

**Lake Flores Community Development District**

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Supervisors  
Lake Flores Community Development District  
Manatee County, Florida

### Report on Audit of the Financial Statements

#### *Opinion*

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Lake Flores Community Development District (the "District"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Lake Flores Community Development District as of September 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### *Basis for Opinion*

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

#### *Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements*

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

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

***Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

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

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

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Lake Flores Community Development District

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

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

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated June 12, 2025 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations and contracts.

The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Lake Flores Community Development District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



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June 12, 2025

**Lake Flores Community Development District  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024**

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

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

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

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

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

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

**Lake Flores Community Development District  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024**

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

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

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

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

**Financial Highlights**

The following are the highlights of financial activity for the year ended September 30, 2024.

- ◆ The District's liabilities exceeded assets by \$(2,030,447) (net position). Unrestricted net position was \$(2,030,447).
- ◆ Governmental activities revenues totaled \$979,406, while governmental activities expenses totaled \$2,962,901.

**Lake Flores Community Development District  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024**

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

**Financial Analysis of the District**

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

**Net Position**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Current assets	\$ 23,858	\$ 27,166
Restricted assets	10,464,805	-
Capital assets	28,228,996	917,807
Total Assets	38,717,659	944,973
Current liabilities	4,172,234	991,925
Non-current liabilities	36,575,872	-
Total Liabilities	40,748,106	991,925
Net Position		
Unrestricted	\$ (2,030,447)	\$ (46,952)

The increase in restricted assets and total liabilities is related to the issuance of long-term debt in the current year.

The increase in capital assets is the result of additions to construction in progress in the current year.

**Lake Flores Community Development District  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024**

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

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

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

**Change In Net Position**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Program Revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 225,328	\$ -
Operating grants and contributions	103,982	57,363
General Revenues		
Investment income	650,096	-
Total Revenues	<u>979,406</u>	<u>57,363</u>
Expenses		
General government	88,157	48,903
Physical environment	15,820	8,460
Interest and other charges	2,858,924	41,416
Total Expenses	<u>2,962,901</u>	<u>98,779</u>
Change in Net Position	(1,983,495)	(41,416)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>(46,952)</u>	<u>(5,536)</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u><u>\$ (2,030,447)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (46,952)</u></u>

The increase in charges for services is related to the initiation of special assessments in the current year.

The increase in operating grants and contributions is related to additional funding from the developer in the current year.

The increase in investment income is related to the interest earnings on investments as a result of the issuance of long-term debt in the current year.

The increase in general government is related to the increase in management fees in the current year.

The increase in interest and other charges is related to issuance costs incurred as a result of issuing long-term debt during the current year.

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

**Capital Assets Activity**

The following schedule provides a summary of the District's capital assets as of September 30, 2024 and 2023.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Construction in progress	\$ 28,228,996	\$ 917,807

The activity for the year consisted of additions to construction in progress of \$27,311,189.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

Actual expenditures were less than the final budget primarily due to less legal fee and wetland monitoring expenditures than were anticipated.

The September 30, 2024 budget was amended for an increase in lake monitoring expenditures that were higher than originally anticipated.

**Debt Management**

Governmental Activities debt includes the following:

- In October 2023, the District issued \$23,625,000 Series 2023A-1 Special Assessment Bonds. These bonds were issued to fund the costs of acquiring and/or constructing a portion of the 2023 project. As of September 30, 2024, the balance outstanding was \$23,625,000.
- In October 2023, the District issued \$32,150,000 Series 2023A-2 Special Assessment Draw-Down Bonds. These bonds were issued to fund the costs of acquiring and/or constructing a portion of the 2023 project not otherwise financed with the proceeds of the Series 2023A-1 Bonds. As of September 30, 2024, the balance outstanding was \$14,055,000.

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

Lake Flores Community Development District will continue to draw on the Series 2023A-2 Special Assessment Bonds to fund ongoing construction of the Series 2023 Project. Other than the effects of additional debt, the District does not expect any other economic factors to have any significant effect on the financial position or results of operations of the District in fiscal year 2025.

**Request for Information**

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Lake Flores Community Development District's finances for all those with an interest. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Lake Flores Community Development District's Finance Department at 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431.

