

**SAWYER'S LANDING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

**SAWYER'S LANDING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Supervisors
Sawyer's Landing Community Development District
Miami-Dade County, Florida

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Sawyer's Landing Community Development District, Miami-Dade County, Florida ("District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the District as of September 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, and, cash flows thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures
- include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge 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 Information Included in the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the other information included in the financial report. The other information comprises the information for compliance with FL Statute 218.39 (3) (c) but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 29, 2024, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



February 29, 2024

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Our discussion and analysis of Sawyer's Landing Community Development District, Miami-Dade County, Florida ("District") provides a narrative overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. Please read it in conjunction with the District's Independent Auditor's Report, basic financial statements, accompanying notes and supplementary information to the basic financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The liabilities of the District exceeded its assets at the close of the most recent fiscal year resulting in a net position deficit balance of (\$8,457,093).
- The change in the District's total net position in comparison with the prior fiscal year was (2,324,401), a decrease. The key components of the District's net position and change in net position are reflected in the table in the government-wide financial analysis section.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as the introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of two components: 1) business-type financial statements, and 2) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Basic Financial Statements

The basic financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information on all the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources with the residual amount being reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

Proprietary Funds

The District maintains one type of proprietary fund: an enterprise fund. The District uses an enterprise fund to account for the operations of the parking garage within the District.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of an entity's financial position. In the case of the District, liabilities exceeded assets at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ANALYSIS (Continued)

Key components of the District's net position are reflected in the following table:

	NET POSITION	
	SEPTEMBER 30,	
	2023	2022
Current and other assets	\$ 29,120	\$ 16,539
Capital assets, net of depreciation	83,891,097	87,840,155
Total assets	83,920,217	87,856,694
Current liabilities	5,231,556	6,900,712
Long-term liabilities	87,145,754	87,088,674
Total liabilities	92,377,310	93,989,386
Net position		
Net investment in capital assets	(30,330,459)	(49,070,547)
Restricted	25,555,820	48,302,046
Unrestricted	(3,682,454)	(5,364,191)
Total net position	\$ (8,457,093)	\$ (6,132,692)

The District's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, land improvements, and infrastructure) less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. These assets are used to provide services to residents; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

The restricted portion of the District's net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used.

Key elements of the change in net position are reflected in the following table:

	CHANGES IN NET POSITION	
	FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,	
	2023	2022
Operating revenues:	\$ 83,725	\$ 70,105
Operating expenses:		
Administrative and general	83,724	70,042
Depreciation and amortization	57,080	57,080
Total operating expenses	140,804	127,122
Operating income (loss)	(57,079)	(57,017)
Non-operating:		
Interest income	1,380,634	154,670
Interest expense	(3,647,956)	(3,660,217)
Total non-operating	(2,267,322)	(3,505,547)
Change in net position	(2,324,401)	(3,562,564)
Net position - beginning	(6,132,692)	(2,570,128)
Net position - ending	\$ (8,457,093)	\$ (6,132,692)

The cost of operations is partially covered by Developer contributions. The change in net position the extent to which the cost of operations and depreciation expense exceeded revenues.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

The District reported net capital assets of \$56,815,295. More detailed information about the District's capital assets is presented in the notes of the financial statements.

Capital Debt

At September 30, 2023, the District had Bonds outstanding of \$88,515,000. More detailed information about the District's capital debt is presented in the notes of the financial statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND OTHER EVENTS

For the subsequent fiscal year, the District anticipates that the cost of general operations increase as construction continues on the parking garage.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, landowners, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the financial resources it manages and the stewardship of the facilities it maintains. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Sawyer's Landing Community Development District's Finance Department at 5385 N. Nob Hill Road, Sunrise, Florida 33351.

