HIGH SPRINGS COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Governing Board, High Springs Community Redevelopment Agency:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the High Springs Community Redevelopment Agency (the CRA), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the CRA's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The CRA's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the CRA, as of September 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and required supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 16, 2023, on our consideration of the CRA's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the CRA's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Gainesville, Florida February 16, 2023 James Maore : 6., P.L.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The High Springs Community Redevelopment Agency's (the CRA) management discussion and analysis (MD&A) is designed to (a) assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues, (b) provide an overview of the CRA's financial activity, (c) identify changes in the CRA's financial position (its ability to address the next and subsequent year challenges), (d) identify any material deviations from the financial plan (the approved budget), and (e) identify individual fund issues or concerns.

Since the MD&A is designed to focus on current year activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts, it should be read in conjunction with the CRA's financial statements which follow this section.

Financial Highlights

- The assets of the CRA exceeded its liabilities at September 30, 2021, by \$676,644 (net position). Of this amount, \$404,053 was invested in capital assets and \$272,591 was restricted for redevelopment purposes.
- As of September 30, 2021, the CRA reported ending fund balance of \$272,901. Fund balance saw a change of \$23,818 when compared to the prior year.

The MD&A is intended to serve as an introduction to the CRA's basic financial statements, which are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements and 3) notes to the financial statements.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This annual report consists of four components: 1) management's discussion and analysis (this section), 2) government-wide and fund financial statements, 3) notes to the financial statements, and 4) required supplementary information.

Government-wide Financial Statements

Government-wide financial statements provide readers with a broad overview of the CRA's finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business. The governmental activities of the CRA include reinvesting within the community redevelopment area.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the CRA's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. This statement serves a purpose similar to that of the balance sheet of a private-sector business. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as one indicator of whether the financial position of the CRA is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported using the modified cash basis of accounting.

Notes to the Financial Statements

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

Government-wide Financial Analysis

Statement of Net Position

The following is a summary of the CRA's governmental activities net position for each of the past two years:

		Government	tal Activities			
	2021			2020		
ASSETS						
Current and other assets	\$	402,155	\$	302,897		
Capital assets		404,053		376,295		
Total assets	\$	806,208	\$	679,192		
LIABILITIES						
Current liabilities	\$	129,254	\$	6,178		
Total liabilities	\$	129,254	\$	6,178		
NET POSITION						
Net investment in capital assets	\$	404,053	\$	376,295		
Restricted		272,901		296,719		
Total net position	\$	676,954	\$	673,014		

Statement of Activities

The following is a summary of the changes in the CRA's governmental activities net position for each of the past two years:

	Governmental Activities						
		2021		2020			
REVENUES							
Property taxes	\$	223,003	\$	217,485			
Other revenues		8,160		10,270			
Total revenues		231,163		227,755			
EXPENSES							
Economic environment		227,223		116,472			
Total expenses		227,223		116,472			
Change in net position		3,940		111,283			
Net position, beginning of year, as restated		673,014		561,731			
Net position, end of year	\$	676,954	\$	673,014			

Financial Analysis of the General Fund

The focus of the CRA's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the CRA's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the CRA's general fund reported an ending fund balance of \$272,901, a change of \$23,818, in comparison with the prior year.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the entire fund balance was restricted for community redevelopment. As the CRA is focused on reinvestment revenues into the CRA district and does not have significant annual operational costs, the CRA does not maintain specific reserve levels for operations.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

There were significant amendments between the original and the final CRA budget. This was due to yearend budget amendments that amended the budget down to amounts closer to actual based on actual activity and certain expenditures that were less than originally budgeted for.

Actual expenditures in the general fund were \$6,748 less than final budget amounts. The main reason for this is due to the timing of capital project and other one-time expenditures.

Budgetary comparisons between the final budget and actual results can be found on page 14 of this report.

Capital Assets

The CRA's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of September 30, 2021 and 2020, amounts to \$404,053 and \$376,297, respectively. This investment in capital assets includes land. Additional information on the CRA's capital assets can be found in Note (4) on page 11 of this report.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

There are many challenges facing local governments today. Property values have continued to increase in recent years, contributing to related growth in the revenues of the CRA. While property values for the 2021-2022 fiscal year have increased, the future outlook of property values during and after the COVID-19 pandemic, and any potential impact they will have on the CRA's finances, are unknown.

Requests for Information

This report is designed to provide an overview of the CRA's finances for those with an interest in this area. Questions concerning any of the information found in this report, or requests for additional information, should be directed to Ashley Stathatos, City Manager, 110 NW 1st Avenue, High Springs, Florida 32643.