**Lake Flores Community Development District**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**September 30, 2024**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 12,612
Due from developer	11,246
Total Current Assets	23,858
Non-current Assets	
Restricted Assets	
Investments	10,464,805
Capital Assets, not being depreciated	
Construction in progress	28,228,996
Total Non-current Assets	38,693,801
Total Assets	38,717,659
 <b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	18,935
Contracts/retainage payable	3,071,799
Due to developer	6,000
Accrued interest	825,500
Bonds payable	250,000
Total Current Liabilities	4,172,234
Non-Current Liabilities	
Bonds payable, net	36,575,872
Total Liabilities	40,748,106
 <b>NET POSITION</b>	
Unrestricted	\$ (2,030,447)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**Lake Flores Community Development District**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2024**

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		<u>Net (Expenses)</u>
		<u>Charges for</u> <u>Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants</u> <u>and Contributions</u>	<u>Revenues and</u> <u>Changes in</u> <u>Net Position</u>
				<u>Governmental</u> <u>Activities</u>
Governmental Activities				
General government	\$ (88,157)	\$ -	\$ 87,244	\$ (913)
Physical environment	(15,820)	-	15,656	(164)
Interest and other charges	(2,858,924)	225,328	1,082	(2,632,514)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ (2,962,901)</u>	<u>\$ 225,328</u>	<u>\$ 103,982</u>	<u>(2,633,591)</u>
		General revenues:		
		Investment income		<u>650,096</u>
		Change in Net Position		(1,983,495)
		Net Position - October 1, 2023		(46,952)
		Net Position - September 30, 2024		<u>\$ (2,030,447)</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**Lake Flores Community Development District**  
**BALANCE SHEET –**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**September 30, 2024**

	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash	\$ 12,612	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,612
Due from developer	11,246	-	-	11,246
<b>Restricted Assets</b>				
Investments	-	2,364,380	8,100,425	10,464,805
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 23,858</b>	<b>\$2,364,380</b>	<b>\$8,100,425</b>	<b>\$10,488,663</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>				
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 18,935	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,935
Contracts/retainage payable	-	-	3,071,799	3,071,799
Due to developer	6,000	-	-	6,000
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>24,935</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,071,799</b>	<b>3,096,734</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Unavailable revenues	1,528	-	-	1,528
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Restricted for debt service	-	2,364,380	-	2,364,380
Restricted for capital projects	-	-	5,028,626	5,028,626
Unassigned	(2,605)	-	-	(2,605)
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>(2,605)</b>	<b>2,364,380</b>	<b>5,028,626</b>	<b>7,390,401</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 23,858</b>	<b>\$2,364,380</b>	<b>\$8,100,425</b>	<b>\$10,488,663</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**Lake Flores Community Development District**  
**RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES**  
**TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES**  
**September 30, 2024**

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$ 7,390,401
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets, construction in progress, used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore, are not reported at the fund level.	28,228,996
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, \$(37,680,000), net of bond discount, net, \$854,128, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported at the fund level.	(36,825,872)
Accrued interest expense for long-term debt is not a current financial use, and therefore, is not reported at the fund level.	(825,500)
Unavailable revenues are recognized as deferred inflows of resources at the fund level, however, revenues are recognized when earned at the government-wide level.	<u>1,528</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ (2,030,447)</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**Lake Flores Community Development District**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2024**

