

**STEVENS PLANTATION  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
ST. CLOUD, FLORIDA  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

**STEVENS PLANTATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
ST. CLOUD, FLORIDA**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Supervisors  
Stevens Plantation Community Development District  
St. Cloud, Florida

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### *Opinions*

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

#### ***Basis for Qualified Opinion on the Governmental Activities and the Debt Service Fund***

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.

The District was unable to provide sufficient competent evidential matter for certain legal expenses incurred in the debt service fund. The financial information of the debt service fund are part of the governmental activities and is considered a major fund.

#### ***Qualified Opinions***

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matters discussed in the "Basis for Qualified Opinion on the Governmental Activities and the Debt Service Fund" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the debt service fund of the District as of September 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Unmodified Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the general fund of the District as of September 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Emphasis of Matter***

As discussed in notes 7 and 8 to the basic financial statements, the District remains in default under the trust indenture for the Series 2003A and 2003B Bonds. The District did not receive sufficient assessments to fund its debt service payments for the Series 2003A and B Bonds. The District's 2003B Bonds have matured and remain unpaid.

#### ***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 and budgetary comparison information 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 March 31, 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, 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.

*Bhav & Associates*

March 31, 2025

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Our discussion and analysis of Stevens Plantation Community Development District, St. Cloud, Florida ("District") provides a narrative overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. 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 (\$3,784,076).
- The change in the District's total net position in comparison with the prior fiscal year was (\$107,581), 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.
- At September 30, 2024, the District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of (\$335,107), a decrease of (\$168,862) in comparison with the prior fiscal year. The fund balance for the general fund is non-spendable for prepaid items, assigned for renewal and replacement and first quarter operating reserve, and the remainder is unassigned fund balance which is available for spending at the District's discretion. The debt service fund reports a deficit fund balance.

### 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 three components: **1)** government-wide financial statements, **2)** fund financial statements, and **3)** notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

#### 1) Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide 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 activities 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.

The government-wide financial statements include all governmental activities that are principally supported by special assessment revenues. The District does not have any business-type activities. The governmental activities of the District include the general government (management) and maintenance functions.

#### 2) Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The District has one fund category: governmental funds.

## OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### 2) Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

#### Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a District's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the District's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The District maintains two governmental funds for external reporting. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund and the debt service fund, both of which are considered major funds.

The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

### 3) Notes to the Financial Statements

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

#### GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

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.

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

	NET POSITION	
	SEPTEMBER 30,	
	2024	2023
Current and other assets	\$ 8,954,240	\$ 8,117,264
Capital assets, net of depreciation	1,066,039	1,264,758
Total assets	<u>10,020,279</u>	<u>9,382,022</u>
Current liabilities	414,366	400,763
Long-term liabilities	13,389,989	12,657,754
Total liabilities	<u>13,804,355</u>	<u>13,058,517</u>
Net position		
Net investment in capital assets	(3,143,961)	(3,205,242)
Unrestricted	(640,115)	(471,253)
Total net position	<u>\$ (3,784,076)</u>	<u>\$ (3,676,495)</u>

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.

## GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Continued)

The District's net position decreased during the most recent fiscal year. The majority of the decrease represents the extent to which the cost of operations and depreciation expense exceeded ongoing program revenues.

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,	
	2024	2023
Revenues:		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 1,467,787	\$ 1,284,108
General revenues		
Investment earnings	41,600	27,039
Total revenues	<u>1,509,387</u>	<u>1,311,147</u>
Expenses:		
General government	228,904	145,544
Maintenance and operations	655,829	638,842
Interest	732,235	732,235
Total expenses	<u>1,616,968</u>	<u>1,516,621</u>
Special items - proceeds from sale of property	-	349,915
Change in net position	(107,581)	144,441
Net position - beginning	<u>(3,676,495)</u>	<u>(3,820,936)</u>
Net position - ending	<u>\$ (3,784,076)</u>	<u>\$ (3,676,495)</u>

As noted above and in the statement of activities, the cost of all governmental activities during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 was \$1,616,968. The costs of the District's activities were primarily funded by program revenues. Program revenues are comprised primarily of assessments. The remainder of the current fiscal year revenue includes interest revenue. In total, revenues decreased from the prior year due to a decrease in prepayment assessments and settlement revenues. In total, expenses, including depreciation, increased from the prior fiscal year. The increase in expenses is primarily the result of an increase in professional services expenses from the prior fiscal year.