**SAWYER'S LANDING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

ASSETS

Current assets:

Cash	\$ 11,701
Due from Developer	12,840
Prepays and deposits	<u>4,579</u>
Total current assets	<u>29,120</u>

Noncurrent assets:

Restricted assets:

Investments	27,075,802
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Capital assets:

Non depreciable	<u>56,815,295</u>
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Total noncurrent assets	<u>83,891,097</u>
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Total assets	<u>83,920,217</u>
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LIABILITIES

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable	23,430
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Contracts and retainage payable	3,688,144
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Accrued interest payable	<u>1,519,982</u>
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Total current liabilities	<u>5,231,556</u>
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Non-current liabilities:

Bonds payable	<u>87,145,754</u>
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Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>87,145,754</u>
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Total liabilities	<u>92,377,310</u>
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NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets	(30,330,459)
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Restricted	25,555,820
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Unrestricted	<u>(3,682,454)</u>
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Total net position	<u>\$ (8,457,093)</u>
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See notes to the financial statements

**SAWYER'S LANDING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

OPERATING REVENUES	
Developer Contributions	\$ 83,725
Total operating revenues	<u>83,725</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Administrative and general	83,724
Depreciation and amortization	<u>57,080</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>140,804</u>
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(57,079)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	
Interest income	1,380,634
Interest expense	<u>(3,647,956)</u>
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	<u>(2,267,322)</u>
Change in net position	(2,324,401)
Total net position - beginning	<u>(6,132,692)</u>
Total net position - ending	<u>\$ (8,457,093)</u>

See notes to the financial statements

**SAWYER'S LANDING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Receipts from customers and users	\$ 82,351
Payments to suppliers	<u>(76,275)</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>6,076</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Purchase of capital assets	(20,478,352)
Interest paid	<u>(3,647,956)</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(24,126,308)</u>
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Sale of investments	22,746,226
Interest income	<u>1,380,634</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	<u>24,126,860</u>
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	6,628
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - OCTOBER 1	<u>5,073</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - SEPTEMBER 30	<u>\$ 11,701</u>
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO	
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Operating income	\$ (57,079)
ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE OPERATING INCOME	
TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Depreciation and amortization	57,080
(Increase) / decrease in due from Developer	(1,374)
(Increase) / decrease in prepaids and deposits	(4,579)
(Decrease) / increase in accounts payable	<u>12,028</u>
Total adjustments	<u>63,155</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>\$ 6,076</u>

See notes to the financial statements

**SAWYER'S LANDING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE 1 – NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND REPORTING ENTITY

Sawyer's Landing Community Development District ("District") was established by virtue of Ordinance No. 21-2 of the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida, adopted January 20, 2021 and effective January 30, 2021, pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, otherwise known as Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. The Act provides among other things, the power to manage basic services for community development, power to borrow money and issue bonds, and to levy and assess non-ad valorem assessments for the financing and delivery of capital infrastructure.

The District was established for the purposes of financing, acquiring, or constructing the public component of a mixed project consisting of one vertical 18 story building including commercial/retail space, a parking garage, and residential apartment units. The project also includes stormwater drainage facilities, water and sewer systems, roadway and open space improvements. The public component consists of the parking garage, the stormwater drainage facilities, the water and sewer systems, and the roadway and open space improvements. The District will also finance, as part of the public components, the acquisition of the land allocated to the parking garage.

The District is governed by the Board of Supervisors ("Board"), which is composed of five members. The Supervisors are elected by the owners of the property within the District. The Board of Supervisors of the District exercise all powers granted to the District pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. At September 30, 2023, All of the Board Members are affiliated with Block 55 Owner, LLC ("Developer").

The Board has the responsibility for:

1. Assessing and levying assessments.
2. Approving budgets.
3. Exercising control over facilities and properties.
4. Controlling the use of funds generated by the District.
5. Approving the hiring and firing of key personnel.
6. Financing improvements.

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statements. Under the provisions of those standards, the financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, organizations for which the District is considered to be financially accountable, and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the District are such that, if excluded, the financial statements of the District would be considered incomplete or misleading. There are no entities considered to be component units of the District; therefore, the financial statements include only the operations of the District.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The District reports all of its activities and functions in a single enterprise fund. The enterprise fund is used to account for the operation of a parking garage. The costs of providing services will be recovered primarily through assessments and parking fees.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Enterprise funds are proprietary funds. The measurement focus is based upon determination of net position, financial position and changes in cash flow. The generally accepted accounting principles used are those applicable to similar businesses in the private sector, thus, these funds are maintained on the accrual basis of accounting. Enterprise funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private enterprises, where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) when the governing body has decided that periodic determination of net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public management control, accountability, or other purposes. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with an activity are included in the statement of net position. The reported net position is segregated into invested in capital assets net of related debt, restricted and unrestricted assets.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the District's enterprise fund are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses of the enterprise fund include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first for qualifying expenditures, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity

Restricted Assets

These assets represent cash and investments set aside pursuant to Bond covenants or other contractual restrictions.