	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Developer contributions	\$ 104,243	\$ 1,082	\$ -	\$ 105,325
Special assessments	-	225,328	-	225,328
Investment income	-	109,718	540,378	650,096
Total Revenues	<u>104,243</u>	<u>336,128</u>	<u>540,378</u>	<u>980,749</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	88,157	-	-	88,157
Physical environment	15,820	-	-	15,820
Capital outlay	-	-	27,311,189	27,311,189
Debt service				
Interest	-	1,081,340	-	1,081,340
Other	-	924,175	-	924,175
Total Expenditures	<u>103,977</u>	<u>2,005,515</u>	<u>27,311,189</u>	<u>29,420,681</u>
Excess of revenues over/(under) expenditures	<u>266</u>	<u>(1,669,387)</u>	<u>(26,770,811)</u>	<u>(28,439,932)</u>
Other Financing Sources/(Uses)				
Transfers in	-	46,952	40,696	87,648
Transfers out	-	(40,696)	(46,952)	(87,648)
Issuance of long-term debt	-	4,956,500	32,723,500	37,680,000
Bond discount	-	(882,037)	-	(882,037)
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>4,080,719</u>	<u>32,717,244</u>	<u>36,797,963</u>
Net change in fund balances	266	2,411,332	5,946,433	8,358,031
Fund Balances - October 1, 2023	<u>(2,871)</u>	<u>(46,952)</u>	<u>(917,807)</u>	<u>(967,630)</u>
Fund Balances - September 30, 2024	<u>\$ (2,605)</u>	<u>\$ 2,364,380</u>	<u>\$ 5,028,626</u>	<u>\$ 7,390,401</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**Lake Flores Community Development District  
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT  
OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024**

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds \$ 8,358,031

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation. This is the amount of capital outlay in the current year.	27,311,189
The issuance of long-term debt is recognized as an other financing source at the fund level; however, at the government-wide level, it increases liabilities.	(37,680,000)
Amortization of bond discount does not require the use of current financial resources and therefore, is not reported at the fund level. This is the amount of amortization in the current period.	(27,909)
Bond discounts on long-term debt are reported as an other financing use at the fund level; however, they are netted against long-term debt and amortized over the life of the bond at the government-wide level as interest.	882,037
In the Statements of Net Position, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas at the fund level, interest expenditures are reported when due. This is the change in accrued interest in the current year.	(825,500)
At the fund level, unavailable revenues are recognized as deferred inflows of resources, however, revenues are recognized when earned at the government-wide level. This is the change in unavailable revenues in the current period.	(1,343)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ (1,983,495)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**Lake Flores Community Development District**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN**  
**FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2024**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<b>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</b>
Revenues				
Developer contributions	<u>\$ 165,555</u>	<u>\$ 206,155</u>	<u>\$ 104,243</u>	<u>\$ (101,912)</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	109,249	109,249	88,157	21,092
Physical environment	<u>56,306</u>	<u>96,906</u>	<u>15,820</u>	<u>81,086</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>165,555</u>	<u>206,155</u>	<u>103,977</u>	<u>102,178</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	-	-	266	266
Fund Balances - October 1, 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,871)</u>	<u>(2,871)</u>
Fund Balances - September 30, 2024	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (2,605)</u>	<u>\$ (2,605)</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**Lake Flores Community Development District**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**September 30, 2024**

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

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

**1. Reporting Entity**

The District was established on January 11, 2022, pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended (the "Act"), and by Ordinance 22-04 of the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, as a Community Development District. The District was established for the purposes of financing and managing the acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of the infrastructure necessary for community development within its jurisdiction. The District is authorized to issue bonds for the purpose, among others, of financing, funding, planning, establishing, acquiring, constructing district roads, landscaping, and other basic infrastructure projects within or outside the boundaries of the Lake Flores Community Development District. The District is governed by a five member Board of Supervisors. The District operates within the criteria established by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes.

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

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

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

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

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

**Lake Flores Community Development District**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**September 30, 2024**

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

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

**a. Government-wide Financial Statements**

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

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

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

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

**b. Fund Financial Statements**

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

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

**Lake Flores Community Development District**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**September 30, 2024**

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

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

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

**Governmental Funds**

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

The District has various policies governing the fund balance classifications.

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

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

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

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

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

**Lake Flores Community Development District**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**September 30, 2024**

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

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

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

**Governmental Funds (Continued)**

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collected within the current period or soon thereafter, to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 90 days of the end of the current fiscal period.

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

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

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

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

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

Debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

**3. Basis of Presentation**

**a. Governmental Major Funds**

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

**Lake Flores Community Development District**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**September 30, 2024**

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

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

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

Debt Service Fund – The Debt Service Fund accounts for debt service requirements to retire the special assessment bonds which were used to finance the construction of the District's infrastructure improvements.

Capital Projects Fund – The Capital Projects Fund accounts for the construction of infrastructure improvements within the District.