## GENERAL BUDGETING HIGHLIGHTS

An operating budget was adopted and maintained by the governing board for the District pursuant to the requirements of Florida Statutes. The budget is adopted using the same basis of accounting that is used in preparation of the fund financial statements. The legal level of budgetary control, the level at which expenditures may not exceed budget, is in the aggregate. Any budget amendments that increase the aggregate budgeted appropriations must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. Actual general fund expenditures did not exceed appropriations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

## CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

### Capital Assets

At September 30, 2024, the District had \$4,785,017 invested in capital assets for its governmental activities. In the government-wide financial statements accumulated depreciation of \$3,718,978 has been taken, which resulted in a net book value of \$1,066,039. More detailed information about the District's capital assets is presented in the notes of the financial statements.

### Capital Debt

At September 30, 2024, the District had \$10,845,907 Bonds outstanding for its governmental activities. More detailed information about the District's capital debt is presented in the notes of the financial statements.

## ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEARS BUDGET

The District does not anticipate any major projects or significant changes to its infrastructure maintenance program for the subsequent fiscal year. In addition, it is anticipated that the general operations of the District will remain fairly constant.

Subsequent to fiscal year end, the District did not pay principal or interest due for either of the Bond Series.

## 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 Stevens Plantation Community Development District's Finance Department at 2005 Pan Am Circle, Suite 300, Tampa, Florida 33607.

**STEVENS PLANTATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
ST. CLOUD, FLORIDA  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 870,536
Assessments receivable	8,922
Interest receivable	32,590
Prepaid items	23,949
Restricted assets:	
Investments	8,018,243
Capital assets:	
Depreciable, net	1,066,039
Total assets	<u>10,020,279</u>
 <b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	109,268
Accrued interest payable	305,098
Due to Bondholders:	
Interest	2,544,082
Principal	6,635,907
Non-current liabilities:	
Due within one year*	245,000
Due in more than one year	3,965,000
Total liabilities	<u>13,804,355</u>
 <b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	(3,143,961)
Unrestricted	(640,115)
Total net position	<u>\$ (3,784,076)</u>

\* Remaining amount is reported as Due to Bondholder.

See notes to the financial statements

**STEVENS PLANTATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
ST. CLOUD, FLORIDA  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u>
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Primary government:				
Governmental activities:				
General government	\$ 228,904	\$ 228,904	\$ -	\$ -
Maintenance and operations	655,829	496,903	-	(158,926)
Interest on long-term debt	732,235	363,552	378,428	9,745
Total governmental activities	1,616,968	1,089,359	378,428	(149,181)
General revenues:				
				41,600
				41,600
				(107,581)
				(3,676,495)
				\$ (3,784,076)

See notes to the financial statements

**STEVENS PLANTATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
ST. CLOUD, FLORIDA  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

	Major Funds		Total Governmental Funds
	General	Debt Service	
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 870,536	\$ -	\$ 870,536
Investments	-	8,018,243	8,018,243
Assessments receivable	6,138	2,784	8,922
Interest receivable	-	32,590	32,590
Due from other funds	85,883	-	85,883
Prepaid items	23,949	-	23,949
Total assets	<u>\$ 986,506</u>	<u>\$ 8,053,617</u>	<u>\$ 9,040,123</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 109,268	\$ -	\$ 109,268
Due to Bondholders	-	9,179,989	9,179,989
Due to other funds	-	85,883	85,883
Total liabilities	<u>109,268</u>	<u>9,265,872</u>	<u>9,375,140</u>
Fund balances:			
Nonspendable:			
Prepaid items	23,949	-	23,949
Assigned to:			
First quarter operating reserve	160,647	-	160,647
Renewal and replacement	268,422	-	268,422
Unassigned	424,220	(1,212,255)	(788,035)
Total fund balances	<u>877,238</u>	<u>(1,212,255)</u>	<u>(335,017)</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 986,506</u>	<u>\$ 8,053,617</u>	<u>\$ 9,040,123</u>

