ Director - Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants PL, responsible for numerous government and nonprofit audits.
- ◆ Over 40 years experience in all phases of public accounting and auditing experience, with a concentration in financial and compliance audits. Mr. Gaines has been involved in all phases of the audits listed on the preceding pages.

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

J. W. Gaines, CPA, CITP (Continued)

Director

Continuing Professional Education

- ♦ Has participated in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors over the last two years to keep abreast of the latest developments in accounting and auditing such as:
 - Governmental Accounting Report and Audit Update
 - Analytical Procedures, FICPA
 - Annual Update for Accountants and Auditors
 - Single Audit Sampling and Other Considerations

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

David S. McGuire, CPA, CITP

Director – 31 years experience

Education

- ◆ University of Central Florida, B.A. – Accounting
- ◆ Barry University – Master of Professional Accountancy

Registrations

- ◆ Certified Public Accountant – State of Florida, State Board of Accountancy
- ◆ Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP) – American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- ◆ Certified Not-For-Profit Core Concepts 2018

Professional Affiliations/Community Service

- ◆ Member of the American and Florida Institutes of Certified Public Accountants
- ◆ Associate Member, Florida Government Finance Office Associates
- ◆ Assistant Coach – St. Lucie County Youth Football Organization (1994 – 2005)
- ◆ Assistant Coach – Greater Port St. Lucie Football League, Inc. (2006 – 2010)
- ◆ Board Member – Greater Port St. Lucie Football League, Inc. (2011 – 2017)
- ◆ Treasurer, AIDS Research and Treatment Center of the Treasure Coast, Inc. (2000 – 2003)
- ◆ Board Member/Treasurer, North Treasure Coast Chapter, American Red Cross (2004 – 2010)
- ◆ Member/Board Member of Port St. Lucie Kiwanis (1994 – 2001)
- ◆ President (2014/15) of Sunrise Kiwanis of Fort Pierce (2004 – 2017)
- ◆ St. Lucie District School Board Superintendent Search Committee (2013 – present)
- ◆ Board Member – Phrozen Pharos (2019-2021)

Professional Experience

- ◆ Twenty-eight years public accounting experience with an emphasis on nonprofit and governmental organizations.
- ◆ Audit Manager in-charge on a variety of audit and review engagements within several industries, including the following government and nonprofit organizations:
 - St. Lucie County, Florida
 - 19th Circuit Office of Medical Examiner
 - Troup Indiantown Water Control District
 - Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Inc.
 - Healthy Kids of St. Lucie County
 - Mustard Seed Ministries of Ft. Pierce, Inc.
 - Reaching Our Community Kids, Inc.
 - Reaching Our Community Kids - South
 - St. Lucie County Education Foundation, Inc.
 - Treasure Coast Food Bank, Inc.
 - North Springs Improvement District
- ◆ Four years of service in the United States Air Force in computer operations, with a top secret (SCI/SBI) security clearance.

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

David S. McGuire, CPA, CITP (Continued)

Director

Continuing Professional Education

- ◆ Mr. McGuire has attended numerous continuing professional education courses and seminars taught by nationally recognized sponsors in the accounting auditing and single audit compliance areas. He has attended courses over the last two years in those areas as follows:

- Not-for-Profit Auditing Financial Results and Compliance Requirements

- Update: Government Accounting Reporting and Auditing

- Annual Update for Accountants and Auditors

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Matthew Gonano, CPA

Director – 14 years total experience

Education

- ◆ University of North Florida, B.B.A. – Accounting
- ◆ University of Alicante, Spain – International Business
- ◆ Florida Atlantic University – Masters of Accounting

Professional Affiliations/Community Service

- ◆ American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- ◆ Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Professional Experience

- ◆ Senior Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.
- ◆ Performed audits of nonprofit and governmental organizations in accordance with Governmental Accounting Auditing Standards (GAAS)
- ◆ Performed Single Audits of nonprofit organizations in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, Audits of State, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.

Continuing Professional Education

- ◆ Mr. Gonano has participated in numerous continuing professional education courses.

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

David F. Haughton, CPA

Accounting and Audit Manager – 34 years

Education

- ◆ Stetson University, B.B.A. – Accounting

Registrations

- ◆ Certified Public Accountant – State of Florida, State Board of Accountancy

Professional Affiliations/Community Service

- ◆ Member of the American and Florida Institutes of Certified Public Accountants
- ◆ Former Member of Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants Committee on State and Local Government
- ◆ Affiliate Member Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for over 10 years
- ◆ Affiliate Member Florida Government Finance Officers Association (FGFOA) for over 10 years
- ◆ Technical Review – 1997 FICPA Course on State and Local Governments in Florida
- ◆ Board of Directors – Kiwanis of Ft. Pierce, Treasurer – 1994-1999; Vice President – 1999-2001

Professional Experience

- ◆ Twenty-seven years public accounting experience with an emphasis on governmental and nonprofit organizations.
- ◆ State Auditor General's Office – West Palm Beach, Staff Auditor, June 1985 to September 1985
- ◆ Accounting and Audit Manager of Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants PL, responsible for audit and accounting services including governmental and not-for-profit audits.
- ◆ Over 20 years of public accounting and governmental experience, specializing in governmental and nonprofit organizations with concentration in special districts, including Community Development Districts which provide services including water and sewer utilities. Governmental and non-profit entities served include the following:

Counties:

St. Lucie County

Municipalities:

City of Fort Pierce

City of Stuart

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

David F. Haughton, CPA (Continued)

Accounting and Audit Manager

Professional Experience (Continued)

Special Districts:

Bluewaters Community Development District
Country Club of Mount Dora Community Development District
Fiddler's Creek Community Development District #1 and #2
Indigo Community Development District
North Springs Improvement District
Renaissance Commons Community Development District
St. Lucie West Services District
Stoneybrook Community Development District
Summerville Community Development District
Terracina Community Development District
Thousand Oaks Community Development District
Tree Island Estates Community Development District
Valencia Acres Community Development District

Non-Profits:

The Dunbar Center, Inc.
Hibiscus Children's Foundation, Inc.
Hope Rural School, Inc.
Maritime and Yachting Museum of Florida, Inc.
Tykes and Teens, Inc.
United Way of Martin County, Inc.
Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast, Inc.

- ◆ While with the Auditor General's Office he was on the staff for the state audits of the Martin County School District and Okeechobee County School District.
- ◆ During 1997 he performed a technical review of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants state CPE course on Audits of State and Local Governments in Florida. His comments were well received by the author and were utilized in future updates to the course.

Continuing Professional Education

- ◆ During the past several years, he has participated in numerous professional development training programs sponsored by the AICPA and FICPA, including state conferences on special districts and governmental auditing in Florida. He averages in excess of 100 hours bi-annually of advanced training which exceeds the 80 hours required in accordance with the continuing professional education requirements of the Florida State Board of accountancy and the AICPA Private Companies Practice Section. He has over 75 hours of governmental CPE credit within the past two years.

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience
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Paul Daly

Staff Accountant – 12 years

Education

- ♦ Florida Atlantic University, B.S. – Accounting

Professional Experience

- ♦ Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

Continuing Professional Education

- ♦ Working to attain the requirements to take the Certified Public Accounting (CPA) exam.

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Melissa Marlin, CPA

Senior Staff Accountant – 11 years

Education

- ◆ Indian River State College, A.A. – Accounting
- ◆ Florida Atlantic University, B.B.A. – Accounting

Professional Experience

- ◆ Staff accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

Continuing Professional Education

- ◆ Mrs. Marlin participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience
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Bryan Snyder

Staff Accountant – 10 years

Education

- ◆ Florida Atlantic University, B.B.A. – Accounting

Professional Experience

- ◆ Accountant beginning his professional auditing career with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank.
- ◆ Mr. Snyder is gaining experience auditing governmental & nonprofit entities.

Continuing Professional Education

- ◆ Mr. Snyder participates in numerous continuing education courses and plans on working to acquire his CPA certificate.
- ◆ Mr. Snyder is currently studying to pass the CPA exam.

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience
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Maritza Stonebraker, CPA

Senior Accountant – 9 years

Education

- ♦ Indian River State College, B.S. – Accounting

Professional Experience

- ♦ Staff Accountant beginning her professional auditing career with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank.

Continuing Professional Education

- ♦ Mrs. Stonebraker participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience
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Jonathan Herman, CPA

Senior Staff Accountant – 11 years

Education

- ◆ University of Central Florida, B.S. – Accounting
- ◆ Florida Atlantic University, MACC

Professional Experience

- ◆ Accounting graduate with nine years experience with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

Continuing Professional Education

- ◆ Mr. Herman participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience
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Tifanee Terrell, CPA

Staff Accountant – 4 years

Education

- ◆ Florida Atlantic University, M.A.C.C. – Accounting

Professional Experience

- ◆ Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

Continuing Professional Education

- ◆ Ms. Terrell participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience
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Dylan Dixon

Staff Accountant – 3 years

Education

- ◆ Indian River State College, B.S. – Accounting

Professional Experience

- ◆ Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

Continuing Professional Education

- ◆ Mr. Dixon participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience
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Brennen Moore

Staff Accountant – 1 year

Education

- ♦ Indian River State College, B.S. – Accounting

Professional Experience

- ♦ Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

Continuing Professional Education

- ♦ Mr. Moore participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience
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Katie Gifford

Staff Accountant – 1 year

Education

- ◆ Indian River State College, B.S. – Accounting

Professional Experience

- ◆ Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

Continuing Professional Education

- ◆ Ms. Gifford participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience
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Rayna Zicari

Staff Accountant – 1 year

Education

- ◆ Stetson University, B.B.A. – Accounting

Professional Experience

- ◆ Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

Continuing Professional Education

- ◆ Ms. Zicari participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.
- ◆ Ms. Zicari is currently working towards completing an additional 30 hours of education to qualify to sit for CPA exam.

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience
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Deandre McFadden

Staff Accountant

Education

- ◆ Florida Atlantic University, B.S. – Accounting

Professional Experience

- ◆ Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

Continuing Professional Education

- ◆ Mr. McFadden participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.



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Report on the Firm's System of Quality Control

To the Partners of
Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, CPAs, PL
and the Peer Review Committee of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants

November 30, 2022

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, CPAs, PL (the firm), in effect for the year ended May 31, 2022. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Standards).

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review as described in the Standards may be found at aicpa.org/prsummary. The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer reviewer to determine a peer review rating.

Firm's Responsibility

The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. The firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remediate engagements deemed as not performed or reported in conformity with professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if any.

Peer Reviewer's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control, and the firm's compliance therewith based on our review.

Required Selections and Considerations

Engagements selected for review included engagements performed under *Government Auditing Standards*, including a compliance audit under the Single Audit Act.

As a part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the firm, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

Opinion

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, CPAs, PL, in effect for the year ended May 31, 2022, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of *pass*, *pass with deficiency(ies)*, or *fail*. Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, CPAs, PLC, has received a peer review rating of *pass*.

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**STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

DISTRICT AUDITING SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

City of North Port, Florida

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

SECTION 1. DUE DATE. Sealed proposals must be received no later than October 28, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., at the offices of District Manager, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561) 571-0010. Proposals will be publicly opened at that time.

SECTION 2. FAMILIARITY WITH THE LAW. By submitting a proposal, the Proposer is assumed to be familiar with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that in any manner affect the work. Ignorance on the part of the Proposer will in no way relieve it from responsibility to perform the work covered by the proposal in compliance with all such laws, ordinances and regulations.