Deposits and Investments

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand and demand deposits (interest and non-interest bearing).

The District has elected to proceed under the Alternative Investment Guidelines as set forth in Section 218.415 (17) Florida Statutes. The District may invest any surplus public funds in the following:

- a) The Local Government Surplus Trust Funds, or any intergovernmental investment pool authorized pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act;
- b) Securities and Exchange Commission registered money market funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency;
- c) Interest bearing time deposits or savings accounts in qualified public depositories;
- d) Direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury.

Securities listed in paragraph c and d shall be invested to provide sufficient liquidity to pay obligations as they come due.

The District records all interest revenue related to investment activities in the respective funds. Investments are measured at amortized cost or reported at fair value as required by generally accepted accounting principles.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items.

Capital Assets

Capital assets which include property, plant and equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, sidewalks and similar items) are reported in the government activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 (amount not rounded) and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at 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 assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

No depreciation has been taken in the current fiscal year as the District's infrastructure and other capital assets are under construction.

Unearned Revenue

Enterprise Funds report unearned revenue in connection with resources that have been received, but not yet earned.

Long-Term Obligations

Long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized ratably over the life of the Bonds. Bonds payable are reported net of applicable premiums or discounts. Bond issuance costs are expensed when incurred.

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, deferred outflows of resources, 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.

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, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

Net Position

Net position is the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net position in the basic financial statements is categorized as net investment in capital assets, restricted or unrestricted. Net investment in capital assets represents net position related to infrastructure and property, plant and equipment. Restricted net position represents the assets restricted by the District's Bond covenants or other contractual restrictions. Unrestricted net position consists of the net position not meeting the definition of either of the other two components.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Other Disclosures

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 3 – BUDGETARY INFORMATION

The District is required to establish a budgetary system and an approved Annual Budget. Annual Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements.

- a) Each year the District Manager submits to the District Board a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following October 1.
- b) Public hearings are conducted to obtain public comments.
- c) Prior to October 1, the budget is legally adopted by the District Board.
- d) All budget changes must be approved by the District Board.
- e) The budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.
- f) Unused appropriation for annually budgeted funds lapse at the end of the year.

NOTE 4 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits

The District's cash balances were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by a collateral pool pledged to the State Treasurer. Florida Statutes Chapter 280, "Florida Security for Public Deposits Act", requires all qualified depositories to deposit with the Treasurer or another banking institution eligible collateral equal to various percentages of the average daily balance for each month of all public deposits in excess of any applicable deposit insurance held. The percentage of eligible collateral (generally, U.S. Governmental and agency securities, state or local government debt, or corporate bonds) to public deposits is dependent upon the depository's financial history and its compliance with Chapter 280. In the event of a failure of a qualified public depository, the remaining public depositories would be responsible for covering any resulting losses.

Investments

The District's investments were held as follows at September 30, 2023:

	<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Amortized Cost</u>	<u>Credit Risk</u>
First American Government Oblig Fd Cl D	Weighted average of 24 days	\$ 27,075,802	S&P AAAM
Total investments		<u>\$ 27,075,802</u>	

Credit risk – For investments, credit risk is generally the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. Investment ratings by investment type are included in the preceding summary of investments.

Concentration risk – The District places no limit on the amount the District may invest in any one issuer.

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

NOTE 4 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Investments (Continued)

However, the Bond Indenture limits the type of investments held using unspent proceeds.

Fair Value Measurement – When applicable, the District measures and records its investments using fair value measurement guidelines established in accordance with GASB Statements. The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques.

These guidelines recognize a three-tiered fair value hierarchy, in order of highest priority, as follows:

- *Level 1*: Investments whose values are based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical investments in active markets that the District has the ability to access;
- *Level 2*: Investments whose inputs - other than quoted market prices - are observable either directly or indirectly; and,
- *Level 3*: Investments whose inputs are unobservable.

The fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the entire fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used should maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Money market investments that have a maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less and are held by governments other than external investment pools should be measured at amortized cost. Accordingly, the District's investments have been reported at amortized cost above.