See notes to the financial statements

**STEVENS PLANTATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
ST. CLOUD, FLORIDA  
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Fund balance - governmental funds \$ (335,017)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as assets in the governmental funds. The statement of net position includes those capital assets, net of any accumulated depreciation, in the net position of the government as a whole.

Cost of capital assets	4,785,017	
Accumulated depreciation	(3,718,978)	1,066,039

Liabilities not due and payable from current available resources are not reported as liabilities in the governmental fund statements. All liabilities, both current and long-term, are reported in the government-wide financial statements.

Accrued interest payable	(305,098)	
Bonds payable *	(4,210,000)	(4,515,098)
Net position of governmental activities		\$ (3,784,076)

\* Remaining amount is reported as Due to Bondholder.

**STEVENS PLANTATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
ST. CLOUD, FLORIDA  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

	Major Funds		Total Governmental Funds
	General	Debt Service	
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Assessments	\$ 725,807	\$ 363,552	\$ 1,089,359
Interest	41,600	378,428	420,028
Total revenues	767,407	741,980	1,509,387
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
General government	150,761	78,143	228,904
Maintenance and operations	457,110	-	457,110
Debt Service:			
Principal	-	260,000	260,000
Interest	-	732,235	732,235
Total expenditures	607,871	1,070,378	1,678,249
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	159,536	(328,398)	(168,862)
Fund balances - beginning	717,702	(883,857)	(166,155)
Fund balances - ending	\$ 877,238	\$ (1,212,255)	\$ (335,017)

See notes to the financial statements

**STEVENS PLANTATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
ST. CLOUD, FLORIDA  
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ (168,862)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Depreciation on capital assets is not recognized in the governmental fund financial statements but is reported as an expense in the statement of activities.	(198,719)
Repayment of long-term liabilities are reported as expenditures in the governmental fund statements but such repayments reduce liabilities in the statement of net position and are eliminated in the statement of activities. Since payments have not been made, amounts are reported as Due to Bondholders.	<u>260,000</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ (107,581)</u></u>

See notes to the financial statements

**STEVENS PLANTATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
ST. CLOUD, FLORIDA  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**NOTE 1 – NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND REPORTING ENTITY**

The Stevens Plantation Community Development District ("District") was created on August 21, 2003 by Ordinance 2003-46 of City of St. Cloud, Florida, (the "City") 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 and managing the acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of a portion of the infrastructure necessary for community development within the District.

The District is governed by the Board of Supervisors ("Board"), which is composed of five members. The Supervisors are elected by owners of property within the District. The Board of Supervisors of the District exercise all powers granted to the District pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. The City owns a portion of the vacant and undeveloped land within the District through a dependent special District (Stevens Plantation Improvement Project Dependent Special District) (the "DSD") created for the purpose of acquiring all lands for development.

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**

**Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The basic financial statements include both government-wide and fund financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function or segment; operating-type special assessments for maintenance and debt service are treated as charges for services and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Other items not included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

## NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### **Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Assessments are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are to be recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

### **Assessments**

Assessments are non-ad valorem assessments on benefited lands within the District. Assessments are levied to pay for the operations and maintenance of the District. The fiscal year for which annual assessments are levied begins on October 1 with discounts available for payments through February 28 and become delinquent on April 1. The District's annual assessments for operations and debt service are billed and collected by the County Tax Assessor/Collector. The amounts remitted to the District are net of applicable discounts or fees and include interest on monies held from the day of collection to the day of distribution.

