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Development District**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Supervisors
Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District
Brooksville, Florida

Report on Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Southern Hills Plantation I 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.



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



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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 June 30, 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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June 30, 2026

Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2025

Management's discussion and analysis of Southern Hills Plantation I 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, physical environment and debt service.

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

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

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

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

Financial Highlights

The following are the highlights of financial activity for the year ended September 30, 2025.

- ◆ The District's total assets exceeded total liabilities by \$3,295,233 (net position). Net investment in capital assets for the District was \$3,878,973. Unrestricted net position for Governmental Activities was \$(1,782,512). Restricted net position was \$1,198,772.
- ◆ Governmental activities revenues totaled \$1,523,960 while governmental activities expenses totaled \$1,891,528.

Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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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	\$ 1,880,815	\$ 1,804,518
Restricted assets	912,547	856,510
Capital assets	8,446,894	9,233,941
Total Assets	<u>11,240,256</u>	<u>11,894,969</u>
Current liabilities	1,505,023	1,262,168
Non-current liabilities	6,440,000	6,970,000
Total Liabilities	<u>7,945,023</u>	<u>8,232,168</u>
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	3,878,973	4,571,500
Restricted	1,198,772	623,568
Unrestricted	<u>(1,782,512)</u>	<u>(1,532,267)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 3,295,233</u>	<u>\$ 3,662,801</u>

The increase in current assets is primarily related to the increase in due from developer in the current year.

The increase in restricted assets is primarily related to revenues exceeding expenditures paid in the Debt Service Fund in the current year.

The decrease in capital assets is primarily due to depreciation in the current year.

The increase in current liabilities and decrease in non-current liabilities is primarily related to the increase in matured bonds payable in the current year.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2025**

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	
	2025	2024
Program Revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 1,423,244	\$ 1,027,835
General Revenues		
Intergovernmental revenues	56,428	102,164
Investment income	44,288	62,512
Miscellaneous	-	901
Total Revenues	<u>1,523,960</u>	<u>1,193,412</u>
Expenses		
General government	171,611	143,277
Physical environment	1,262,515	1,198,486
Interest and other charges	457,402	480,191
Total Expenses	<u>1,891,528</u>	<u>1,821,954</u>
Change in Net Position	(367,568)	(628,542)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>3,662,801</u>	<u>4,291,343</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u>\$ 3,295,233</u>	<u>\$ 3,662,801</u>

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

The decrease in intergovernmental revenues is due to the decrease in cost-sharing income in the current year.

The increase in general government is related to the increase in legal fees and engineering services in the current year.

The increase in physical environment is related to the increase in conservation area maintenance in the current year.

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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.

Description	Governmental Activities	
	2025	2024
Land and improvements	\$ 1,090,599	\$ 1,090,599
Infrastructure	13,416,171	13,416,171
Improvements other than buildings	19,988	19,988
Equipment	404,688	375,984
Less: accumulated depreciation	(6,484,552)	(5,668,801)
Governmental Activities Capital Assets	<u>\$ 8,446,894</u>	<u>\$ 9,233,941</u>

During the year, the District added equipment of \$28,704, and depreciation was \$815,751.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Final budgeted expenditures exceeded actual expenditures because contingency expenditures were less than anticipated.

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

Debt Management

Governmental Activities debt includes the following:

- ◆ In March 2011, the District issued \$7,010,000 Series 2011 A-1 and \$5,095,000 Series 2011 A-2 Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds. These bonds were issued to finance and refinance the acquisition and construction of certain infrastructure improvements within the District. In a previous year, the District did not make certain principal payments which are reflected as matured bonds payable totaling \$750,000, in the financial statements. The unmatured balance outstanding at September 30, 2025 was \$6,970,000.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2025**

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Economic Factors and Next Year's 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.

Request for Information

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Southern Hills Plantation I 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 Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District's Finance Department at 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431.

Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2025

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 358,359
Investments	107
Due from other governments	13,363
Due from developer	1,487,863
Prepaid expenses	18,334
Deposits	2,789
Total Current Assets	<u>1,880,815</u>
Non-current Assets	
Restricted Assets	
Investments	912,547
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	
Land and improvements	1,090,599
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	
Infrastructure	13,416,171
Improvements other than buildings	19,988
Equipment	404,688
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(6,484,552)</u>
Total Non-current Assets	<u>9,359,441</u>
Total Assets	<u>11,240,256</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	38,420
Due to developer	37
Matured bonds payable	750,000
Bonds payable	530,000
Accrued interest	186,566
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,505,023</u>
Non-current Liabilities	
Bonds payable	<u>6,440,000</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>7,945,023</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	3,878,973
Restricted for debt service	1,198,772
Unrestricted	<u>(1,782,512)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 3,295,233</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended September 30, 2025