HIGH SPRINGS COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BALANCE SHEET / STATEMENT OF NET POSITION SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	Bal	Balance Sheet CRA Fund Adjustme			No Gov	Statement of Net Position Governmental Activities		
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	402,155	\$	_	\$	402,155		
Capital assets:	•	, , , ,	*		•	- ,		
Non-depreciable		_		193,271		193,271		
Depreciable, net		_		210,782		210,782		
Total assets	\$	402,155	\$	404,053	\$	806,208		
LIABILITIES								
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	3,587	\$	_	\$	3,587		
Due to primary government		125,667		_		125,667		
Total liabilities		129,254		-		129,254		
FUND BALANCE / NET POSITION Fund Balance: Restricted for:								
Community redevelopment Net Position:		272,901		(272,901)		-		
Net investment in capital assets Restricted for:		-		404,053		404,053		
Community redevelopment		_		272,901		272,901		
Total fund balance / net position		272,901		404,053	-	676,954		
Total liabilities and fund balance / net position	\$	402,155	\$	404,053	\$	806,208		

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

HIGH SPRINGS COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE / STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance CRA Fund			ljustments	Statement of Activities Governmental Activities		
Revenues							
Taxes	\$	223,003	\$	-	\$	223,003	
Investment income		280		-		280	
Miscellaneous		7,880				7,880	
Total revenues		231,163				231,163	
Expenditures / expenses Current: Economic environment Capital outlay Depreciation Total expenditures / expenses		209,799 45,182 - 254,981		(45,182) 17,424 (27,758)		209,799 - 17,424 227,223	
Net change in fund balance / net position		(23,818)		27,758		3,940	
Fund balance / net position, beginning of year, as restated		296,719		376,295		673,014	
Fund balance / net position, end of year	\$	272,901	\$	404,053	\$	676,954	

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

The financial statements of the High Springs Community Redevelopment Agency (the CRA), have been prepared in conformance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted body for promulgating governmental accounting and financial reporting principles and the CRA has adopted the GASB Codification. The following is a summary of the CRA's significant accounting policies:

(a) **Reporting entity**—The High Springs Community Redevelopment Agency was created on December 11, 1986, by City Resolution 86-K of the City of High Springs, Florida (the City), pursuant to Florida Statute 163.387, to account for the receipt and expenditure of property tax revenues from the tax increment financing district to support redevelopment in the designated community redevelopment area. Since the City is financially accountable for the activities of the CRA, its governing board is the same, and its relationship to the CRA is significant, the CRA is considered to be a blended component unit in the City's financial statements, where it is also reported as a major special revenue fund.

The CRA has determined there are no component units that meet criteria for inclusion in the CRA's financial statements.

- (b) Government-wide and fund financial statements—The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the activities of the CRA. The CRA only has governmental activities and does not engage in any business-type activity. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. General revenues include ad valorem taxes and interest income. Fund financial statements are presented for the CRA's General Fund. The General Fund, which accounts for all financial operations of the CRA, is considered to be a major fund and is the only fund of the CRA.
- (c) Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation—The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned, and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue when all eligibility requirements imposed by the grantor have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources* measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the CRA considers property revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current period. Grants, other intergovernmental revenues, charges for services, licenses and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred. However, expenditures related to long-term agreements are recorded only when payment is due.

(d) **Budgets and budgetary accounting**—The governing board of the CRA adopts an annual operating budget, which is prepared on a modified accrual basis and can be amended by the governing board throughout the year. At the fund level, actual expenditures cannot exceed the budgeted amounts. The accompanying budgeted financial statements for the General Fund reflect the final budget authorization amounts, including all amendments.

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

- (e) **Deposits and investments**—The CRA's cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash. Investments with original maturities of three months or less are considered to be cash equivalents.
- (f) **Receivables and payables**—Activity between the CRA and the City has been classified as amount due to/from the primary government on the balance sheet and statement of net position. All trade and property tax receivables are reported net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts, which is based upon management's analysis of outstanding balances and historical trends. At September 30, 2021, all of the CRA's receivables were considered fully collectible.
- (g) Capital assets—Unless to purchase something in the name of the CRA, any capital outlay expenditures made by the CRA are deemed to be on behalf of the City who takes ownership of the assets along with the perpetual maintenance obligation for those assets. Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life of greater than one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated acquisition value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized, but charged to operating expense as incurred. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.
- (h) **Long-term obligations**—The CRA does not have any legal indebtedness. Any use of funds for debt service represents payments toward long-term debt issued in the name of the City for which CRA revenues have been pledged.

The CRA does not have any employees. Any employees who provide services to the CRA are employees of the primary government and do so at either no charge to the CRA, or any allocations made to the CRA represent reimbursements by the CRA to the primary government for services rendered (any items recorded to personnel expense accounts are only for ease of tracking the reimbursement amounts). As a result, there is no compensated absences, other post-employment benefits (OPEB), or pension liabilities recorded on the CRA's financial statements.