Assessments and interest associated with the current fiscal period are considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. The portion of assessments receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

### **General Fund**

The general fund is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

### **Debt Service Fund**

The debt service fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for the annual payment of principal and interest on long-term debt.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

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.

## NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### 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.

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 paragraphs c and d shall be invested to provide sufficient liquidity to pay obligations as they come due. In addition, surplus funds may be deposited into certificates of deposit which are insured and any unspent Bond proceeds are required to be held in investments as specified in the Bond Indenture.

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.

#### Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

#### 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.

Property, plant and equipment of the District are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Infrastructure	30
Improvements	20

## **NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

### **Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity (Continued)**

#### Capital Assets (Continued)

In the governmental fund financial statements, amounts incurred for the acquisition of capital assets are reported as fund expenditures. Depreciation expense is not reported in the governmental fund financial statements.

#### Unearned Revenue

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

#### Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements 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.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

#### 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.

#### Fund Equity/Net Position

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report non spendable and restricted fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Assignments of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

The District can establish limitations on the use of fund balance as follows:

Committed fund balance – Amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action (resolution) of the Board of Supervisors. Commitments may be changed or lifted only by the Board of Supervisors taking the same formal action (resolution) that imposed the constraint originally. Resources accumulated pursuant to stabilization arrangements sometimes are reported in this category.

Assigned fund balance – Includes spendable fund balance amounts established by the Board of Supervisors that are intended to be used for specific purposes that are neither considered restricted nor committed. The Board may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover differences in estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget. Assignments are generally temporary and normally the same formal action need not be taken to remove the assignment.

The District first uses committed fund balance, followed by assigned fund balance and then unassigned fund balance when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

## **NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

### **Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity (Continued)**

#### Fund Equity/Net Position (Continued)

Net position is the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net position in the government-wide financial statements are 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.

### **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 for the general fund. 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.

## NOTE 4 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

### Investments

The District's investments were held as follows at September 30, 2024:

	Amortized Cost	Credit Risk	Maturities
US Bank - Money Market Account	\$ 8,018,243	n/a	n/a
	<u>\$ 8,018,243</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.

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 – INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

Interfund receivables and payables at September 30, 2024 were as follows:

Fund	Receivable	Payable
General	\$ 85,883	\$ -
Debt service	-	85,883
Total	<u>\$ 85,883</u>	<u>\$ 85,883</u>

The outstanding balances between funds result primarily from the time lag between the dates that transactions are recorded in the accounting system and payments between funds are made. In the case of the District, the balances between the general fund and the debt service fund relate to expenses that were paid by the general fund on behalf of the debt service fund.

## NOTE 6 – CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance
<u>Governmental activities:</u>				
Capital assets, being depreciated				
Infrastructure - stormwater	\$ 2,431,927	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,431,927
Improvements other than buildings	2,353,090	-	-	2,353,090
Total capital assets, being depreciated	4,785,017	-	-	4,785,017
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Infrastructure - stormwater	1,458,342	81,064	-	1,539,406
Improvements other than buildings	2,061,917	117,655	-	2,179,572
Total accumulated depreciation	3,520,259	198,719	-	3,718,978
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	\$ 1,264,758	\$ (198,719)	\$ -	\$ 1,066,039

Depreciation expense was charged to the maintenance and operations function/programs.

## NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

On November 20, 2003, the District issued \$7,055,000 of Special Assessment Revenue Bonds Series 2003A due May 1, 2035, with a fixed interest rate of 7.10% and \$20,150,000 of Special Assessment Revenue Bonds Series 2003B due May 1, 2013, with a fixed interest rate of 6.375%. The Bonds were issued to fund certain capital projects within the boundaries of the District. Interest is to be paid semiannually on each May 1 and November 1. Principal on the Series 2003A Bonds is to be paid serially commencing May 1, 2004 through May 1, 2035. Principal on the 2003B Bonds was scheduled to be paid in full on May 1, 2013.