SECTION 3. QUALIFICATIONS OF PROPOSER. The contract, if awarded, will only be awarded to a responsible Proposer who is qualified by experience and licensing to do the work specified herein. The Proposer shall submit with its proposal satisfactory evidence of experience in similar work and show that it is fully prepared to complete the work to the satisfaction of the District.

SECTION 4. SUBMISSION OF ONLY ONE PROPOSAL. Proposers shall be disqualified and their proposals rejected if the District has reason to believe that collusion may exist among the Proposers, the Proposer has defaulted on any previous contract or is in arrears on any previous or existing contract, or for failure to demonstrate proper licensure and business organization.

SECTION 5. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL. Submit one (1) unbound and one (1) electronic copy of the Proposal Documents, and other requested attachments at the time and place indicated herein, which shall be enclosed in an opaque sealed envelope, marked with the title "Auditing Services – Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District" on the face of it. Please include pricing for each additional bond issuance.

SECTION 6. MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL. Proposals may be modified or withdrawn by an appropriate document duly executed and delivered to the place where proposals are to be submitted at any time prior to the time and date the proposals are due. No proposal may be withdrawn after opening for a period of ninety (90) days.

SECTION 7. PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS. The proposal documents shall consist of the notice announcing the request for proposals, these instructions, the Evaluation Criteria Sheet and a proposal with all required documentation pursuant to Section 12 of these instructions (the "Proposal Documents").

SECTION 8. PROPOSAL. In making its proposal, each Proposer represents that it has read and understands the Proposal Documents and that the proposal is made in accordance therewith.

SECTION 9. BASIS OF AWARD/RIGHT TO REJECT. The District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, make modifications to the work, and waive any informalities or irregularities in proposals as it is deemed in the best interests of the District.

SECTION 10. CONTRACT AWARD. Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the Notice of Award from the District, the Proposer shall enter into and execute a Contract (engagement letter) with the District.

SECTION 11. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY. Nothing herein shall be construed as or constitute a waiver of the District's limited waiver of liability contained in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, or any other statute or law.

SECTION 12. MISCELLANEOUS. All proposals shall include the following information in addition to any other requirements of the proposal documents.

- A. List the position or title of all personnel to perform work on the District audit. Include resumes for each person listed; list years of experience in present position for each party listed and years of related experience.
- B. Describe proposed staffing levels, including resumes with applicable certifications.
- C. Three references from projects of similar size and scope. The Proposer should include information relating to the work it conducted for each reference as well as a name, address and phone number of a contact person.
- D. The lump sum cost of the provision of the services under the proposal for the District's first audit for which there are no special assessment bonds, plus the lump sum cost of two (2) annual renewals, which renewals shall include services related to the District's anticipated issuance of special assessment bonds.

SECTION 13. PROTESTS. In accordance with the District's Rules of Procedure, any protest regarding the Proposal Documents, must be filed in writing, at the offices of the District Manager, within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays) after the receipt of the Proposal Documents. The formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. Failure to timely file a notice of protest or failure to timely file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of any right to object or protest with respect to the aforesaid Proposal Documents.

SECTION 14. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS. The criteria to be used in the evaluation of proposals are presented in the Evaluation Criteria Sheet, contained within the Proposal Documents.

**STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT
AUDITOR SELECTION
EVALUATION CRITERIA**

1. Ability of Personnel. (20 Points)

(E.g., geographic location of the firm's headquarters or permanent office in relation to the project; capabilities and experience of key personnel; present ability to manage this project; evaluation of existing workload; proposed staffing levels, etc.)

2. Proposer's Experience. (20 Points)

(E.g. past record and experience of the Proposer in similar projects; volume of work previously performed by the firm; past performance for other or current Community Development District(s) in other contracts; character, integrity, reputation of Proposer, etc.)

3. Understanding of Scope of Work. (20 Points)

Extent to which the proposal demonstrates an understanding of the District's needs for the services requested.

4. Ability to Furnish the Required Services. (20 Points)

Extent to which the proposal demonstrates the adequacy of Proposer's financial resources and stability as a business entity necessary to complete the services required.

5. Price. (20 Points)***

Points will be awarded based upon the lowest total proposal for rendering the services and the reasonableness of the proposal.

Total (100 Points)

***Alternatively, the Board may choose to evaluate firms without considering price, in which case the remaining categories would be assigned 25 points each.

STAR FARMS VILLAGE
AT NORTH PORT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

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Professional Services Proposal for Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District

May 1, 2025

Proposer

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Dear Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District:

We appreciate the opportunity to propose on audit services to Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District. We are eager to establish a long-term partnership that delivers immediate and ongoing value through our tailored solutions and competitive fee structure.

At CRI, our dedicated team of over 2,000 professionals aligns their expertise with your specific needs, ensuring seamless service from the start. CRI delivers big firm expertise with small firm service. Of approximately 46,000 public accounting firms in the United States, CRI currently ranks in the top 25. Additionally, as a part of PrimeGlobal, an association of independent accounting firms, we have access to international resources as – and when – needed. Leveraging these resources while maintaining local decision-making authority means that simplified solutions are only a phone call away. And we believe that's the best of both worlds for our clients.

Our partners bring over 7,500 years of collective business experience, focusing on delivering solutions that translate complex concepts into actionable insights. We strive to become trusted advisors by understanding your business and proactively contributing to your success. While accounting is the language of business, we're here to decipher the jargon and help you make educated decisions. CRInnovate embraces agility and invention.

We look forward to the opportunity to showcase our commitment to innovation, expertise, and responsiveness as one of the fastest-growing firms in the U.S. Thank you for considering our proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alan Jowers", with a stylized flourish at the end.

K. Alan Jowers
Partner, CRI Advisors, LLC
Partner, Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C.



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UNDERSTANDING & MEETING YOUR NEEDS



From the RFP or during our recent visit with your team, we understood your team to express the following needs, requests, and/or issues. We've detailed our proposed solutions below and are happy to discuss other related projects as they arise and upon request.

NEEDS & ISSUES		SOLUTIONS & SERVICES
Technical	The District is required to have independent audits performed on its financial statements.	Perform external audit services in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), in order to express an opinion on the Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District's financial statements.
Relational	The District's Board of Supervisors and management expect open and continuous communication with their CPA firm in order to avoid surprise findings at the end of the audit.	Communicate contemporaneously and directly with management regarding the results of our procedures. Anticipate and respond to concerns of management and/or the Audit Committee (if/when formed).

YOUR SERVICES AND FEES



We value creating mutually rewarding, long-term relationships with our clients. Our goal is to provide high quality, responsive service that yields returns far greater than your investment in our professional fees. Please find below our proposal of fees to provide the requested services for the upcoming fiscal years.

SERVICE	CRI FEES 2025
Perform external audit services in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS)	\$6,000

The above fee quote is based in part on the fact that the District has not yet issued bonds or other debt instruments to finance capital asset acquisition and construction. In the event the District issues such debt instruments or upon construction of major infrastructure additions, the audit fee will increase by an amount not to exceed \$6,000 per year.

If Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District requests additional services outside of this proposal, professional fee hourly rates are as follows, but may be negotiated depending on the project request:

CLASSIFICATION	HOURLY RATE
Partner	\$325
Manager	\$225
Senior	\$150
Staff	\$110
IT Specialist	\$400
Fraud Specialist	\$400

Our professional fees are based on the key assumptions that Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District will:

- Ensure that the predecessor's work papers will be made available for timely review, if applicable.
- Make available documents and work papers for review at Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District's headquarters location, although we may choose to review at alternate locations.
- Prepare certain schedules and analyses and provide supporting documents as requested.
- Assist us in obtaining an understanding of the accounting systems of Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District.
- Not experience a significant change in business operations or financial reporting standards.

CRI FIRM PROFILE



FOUNDED IN 1997 • **35+ MARKETS** across the United States & Mexico

Carr, Riggs & Ingram (CRI) is a top 25* nationally-ranked accounting and advisory firm driven by relationships to cultivate growth. From traditional accounting services to leading-edge business support, technology resources, and assurance* offerings, CRI's breadth and depth of expertise takes you from compliance to competitive advantage.



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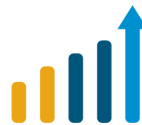
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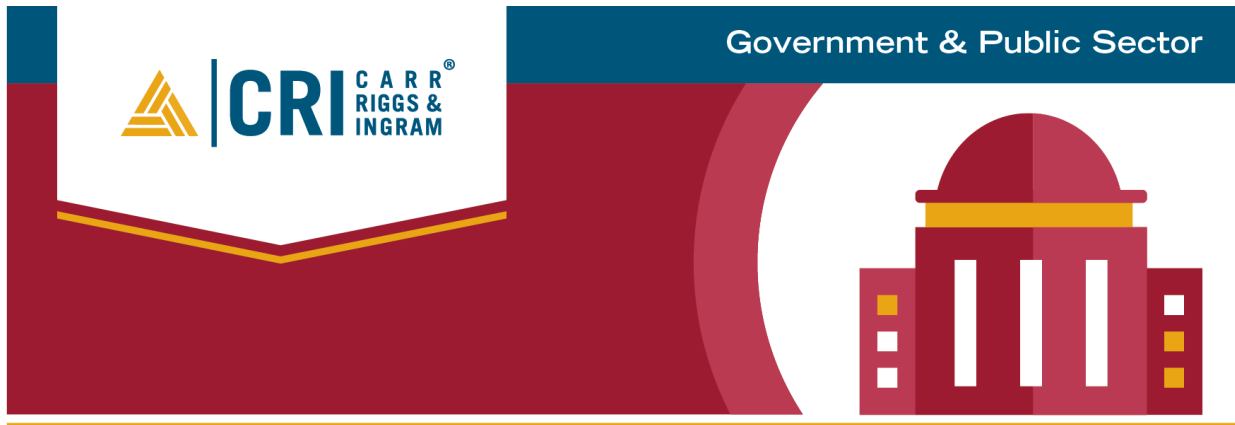
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Insurance
Manufacturing & Distribution
Nonprofits
Physician Groups
Post-Acute Care
Private Foundations
Religious Organizations

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At CRI, we know that the best results come from a fully integrated approach to your business, organization, or family's financial well-being. The CRI Family of Companies works collectively to parallel our clients' evolving needs beyond traditional accounting, cutting-edge business support, technology solutions, outsourcing, and assurance*. By working side-by-side, our expansive suite of companies and their focused solutions provide more personalized, holistic advice that checks every box.





CRI's seasoned governmental advisory team delivers in-depth, proactive guidance to help clients provide outstanding service to their communities and organizations.

Why CRI?

Our experienced governmental accounting team provides assurance, compliance, and dedicated support to educational institutions and governmental entities of all sizes. By leveraging technology, data analytics, and a foundational relationship-based approach, CRI's attuned governmental professionals tailor our service offerings to your organization's unique needs, allowing for closer collaboration and attention to detail. This approach enables us to improve your entity's operations while maintaining compliance and financial controls in the face of ever-changing regulatory scrutiny.

