

**Cheval West Community
Development District**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Supervisors
Cheval West Community Development District
Hillsborough 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 Cheval West Community Development District (the "District"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2025, 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 referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District as of September 30, 2025, 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 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 (*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 audit. 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 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.

To the Board of Supervisors
Cheval West Community Development District

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements.

To the Board of Supervisors
Cheval West Community Development District

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 GAAS, 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 Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the financial report. The other information comprises the information for compliance with Florida Statutes 218.39(3)(c) but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic 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 basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic 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 a report dated April 29, 2026 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 and grant agreements and other matters.

The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on 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.



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April 29, 2026

**Cheval West Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2025**

Management's discussion and analysis of Cheval West 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.

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 three categories; 1) net investment in capital assets, 2) restricted and 3) 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 and physical environment.

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.

**Cheval West Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2025**

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. Transactions between the different functions of the District have been eliminated in the **statement of activities** 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 bonds, are not included in the fund financial statements. To provide a link from the *fund financial statements* to the *government-wide financial statements*, a reconciliation is 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, 2025.

- The District's total assets exceeded total liabilities by \$6,667,595 (net position). Net investment in capital assets for Governmental Activities was \$3,438,138. Unrestricted net position for Governmental Activities was \$3,229,457.
- Governmental activities revenues totaled \$2,018,425 while governmental activities expenses totaled \$1,926,945.

**Cheval West Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2025**

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

	Governmental Activities	
	2025	2024
Current assets	\$ 3,281,192	\$ 3,069,763
Capital assets	3,438,138	3,626,286
Total Assets	6,719,330	6,696,049
 Current liabilities	 51,735	 119,934
Net position - net investment in capital assets	3,438,138	3,626,286
Net position - unrestricted	3,229,457	2,949,829
 Total Net Position	 \$ 6,667,595	 \$ 6,576,115

The increase in current assets and net position – unrestricted is primarily the result of revenues in excess of expenditures.

The decrease in capital assets and net position – net investment in capital assets is primarily due to depreciation in the current year.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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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

	Governmental Activities	
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Program Revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 1,616,797	\$ 1,535,200
General Revenues		
Investment earnings	158,903	188,242
Miscellaneous revenues	242,725	9,024
Total Revenues	<u>2,018,425</u>	<u>1,732,466</u>
Expenses		
General government	259,818	228,294
Physical environment	1,667,127	1,654,607
Total Expenses	<u>1,926,945</u>	<u>1,882,901</u>
Change in Net Position	91,480	(150,435)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>6,576,115</u>	<u>6,726,550</u>
Net Position - End of year	<u><u>\$ 6,667,595</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,576,115</u></u>

The increase in charges for services is primarily related to an increase in assessments levied in the current year.

The increase in miscellaneous revenues is primarily related to funding received from Cheval West Community Association, Inc. in the current year.

**Cheval West 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, 2025 and 2024.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Land	\$ 837,165	\$ 837,165
Buildings and improvements	1,197,283	1,197,283
Equipment	162,978	162,978
Infrastructure	11,293,271	11,293,271
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(10,052,559)</u>	<u>(9,864,411)</u>
Total Capital Assets (Net)	<u>\$ 3,438,138</u>	<u>\$ 3,626,286</u>

In the current year, depreciation was \$188,148.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Final budgeted expenditures exceeded actual expenditures primarily because of less use of reserves than were anticipated.

The September 30, 2025 budget was amended to closely reflect actual expenditures.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

The District does not expect any economic factors to have a significant effect on the financial position or results of operations of the District in fiscal year 2026.

Request for Information

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Cheval West 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 Cheval West Community Development District, Halifax Solutions at 4532 West Kennedy Boulevard, #328, Tampa, Florida 33609

Cheval West Community Development District
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2025

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 70,594
Investments	3,210,598
Total Current Assets	3,281,192
Non-current Assets	
Capital assets, not being depreciated:	
Land	837,165
Capital assets, being depreciated:	
Buildings and improvements	1,197,283
Equipment	162,978
Infrastructure	11,293,271
Less: accumulated depreciation	(10,052,559)
Total Non-current Assets	3,438,138
Total Assets	6,719,330
 LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	51,135
Deposits	600
Total Liabilities	51,735
 NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	3,438,138
Unrestricted	3,229,457
Total Net Position	\$ 6,667,595

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Cheval West Community Development District
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended September 30, 2025