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

GASB Statement 34 requires that non-current governmental assets, such as capital assets, and non-current governmental liabilities, such as special assessment bonds and due to developer be reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide Statement of Net Position.

**4. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity**

**a. Cash and Investments**

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

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

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

**Lake Flores Community Development District**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**September 30, 2024**

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

**4. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position or Equity (Continued)**

**a. Cash and Investments (Continued)**

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

**b. Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include construction in progress, are reported in the applicable governmental activities column.

The District defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. The valuation basis for all assets is historical cost.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend its useful life are not capitalized.

**c. Budgets**

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

**d. Deferred Inflows of Resources**

Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future reporting period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then. The District only has one time that qualifies for reporting in the category. Unavailable revenues are reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. This amount is deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that amounts become available.

**e. Unamortized Bond Discount**

Bond discounts are presented on the government-wide financial statements. The costs are amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method of accounting. For financial reporting, the unamortized bond discount is netted against the applicable long-term debt.

**Lake Flores Community Development District**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**September 30, 2024**

**NOTE B – CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

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

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a formal deposit policy for custodial credit risk, however, they follow the provisions of Chapter 280, Florida Statutes regarding deposits and investments. As of September 30, 2024, the District's bank balance was \$4,659 and the carrying value was \$12,612. Exposure to custodial credit risk was as follows. The District maintains all deposits in a qualified public depository in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 280, Florida Statutes, which means that all deposits are fully insured by Federal Depositors Insurance or collateralized under Chapter 280, Florida Statutes.

Investments

As of September 30, 2024, the District had the following investments and maturities:

<b>Investment</b>	<b>Maturities</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
Goldman Sachs Financial Square Government Fund	39 Days*	\$ 10,464,805

\*Maturity is a weighted average maturity

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

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

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

Interest Rate Risk

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

**Lake Flores Community Development District**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**September 30, 2024**

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

Credit Risk

The District's investments in treasury funds, money markets, and government loans are limited by state statutory requirements and bond compliance. The District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices. As of September 30, 2024, the District's investments in Goldman Sachs Financial Square Government Fund was rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one fund. The investments in Goldman Sachs Financial Square Government Fund represent 100% of District's total investments.

The types of deposits and investments and their level of risk exposure as of September 30, 2024 were typical of these items during the fiscal year then ended. The District considers any decline in fair value for certain investments to be temporary

**NOTE C – CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2024 was as follows:

	Balance October 1, 2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance September 30, 2024
<b><u>Governmental Activities:</u></b>				
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Construction in progress	\$ 917,807	\$ 27,311,189	\$ -	\$ 28,228,996

**NOTE D – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REVENUES**

Assessments are non-ad valorem assessments on benefited property within the District. Debt Service Assessments are levied when bonds are issued and collected annually. The District may collect assessments directly or utilize the uniform method of collections (Chapter 197.3632, Florida Statutes). Direct collected assessments are due as determined by annual assessments resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

**NOTE E – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

All voting members of the Board of Supervisors are affiliated with the Developer. The District recognized \$105,325 in contributions and \$225,328 in assessments from the Developer for the year ended September 30, 2024. Additionally, the District has a balance due to the Developer of \$6,000, and a balance due from the Developer of \$11,246.

**Lake Flores Community Development District**  
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**September 30, 2024**

**NOTE F – INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

Interfund transfers for the year ended September 30, 2024, consisted of the following:

<b>Transfers In</b>	<b>Transfers Out</b>		<b>Total</b>
	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	
Debt Service Fund	\$ -	\$ 46,952	\$ 46,952
Capital Projects Fund	40,696	-	40,696
Total	\$ 40,696	\$ 46,952	\$ 87,648

Interfund transfers were made in accordance with the Trust Indenture.

**NOTE G – LONG-TERM DEBT**

The following is a summary of activity for long-term debt of the Governmental Activities for the year ended September 30, 2024:

Long-term debt as of October 1, 2023	\$ -
Issuance of long-term debt	37,680,000
Long-term debt as of September 30, 2024	\$ 37,680,000
Less: bond discount, net	(854,128)
Bonds Payable, Net at September 30, 2024	\$ 36,825,872

**Special Assessment Bonds**

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

\$23,625,000 Series 2023A-1 Special Assessment Bonds are due in annual principal installments beginning May 2025 maturing May 2054. Interest at a fixed rate of 6.750% is due May and November beginning May 2024. Current portion is \$250,000.