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues Charges for Services	Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities			
General government	\$ (171,611)	\$ 65,575	\$ (106,036)
Physical environment	(1,262,515)	196,537	(1,065,978)
Interest and other charges	(457,402)	1,161,132	703,730
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ (1,891,528)</u>	<u>\$ 1,423,244</u>	<u>(468,284)</u>
General Revenues			
Intergovernmental revenues			56,428
Investment income			44,288
Total General Revenues			<u>100,716</u>
			Change in Net Position (367,568)
			Net Position - October 1, 2024 3,662,801
			Net Position - September 30, 2025 <u>\$ 3,295,233</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District
BALANCE SHEET –
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
September 30, 2025

	General	Debt Service	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 358,359	\$ -	\$ 358,359
Investments	107	-	107
Due from other funds	22,578	-	22,578
Due from other governments	3,388	9,975	13,363
Due from developer	-	1,487,863	1,487,863
Prepaid expenses	18,334	-	18,334
Deposits	2,789	-	2,789
Restricted assets			
Investments	-	912,547	912,547
Total Assets	<u>\$ 405,555</u>	<u>\$ 2,410,385</u>	<u>\$ 2,815,940</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 38,420	\$ -	\$ 38,420
Due to developer	37	-	37
Due to other funds	-	22,578	22,578
Matured bonds payable	-	750,000	750,000
Total Liabilities	<u>38,457</u>	<u>772,578</u>	<u>811,035</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Unavailable revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>1,487,863</u>	<u>1,487,863</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable			
Prepaid expenses	18,334	-	18,334
Deposits	2,789	-	2,789
Restricted			
Debt service	-	149,944	149,944
Unassigned	345,975	-	345,975
Total Fund Balances	<u>367,098</u>	<u>149,944</u>	<u>517,042</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 405,555</u>	<u>\$ 2,410,385</u>	<u>\$ 2,815,940</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District
RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES
TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
September 30, 2025

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$ 517,042
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets, land and improvements, \$1,090,599, infrastructure, \$13,416,171, improvements other than buildings, \$19,988, and equipment, \$404,688, net of accumulated depreciation, \$(6,484,552), used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore, are not reported at the fund level.	8,446,894
Long-term liabilities, bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not reported at the governmental fund level.	(6,970,000)
Revenues that are unavailable at year end are recognized as a deferred inflow of resources at the fund level. Revenues are recognized when earned at the government-wide level.	1,487,863
Accrued interest expense for long-term debt is not a current financial use and therefore, is not reported at the governmental fund level.	<u>(186,566)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 3,295,233</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2025

	General	Debt Service	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues			
Special assessments	\$ 262,112	\$ 789,166	\$ 1,051,278
Intergovernmental revenues	62,648	-	62,648
Investment income	11,267	33,021	44,288
	<u>336,027</u>	<u>822,187</u>	<u>1,158,214</u>
Total Revenues			
Expenditures			
Current			
General government	149,064	22,547	171,611
Physical environment	446,764	-	446,764
Capital outlay	28,704	-	28,704
Debt service			
Principal	-	495,000	495,000
Interest	-	464,290	464,290
	<u>624,532</u>	<u>981,837</u>	<u>1,606,369</u>
Total Expenditures			
Net change in fund balances	(288,505)	(159,650)	(448,155)
Fund Balances - October 1, 2024	<u>655,603</u>	<u>309,594</u>	<u>965,197</u>
Fund Balances - September 30, 2025	<u><u>\$ 367,098</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 149,944</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 517,042</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Southern Hills Plantation I 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	\$ (448,155)
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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 that depreciation, \$(815,751), exceeded capital outlay, \$28,704, in the current period.	(787,047)
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Repayments of bond principal are expenditures at the governmental fund level, but the repayments reduce long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.	495,000
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Revenues that are unavailable at year end are recognized as a deferred inflow of resources at the fund level. Revenues are recognized when earned at the government-wide level. This is the current year change in unavailable revenues.	365,746
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In the Statement of Activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds; whereas at the governmental fund level, interest expenditures are reported when due. This is the change in accrued interest in the current period.	6,888
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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ (367,568)
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended September 30, 2025

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Special assessments	\$ 260,465	\$ 262,112	\$ 262,112	\$ -
Intergovernmental revenues	52,811	62,648	62,648	-
Investment income	20,000	11,267	11,267	-
Total Revenues	<u>333,276</u>	<u>336,027</u>	<u>336,027</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	110,263	148,501	149,064	(563)
Physical environment	269,921	495,743	446,764	48,979
Capital outlay	-	28,704	28,704	-
Total Expenditures	<u>380,184</u>	<u>672,948</u>	<u>624,532</u>	<u>48,416</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(46,908)	(336,921)	(288,505)	48,416
Fund Balances - October 1, 2024	<u>716,762</u>	<u>655,777</u>	<u>655,603</u>	<u>(174)</u>
Fund Balances - September 30, 2025	<u>\$ 669,854</u>	<u>\$ 318,856</u>	<u>\$ 367,098</u>	<u>\$ 48,242</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2025