The Series 2003A Bonds are subject to redemption at the option of the District as outlined in the Bond Indenture. The Series 2003A Bonds 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 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 not in compliance with the reserve requirements at September 30, 2024 as a result of funds being withdrawn from the Trust Estate by the Trustee in prior years. In addition, the District levied sufficient amounts to make debt service payments, however, sufficient assessments were not collected to make the annual debt service on the Series 2003A Bonds as well as the matured and accrued principal on the Series 2003B Bonds; the Bonds are therefore in default.

A separate escrow agreement among the District, the Stevens Plantation Improvement Project Dependent Special District (the "DSD") and an escrow agent requires net proceeds from all land sales by the DSD of land within the District be allocated to the funding of certain accounts under the Bond Indenture and to the repayment of DSD debt at 50% each.

At the time of the Bond issuance, the DSD transferred \$2,520,000 to the District for the creation of the customer retention reserve fund and \$582,352 for the creation of the land sale reserve funds.

Amounts in the land sales reserve account were to be used to make payments on the 2003 Bonds should the District find that its existing resources are insufficient. Amounts from the land sales reserve account will be used prior to any disbursements from the 2003 reserve accounts or the amounts in the customer retention reserve fund. The District has no remaining amounts in the land sales reserve account at September 30, 2024.

## NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Continued)

Customer retention reserve accounts, except as provided in the Indenture, were to be used to make payments on the 2003 Bonds when the funds available to the District are insufficient. Amounts from the customer retention reserve accounts will be utilized to the extent that existing resources together with amounts from the land sales reserve fund are inadequate. The District has approximately \$11,128 of customer retention reserve amounts at September 30, 2024.

Changes in long-term liability activity for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 were as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year*
<u>Governmental activities</u>					
Bonds payable:					
Series 2003A	\$ 5,628,865	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,628,865	\$ 1,418,865
Series 2003B	5,217,042	-	-	5,217,042	5,217,042
Total	<u>\$ 10,845,907</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 10,845,907</u>	<u>\$ 6,635,907</u>

At September 30, 2024, the scheduled debt service requirements on the long-term debt were as follows:

Year ending September 30:	Governmental Activities		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 6,915,907 *	\$ 3,276,318 *	\$ 10,192,225
2026	300,000	279,030	579,030
2027	325,000	257,730	582,730
2028	345,000	234,655	579,655
2029	370,000	210,160	580,160
2030-2034	2,315,000	613,795	2,928,795
2035	275,000	19,525	294,525
Total	<u>\$ 10,845,907</u>	<u>\$ 4,891,213</u>	<u>\$ 15,737,120</u>

\* Includes the missed debt service payments due for the Series 2003A and 2003B Bonds which were not paid.

## NOTE 8 – EVENT OF DEFAULT

### Series 2003 Bonds

As discussed above, during a prior fiscal year, the Bond Trustee declared the occurrence of an event of default under the Bond Indenture for the Series 2003A and Series 2003B Bonds. The occurrence of an event of default creates certain remedial rights and remedies in favor of the Trustee. Pursuant to the Indenture, the owners of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding may direct the Trustee with regard to such rights and remedies following an event of default and upon provision of indemnity satisfactory to the Trustee and in accordance with provisions of the Indenture.

In a prior fiscal year, the Bond trustee made certain payments on both Series 2003A and Series 2003B Bonds; however they were not sufficient to bring the Bond current. The payments were made in part, by draws on the reserve, customer retention reserve, and prepayment trust accounts. The District continues to bill, collect and remit to the bond trustee sufficient assessment amounts to fund the debt service payments with respect to the 2003A bonds; however, because sufficient funds were not received to pay the debt service on both the 2003A and the 2003B bonds (which matured on May 1, 2013), the bond trustee continued to withhold payment to all bondholders thus leaving both the Series 2003A and Series 2003B Bonds in a state of default. The District continues to have communications with the bond trustee and bondholders regarding these matters. A debt service obligation of \$6,635,907 for principal and \$2,544,082 for interest has been recorded on the fund financial statements. In the current fiscal year, the District did not pay any monies towards Series 2003A or Series 2003B outstanding balance.