NOTE 5 – RESTRICTED ASSETS

Restricted assets include investments which are restricted in connection with the Bond requirements discussed in Note 6. The composition of restricted assets at September 30, 2023 was as follows:

Restricted for:		
Reserve account	\$	5,279,900
Payment of interest		4,071,724
Acquisition		17,724,178
	\$	<u>27,075,802</u>

NOTE 6 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance
<u>Governmental activities</u>				
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Land and land improvements	\$ 5,069,603	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,069,603
Construction in progress	32,948,524	18,797,168	-	51,745,692
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>38,018,127</u>	<u>18,797,168</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,815,295</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 38,018,127</u>	<u>\$ 18,797,168</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 56,815,295</u>

The infrastructure intended to serve the District has been estimated at a total cost of approximately \$69,731,619. The infrastructure will consist of a parking garage, stormwater facilities, water distribution and wastewater collection systems, roadway improvements, landscaping and open spaces improvements, and the land allocated to the parking garage. A portion of the project costs is expected to be financed with bond proceeds with the remainder to be funded by the Developer and conveyed to the District. Upon completion, certain improvements will be conveyed to others for ownership and maintenance responsibilities.

NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

On August 12, 2021, the District issued \$88,515,000 of Special Assessment Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 consisting of \$3,365,000 Term Bonds due on May 1, 2026 with a fixed interest rate of 3.250%; \$9,565,000 Term Bonds due on May 1, 2031 with a fixed interest rate of 3.750%; \$25,965,000 Term Bonds due on May 1, 2041 with a fixed interest rate of 4.125%; and \$49,620,000 Term Bonds due on May 1, 2053 with a fixed interest rate of 4.250%. The Bonds were issued to finance the acquisition and construction of the land and the infrastructure for the benefit of the District. Interest is to be paid semiannually on each May 1 and November 1. Principal on the Bonds is to be paid serially commencing May 1, 2025 through May 1, 2053.

The Series 2021 Bonds are subject to redemption at the option of the District at any time, on or after May 1, 2031. The Bonds are subject to extraordinary mandatory redemption prior to their selected maturity in the manner determined by the Bond Registrar if certain events occurred as outlined in the Bond Indenture.

The Bond Indenture established a debt service reserve requirement as well as other restrictions and requirements relating principally to the use of proceeds to pay for the infrastructure improvements and the procedures to be followed by the District on assessments to property owners. The District agrees to levy special assessments in annual amounts adequate to provide payment of debt service and to meet the reserve requirements. The District was in compliance with the requirements at September 30, 2023.

Changes in long-term liability activity for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 were as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Series 2021	\$ 88,515,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 88,515,000	\$ -
Original issue discount	(1,426,326)	-	57,080	(1,369,246)	-
Total	\$ 87,088,674	\$ -	\$ 57,080	\$ 87,145,754	\$ -

At September 30, 2023, the scheduled debt service requirements on the long-term debt were as follows:

Year ending September 30:	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ -	\$ 3,647,956	\$ 3,647,956
2025	1,655,000	3,647,956	5,302,956
2026	1,710,000	3,594,169	5,304,169
2027	1,770,000	3,538,594	5,308,594
2028	1,840,000	3,472,219	5,312,219
2029-2033	10,325,000	16,263,506	26,588,506
2034-2038	12,650,000	13,997,700	26,647,700
2039-2043	15,560,000	11,154,831	26,714,831
2044-2048	19,230,000	7,573,500	26,803,500
2049-2053	23,775,000	3,116,950	26,891,950
Total	\$ 88,515,000	\$ 70,007,381	\$ 158,522,381

NOTE 8 – DEVELOPER TRANSACTIONS

The Developer has agreed to fund the general operations of the District. In connection therewith, Developer contribution revenue for the current fiscal year was \$83,725, which includes a receivable of \$12,840.

NOTE 8 – DEVELOPER TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

In connection with the District's infrastructure and development discussed in Note 6, the District reimbursed the Developer approximately \$164,000 for advance payments made toward the construction of the District's infrastructure. Additionally, the District paid the Developer \$1,509,155 in construction management fees. The reimbursements were made in accordance with an Assignment and Acquisition Agreement between the District and the Developer.