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

1. Reporting Entity

The District was established on August 2, 2004, pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended (the "Act"), by Ordinance #676 of the City of Brooksville, Florida, as a Community Development District. The District was established for the purposes of financing and managing the acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of the infrastructure necessary for community development within its jurisdiction. The District is authorized to issue bonds for the purpose, among others, of financing, funding, planning, establishing, acquiring, constructing district roads, landscaping, and other basic infrastructure projects within or outside the boundaries of the Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District. The District is governed by a Board of Supervisors ("Board") who are elected to four-year terms. The District operates within the criteria established by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes.

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

Based upon the application of the above-mentioned criteria as set forth in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 61, The Financial Reporting Entity, the District has identified no component units.

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

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

Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2025

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 primarily supported by special assessments. 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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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.

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

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

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

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

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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)

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

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

Under the current financial resources measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The reported fund balance is considered to be a measure of “available spendable resources”. Governmental fund operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of “available spendable resources” during a period.

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

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

Debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

3. Basis of Presentation

a. Governmental Major Funds

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

Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2025

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3. Basis of Presentation (Continued)

a. Governmental Major Funds (Continued)

Debt Service Fund – The Debt Service Fund accounts for debt service requirements to retire the capital improvement bonds which were used to finance the construction of District infrastructure improvements. The bonds are secured by a first lien on and pledge of the Pledged Revenues.

b. Non-current Governmental Assets/Liabilities

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

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

a. Cash and Investments

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

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

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

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

Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District
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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

b. Restricted Net Position

Certain net position of the District is classified as restricted net position on the statement of net position because their use is limited either by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation; or by restrictions imposed externally by creditors. In a fund with both restricted and unrestricted assets, qualified expenses are considered to be paid first from restricted net position and then from unrestricted net position.

c. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land and improvements, infrastructure, improvements other than buildings 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. Estimated useful life of the infrastructure class of depreciable capital assets is 17 years; the estimated useful life of the improvements other than buildings class of depreciable capital assets is 25 years; and the estimated useful life of the equipment class of depreciable capital assets is 15 years.

d. Deferred Inflows of Resources

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

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September 30, 2025

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

e. 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. Formal budgets are adopted for the general and debt service funds. As a result, deficits in the budget columns of the accompanying financial statements may occur.

f. 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 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

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

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a formal deposit policy for custodial credit risk; however, they follow the provisions of Chapter 280, Florida Statutes regarding deposits and investments. As of September 30, 2025, the District's bank balance was \$381,961 and the carrying value was \$358,359. Exposure to custodial credit risk was as follows. The District maintains all deposits in a qualified public depository in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 280, Florida Statutes, which means that all deposits are fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or collateralized under Chapter 280, Florida Statutes.

Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE B – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments

As of September 30, 2025, the District had the following investments and maturities:

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
First American Treasury Obligations Fund	48 days*	\$ 912,547
Florida PRIME	47 days*	107
Total		<u>\$ 912,654</u>

* 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 prices 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 in First American Treasury Obligations Fund is a Level 1 asset.

The District's investment policy allows management to invest funds in investments permitted under Section 218.415, Florida Statutes. The investment in Florida PRIME is measured at amortized cost. Florida PRIME has established policies and guidelines regarding participant transactions and the authority to limit or restrict withdrawals or impose a penalty for an early withdrawal. As of September 30, 2025, there were no redemption fees, maximum transaction amounts, or any other requirements that would limit daily access to 100 percent of the account value.

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.

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NOTE B – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Credit Risk

The District's investments are limited by state statutory requirements and bond compliance. The District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices. As of September 30, 2025, the District's investments in First American Treasury Obligations Fund and Florida PRIME 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 investments in Florida PRIME are less than 1% of the District's total investments. The investments in First American Treasury Obligations Fund are nearly 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 of these items during the fiscal year then ended. The District considers any decline in fair value for certain investments to be temporary.

NOTE C – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The District entered into an Inter-local Agreement, dated December 28, 2004 with Southern Hills Plantation II Community Development District ("SH2") and Southern Hills Plantation III Community Development District ("SH3"). Under the agreement, the District was designated to supervise and manage the construction and maintenance of improvements in all three districts, and SH2 and SH3 would share those costs. Both SH2 and SH3 failed to fulfill the payment obligations under the Interlocal Agreement. In the prior fiscal year, SH1 and SH3 entered into a repayment agreement and SH3 has made up its outstanding amounts due under the Interlocal Agreement.