### Payment to DSD

Further, during a prior fiscal year, the trustee transferred \$2,933,289 from the District's trust accounts to the DSD trust accounts and in current fiscal year the trustee transferred no amounts to the DSD trust accounts.

## **NOTE 9 – MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

The District has contracted with a management company to perform management advisory 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, and other administrative costs.

## **NOTE 10 – 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 during the past three years.

## **NOTE 11 – RELATED PARTY INFORMATION**

The City Council serves as the governing board of the DSD and accounts for its activities as a proprietary fund. The DSD was created by the City on August 21, 2003, via City Ordinance 2003-47, pursuant to section 189.4041 of the Florida Statutes. The purpose of the DSD is to acquire land within a geographical boundary from the proceeds of Bonds for resale of developers in association with the District. The DSD is included in the government wide financial statements of the City. Further information on the DSD can be obtained from the City.

In addition, the District directly billed approximately \$6 million to the DSD for special assessments allocated to land owned by the DSD relating to the Series 2003B Bonds during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013. Since then, from lot closings the DSD has made payment of approximately \$2,302,395 of those assessments, some of which assessments were reduced with the consent of the bondholders. The remainder of the billed assessments were unpaid at September 30, 2024 and as of the date of this report. As the payment of the assessments with respect to DSD owned property is dependent upon the sale of such property, management is uncertain as to the timing of collection of these assessments and has recorded an allowance for doubtful accounts against the entire amount. Accordingly, management has reported assessments receivable and assessments revenue net of this allowance on the accompanying government wide and fund-level financial statements.

## **NOTE 12 – SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS**

The District is currently in the process of finalizing several settlement agreements with homeowners that were delinquent in paying Series 2003B assessments. The District has retained a law firm to commence foreclosure proceedings and obtain settlement proceeds (the “foreclosure attorney”). When settlement proceeds are received, they are sent to the foreclosure attorney and held in escrow until the settlement agreements are finalized. As of the date of the report, the District’s foreclosure attorney has received \$340,199 in settlement funds. The funds have not been released to the District as of the date of the report since the settlements are not yet finalized. The District has accrued a total of \$85,883 in unpaid legal expenses to the foreclosure attorney. Once the settlements are finalized, the foreclosure attorney will send the proceeds to the District, net of all unpaid and accrued expenses owed to the foreclosure attorney.

## **NOTE 13 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

### **Events of Default Continues**

Subsequent to fiscal year end, the District failed to make the scheduled debt payments on the Series 2003 Bonds. The failure by the District to pay its debt service is considered an event of default.

**STEVENS PLANTATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
ST. CLOUD, FLORIDA  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

	Budgeted Amounts Original & Final	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Assessments	\$ 722,488	\$ 725,807	\$ 3,319
Interest	2,100	41,600	39,500
Total revenues	724,588	767,407	42,819
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
General government	173,118	150,761	22,357
Maintenance and operations	551,470	457,110	94,360
Total expenses	724,588	607,871	116,717
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	\$ -	159,536	\$ 159,536
Fund balance - beginning		717,702	
Fund balance - ending		\$ 877,238	

See notes to required supplementary information

**STEVENS PLANTATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
ST. CLOUD, FLORIDA  
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

The District is required to establish a budgetary system and an approved Annual Budget for the general fund. The District's budgeting process is based on estimates of cash receipts and cash expenditures which are approved by the Board. The budget approximates a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (generally accepted accounting principles).