Related Services:

- Agreed Upon Procedures (AUPs)*
- Audit*
- Compliance Consulting
- Deferrals
- Financial Statement Preparation*
- Fraud & Forensics
- Internal Audit
- Performance Audits*
- Program Management & Administration
- Single Audit*



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RELEVANT EXPERIENCE



CRI delivers a depth of resources that ensures our understanding of your challenges and innovative solutions for overcoming them. Our team's combined experience is derived from providing audit, tax, consulting, and accounting outsourcing services. We parlay this vast experience and derived best practices into proven solutions that benefit you. Below we share specific, relevant client references; we encourage you to consult with them.

RELATIONSHIP	TIMELINE	SERVICE DESCRIPTION	RELEVANT POINTS TO CONSIDER
Rizzetta & Company Shawn Wildermuth 3434 Colwell Avenue Suite 200 Tampa, FL 33614 813.933.5571	2006 – Present	Annual Financial Statement Audits of Multiple CDDs	• Client service experience • Responsiveness to client needs • Long-term relationship • CDD management co.
GMS, LLC Dave DeNagy 14785 Old St. Augustine Road Suite 4 Jacksonville, FL 32258 904.288.9130	2006 – Present	Annual Financial Statement Audits of Multiple CDDs	• Client service experience • Responsiveness to client needs • Long-term relationship • CDD management co.
Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC Jeffrey Pinder 2300 Glades Road Suite 410W Boca Raton, FL 33431 561.571.0010	2006 – Present	Annual Financial Statement Audits of Multiple CDDs	• Client service experience • Responsiveness to client needs • Long-term relationship • CDD management co.
PFM Group Consulting, LLC Jennifer Glasgow 12051 Corporate Blvd. Orlando, FL 32817 407.382.3256	2007 – Present	Annual Financial Statement Audits of Multiple CDDs	• Client service experience • Responsiveness to client needs • Long-term relationship • CDD management co.



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Representative Clients

- Santa Rosa County District School Board
- Okaloosa Gas District
- Santa Rosa Island Authority
- Pasco County
- Okaloosa County District School Board
- Pinellas County School District
- Celebration Community Development District
- Hammock Bay Community Development District
- Amelia National Community Development District

Experience

Alan has over 25 years of experience in public accounting primarily with financial statement assurance engagements. His practice includes local governmental entities, condominium and homeowner associations, non-profit organizations, and nonpublic companies. He currently has direct engagement responsibility for a significant number of audits throughout the state of Florida .

Alan is licensed to practice as a certified public accountant in Florida and Georgia. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA), has been an active member of the FICPA's State and Local Governmental Committee, and is a past chair of its Common Interest Realty Association Committee. He is also active in the Panhandle Chapter of the Florida Governmental Finance Officers Association (FGFOA) and is a former member of the FGFOA's statewide Technical Resource Committee.

Education, Licenses & Certifications

- Masters of Accountancy, University of Alabama
- BS, Accounting, Florida State University
- Certified Public Accountant

Professional Affiliations

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA) - member of the Board of Governors
- Governmental Finance Officers Association (GFOA)
- Florida Governmental Finance Officers Association (FGFOA)

YOUR SOLUTION TEAM



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Representative Clients

- Community Development Districts
- Condominium and Homeowner Associations
- Employee Benefit Plans
- County and Local Governments
- Non-Profit Organizations

Experience

Lauren has 10 years auditing and accounting experience in the Destin office of CRI. She is an audit partner with primary responsibility for fieldwork and reporting on audits of clients in a variety of industries including local governmental and non-profit entities as well as employee benefit plans and commercial businesses. She is currently the in-charge auditor for over two dozen community development districts with several CDD management companies in the State of Florida.

Lauren is licensed to practice as a Certified Public Accountant in Florida. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She exceeds all continuing professional education requirements related to Government Auditing Standards.

Lauren currently supervises engagements for many governmental entities in the State of Florida including community development districts and other special governments. She is active in our firm's governmental industry line as well as the condominium and homeowner association practice. In addition, Lauren has accumulated experience in Federal and Florida Single Audit Acts compliance monitoring and auditing. Lauren has performed several single audits of federal grants under OMB Circular A-133.

Education, Licenses & Certifications

- BS, Accounting, Florida State University
- BS, Business Administration, Florida State University
- Certified Public Accountant
- Community Association Manager (CAM), Licensed in Florida

Professional Affiliations

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA)



AUDIT METHODOLOGY

Our audit, tax, consulting, and client accounting services documentation is maintained electronically. Compliance with our methodology is regularly reviewed and evaluated as part of our internal quality program, which is further discussed in this section under **INTERNAL QUALITY CONTROL REVIEWS AND EXTERNAL REVIEWS**. Comprehensive policies and procedures governing all of our practices and addressing professional and regulatory standards and implementation issues are constantly updated for new professional developments and emerging issues. See the table of contents to identify the relevant audit approach and methodology detailed description section.

ENGAGEMENT QUALITY REVIEW PARTNER (CONCURRING PARTNER)

Audit engagements are assigned engagement quality review (EQR) partner, as appropriate. This role is one of the most important elements of our quality assurance process, as it provides for a timely, independent review of key accounting and auditing issues. The EQR partner also reviews the financial statements and related supporting documentation—including the disclosures—to evaluate their fair presentation under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

INTERNAL QUALITY CONTROL REVIEWS AND EXTERNAL REVIEWS

Experienced partners and professional staff of our firm conduct quality control reviews of our audits. Our partners' work is reviewed annually, and the inspection process includes periodic testing of the effectiveness of our quality controls and a continuous improvement program. This risk-based annual inspection is intended to mimic the triennial peer review described in the following paragraph and are performed on completed engagements. In addition to this inspection, we perform in-process, "pre-issuance" reviews of partners' work that are chosen for using a risk-based selection process; these reviews are performed by our corporate quality control team. The combination of the in-process and completed engagements is part of our continuous improvement processes.

Peer reviews are performed every three years by another independent public accounting firm. The most recent review of our firm was performed in 2022 by Brown Edwards, whose report was the most favorable possible "Pass."

In addition, we are registered with the PCAOB and our 2024 PCAOB inspection report was also the most favorable possible—no audit deficiencies or quality control defects identified.

The 2024 PCAOB report can be viewed at https://assets.pcaobus.org/pcaob-dev/docs/default-source/inspections/reports/documents/104-2025-016-carriggs.pdf?sfvrsn=2089984d_2.



SHARING CRI'S VALUES WITH YOU

We are proud of our hands-on, service-centric, and results-oriented approach. Combining that approach with quality controls and superior talent allows us to help you achieve your goals and strengthen your management systems and processes. This approach is further emphasized through our three core values which guide our team's behavior and function as the foundation for interactions with our clients and each other.



CLIENT SERVICE

Defining our brand by meeting or exceeding the highest expectations of our clients

RESPECT

Building productive, long-term relationships with each other that are based on mutual respect, trust, and sharing

INTEGRITY

Living with sincerity, transparency, and honesty

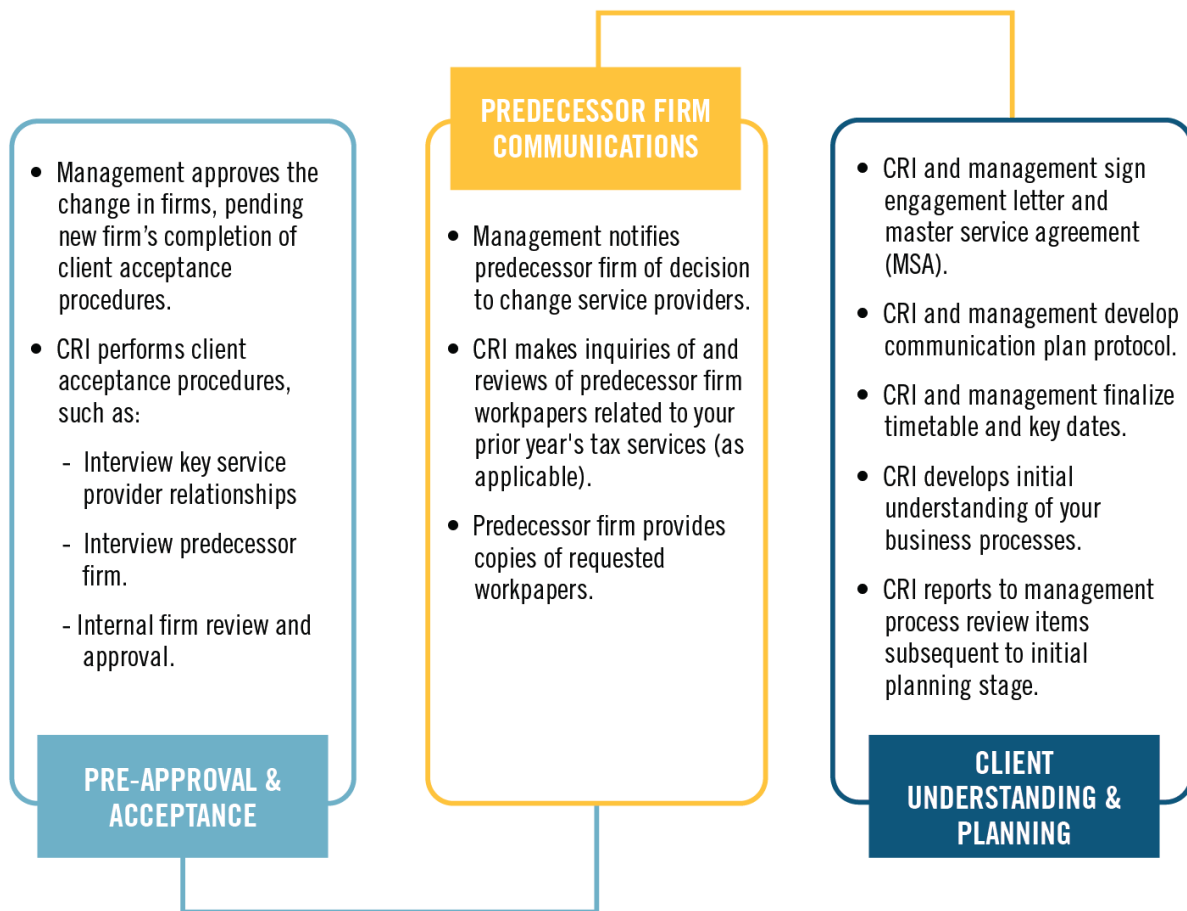
TRANSITIONING YOU



When choosing to change firms, the time involved in working with new accounting professionals is often a concern. CRI's well-defined efficient, seamless transition process is designed to:

- Provide you with value from the very first encounter,
- Avoid interruption of service,
- Minimize disruption and investment of management's time,
- Raise the standard of service, and
- Establish ongoing channels of communication with Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District's management.

The transition plan is comprised of the following key activities and can occur within approximately two weeks, depending on the availability of the parties involved:





CRI'S GLOBAL RESOURCES

Many businesses are expanding and/or evaluating their global reach, and they require assistance in order to comprehensively consider the various financial implications of growing in international markets. In addition to CRI's internal resources, we deliver the expertise and support of some of the world's most highly regarded accounting firms through shared alliance as members of PrimeGlobal.

WHO IS PRIMEGLOBAL?



HOW OUR PRIMEGLOBAL MEMBERS CAN BENEFIT YOU

We supplement our in-depth, industry knowledge and specialized services through our collaborations with other PrimeGlobal firms to help you evaluate your options globally. CRI's goal is to provide you with the information you need to make well-informed, smart business decisions.