NOTE 9 – CONCENTRATION

The District's activity is dependent upon the continued involvement of the Developer, the loss of which could have a material adverse effect on the District's operations.

NOTE 10 – MANAGEMENT COMPANY

The District has contracted with a management company to perform management services, which include financial and accounting services. Certain employees of the management company also serve as officers of the District. Under the agreement, the District compensates the management company for management, accounting, financial reporting, computer and other administrative costs.

NOTE 11 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

As of September 30, 2023, the District had two major open contracts for the parking garage construction project. The contracts totaled approximately \$53.8 million, of which approximately \$10.1 million was uncompleted at September 30, 2023.

NOTE 12 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The District has obtained commercial insurance from independent third parties to mitigate the costs of these risks; coverage may not extend to all situations. There were no settled claims since the inception of the District.

**SAWYER'S LANDING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
 MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
 OTHER INFORMATION – DATA ELEMENTS
 REQUIRED BY FL STATUTE 218.39(3)(C)
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
 UNAUDITED**

Element	Comments
Number of District employees compensated in the last pay period of the District's fiscal year being reported.	0
Number of independent contractors compensated to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the District's fiscal year being reported.	0
Employee compensation	0
Independent contractor compensation	0
Construction projects to begin on or after October 1; (\$65K)	Not applicable
Budget variance report	See the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund
Ad Valorem taxes	Not applicable
Non ad valorem special assessments;	Not applicable
Outstanding Bonds:	see Note 7 for details



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

To the Board of Supervisors
Sawyer's Landing Community Development District
Miami-Dade County, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of Sawyer's Landing Community Development District, Miami-Dade County, Florida ("District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our opinion thereon dated February 29, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Gray & Associates

February 29, 2024



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE
REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 218.415, FLORIDA STATUTES, REQUIRED BY
RULE 10.556(10) OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

To the Board of Supervisors
Sawyer's Landing Community Development District
Miami-Dade County, Florida

We have examined Sawyer's Landing Community Development District, Miami-Dade County, Florida's ("District") compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, in accordance with Rule 10.556(10) of the Auditor General of the State of Florida during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. Management is responsible for the District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the District complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced in Section 218.415, Florida Statutes. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the District complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, 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. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the District's compliance with specified requirements.

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

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, management, and the Board of Supervisors of Sawyer's Landing Community Development District, Miami-Dade County, Florida and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Grau & Associates

February 29, 2024



**MANAGEMENT LETTER PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF
THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

To the Board of Supervisors
Sawyer's Landing Community Development District
Miami-Dade County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Sawyer's Landing Community Development District, Miami-Dade County, Florida ("District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated February 29, 2024.

Auditor's 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 Auditor General.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; and Independent Auditor's 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 29, 2024, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Purpose of this Letter

The purpose of this letter is to comment on those matters required by Chapter 10.550 of the Rules of the Auditor General of the state of Florida. Accordingly, in connection with our audit of the financial statements of the District, as described in the first paragraph, we report the following:

- I. Current year findings and recommendations.**
- II. Status of prior year findings and recommendations.**
- III. Compliance with the Provisions of the Auditor General of the State of Florida.**

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, as applicable, management, and the Board of Supervisors of Sawyer's Landing Community Development District, Miami-Dade County, Florida and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We wish to thank Sawyer's Landing Community Development District, Miami-Dade County, Florida and the personnel associated with it, for the opportunity to be of service to them in this endeavor as well as future engagements, and the courtesies extended to us.

Grau & Associates

February 29, 2024

REPORT TO MANAGEMENT

I. CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None

II. PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

None

III. COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Unless otherwise required to be reported in the auditor's report on compliance and internal controls, the management letter shall include, but not be limited to the following:

1. A statement as to whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

There were no significant findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022.

2. Any recommendations to improve the local governmental entity's financial management.

There were no such matters discovered by, or that came to the attention of, the auditor, to be reported for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

3. 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.

There were no such matters discovered by, or that came to the attention of, the auditor, to be reported, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

4. The name or official title and legal authority of the District are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.
5. The District has not met one or more of the financial emergency conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.
6. We applied financial condition assessment procedures and no deteriorating financial conditions were noted. It is management's responsibility to monitor 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.
7. Management has provided the specific information required by Section 218.39(3)(c) in the Other Information section of the financial statements on page 16.