The legal level of budgetary control, the level at which expenditures may not exceed budget, is in the aggregate. Any budget amendments that increase the aggregate budgeted appropriations must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. Actual general fund expenditures did not exceed appropriations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

**STEVENS PLANTATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
ST. CLOUD, FLORIDA  
OTHER INFORMATION – DATA ELEMENTS  
REQUIRED BY FL STATUTE 218.39(3)(C)  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024  
UNAUDITED**

<u>Element</u>	<u>Comments</u>
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.	9
Employee compensation	Not applicable
Independent contractor compensation	\$443,471.45
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;	
Special assessment rate	Operations and maintenance - \$1,007.92 - \$47,292.70 Debt service - \$350.54 - \$20,467.87
Special assessments collected	\$1,089,359.00
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  
Stevens Plantation Community Development District  
St. Cloud, 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 of the governmental activities and each major fund of Stevens Plantation Community Development District, St. Cloud, Florida ("District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our opinion thereon dated March 31, 2025, which includes an explanatory paragraph regarding the qualified opinions for the debt service fund and the governmental activities due to the lack of sufficient competent evidential matter, and an emphasis of matter paragraph.

**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 one instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. The District has not made certain debt service payments when due related to the Series 2003 Bonds resulting in events of default under the Bond Indentures. The matter is detailed in the management letter.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated March 31, 2025.

## **The District's Response to Findings**

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying Management Letter. The District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

## **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.

*Bhav & Associates*

March 31, 2025



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**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  
Stevens Plantation Community Development District  
St. Cloud, Florida

We have examined Stevens Plantation Community Development District, St. Cloud, 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, 2024. 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, 2024.

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 Stevens Plantation Community Development District, St. Cloud, Florida and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Grau & Associates*

March 31, 2025



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

To the Board of Supervisors  
Stevens Plantation Community Development District  
St. Cloud, Florida

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Stevens Plantation Community Development District, St. Cloud, Florida ("District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated March 31, 2025, which includes an explanatory paragraph regarding the qualified opinions for the debt service fund and the governmental activities due to the lack of sufficient competent evidential matter, and an emphasis of matter paragraph.

**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 March 31, 2025, 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 for 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 Stevens Plantation Community Development District, St. Cloud, Florida and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We wish to thank Stevens Plantation Community Development District, St. Cloud, 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*

March 31, 2025

## REPORT TO MANAGEMENT

### I. CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 2024-01: Financial Condition Assessment

Observation: The District's financial conditions continue to deteriorate. The debt service fund had a deficit fund balance of (\$1,212,255) at September 30, 2024. In the prior and current years, the District has been unable to make its debt service payments on the Series 2003A and Series 2003B bonds since November 2012 due to a lack of funds. In addition, the District has not met the debt service reserve requirement. The non-payment of interest and principal payments, when due, are considered events of default.

Recommendation: The District should take the necessary steps to alleviate the deteriorating financial condition.

Reference Numbers for Prior Year Findings: 2013-01, 2014-01, 2015-01, 2016-01, 2017-01, 2018-01, 2019-01, 2020-01, 2021-01, 2022-02, 2023-01

Management Response: The District has, and continues to, work with the bond trustee and the DSD to complete foreclosures on the Series 2003B Bonds and to work out the remaining Series 2003A Bonds defaults.

### II. PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 2013-01, 2014-01, 2015-01, 2016-01, 2017-01, 2018-01, 2019-01, 2020-01, 2021-01, 2022-02, 2023-01: Financial Condition Assessment

Current Status: See finding 2024-01 above.

### 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, 2023, except as noted above.

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, 2024, except as noted above.

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, 2024, except as noted above.

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4. The name or official title and legal authority of the District are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.
5. In connection with our audit, we determined that the District has met one or more of the financial emergency conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes. The District failed to make certain scheduled debt service payments due on the Series 2003 Bonds in the current and prior fiscal years, as a result of a lack of funds. We applied financial condition assessment procedures pursuant to Rule 10.556(7) and determined that a deteriorating financial condition was noted. See Findings section above for additional information. 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.
6. Management has provided the specific information required by Section 218.39(3)(c) in the Other Information section of the financial statements on page 25.