4 KEY BENEFITS TO CRI CLIENTS FROM OUR PRIMEGLOBAL MEMBERSHIP

- 1 SOLUTIONS**
that are worldwide and world-class.
- 2 ACCESSIBILITY**
to knowledge and resources of statutory, regulatory, and compliance requirements throughout the world.
- 3 DECISION MAKING**
with the support of local connections and cultural understanding throughout regions of the world.
- 4 SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT**
CRI's team serves as your contact for each engagement, and we project manage across the entire team - including other PrimeGlobal firms and specialists.

JOIN OUR CONVERSATION



We know that some information that makes perfect sense to an advisor may not be as clear to our clients. Therefore, we produce original content in the form of articles, videos, white papers, webinars, and more to provide timely, down-to-earth translations of complex subjects. We publish this original content on [CRLadv.com](https://crladv.com) and across all our many social channels.

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CRI: FROM FOUNDATION TO FUTURE

Over a quarter-century, Carr, Riggs & Ingram has not just grown, but transformed. Now standing proudly among the top 25 firms in the U.S., our trajectory is steeped in innovation, shaping us into the firm of tomorrow—today. Our growth isn't merely a timeline; it's a testament to our entrepreneurial and pioneering spirit. As we harness cutting-edge technology and lead through industry evolution, our commitment to delivering actionable insights and solutions rooted in our founding principles of tailored Client service, Respect for all, and unyielding Integrity remains unwavering. As we look to the horizon, we at CRI are poised to redefine what's possible, and we invite our clients, old and new, to join us in shaping the future.



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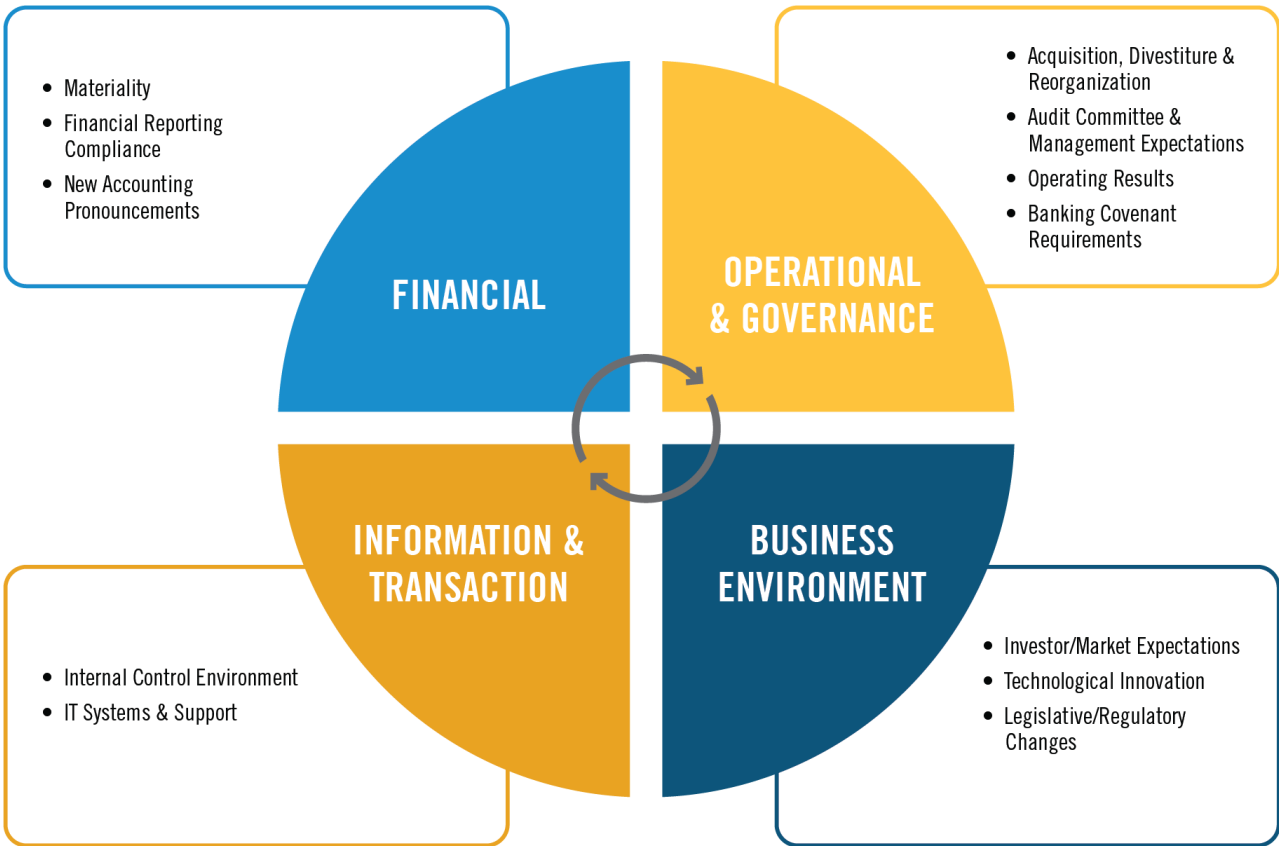
CRI AUDIT FRAMEWORK*

Our proposed services require a coordinated effort between us and Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District's team. Planning and continual communication are essential to developing the appropriate procedures, working collaboratively to resolve any identified issues, and meeting your timelines.

CRI's audit approach occurs within a framework of our client's business and industry; therefore, we assess risk by:

- Understanding management's perspectives and goals, and
- Considering business conditions and threats that could prevent management from achieving its business objectives.

We assess risks in the following areas:



CRI AUDIT FRAMEWORK*



Our ultimate intent is to drill down from these broad risks to specific financial reporting risks. We understand both these risks and management's processes and procedures for mitigating them (i.e. internal controls) in order to develop our procedures to carry out our audit responsibilities.

Although our audits are conducted through a structured, risk-based model, we focus on understanding the client's needs, requirements, and expectations. We work collaboratively with management and the Audit Committee (or similar function) to develop a communication and work plan to continuously improve client service, by doing so we help in moving your team from simple compliance to providing you with a competitive advantage.

In planning, we concentrate on "key risks," (items with a greater risk of a material misstatement, a material weakness in internal controls, or other matters resulting in the issuance of an inappropriate audit report). We focus on "material" items (i.e. those items that would be important to the user of your financial statements). When evaluating materiality of identified misstatements, certain quantitative and qualitative factors must be considered—which may include:

- Impact on operating trends (revenue/income, expenses, net income, etc).
- Nature of the misstatement (i.e., did the misstatement result from an unlawful transaction?).
- Impact on liquidity, capital/surplus, earnings capacity, etc.
- Impact to loan covenants and contractual and regulatory requirements.

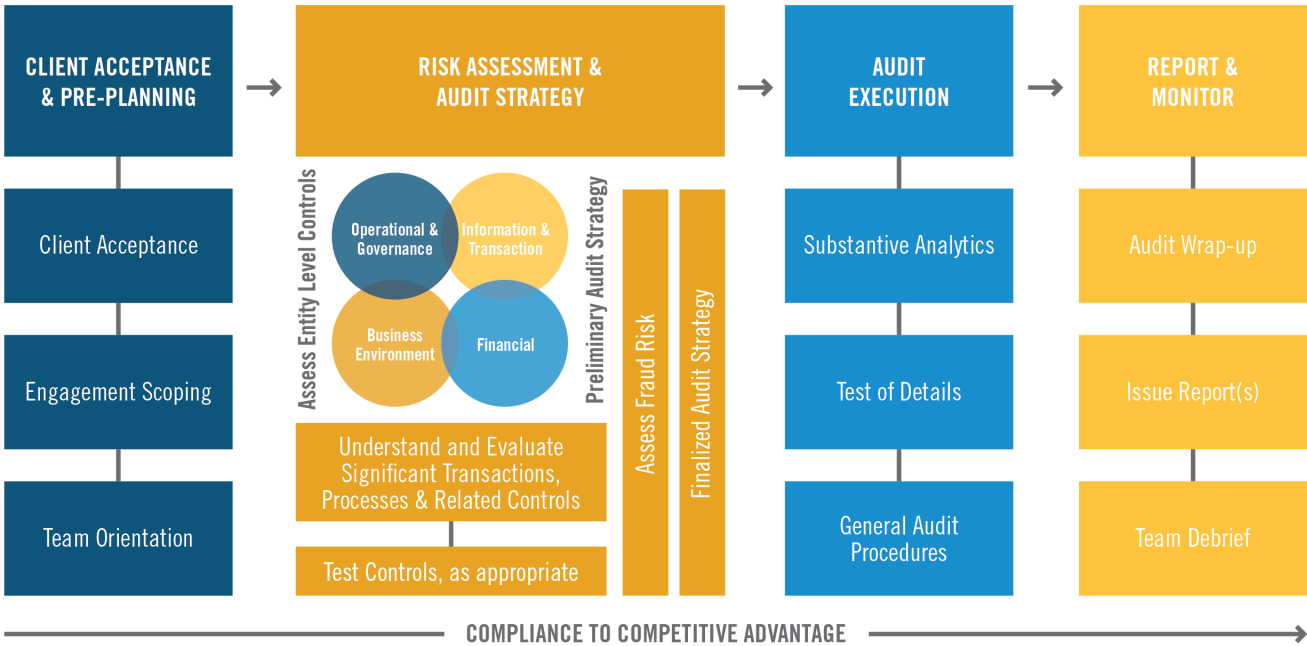
Consistent communication is a key to completion of the audit. By ensuring constant involvement, we are in a better position to respond to your issues timely and efficiently. Therefore, we plan to meet with your management to:

- Set-up the audit by reviewing the mapping of Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District's financial information (financial statements and notes) to significant processes and IT systems to ensure that all significant account balances, transactions, procedures, and systems are tested as deemed necessary.
- Discuss ongoing changes—specifically new accounting pronouncements and key business transactions in their early stages, enabling us to agree on the resolution of various complex business issues on a timely basis.



CRI AUDIT APPROACH*

Our audit approach is a four stage approach, as depicted in the summary below. Our client acceptance and risk assessment procedures occur during detailed conversations and observations with your team. The results of those procedures allow us to tailor an audit program to your specific risks and needs. We then execute the audit, report the results, and evaluate continuous improvement opportunities for ongoing service and benefit to you.





STAGE 1: CLIENT ACCEPTANCE & PRE-PLANNING

- Perform client acceptance procedures.
- Collaborate with management to agree to expectations and scope.
- Assign appropriate staff based on client needs and assessed risk.

STAGE 2: RISK ASSESSMENT & AUDIT STRATEGY

- Interview client personnel and others to understand client-specific objectives and risks.
- Assess following aspects of the organization for their impact on the audit plan:
 - environmental and other external risks,
 - management's fraud and IT risk assessment models,
 - entity level controls including:
 - control environment
 - risk assessment,
 - information and communication,
 - and monitoring controls.
 - IT General Computer (ITGC) controls, such as
 - IT Environment
 - Developing and Delivering IT, and
 - Operating and Monitoring IT.
- Determine materiality.
- Develop and document our understanding of and/or reliance on:
 - linkage of financial statements to:
 - significant transactions,
 - processes,
 - IT systems, and
 - related controls,
 - existence of/reliance on SOC entities and their reports,
 - internal audit, and
 - specialists (e.g. valuation, pension costs, etc.).
- If elected, test controls including ITGC, through a mix of:
 - inquiry,
 - observation
 - examination, and
 - re-performance.
- Perform preliminary analytical procedures.
- Finalize risk assessments and develop a final audit strategy.