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues Charges for Services	Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities
Primary government			
Governmental Activities			
General government	\$ (259,818)	\$ 240,253	\$ (19,565)
Physical environment	(1,667,127)	1,376,544	(290,583)
	\$ (1,926,945)	\$ 1,616,797	(310,148)
General Revenues			
			158,903
			242,725
			401,628
			91,480
			Change in Net Position
			Net Position - October 1, 2024
			6,576,115
			Net Position - September 30, 2025
			\$ 6,667,595

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Cheval West Community Development District
BALANCE SHEET -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
September 30, 2025

	<u>General Fund</u>
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 70,594
Investments	3,210,598
Total Assets	\$ 3,281,192
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 51,135
Deposits	600
Total Liabilities	51,735
 Fund Balances	
Assigned:	
First quarter operations	2,843
Roads and sidewalks	1,926,258
Gatehouse	45,682
Ponds	32,993
Playground	12,690
Drainage	50,758
Vehicle	17,765
Wall and fence perimeter	45,682
Gutters	152,274
Other reserves	42,854
Unassigned	899,658
Total Fund Balances	3,229,457
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 3,281,192

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Cheval West Community Development District
RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES
TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
September 30, 2025

Total Governmental Fund Balances \$ 3,229,457

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

Capital assets, land, \$837,165, buildings and improvements, \$1,197,283,
equipment, \$162,978, and infrastructure, \$11,293,271, net of
accumulated depreciation, \$(10,052,559), used in governmental activities
are not current financial resources and therefore, are not reported at
the governmental fund level.

3,438,138

Net Position of Governmental Activities

\$ 6,667,595

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Cheval West Community Development District
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2025

	<u>General Fund</u>
Revenues	
Special assessments	\$ 1,616,797
Investment earnings	158,903
Miscellaneous revenues	<u>242,725</u>
Total Revenues	<u>2,018,425</u>
Expenditures	
Current	
General government	259,818
Physical environment	<u>1,488,644</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>1,748,462</u>
Excess of revenues over/(under) expenditures	<u>269,963</u>
Other financing sources/(uses)	
Insurance proceeds	<u>9,665</u>
Net change in fund balances	279,628
Fund Balances - October 1, 2024	<u>2,949,829</u>
Fund Balances - September 30, 2025	<u><u>\$ 3,229,457</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Cheval West 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, 2025

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds \$ 279,628

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 depreciation in the current period.

(188,148)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities

\$ 91,480

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Cheval West Community Development District
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended September 30, 2025

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
Revenues				
Special assessments	\$ 1,613,366	\$ 1,616,797	\$ 1,616,797	\$ -
Investment earnings	173,281	158,903	158,903	-
Miscellaneous revenues	230,510	242,725	242,725	-
Total Revenues	<u>2,017,157</u>	<u>2,018,425</u>	<u>2,018,425</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	232,082	259,818	259,818	-
Physical environment	1,712,733	1,705,799	1,488,644	217,155
Total Expenditures	<u>1,944,815</u>	<u>1,965,617</u>	<u>1,748,462</u>	<u>217,155</u>
Excess of revenues over/(under) expenditures	<u>72,342</u>	<u>52,808</u>	<u>269,963</u>	<u>217,155</u>
Other financing sources/(uses)				
Transfers in	121,943	121,943	-	(121,943)
Insurance proceeds	-	9,665	9,665	-
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	<u>121,943</u>	<u>131,608</u>	<u>9,665</u>	<u>(121,943)</u>
Net change in fund balances	194,285	184,416	279,628	95,212
Fund Balances - October 1, 2024	<u>2,403,303</u>	<u>191,318</u>	<u>2,949,829</u>	<u>2,758,511</u>
Fund Balances - September 30, 2025	<u>\$ 2,597,588</u>	<u>\$ 375,734</u>	<u>\$ 3,229,457</u>	<u>\$ 2,853,723</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Cheval West Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2025

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of Cheval West Community Development District (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 November 5, 1990, pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended (the "Act"), by Ordinance #90-40, and #91-25 of the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, 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 without the boundaries of the District. The District is governed by a five-member Board of Supervisors who are elected for four year terms.

As required by GAAP, these financial statements present the Cheval West 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, 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

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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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 special assessments, interest and miscellaneous revenues. Program revenues include charges for services, and payments made by parties outside of the reporting government's citizenry if that money is restricted to a particular program. 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.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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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 in accordance with 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.