\$ 23,625,000

\$32,105,000 Series 2023A-2 Special Assessment Draw-Down Bonds are due in annual principal installments beginning May 2028 maturing May 2054. Interest at a fixed rate of 6.875% is due February, May, August, and November beginning February 2024 during draw-period, then May and November once the draw-period closes, May 1, 2025.

14,055,000

\$ 37,680,000

**Lake Flores Community Development District**  
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**September 30, 2024**

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

The annual requirements to amortize the principal and interest of bonded debt outstanding as of September 30, 2024 are as follows:

<u>Year Ending September 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 250,000	\$ 1,594,688	\$ 1,844,688
2026	270,000	1,577,813	1,847,813
2027	285,000	1,559,588	1,844,588
2028	305,000	1,540,350	1,845,350
2029	330,000	1,519,763	1,849,763
2030-2034	2,015,000	7,233,976	9,248,976
2035-2039	2,835,000	6,450,301	9,285,301
2040-2044	3,970,000	5,350,727	9,320,727
2045-2049	5,570,000	3,809,364	9,379,364
2050-2054	7,795,000	1,649,364	9,444,364
Totals	<u>\$ 23,625,000</u>	<u>\$ 32,285,934</u>	<u>\$ 55,910,934</u>

The payment schedule for the Series 2023A-2 Special Assessments Draw-Down Bonds is not included in the amortization schedule above as the draw period has not closed as of September 30, 2024.

In November 2024 and February 2025, the District made additional draws on the Series 2023A-2 Special Assessment Bonds in the amount of \$12,050,000.

Summary of Significant Bond Resolution Terms and Covenants

**Special Assessment Bonds**

Significant Bond Provisions

The Series 2023A-1 Bonds are subject to redemption at the option of the District prior to their maturity, in whole or in part, at any time after May 1, 2038, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of the Series 2023A-1 Bonds to be redeemed, with accrued interest to the date of redemption. The Series 2023A-1 are subject to extraordinary mandatory redemption prior to maturity in the manner determined by the Bond Registrar if certain events occurred as outlined in the Trust Indenture.

The Series 2023A-2 are not subject to optional redemption. If at any time during the Draw Period, the Initial Purchaser fails to fund a properly submitted Draw Request, the District may redeem all or a portion of the Outstanding Series 2023A-2 Bonds at a Redemption Price equal to the principal amount of Outstanding Series 2023A-2 Bonds to be optionally redeemed, plus accrued interest to the applicable redemption date. The Series 2023A-2 are subject to extraordinary mandatory redemption prior to maturity in the manner determined by the Bond Registrar if certain events occurred as outlined in the Trust Indenture.

**Lake Flores Community Development District  
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
 September 30, 2024**

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

**Special Assessment Bonds (Continued)**

The Trust Indenture has certain restrictions and requirements relating principally to the use of proceeds to pay for the infrastructure improvements and the procedures to be followed by the District on assessments to property owners. The District agrees to levy special assessments in annual amounts adequate to provide payment of debt service and to meet the reserve requirements. The Series 2023 Bond Trust Indenture established certain amounts be maintained in a reserve account.

Depository Funds

The bond resolution establishes certain funds and determines the order in which revenues are to be deposited into these funds. A description of the significant funds, including their purposes, is as follows:

Reserve Funds – The Series 2023A-1 and 2023A-2 Reserve Accounts were funded from the proceeds of the Series 2023A-1 and 2023A-2 Bonds in amounts equal to 50 percent of the maximum annual debt service outstanding for the Series 2023A-1 and 2023A-2 Bonds. Monies held in the reserve accounts will be used only for the purposes established in the Trust Indenture.

The following is a schedule of required reserve balances as of September 30, 2024:

	Reserve Balance	Reserve Requirement
Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2023A-1	\$ 919,884	\$ 919,884
Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2023A-2	\$ 582,337	\$ 573,007

**NOTE H – ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY**

The Developer owns a significant portion of land within the District. 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 I – RISK MANAGEMENT**

The government is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the government carries commercial insurance. The District has not filed any claims under this commercial coverage since inception.