STAGE 3: AUDIT EXECUTION

- Where possible to test as efficiently as possible:
 - develop detailed analytical procedures to use as substantive tests (benefit = reducing tests of details):
Examples include:
 - ratio analysis,
 - regression analysis,
 - trend analysis,
 - predictive tests, or
 - reasonableness test,
 - utilize Computer-Assisted Audit Techniques (CAATs) (benefit = automation of testing for more coverage and less disruption to the client), and
 - perform targeted testing (also known as "coverage" testing) to test large portions of account balances (benefit = more coverage with smaller selections).
- Perform tests of details, including sampling.
- Perform general audit procedures such as tests related to:
 - commitments and contingencies,
 - legal letters,
 - management representations,
 - reviews of Board minutes,
 - related party transactions,
 - debt covenants, and
 - going concern.
- Perform other tests for compliance such as Yellow Book or Single Audit tests.

STAGE 4: REPORT & MONITOR

- Continually monitor throughout the audit - providing feedback as agreed during scoping.
- Conclude the audit (i.e. issue opinions and reports).
- Develop and present:
 - reports,
 - required communications,
 - management letter comments, and
 - other audit-related deliverables.
- Perform debriefings to identify opportunities for improvement with our:
 - engagement team, and/or
 - client's team.

APPENDIX A - RFP DOCUMENTS



STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES

The Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District hereby requests proposals for annual financial auditing services. The proposal must provide for the auditing of the District's financial records for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, with an option for two additional optional annual renewals. The District is a local unit of special-purpose government created under Chapter 2024-292, *Laws of Florida*, for the purpose of financing, constructing, and maintaining public infrastructure. The District is located in the City of North Port, Florida, and has an annual operating budget of approximately \$86,540. The final contract will require that, among other things, the audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, be completed no later than June 30, 2026.

The auditing entity submitting a proposal must be duly licensed under Chapter 473, *Florida Statutes*, and be qualified to conduct audits in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards," as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy. Audits shall be conducted in accordance with Florida Law and particularly Section 218.39, *Florida Statutes*, and the rules of the Florida Auditor General.

Proposal packages, which include evaluation criteria and instructions to proposers, are available from the District Manager at the address and telephone number listed below. Proposers must provide one (1) electronic and one (1) hardcopy of their proposal to the District Manager, Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561) 571-0010 in an envelope marked on the outside "Auditing Services, Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District." Proposals must be received by 12: 00 p.m., on October 28, 2024, at the office of the District Manager. Please direct all questions regarding this Notice to the District Manager.

District Manager

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STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

District Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2025

City of North Port, Florida

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

SECTION 1. DUE DATE. Sealed proposals must be received no later than **October 28, 2024**, at 12:00 p.m., at the offices of District Manager, Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561) 571-0010. Proposals will be publicly opened at that time.

SECTION 2. FAMILIARITY WITH THE LAW. By submitting a proposal, the Proposer is assumed to be familiar with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that in any manner affect the work. Ignorance on the part of the Proposer will in no way relieve it from responsibility to perform the work covered by the proposal in compliance with all such laws, ordinances and regulations.

SECTION 3. QUALIFICATIONS OF PROPOSER. The contract, if awarded, will only be awarded to a responsible Proposer who is qualified by experience and licensing to do the work specified herein. The Proposer shall submit with its proposal satisfactory evidence of experience in similar work and show that it is fully prepared to complete the work to the satisfaction of the District.

SECTION 4. SUBMISSION OF ONLY ONE PROPOSAL. Proposers shall be disqualified and their proposals rejected if the District has reason to believe that collusion may exist among the Proposers, the Proposer has defaulted on any previous contract or is in arrears on any previous or existing contract, or for failure to demonstrate proper licensure and business organization.

SECTION 5. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL. Submit one (1) electronic and one (1) hardcopy of the Proposal Documents, and other requested attachments at the time and place indicated herein, which shall be enclosed in an opaque sealed envelope, marked with the title "Auditing Services – Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District" on the face of it. **Please include pricing for each additional bond issuance.**

SECTION 6. MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL. Proposals may be modified or withdrawn by an appropriate document duly executed and delivered to the place where proposals are to be submitted at any time prior to the time and date the proposals are due. No proposal may be withdrawn after opening for a period of ninety (90) days.

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SECTION 7. PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS. The proposal documents shall consist of the notice announcing the request for proposals, these instructions, the Evaluation Criteria Sheet and a proposal with all required documentation pursuant to Section 12 of these instructions (the “Proposal Documents”).

SECTION 8. PROPOSAL. In making its proposal, each Proposer represents that it has read and understands the Proposal Documents and that the proposal is made in accordance therewith.

SECTION 9. BASIS OF AWARD/RIGHT TO REJECT. The District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, make modifications to the work, and waive any informalities or irregularities in proposals as it is deemed in the best interests of the District.

SECTION 10. CONTRACT AWARD. Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the Notice of Award from the District, the Proposer shall enter into and execute a Contract (engagement letter) with the District.

SECTION 11. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY. Nothing herein shall be construed as or constitute a waiver of the District’s limited waiver of liability contained in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or any other statute or law.

SECTION 12. MISCELLANEOUS. All proposals shall include the following information in addition to any other requirements of the proposal documents.

- A. List the position or title of all personnel to perform work on the District audit. Include resumes for each person listed; list years of experience in present position for each party listed and years of related experience.
- B. Describe proposed staffing levels, including resumes with applicable certifications.
- C. Three references from projects of similar size and scope. The Proposer should include information relating to the work it conducted for each reference as well as a name, address and phone number of a contact person.
- D. The lump sum cost of the provision of the services under the proposal for the District’s first audit for which there are no special assessment bonds, plus the lump sum cost of two (2) annual renewals, which renewals shall include services related to the District’s anticipated issuance of special assessment bonds.

SECTION 13. PROTESTS. In accordance with the District’s Rules of Procedure, any protest regarding the Proposal Documents, must be filed in writing, at the offices of the

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District Manager, within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays) after the receipt of the Proposal Documents. The formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. Failure to timely file a notice of protest or failure to timely file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of any right to object or protest with respect to the aforesaid Proposal Documents.

SECTION 14. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS. The criteria to be used in the evaluation of proposals are presented in the Evaluation Criteria Sheet, contained within the Proposal Documents.

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STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT AUDITOR SELECTION EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. *Ability of Personnel.* (20 Points)

(E.g., geographic location of the firm's headquarters or permanent office in relation to the project; capabilities and experience of key personnel; present ability to manage this project; evaluation of existing workload; proposed staffing levels, etc.)

2. *Proposer's Experience.* (20 Points)

(E.g. past record and experience of the Proposer in similar projects; volume of work previously performed by the firm; past performance for other or current independent special district(s) in other contracts; character, integrity, reputation of Proposer, etc.)

3. *Understanding of Scope of Work.* (20 Points)

Extent to which the proposal demonstrates an understanding of the District's needs for the services requested.

4. *Ability to Furnish the Required Services.* (20 Points)

Extent to which the proposal demonstrates the adequacy of Proposer's financial resources and stability as a business entity necessary to complete the services required.

5. *Price.* (20 Points)***

Points will be awarded based upon the lowest total proposal for rendering the services and the reasonableness of the proposal.

***Total* (100 Points)**

***Alternatively, the Board may choose to evaluate firms without considering price, in which case the remaining categories would be assigned 25 points each.

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Proposal to Provide Financial Auditing Services:

STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

Proposal Due: May 1, 2025
12:00PM

Submitted to:

Star Farms Village at North Port
Stewardship District
c/o District Manager
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

May 1, 2025

Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District
c/o District Manager
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

Re: Request for Proposal for Professional Auditing Services for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025, with an option for two (2) additional annual renewals.

Grau & Associates (Grau) welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District's (the "District") Request for Proposal (RFP), and we look forward to working with you on your audit. We are an energetic and robust team of knowledgeable professionals and are a recognized leader of providing services to Community Development Districts. As one of Florida's few firms to primarily focus on government, we are especially equipped to provide you an effective and efficient audit.

Government audits are at the core of our practice: **95% of our work is performing audits for local governments and of that 98% are for special districts.** With our significant experience, we are able to increase efficiency, to provide immediate and continued savings, and to minimize disturbances to your operations.

Why Grau & Associates:

Knowledgeable Audit Team

Grau is proud that the personnel we assign to your audit are some of the most seasoned auditors in the field. Our staff performs governmental engagements year-round. When not working on your audit, your team is refining their audit approach for next year's audit. Our engagement partners have decades of experience and take a hands-on approach to our assignments, which all ensures a smoother process for you.

Servicing your Individual Needs

Our clients enjoy personalized service designed to satisfy their unique needs and requirements. Throughout the process of our audit, you will find that we welcome working with you to resolve any issues as swiftly and easily as possible. In addition, due to Grau's very low turnover rate for our industry, you also won't have to worry about retraining your auditors from year to year.

Developing Relationships

We strive to foster mutually beneficial relationships with our clients. We stay in touch year-round, updating, collaborating and assisting you in implementing new legislation, rules and standards that affect your organization. We are also available as a sounding board and assist with technical questions.

Maintaining an Impeccable Reputation

We have never been involved in any litigation, proceeding or received any disciplinary action. Additionally, we have never been charged with, or convicted of, a public entity crime of any sort. We are financially stable and have never been involved in any bankruptcy proceedings.

Complying With Standards

Our audit will follow the Auditing Standards of the AICPA, Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida, and any other applicable federal, state and local regulations. We will deliver our reports in accordance with your requirements.

This proposal is a firm and irrevocable offer for 90 days. We certify this proposal is made without previous understanding, agreement or connection either with any previous firms or corporations offering a proposal for the same items. We also certify our proposal is in all respects fair, without outside control, collusion, fraud, or otherwise illegal action, and was prepared in good faith. Only the person(s), company or parties interested in the project as principals are named in the proposal. Grau has no existing or potential conflicts and anticipates no conflicts during the engagement. Our Federal I.D. number is 20-2067322.

We would be happy to answer any questions or to provide any additional information. We are genuinely excited about the prospect of serving you and establishing a long-term relationship. Please do not hesitate to call or email either of our Partners, Antonio J. Grau, CPA (tgrau@graucpa.com) or David Caplivski, CPA (dcaplivski@graucpa.com) at 561.994.9299. We thank you for considering our firm's qualifications and experience.