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.

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.

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 60 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.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

b. Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Governmental Funds (Continued)

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.

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.

b. Non-current Governmental Assets/Liabilities

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

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

4. Assets, Liabilities, 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.

b. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, buildings and improvements, infrastructure, and equipment, are reported in the 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.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Depreciation of capital assets is computed and recorded by utilizing the straight-line method over the assets' estimated useful lives as follows:

Equipment	7-20 years
Infrastructure	20-50 years
Buildings and improvements	10-50 years

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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

4. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

c. Budgets

Budgets are prepared and adopted after a public hearing 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. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities and is reported in three categories. Net investment in capital assets, represents capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and any outstanding debt related to those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are legal limitations imposed on their use by legislation, or external restrictions imposed by other governments, creditors, or grantors. Unrestricted net position is assets that do not meet definitions of the classifications previously described.

e. Use of Estimates

The preparation of the 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 financial statement date and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE B – RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Explanation of Differences Between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Government-wide Statement of Net Position

“Total fund balances” of the District’s governmental funds, \$3,229,457, differs from “net position” of governmental activities, \$6,667,595, reported in the Statement of Net Position. This difference primarily results from the long-term economic focus of the Statement of Net Position versus the current financial resources focus of the governmental fund balance sheet. The effect of the differences is illustrated below.

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NOTE B – RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1. Explanation of Differences Between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Government-wide Statement of Net Position (Continued)

Capital related items

When capital assets (land, buildings and improvements, equipment and infrastructure that are to be used in governmental activities) are purchased or constructed, the cost of those assets is reported as expenditures at the governmental fund level. However, the Statement of Net Position included those capital assets among the assets of the District as a whole.

Land	\$	837,165
Buildings and improvements		1,197,283
Equipment		162,978
Infrastructure		11,293,271
Accumulated depreciation		<u>(10,052,559)</u>
Total		<u>\$ 3,438,138</u>

2. Explanation of Differences Between the Governmental Fund Operating Statements and the Statement of Activities

The “net change in fund balances” for government funds, \$279,628, differs from the “change in net position” for governmental activities, \$91,480, reported in the Statement of Activities. The differences arise primarily from the long-term economic focus of the Statement of Activities versus the current financial resources focus of the governmental fund level. The effect of the differences is illustrated below.

Capital related items

When capital assets that are to be used in governmental activities are purchased or constructed, the resources expended for those assets are reported as expenditures at the governmental fund level. However, in the Statement of Activities, the costs of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation. As a result, fund balances decrease by the amount of financial resources expended, whereas net position decreases by the amount of depreciation charged for the year.

Depreciation	\$	<u>(188,148)</u>
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NOTE C – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

All deposits are held in qualified public depositories and are included on the accompanying balance sheet and Statement of Net Position 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. The investment policy of the District follows the provisions of Chapter 280, Florida Statutes regarding deposits and investments. As of September 30, 2025, the District’s bank balance and carrying value were \$70,594. The District controls its exposure to custodial credit risk because it 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, 2025, the District had the following investments and maturities:

Investment	Maturity	Fair Value
FL CLASS	42 Days*	\$ 3,210,598

*Maturity is a weighted average maturity.

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy recently 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 reliable and is based on quoted price for identical assets, or liabilities, in an active market. Level 2 uses significant other observable inputs when obtaining 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 use 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 above is not subject to the fair value hierarchy.

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NOTE C – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments (Continued)

The District's investment policy allows management to invest funds in investments permitted under Section 218.415, Florida Statutes.

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.

Credit Risk

The District's investments are limited by state statutory requirements. The District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices. As of September 30, 2025, the District's investment in FL CLASS were 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 District's investment in FL CLASS represents 100% of the District's total investments.

The types of deposits and investments and their level of risk exposure as of September 30, 2025 were typical. The District considers any decline in fair value for certain investments to be temporary.

NOTE D – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REVENUES

Special assessment revenues that fund the annual operating budget are levied annually at a public hearing prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. Special assessment revenues that repay the district's bond issue were levied when the bonds were issued and are collected annually over the term of the bonds. Assessments collected utilizing the uniform method of collection per Section 197.3632 Florida Statutes are certified for collection to the County Tax Collector no later than September 15th of each year. The District's Special Assessments are included on the property owners November 1st property tax bill. Per Section 197.162, Florida Statutes discounts are allowed for early payment at the rate of 4% in November, 3% in December, 2% in January, and 1% in February. Taxes paid in March are without a discount.