(i) **Fund equity**—In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the CRA is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. Those classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable – amounts not available to be spent or not in spendable form, such as inventory and prepaid items.

Restricted – amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions or by enabling legislation.

Committed – amounts constrained to specific purposes based on actions taken by the CRA governing board through ordinance.

Assigned – amounts the CRA intends to use for a specific purpose. Intent can be expressed by the CRA governing board or by an official or body which the Board delegates authority.

Unassigned – amounts that are available for any purpose.

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

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted resources are available; the CRA considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the CRA considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds and finally, unassigned funds, as needed.

(j) **Deferred outflows/inflows of resources**—In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The CRA has no items that meet this reporting criteria.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for *deferred inflows of resources*. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The CRA has no items that meet this reporting criteria.

- (k) **Net position flow assumption**—Sometimes the CRA will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources. In order to determine amounts reported as restricted and unrestricted net position, it is the CRA's policy to consider restricted net position to have been used before unrestricted net position is applied.
- (l) **Use of estimates**—Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenue and expenses. Actual results could vary from the estimates assumed in preparing the financial statements.

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

- (a) Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund balance sheet and the government-wide statement of net position—Following the governmental fund balance sheet is a reconciliation between fund balance total governmental funds and net position governmental activities as reported in the government-wide statement of net position. A detailed explanation of these differences is as follows: capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, not reported in the governmental funds.
- (b) Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances and the government-wide statement of activities—Following the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances, there is a reconciliation between net changes in fund balances total governmental funds and changes in net position of governmental activities as reported in the government-wide statement of activities. A detailed explanation of these differences is as follows: governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures, however, in the statement of activities the cost of these assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

(3) **Deposits and Investments:**

The CRA is subject to the investment policy of the primary government and maintains interest-bearing banking accounts for the CRA fund. Additional accounts are held for various other purposes, or to segregate cash balances for amounts which are restricted or held on behalf of others. State statutes authorize the CRA to invest excess funds in time deposits, or obligations of the principal and interest of which are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States Government, commercial paper, corporate bonds, repurchase agreements and/or the State Board of Administration (SBA) Local Government Surplus Trust Fund Investment Pool or other investment vehicles authorized by local ordinance.

As of September 30, 2021, all CRA deposits were covered by private bank acquired insurance, Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) insurance, private broker/dealer acquired insurance, Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance, and/or the State of Florida collateral pool established under the Florida Security for Public Deposits Act (the Act). The Act established guidelines for qualification and participation by banks and savings associations, procedures for administration of the collateral requirements and characteristics of eligible collateral. Under the Act, the qualified depository must pledge at least 50% of the average daily balance for each month of all public deposits in excess of any applicable deposit insurance. Additional collateral, up to 125% may be required if deemed necessary.

All of the CRA's deposits are held with public depositories and as of September 30, 2021, the CRA's deposits and investments were not subject to any substantial interest rate, credit, or concentration risks.

(4) Capital Assets:

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, is as follows:

	Beginning Balance		Increases		De	creases	Ending Balance		
Governmental activities:		_		_					
Capital assets, not being									
depreciated									
Land	\$	193,271	\$	-	\$	-	\$	193,271	
Total capital assets, not being									
depreciated		193,271		-		-		193,271	
Capital assets, being depreciated		_		_					
Buildings		191,452		-		-		191,452	
Improvements other than									
buildings		2,247		-		-		2,247	
Machinery and equipment		16,185		45,181		-		61,366	
Total capital assets, being		200.004		47.101				277.067	
depreciated		209,884		45,181		-		255,065	
Less accumulated depreciation									
Buildings		(18,703)		(8,798)		-		(27,501)	
Improvements other than									
buildings		(630)		(140)		-		(770)	
Machinery and equipment		(7,526)		(8,486)		-		(16,011)	
Total accumulated depreciation		(26,858)		(17,424)		-		(44,283)	
Total capital assets, being									
depreciated, net		183,026		27,757		-		210,783	
Governmental activities capital	Φ.	276 207	Φ	27.757	Φ		Φ.	404.054	
assets, net	\$	376,297	<u> </u>	27,757	\$	-	D	404,054	

Depreciation expense of \$17,424 was charged to the community redevelopment function.

(5) Commitments and Contingencies:

The CRA is engaged in various liability claims incidental to the conduct of its general government operations at September 30, 2021. The outcomes of established claims are included in these financial statements. In the opinion of the CRA and the primary government's legal counsel, no legal proceedings are pending or threatened against the CRA which are not covered by applicable insurance which would inhibit its ability to perform its operations or materially affect its financial condition.