Very truly yours,
Grau & Associates



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Firm Qualifications



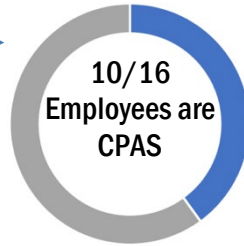
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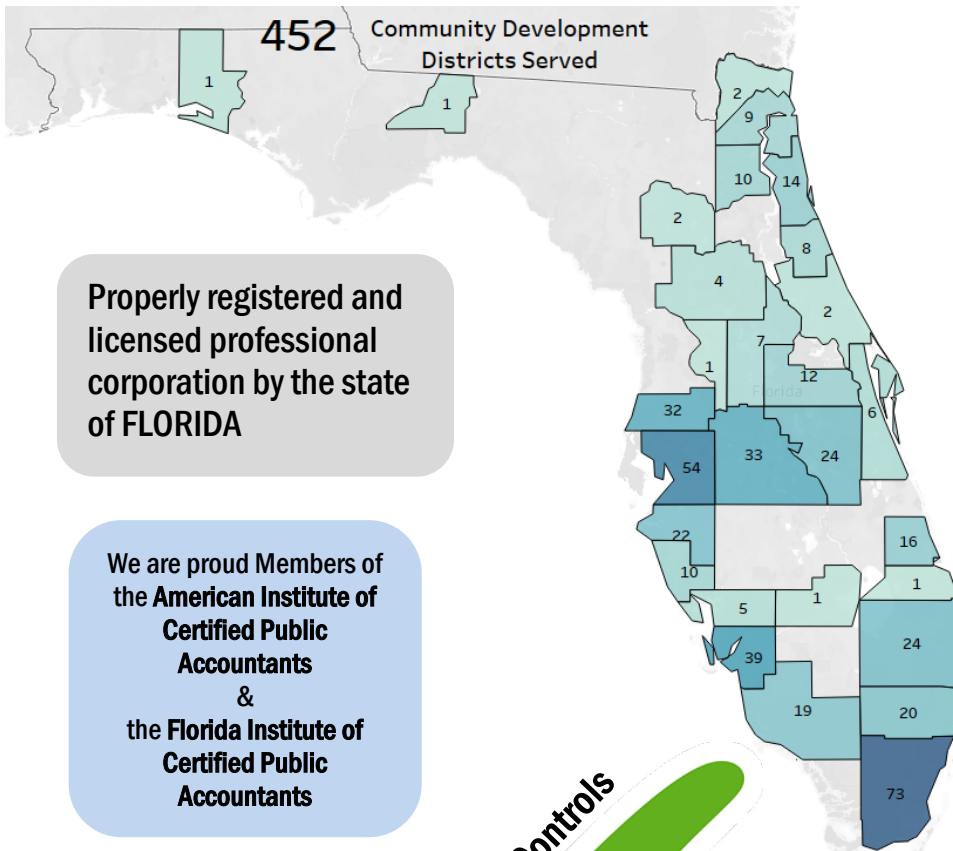


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11 Professional Staff
2 Administrative Professionals



2005

Year founded



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Services Provided



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- ⇒ External quality review program: consistently receives a pass
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See next page for report and certificate

March 17, 2023

Antonio Grau
Grau & Associates
951 Yamato Rd Ste 280
Boca Raton, FL 33431-1809

Dear Antonio Grau:

It is my pleasure to notify you that on March 16, 2023, the Florida Peer Review Committee accepted the report on the most recent System Review of your firm. The due date for your next review is December 31, 2025. This is the date by which all review documents should be completed and submitted to the administering entity.

As you know, the report had a peer review rating of pass. The Committee asked me to convey its congratulations to the firm.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

FICPA Peer Review Committee

Peer Review Team
FICPA Peer Review Committee

850.224.2727, x5957

cc: Daniel Hevia, Racquel McIntosh

Firm Number: 900004390114

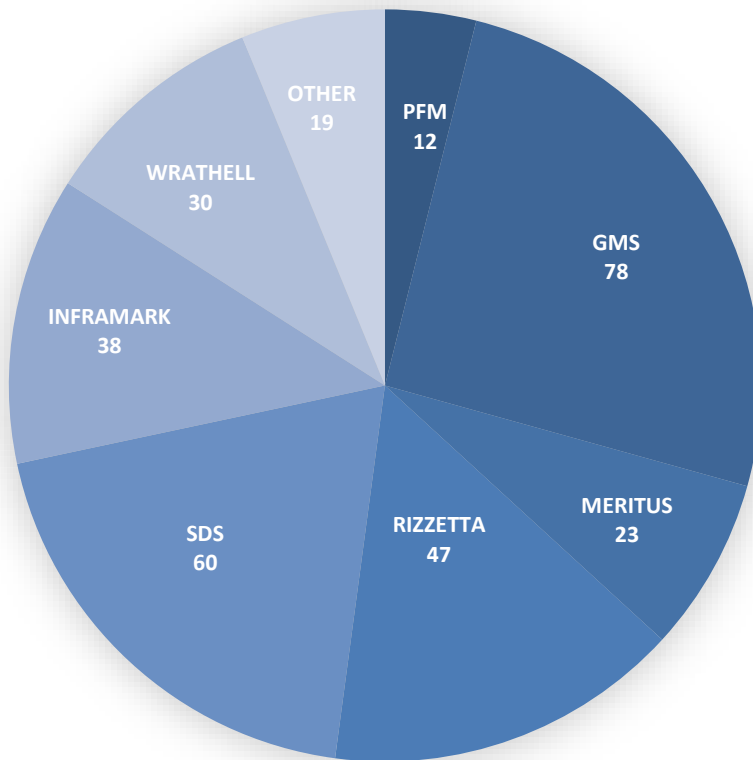
Review Number: 594791

Firm & Staff Experience



Grau & Associates
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GRAU AND ASSOCIATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT EXPERIENCE BY MANAGEMENT COMPANY



Profile Briefs:

Antonio J GRAU, CPA (Partner)

Years Performing Audits: 35+

CPE (last 2 years):

Government

Accounting, Auditing:

40 hours; Accounting,

Auditing and Other:

53 hours

Professional

Memberships: AICPA,

FICPA, FGFOA, GFOA

David Caplivski, CPA (Partner)

Years Performing Audits: 13+

CPE (last 2 years):

Government

Accounting, Auditing:

24 hours; Accounting,

Auditing and Other:

64 hours

Professional

Memberships: AICPA,

FICPA, FGFOA, FASD

"Here at Grau & Associates, staying up to date with the current technological landscape is one of our top priorities. Not only does it provide a more positive experience for our clients, but it also allows us to perform a more effective and efficient audit. With the every changing technology available and utilized by our clients, we are constantly innovating our audit process."

- Tony Grau

"Quality audits and exceptional client service are at the heart of every decision we make. Our clients trust us to deliver a quality audit, adhering to high standards and assisting them with improvements for their organization."

-David Caplivski

YOUR ENGAGEMENT TEAM

Grau's client-specific engagement team is meticulously organized in order to meet the unique needs of each client. Constant communication within our solution team allows for continuity of staff and audit team. The Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP) Partner will bring a unique blend of IT expertise and understanding of accounting principles to the financial statement audit of the District.



The assigned personnel will work closely with the partner and the District to ensure that the financial statements and all other reports are prepared in accordance with professional standards and firm policy. Responsibilities will include planning the audit; communicating with the client and the partners the progress of the audit; and determining that financial statements and all reports issued by the firm are accurate, complete and are prepared in accordance with professional standards and firm policy.

The Engagement Partner will participate extensively during the various stages of the engagement and has direct responsibility for engagement policy, direction, supervision, quality control, security, confidentiality of information of the engagement and communication with client personnel. The engagement partner will also be involved directing the development of the overall audit approach and plan; performing an overriding review of work papers and ascertain client satisfaction.



Antonio 'Tony' J. Grau, CPA

Partner

Contact: tgrau@graucpa.com | (561) 939-6672

Experience

For over 30 years, Tony has been providing audit, accounting and consulting services to the firm's governmental, non-profit, employee benefit, overhead and arbitrage clients. He provides guidance to clients regarding complex accounting issues, internal controls and operations.

As a member of the Government Finance Officers Association Special Review Committee, Tony participated in the review process for awarding the GFOA Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting. Tony was also the review team leader for the Quality Review of the Office of Management Audits of School Board of Miami-Dade County. Tony received the AICPA advanced level certificate for governmental single audits.

Education

University of South Florida (1983)
Bachelor of Arts
Business Administration

Clients Served (partial list)

(>300) Various Special Districts, including:

Bayside Improvement Community Development District	St. Lucie West Services District
Dunes Community Development District	Ave Maria Stewardship Community District
Fishhawk Community Development District (I, II, IV)	Rivers Edge II Community Development District
Grand Bay at Doral Community Development District	Bartram Park Community Development District
Heritage Harbor North Community Development District	Bay Laurel Center Community Development District
Boca Raton Airport Authority	
Greater Naples Fire Rescue District	
Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District	
Lake Worth Drainage District	
South Indian River Water Control	

Professional Associations/Memberships

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants	Florida Government Finance Officers Association
Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants	Government Finance Officers Association Member
City of Boca Raton Financial Advisory Board Member	

Professional Education (over the last two years)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Government Accounting and Auditing	40
Accounting, Auditing and Other	<u>53</u>
Total Hours	<u>93</u> (includes of 4 hours of Ethics CPE)



David Caplivski, CPA/CITP, Partner
Contact : dcaplivski@graucpa.com / 561-939-6676

Experience

Grau & Associates	Partner	2021-Present
Grau & Associates	Manager	2014-2020
Grau & Associates	Senior Auditor	2013-2014
Grau & Associates	Staff Auditor	2010-2013

Education

Florida Atlantic University (2009)
Master of Accounting
Nova Southeastern University (2002)
Bachelor of Science
Environmental Studies

Certifications and Certificates

Certified Public Accountant (2011)
AICPA Certified Information Technology Professional (2018)
AICPA Accreditation COSO Internal Control Certificate (2022)

Clients Served (partial list)

(>300) Various Special Districts	Hispanic Human Resource Council
Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse	Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District
Boca Raton Airport Authority	Old Plantation Water Control District
Broward Education Foundation	Pinetree Water Control District
CareerSource Brevard	San Carlos Park Fire & Rescue Retirement Plan
CareerSource Central Florida 403 (b) Plan	South Indian River Water Control District
City of Lauderdale GERS	South Trail Fire Protection & Rescue District
City of Parkland Police Pension Fund	Town of Haverhill
City of Magnolia Island GERS	Town of Hypoluxo
Coquina Water Control District	Town of Hillsboro Beach
Central County Water Control District	Town of Lantana
City of Miami (program specific audits)	Town of Lauderdale By-The-Sea Volunteer Fire Pension
City of West Park	Town of Pembroke Park
Coquina Water Control District	Village of Wellington
East Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Fac.	Village of Golf
East Naples Fire Control & Rescue District	

Professional Education (over the last two years)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Government Accounting and Auditing	24
Accounting, Auditing and Other	64
Total Hours	88 (includes 4 hours of Ethics CPE)

Professional Associations

Member, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
Member, Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants
Member, Florida Government Finance Officers Association
Member, Florida Association of Special Districts

References



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We have included three references of government engagements that require compliance with laws and regulations, follow fund accounting, and have financing requirements, which we believe are similar to the District.

Dunes Community Development District

Scope of Work	Financial audit
Engagement Partner	Antonio J. Grau
Dates	Annually since 1998
Client Contact	Darrin Mossing, Finance Director 475 W. Town Place, Suite 114 St. Augustine, Florida 32092 904-940-5850

Two Creeks Community Development District

Scope of Work	Financial audit
Engagement Partner	Antonio J. Grau
Dates	Annually since 2007
Client Contact	William Rizzetta, President 3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200 Tampa, Florida 33614 813-933-5571

Journey's End Community Development District

Scope of Work	Financial audit
Engagement Partner	Antonio J. Grau
Dates	Annually since 2004
Client Contact	Todd Wodraska, Vice President 2501 A Burns Road Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410 561-630-4922

Specific Audit Approach



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AUDIT APPROACH

Grau's Understanding of Work Product / Scope of Services:

We recognize the District is an important entity and we are confident our firm is eminently qualified to meet the challenges of this engagement and deliver quality audit services. ***You would be a valued client of our firm and we pledge to commit all firm resources to provide the level and quality of services (as described below) which not only meet the requirements set forth in the RFP but will exceed those expectations.*** Grau & Associates fully understands the scope of professional services and work products requested. Our audit will follow the Auditing Standards of the AICPA, *Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida and any other applicable Federal, State or Local regulations. **We will deliver our reports in accordance with your requirements.**

Proposed segmentation of the engagement

Our approach to the audit engagement is a risk-based approach which integrates the best of traditional auditing techniques and a total systems concept to enable the team to conduct a more efficient and effective audit. The audit will be conducted in three phases, which are as follows:



Phase I - Preliminary Planning

A thorough understanding of your organization, service objectives and operating environment is essential for the development of an audit plan and for an efficient, cost-effective audit. During this phase, we will meet with appropriate personnel to obtain and document our understanding of your operations and service objectives and, at the same time, give you the opportunity to express your expectations with respect to the services that we will provide. Our work effort will be coordinated so that there will be minimal disruption to your staff.