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NOTE E – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2025 was as follows:

	<u>Balance October 1, 2024</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance September 30, 2025</u>
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 837,165	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 837,165
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	1,197,283	-	-	1,197,283
Equipment	162,978	-	-	162,978
Infrastructure	11,293,271	-	-	11,293,271
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	<u>12,653,532</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,653,532</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	(955,757)	(14,253)	-	(970,010)
Equipment	(99,563)	(13,048)	-	(112,611)
Infrastructure	(8,809,091)	(160,847)	-	(8,969,938)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(9,864,411)</u>	<u>(188,148)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,052,559)</u>
Total Capital Assets, Depreciated, Net	<u>2,789,121</u>	<u>(188,148)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,600,973</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets	<u>\$ 3,626,286</u>	<u>\$ (188,148)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,438,138</u>

Depreciation of \$188,148 was charged to physical environment.

NOTE F – 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. There were no claims or settled claims that have exceeded commercial coverage in the past three years.



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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
Cheval West Community Development District
Hillsborough 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 (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents, of Cheval West Community Development District, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated April 29, 2026.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Cheval West 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 Cheval West Community Development District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Cheval West 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 were not identified.

To the Board of Supervisors
Cheval West Community Development District

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Cheval West 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 financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

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



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April 29, 2026



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MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Board of Supervisors
Cheval West Community Development District
Hillsborough County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of Cheval West Community Development District as of and for the year ended September 30, 2025, and have issued our report thereon dated April 29, 2026.

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 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 April 29, 2026, 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
Cheval West 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 Cheval West Community Development District met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that Cheval West Community Development District did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for Cheval West Community Development District. It is management's responsibility to monitor Cheval West Community Development District's financial condition; and 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, Cheval West Community Development District reported:

- 1) The total number of District employees compensated in the last pay period of the District's fiscal year as: 0
- 2) The total number of independent contractors, to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the District's fiscal year as: 12
- 3) All compensation earned by or awarded to employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency as: \$0
- 4) All compensation earned by or awarded to nonemployee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency: \$315,214.81
- 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, 2024, together with the total expenditures for such project as: Lutz Lake Fern Gate House \$117,621
- 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: The Board amended the budget, see comparison of original budget to actual amounts below.

To the Board of Supervisors
 Cheval West Community Development District

	Original Budget	Actual	Variance with Original Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues			
Special assessments	\$ 1,613,366	\$ 1,616,797	\$ 3,431
Miscellaneous revenues	230,510	242,725	12,215
Investment earnings	173,281	158,903	(14,378)
Total Revenues	2,017,157	2,018,425	1,268
Expenditures			
Current			
General government	232,082	259,818	(27,736)
Physical environment	1,712,733	1,488,644	224,089
Total Expenditures	1,944,815	1,748,462	196,353
Excess of revenues over/(under) expenditures	<u>72,342</u>	<u>269,963</u>	<u>197,621</u>
Other financing sources/(uses)			
Transfers in	121,943	-	(121,943)
Insurance proceeds	-	9,665	9,665
Total other financing sources/(uses)	<u>121,943</u>	<u>9,665</u>	<u>(112,278)</u>
Net changes in fund balance	194,285	279,628	85,343
Fund Balances - October 1, 2024	<u>2,403,303</u>	<u>2,949,829</u>	<u>546,526</u>
Fund Balances - September 30, 2025	<u>\$ 2,597,588</u>	<u>\$ 3,229,457</u>	<u>\$ 631,869</u>

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

- 1) The rate or rates of non-ad valorem special assessments imposed by the District:
 \$1,708 – \$52,098 for the General Fund
- 2) The amount of special assessments collected by or on behalf of the District: \$1,616,797
- 3) The total amount of outstanding bonds issued by the District and the terms of such bonds are as follows: The District did not have any outstanding debt.

To the Board of Supervisors
Cheval West Community Development District

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.

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
Cheval West Community Development District
Hillsborough County, Florida

We have examined Cheval West Community Development District's compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes during the year ended September 30, 2025. Management is responsible for Cheval West Community Development District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Cheval West 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 Cheval West 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 Cheval West Community Development District's compliance with the specified requirements.

In our opinion, Cheval West Community Development District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements during the year ended September 30, 2025.

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April 29, 2026