The CRA is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters, all of which is satisfactorily insured by limited risk, high deductible commercial general liability insurance. Commercial insurance policies are also obtained for other risks of loss, including employee health and accident insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

(6) Restatement of Net Position:

Relating to the CRA, it was determined during the year September 30, 2021, certain capital assets were previously excluded. Beginning net position has been restated for these effects.

Governmental-type activities:

Unadjusted net position, 9/30/2020	\$ 489,990
Add: Capital Assets, net of depreciation	 183,024
Adjusted net position, 9/30/2021	\$ 673,014

(7) Recent Accounting Pronouncements:

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued several pronouncements that have effective dates that may impact future financial statements. Listed below are pronouncements with required implementation dates, as adjusted based on the impacts of GASB Statement No. 95, effective for subsequent fiscal years that have not yet been implemented. Management has not currently determined what, if any, impact implementation of the following will have on the CRA's financial statements:

(a) GASB issued Statement No. 87, *Leases*, in June 2017. GASB 87 increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. The provisions in GASB 87 are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2021.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

HIGH SPRINGS COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL - CRA FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	Budgeted Amounts							ance with Budget - ositive
	(Original	Final		al Actual		(Negative)	
Revenues								
Taxes	\$	227,787	\$	223,003	\$	223,003	\$	-
Investment income		1,500		280		280		-
Miscellaneous		7,880		7,880		7,880		-
Total revenues		237,167		231,163		231,163		-
Expenditures								
Current:								
Economic environment		214,744		208,407		209,799		(1,392)
Capital outlay		228,260		53,632		45,182		8,450
Total expenditures		443,004		262,039		254,981		7,058
Net change in fund balances		(205,837)		(30,876)		(23,818)		7,058
Fund balances, beginning of year		296,719		296,719		296,719		-
Fund balances, end of year	\$	90,882	\$	265,843	\$	272,901	\$	7,058



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

To the Governing Board,
The High Springs Community Redevelopment Agency:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the High Springs Community Redevelopment Agency (the CRA), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the CRA's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 16, 2023.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

James Maore ; Co., P.L.

Gainesville, Florida February 16, 2023



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

To the Governing Board, The High Springs Community Redevelopment Agency:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the basic financial statements of the High Springs Community Redevelopment Agency (the CRA), as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated February 16, 2023.

Auditors' Responsibility

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

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; and Independent Accountants' Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated February 16, 2023, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no findings and recommendations identified in the prior year audit.

Official Title and Legal Authority

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

Financial Condition and Management

Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether or not the CRA has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific conditions met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the CRA, did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for the CRA. It is management's responsibility to monitor the CRA's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we had no such recommendations.

Special District Component Units

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.c., Rules of the Auditor General, requires, if appropriate, that we communicate the failure of a special district that is a component unit of a county, municipality, or special district, to provide the financial information necessary for proper reporting of the component unit within the audited financial statements of the county, municipality, or special district in accordance with Section 218.39(3)(b), Florida Statutes. In connection with our audit, we did not note any special district component units that failed to provide the necessary information for proper reporting in accordance with Section 218.39(3)(b), Florida Statutes.

Specific Special District Information – the City of High Springs Community Redevelopment Agency

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

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)6, Rules of the Auditor General, the City of DeLand Downtown Tax Increment District reported the following unaudited data:

- a) The total number of district employees compensated in the last pay period of the district's fiscal year: 1.75
- b) The total number of independent contractors to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the district's fiscal year: -0-.
- c) All compensation earned by or awarded to employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency: \$86,160
- d) All compensation earned by or awarded to nonemployee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency: \$-0-.
- e) Each construction project with a total cost of at least \$65,000 approved by the district that is scheduled to begin on or after October 1 of the fiscal year being reported, together with the total expenditures for such project as:
- a. No such projects noted.
- f) A budget variance based on the budget adopted under Section 189.016(4), Florida Statutes, before the beginning of the fiscal year being reported if the district amends a final adopted budget under Section 189.016(6), Florida Statutes, as follows: the district's original budget totaled \$443,004 and was amended by the total amount of \$180,965, for final budgeted expenditures of \$262,039.

Additional Matters

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

Purpose of this Letter

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

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' EXAMINATION REPORT

To the Governing Board, The High Springs Community Redevelopment Agency:

We have examined the High Springs Community Redevelopment Agency (the CRA) compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, Local Government Investment Policies, and Sections 163.387(6) and (7), Florida Statutes, Redevelopment Trust Fund (collectively, the "Statutes"), for the year ended September 30, 2021. Management is responsible for the CRA's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the CRA's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the CRA complied with the Statutes, for the year ended September 30, 2021, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the CRA's compliance with those requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of risks of material noncompliance with those requirements, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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

In our opinion, the High Springs Community Redevelopment Agency complied, in all material respects, with the Statutes for the year ended September 30, 2021.

Gainesville, Florida February 16, 2023