During this phase we will perform the following activities:

- » Review the regulatory, statutory and compliance requirements. This will include a review of applicable federal and state statutes, resolutions, bond documents, contracts, and other agreements;
- » Read minutes of meetings;
- » Review major sources of information such as budgets, organization charts, procedures, manuals, financial systems, and management information systems;
- » Obtain an understanding of fraud detection and prevention systems;
- » Obtain and document an understanding of internal control, including knowledge about the design of relevant policies, procedures, and records, and whether they have been placed in operation;
- » Assess risk and determine what controls we are to rely upon and what tests we are going to perform and perform test of controls;
- » Develop audit programs to incorporate the consideration of financial statement assertions, specific audit objectives, and appropriate audit procedures to achieve the specified objectives;
- » Discuss and resolve any accounting, auditing and reporting matters which have been identified.

Phase II – Execution of Audit Plan

The audit team will complete a major portion of transaction testing and audit requirements during this phase. The procedures performed during this period will enable us to identify any matter that may impact the completion of our work or require the attention of management. Tasks to be performed in Phase II include, but are not limited to the following:

- » Apply analytical procedures to further assist in the determination of the nature, timing, and extent of auditing procedures used to obtain evidential matter for specific account balances or classes of transactions;
- » Perform tests of account balances and transactions through sampling, vouching, confirmation and other analytical procedures; and
- » Perform tests of compliance.

Phase III - Completion and Delivery

In this phase of the audit, we will complete the tasks related to year-end balances and financial reporting. All reports will be reviewed with management before issuance, and the partners will be available to meet and discuss our report and address any questions. Tasks to be performed in Phase III include, but are not limited to the following:

- » Perform final analytical procedures;
- » Review information and make inquiries for subsequent events; and
- » Meeting with Management to discuss preparation of draft financial statements and any potential findings or recommendations.

You should expect more from your accounting firm than a signature in your annual financial report. Our concept of truly responsive professional service emphasizes taking an active interest in the issues of concern to our clients and serving as an effective resource in dealing with those issues. In following this approach, we not only audit financial information with hindsight but also consider the foresight you apply in managing operations.

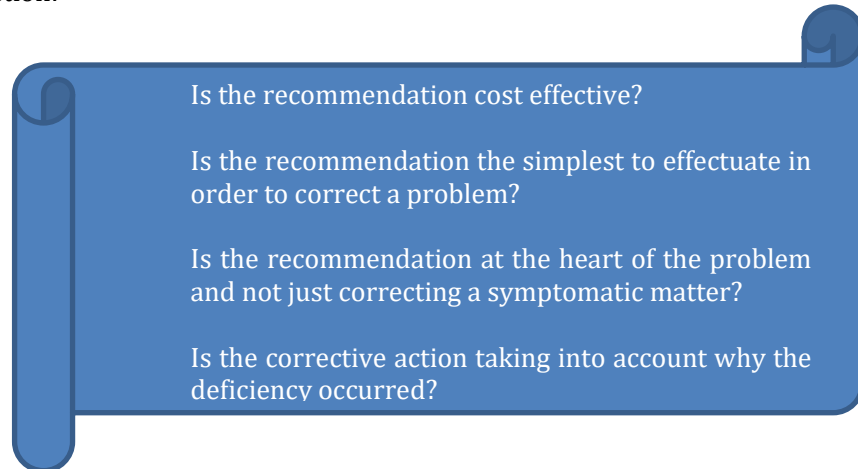
Application of this approach in developing our management letter is particularly important given the increasing financial pressures and public scrutiny facing today's public officials. We will prepare the management letter at the completion of our final procedures.

In preparing this management letter, we will initially review any draft comments or recommendations with management. In addition, we will take necessary steps to ensure that matters are communicated to those charged with governance.

In addition to communicating any recommendations, we will also communicate the following, if any:

- » Significant audit adjustments;
- » Significant deficiencies or material weaknesses;
- » Disagreements with management; and
- » Difficulties encountered in performing the audit.

Our findings will contain a statement of condition describing the situation and the area that needs strengthening, what should be corrected and why. Our suggestions will withstand the basic tests of corrective action:



To assure full agreement with facts and circumstances, we will fully discuss each item with Management prior to the final exit conference. This policy means there will be no “surprises” in the management letter and fosters a professional, cooperative atmosphere.

Communications

We emphasize a continuous, year-round dialogue between the District and our management team. We regularly communicate through personal telephone calls and electronic mail throughout the audit and on a regular basis.

Our clients have the ability to transmit information to us on our secure client portal with the ability to assign different staff with separate log on and viewing capability. This further facilitates efficiency as all assigned users receive electronic mail notification as soon as new information has been posted into the portal.

Cost of Services



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Our proposed all-inclusive fees for the financial audit for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2025-2027 are as follows:

Year Ended September 30,	Fee
2025	\$3,100
2026	\$3,200
2027	<u>\$3,300</u>
TOTAL (2025-2027)	<u>\$9,600</u>

The above fees are based on the assumption that the District maintains its current level of operations. Should conditions change or Bonds are issued the fees would be adjusted accordingly upon approval from all parties concerned. If Bonds are issued the fee would increase by \$1,500. The fee for subsequent annual renewals would be agreed upon separately.

Supplemental Information



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PARTIAL LIST OF CLIENTS

SPECIAL DISTRICTS	Governmental Audit	Single Audit	Utility Audit	Current Client	Year End
Boca Raton Airport Authority	✓	✓		✓	9/30
Captain's Key Dependent District	✓			✓	9/30
Central Broward Water Control District	✓			✓	9/30
Collier Mosquito Control District	✓			✓	9/30
Coquina Water Control District	✓			✓	9/30
East Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility	✓		✓		9/30
Florida Green Finance Authority	✓				9/30
Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District	✓			✓	9/30
Greater Naples Fire Control and Rescue District	✓	✓		✓	9/30
Green Corridor P.A.C.E. District	✓			✓	9/30
Hobe-St. Lucie Conservancy District	✓			✓	9/30
Indian River Farms Water Control District	✓			✓	9/30
Indian River Mosquito Control District	✓				9/30
Indian Trail Improvement District	✓			✓	9/30
Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District	✓	✓	✓	✓	9/30
Lake Asbury Municipal Service Benefit District	✓			✓	9/30
Lake Padgett Estates Independent District	✓			✓	9/30
Lake Worth Drainage District	✓			✓	9/30
Lealman Special Fire Control District	✓			✓	9/30
Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District	✓				9/30
Old Plantation Water Control District	✓			✓	9/30
Pal Mar Water Control District	✓			✓	9/30
Pinellas Park Water Management District	✓			✓	9/30
Pine Tree Water Control District (Broward)	✓			✓	9/30
Pinetree Water Control District (Wellington)	✓				9/30
Port of The Islands Community Improvement District	✓		✓	✓	9/30
Ranger Drainage District	✓	✓		✓	9/30
Renaissance Improvement District	✓			✓	9/30
San Carlos Park Fire Protection and Rescue Service District	✓			✓	9/30
Sanibel Fire and Rescue District	✓				9/30
South Central Regional Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Board	✓				9/30
South Indian River Water Control District	✓	✓		✓	9/30
South Trail Fire Protection & Rescue District	✓			✓	9/30
Spring Lake Improvement District	✓			✓	9/30
St. Lucie West Services District	✓		✓	✓	9/30
Sunrise Lakes Phase IV Recreation District	✓			✓	9/30
Sunshine Water Control District	✓			✓	9/30
Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District	✓			✓	9/30
West Villages Improvement District	✓			✓	9/30
Various Community Development Districts (452)	✓			✓	9/30
TOTAL	491	5	4	484	

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

CONSULTING / MANAGEMENT ADVISORY SERVICES

Grau & Associates also provide a broad range of other management consulting services. Our expertise has been consistently utilized by Governmental and Non-Profit entities throughout Florida. Examples of engagements performed are as follows:

- Accounting systems
- Development of budgets
- Organizational structures
- Financing alternatives
- IT Auditing
- Fixed asset records
- Cost reimbursement
- Indirect cost allocation
- Grant administration and compliance

ARBITRAGE

The federal government has imposed complex rules to restrict the use of tax-exempt financing. Their principal purpose is to eliminate any significant arbitrage incentives in a tax-exempt issue. We have determined the applicability of these requirements and performed the rebate calculations for more than 150 bond issues, including both fixed and variable rate bonds.

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Current
Arbitrage
Calculations

We look forward to providing *Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District* with our resources and experience to accomplish not only those minimum requirements set forth in your Request for Proposal, but to exceed those expectations!

**For even more information on Grau & Associates
please visit us on www.graucpa.com.**

STAR FARMS VILLAGE
AT NORTH PORT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

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STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

AUDITOR EVALUATION MATRIX

RFP FOR ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES	ABILITY OF PERSONNEL	PROPOSER'S EXPERIENCE	UNDERSTANDING OF SCOPE OF WORK	ABILITY TO FURNISH REQUIRED SERVICES	PRICE	TOTAL POINTS
PROPOSER	20 POINTS	20 POINTS	20 POINTS	20 POINTS	20 POINTS	100 POINTS
Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank						
Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C.						
Grau & Associates						

NOTES:

Completed by: _____

Board Member's Signature

Date: _____

Printed Name of Board Member

**STAR FARMS VILLAGE
AT NORTH PORT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

**UNAUDITED
FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS**

**STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
UNAUDITED
MARCH 31, 2025**

**STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
MARCH 31, 2025**

	General Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 15,479	\$ 15,479
Due from Landowner	13,622	13,622
Total assets	<u>\$ 29,101</u>	<u>\$ 29,101</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 16,341	\$ 16,341
Landowner advance	6,000	6,000
Landowner advance - legal advertising	6,839	6,839
Total liabilities	<u>29,180</u>	<u>29,180</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred receipts	13,622	13,622
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>13,622</u>	<u>13,622</u>
Fund balances:		
Unassigned	(13,701)	(13,701)
Total fund balances	<u>(13,701)</u>	<u>(13,701)</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 29,101</u>	<u>\$ 29,101</u>

**STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 31, 2025**

	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	% of Budget
REVENUES				
Landowner contribution	\$ -	\$ 2,649	\$ 86,540	3%
Total revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>2,649</u>	<u>86,540</u>	3%
EXPENDITURES				
Professional & administrative				
Management/accounting/recording**	2,000	12,000	42,000	29%
Legal	157	715	25,000	3%
Engineering	-	-	2,000	0%
Dissemination agent*	-	-	1,500	0%
Telephone	16	100	200	50%
Postage	-	61	500	12%
Printing & binding	42	250	500	50%
Legal advertising	-	590	7,500	8%
Annual special district fee	-	-	175	0%
Insurance	-	-	5,500	0%
Contingencies/bank charges	509	509	750	68%
Website hosting & maintenance	-	-	705	0%
Website ADA compliance	-	-	210	0%
Total expenditures	<u>2,724</u>	<u>14,225</u>	<u>86,540</u>	16%
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	(2,724)	(11,576)	-	
Fund balances - beginning	<u>(10,977)</u>	<u>(2,125)</u>	-	
Fund balances - ending	<u><u>\$ (13,701)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (13,701)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	

*These items will be realized when bonds are issued

**WHA will charge a reduced management fee of \$2,000 per month until bonds are issued.

**STAR FARMS VILLAGE
AT NORTH PORT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

MINUTES

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**MINUTES OF MEETING
STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT
STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT**

The Board of Supervisors of the Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District held Public Hearings and a Regular Meeting on February 5, 2025 at 12:00 p.m., at Forestar, 551 N. Cattlemen Rd., Suite 304, Sarasota, Florida 34232.