**NOTE J – SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

In May 2025, the District made a prepayment of \$2,150,000 on the Series 2023A-2 Special Assessment Bonds.



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

To the Board of Supervisors  
Lake Flores Community Development District  
Manatee 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 financial statements, as listed in the table of contents, of Lake Flores Community Development District, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 12, 2025.

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

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

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

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

To the Board of Supervisors  
Lake Flores Community Development District

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

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

### **Purpose of this Report**

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



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## MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Board of Supervisors  
Lake Flores Community Development District  
Manatee County, Florida

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the Lake Flores Community Development District as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated June 12, 2025.

### 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 Florida Auditor General.

### Other Reports and Schedule

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and our Independent Auditor's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with AICPA Professionals Standards, AT-C Section 315 regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in that report, which is dated June 12, 2025, 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 made to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding financial audit report. There were no findings or recommendations in the preceding financial audit report.

To the Board of Supervisors  
Lake Flores Community Development District

### **Financial Condition and Management**

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether or not Lake Flores Community Development District has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific conditions met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Lake Flores Community Development District has not met one 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 conditions assessment procedures as of September 30, 2024 for the Lake Flores Community Development District. It is management's responsibility to monitor the Lake Flores Community Development District's financial condition; our financial condition assessment was based in part on the representations made by management and the review of the financial information provided by the same.

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

### **Specific Information**

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

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)7, Rules of the Auditor General, Lake Flores Community Development District reported:

- 1) The total number of District employees compensated in the last pay period of the District's fiscal year: 5
- 2) The total number of independent contractors, defined as individuals or entities that receive 1099s, to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the District's fiscal year: 4
- 3) All compensation earned by or awarded to employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency: \$4,952
- 4) All compensation earned by or awarded to nonemployee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency: \$63,602
- 5) Each construction project with a total cost of at least \$65,000 approved by the District that is scheduled to begin on or after October 1, 2023, together with the total expenditures for such project: Series 2023 Project current costs totaled \$27,311,189.
- 6) A budget variance based on the budget adopted under Section 189.016(4), Florida Statutes, before the beginning of the fiscal year being reported if the District amends a final adopted budget under Section 189.016(6), Florida Statutes: Budget was amended, see as follows.

To the Board of Supervisors  
Lake Flores Community Development District

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Original Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
Revenues			
Developer contributions	\$ 165,555	\$ 104,243	\$ (61,312)
Expenditures			
Current			
General government	109,249	88,157	21,092
Physical environment	56,306	15,820	40,486
Total Expenditures	<u>165,555</u>	<u>103,977</u>	<u>61,578</u>
Net changes in fund balance	-	266	266
Fund Balances - October 1, 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,871)</u>	<u>(2,871)</u>
Fund Balances - September 30, 2024	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (2,605)</u>	<u>\$ (2,605)</u>

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)9, Rules of the Auditor General, the Lake Flores Community Development District reported:

- 1) The rate or rates of non-ad valorem special assessments imposed by the District:  
\$69,695 - \$155,633 for the Debt Service Fund.
- 2) The amount of special assessments collected by or on behalf of the District: Total special assessments collected was \$225,328.
- 3) The total amount of outstanding bonds issued by the District and the terms of such bonds are as follows: Series 2023A-1 Bonds, \$23,625,000, due on May 1, 2054 at a fixed rate of 6.750%. Series 2023A-2 Bonds, \$14,055,000, due on May 1, 2054 at a fixed rate of 6.875%.

**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 fraud, waste, or abuse, that has occurred or is likely to have occurred, that has 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 note any such findings.



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To the Board of Supervisors  
Lake Flores Community Development District

**Purpose of this Letter**

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

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT/COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 218.415 FLORIDA STATUTES

To the Board of Supervisors  
Lake Flores Community Development District  
Manatee County, Florida

We have examined Lake Flores Community Development District's compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. Management is responsible for Lake Flores Community Development District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Lake Flores Community Development District's compliance based on our examination.

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

In our opinion, Lake Flores Community Development District's complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

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June 12, 2025