Present:

Mary Moulton	Chair
Martin Fuchs	Assistant Secretary
James Ratz	Assistant Secretary

Also present:

Chuck Adams	District Manager
Jonathan Johnson (via telephone)	District Counsel

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order/Roll Call

Mr. Adams called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. The Oath of Office was administered to Mr. James Ratz before the meeting.

Supervisors Moulton, Ratz and Fuchs were present. Supervisors Camporeale and Vincent were not present.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments

No members of the public spoke.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Administration of Oath of Office to Supervisor James Ratz [Seat 3] (the following to be provided in a separate package)

- A. Update: Required Ethics Training and Form 1 Disclosure Filing**
- B. Membership, Obligations and Responsibilities**
- C. Guide to the Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees 2025**

D. Review of Special Act: Chapter 2024-292 Laws of Florida**E. Form 8B: Memorandum of Voting Conflict**

This item was addressed during the First Order of Business.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Ratification of Resolution 2024-03, Electing
Certain Officers of the District, and
Providing for an Effective Date**

Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2024-03. The slate of officers is as follows:

Chair	Mary Moulton
Vice Chair	Maria Camporeale
Secretary	Chuck Adams
Assistant Secretary	James Ratz
Assistant Secretary	Martin Fuchs
Assistant Secretary	Ty Vincent
Assistant Secretary	Craig Wrathell
Treasurer	Craig Wrathell
Assistant Treasurer	Jeffrey Pinder

On MOTION by Ms. Moulton and seconded by Mr. Fuchs, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-03, Electing Certain Officers of the District, and Providing for an Effective Date, was ratified.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Acceptance of Resignation of Ty Vincent
[Seat 5]**

Mr. Adams presented Mr. Vincent's resignation.

On MOTION by Ms. Moulton and seconded by Mr. Fuchs, with all in favor, the resignation of Mr. Ty Vincent from Seat 5, was accepted.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Consider Appointment to Fill Unexpired
Term of Seat 5; Term Expires November
2026**

- **Administration of Oath of Office**

This item was deferred.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Consideration of Resolution 2025-09,
Electing and Removing Officers of the
District and Providing for an Effective Date**

Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2025-09. The slate of officers is as follows:

Chair	Mary Moulton
Vice Chair	Maria Camporeale
Assistant Secretary	James Ratz
Assistant Secretary	Martin Fuchs

No other nominations were made.

This Resolution removes the following from the Board:

Assistant Secretary	Ty Vincent
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The following prior appointments by the Board remain unaffected by this Resolution:

Chesley "Chuck" Adams	Secretary
Craig Wrathell	Assistant Secretary
Craig Wrathell	Treasurer
Jeff Pinder	Assistant Treasurer

**On MOTION by Ms. Moulton and seconded by Mr. Fuchs, with all in favor,
Resolution 2025-09, Electing, as nominated, and Removing Officers of the
District and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.**

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Public Hearing on Adoption of Fiscal Year
2023/2024 Budget****A. Affidavit of Publication**

The affidavit of publication was included for informational purposes.

**B. Consideration of Resolution 2025-07, Relating to the Annual Appropriations and
Adopting the Budget(s) for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2023 and Ending
September 30, 2024; Authorizing Budget Amendments; and Providing an Effective
Date**

Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2025-07. He noted that the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 budget, which was previously presented, is a partial-year budget.

Mr. Adams opened the Public Hearing.

No affected property owners or members of the public spoke.

Mr. Adams closed the Public Hearing.

On MOTION by Ms. Moulton and seconded by Mr. Fuchs, with all in favor, Resolution 2025-07, Relating to the Annual Appropriations and Adopting the Budget(s) for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2023 and Ending September 30, 2024; Authorizing Budget Amendments; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Hearing on Adoption of Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget

A. Proof/Affidavit of Publication

The affidavit of publication was included for informational purposes.

B. Consideration of Resolution 2025-08, Relating to the Annual Appropriations and Adopting the Budget(s) for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2024, and Ending September 30, 2025; Authorizing Budget Amendments; and Providing an Effective Date

Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2025-08. He presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 budget, which is a Landowner-funded budget with expenses funded as they are incurred. A reduced monthly Management Fee of \$2,000 will be billed until bonds are issued.

Mr. Adams opened the Public Hearing.

No affected property owners or members of the public spoke.

Mr. Adams closed the Public Hearing.

On MOTION by Mr. Ratz and seconded by Ms. Moulton with all in favor, Resolution 2025-08, Relating to the Annual Appropriations and Adopting the Budget(s) for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2024, and Ending September 30, 2025; Authorizing Budget Amendments; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Consideration of the Following Bond
Financing Related Items:****A. Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A. Bond Counsel Agreement**

Mr. Adams presented the Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A. Bond Counsel Agreement.

On MOTION by Ms. Moulton and seconded by Mr. Fuchs, with all in favor, the Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A., Bond Counsel Agreement, was approved.

▪ **Rescind Engagement of MBS Capital Markets, LLC for Underwriting Services & Rule G-17 Disclosure**

This item was an addition to the agenda.

Mr. Adams recalled that, at the last meeting, MBS Capital Markets, LLC (MBS) was engaged for Underwriting Services and Rule G-17 Disclosure. Pursuant to a subsequent discussion with the Developer, Mr. Adams asked the Board to consider rescinding engagement of MBS.

On MOTION by Ms. Moulton and seconded by Mr. Fuchs, with all in favor, rescinding engagement of MBS Capital Markets, LLC for Underwriting Services & Rule G-17 Disclosure, was approved.

B. FMSbonds, Inc. Agreement for Underwriter Services and Rule G-17 Disclosure

Mr. Adams presented the FMSbonds, Inc., Agreement for Underwriter Services and Rule G-17 Disclosure.

On MOTION by Ms. Moulton and seconded by Mr. Fuchs, with all in favor, the FMSBonds, Inc. Agreement for Underwriter Services and Rule G-17 Disclosure, was approved.

C. Resolution 2025-03, Designating a Date, Time, and Location of a Public Hearing Regarding the District's Intent to Use the Uniform Method for the Levy, Collection, and Enforcement of Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments as Authorized by Section

183 197.3632, Florida Statutes; Authorizing the Publication of the Notice of Such Hearing;
184 and Providing an Effective Date

185 Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2025-03,
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187 On MOTION by Ms. Moulton and seconded by Mr. Fuchs, with all in favor,
188 Resolution 2025-03, Designating a Date, Time, and Location of May 7, 2025, at
189 12:00 p.m., at Forestar, 551 N. Cattlemen Rd., Suite 304, Sarasota, Florida
190 34232, for a Public Hearing Regarding the District's Intent to Use the Uniform
191 Method for the Levy, Collection, and Enforcement of Non-Ad Valorem Special
192 Assessments as Authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes; Authorizing
193 the Publication of the Notice of Such Hearing; and Providing an Effective Date,
194 was adopted.

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197 D. Presentation of Master Engineer's Report

198 E. Presentation of Master Special Assessment Methodology Report

199 F. Resolution 2025-04, Declaring Special Assessments; Indicating the Location, Nature
200 and Estimated Cost of those Infrastructure Improvements whose Cost is to be
201 Defrayed by the Special Assessments; Providing the Portion of the Estimated Cost of
202 the Improvements to be Defrayed by the Special Assessments; Providing the Manner
203 in which Such Special Assessments Shall be Made; Providing when Such Special
204 Assessments Shall be Paid; Designating Lands Upon which the Special Assessments
205 Shall be Levied; Providing for an Assessment Plat; Adopting a Preliminary Assessment
206 Roll; Providing for Publication of this Resolution

207 G. Resolution 2025-05, Setting a Public Hearing for the Purpose of Hearing Public
208 Comment on Imposing Special Assessments on Certain Property Within the District
209 Generally Described as the Star Farms Village at North Port Stewardship District in
210 Accordance with Chapters 170 and 197, Florida Statutes

211 H. Resolution 2025-06, Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed

212 Items 10D through 10H were deferred.
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214 **ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Acceptance of Unaudited Financial
Statements as of December 31, 2024**

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217 Mr. Adams presented the Unaudited Financial Statements as of December 31, 2024.

The financials were accepted.

TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Approval of November 6, 2024 Public
Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes**

**On MOTION by Ms. Moulton and seconded by Mr. Fuchs, with all in favor, the
November 6, 2024 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented,
were approved.**

THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Staff Reports

- A. District Counsel: Kutak Rock LLP**
- B. District Engineer (Interim): Atwell, LLC**
- C. District Manager: Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC**

There were no staff reports.

- **NEXT MEETING DATE: March 5, 2025 at 12:00 PM**

- **QUORUM CHECK**

The next meeting will be held on March 5, 2025, unless canceled.

FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Board Members' Comments/Requests

There were no Board Members' comments or requests.

FIFTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments

No members of the public spoke.

SIXTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adjournment

**On MOTION by Ms. Moulton and seconded by Mr. Fuchs, with all in favor, the
meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.**

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair

STAR FARMS VILLAGE
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STAR FARMS VILLAGE AT NORTH PORT STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT		
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 MEETING SCHEDULE		
LOCATION		
<i>Offices of Forestar, 551 North Cattlemen Road, Suite 304, Sarasota, Florida 34232</i>		
DATE	POTENTIAL DISCUSSION/FOCUS	TIME
November 6, 2024	Public Hearings & Regular Meeting <i>Adoption of Rules of Procedure</i>	12:00 PM
December 4, 2024 CANCELED	Public Hearings & Regular Meeting <i>Adoption of FY2024 & FY2025 Budgets</i>	12:00 PM
February 5, 2025	Public Hearings & Regular Meeting <i>Adoption of FY2024 & FY2025 Budgets</i>	12:00 PM
March 5, 2025 CANCELED	Regular Meeting	12:00 PM
April 2, 2025 CANCELED	Regular Meeting	12:00 PM
May 7, 2025	Regular Meeting <i>Uniform Method of Collection Hearing Presentation of FY2026 Budget</i>	12:00 PM
June 4, 2025	Regular Meeting	12:00 PM
July 2, 2025	Regular Meeting	12:00 PM
August 6, 2025	Regular Meeting	12:00 PM
September 3, 2025	Regular Meeting	12:00 PM