In May 2023, the District entered into an Inter-local Agreement with SH2 and SH3 establishing cost sharing provisions moving forward and a settlement amount for SH2 for amounts past due for fiscal years prior to fiscal year 2023. Under the terms of the agreement, SH2 paid SH1 an initial sum of \$40,000 on January 31, 2024, and a fixed annual amount of \$20,000 through fiscal year 2026 due annually by April 1. Commencing in fiscal year 2026, SH2 will pay 25% of the annual cost of maintenance of the improvements, and commencing in fiscal year 2023, SH3 will pay 23.8% of the annual cost.

The District recognized \$56,428 in revenue from SH2 and SH3 during the current fiscal year.

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NOTE D – CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	Balance October 1, 2024	Additions	Disposals	Balance September 30, 2025
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land and land improvements	\$ 1,090,599	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,090,599
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Infrastructure	13,416,171	-	-	13,416,171
Improvements	19,988	-	-	19,988
Equipment	375,984	28,704	-	404,688
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	13,812,143	28,704	-	13,840,847
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Infrastructure	(5,523,616)	(789,088)	-	(6,312,704)
Improvements	(13,596)	(800)	-	(14,396)
Equipment	(131,589)	(25,863)	-	(157,452)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(5,668,801)	(815,751)	-	(6,484,552)
Total Capital Assets Depreciated, Net	8,143,342	(787,047)	-	7,356,295
Governmental Activities Capital Assets	<u>\$ 9,233,941</u>	<u>\$ (787,047)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 8,446,894</u>

Current year depreciation of \$815,751 was charged to physical environment.

NOTE E – INTERFUND BALANCES

Interfund balances as of September 30, 2025, consisted of the following:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>
General Fund	Debt Service Fund
	\$ 22,578

Interfund balances are primarily due to expenditures paid by one fund on behalf of another fund that have not been repaid as of year end.

Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District
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September 30, 2025

NOTE F – LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of activity in the long-term debt account group of the District for the year ended September 30, 2025:

Long-term debt at October 1, 2024	\$ 7,465,000
Principal payments	<u>(495,000)</u>
Long-term debt at September 30, 2025	<u>\$ 6,970,000</u>

Long-term debt is comprised of the following:

Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds

\$7,010,000 Series 2011A-1 Bonds, interest at 5.8%, maturing May 1, 2035, payable on May 1 and November 1; collateralized by the pledged revenues of special assessments levied against the benefited property owners. Current portion is \$305,000. \$ 4,010,000

\$5,095,000 Series 2011A-2 Bonds, interest at 5.8%, maturing May 1, 2035, payable on May 1 and November 1, collateralized by the pledged revenues of special assessments levied against benefitted property owners. Current portion is \$225,000. 2,960,000

Bonds Payable \$ 6,970,000

The annual requirements to amortize the principal and interest of bonded debt outstanding as of September 30, 2025 are as follows:

Year Ending September 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 530,000	\$ 404,260	\$ 934,260
2027	565,000	373,520	938,520
2028	590,000	340,750	930,750
2029	630,000	306,530	936,530
2030	670,000	269,990	939,990
2031-2035	<u>3,985,000</u>	<u>720,940</u>	<u>4,705,940</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 6,970,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,415,990</u>	<u>\$ 9,385,990</u>

Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District
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September 30, 2025

NOTE F – LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Significant Bond Provisions

The Series 2011A-1 and A-2 Bonds are subject to redemption at the option of the District prior to their maturity, in whole or in part, at any time after May 1, 2012, at a redemption price set in the Bond indenture. The 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 certain amounts be maintained in a reserve account. The District agrees to levy special assessments in annual amounts adequate to provide payment of debt service and to meet the reserve requirements.

Depository Funds

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

Reserve Fund – The Series 2011 Reserve Account is funded from the proceeds of the Bonds. Monies held in the reserve accounts will be used only for the purposes established in the Trust Indenture.

	Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds	
	Reserve Balance	Reserve Requirement
Series 2011 A-1	\$ 189,488	\$ 530,735
Series 2011 A-2	\$ 62,981	\$ 77,734

In previous years, the District did not make certain required principal payments for the Series 2011A-2 Bonds totaling \$540,000. In the current year, the District again, did not make the scheduled payment. As of September 30, 2025, the matured principal is \$750,000. These amounts are reflected as matured bonds payable in the accompanying financial statements.

NOTE G – 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 for which the government carries commercial insurance. The District has not filed any claims under this commercial coverage during the last three years.

Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District
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September 30, 2025

NOTE H – DUE FROM DEVELOPER

The financial statements include off-roll assessments receivable due from a developer related to unplatted lands and future Club Villa development in the amount of \$1,487,863, as of September 30, 2025.

NOTE I – ESCHEATED PROPERTY AND BOND WRITE DOWN

Forty-eight (48) lots within the District escheated to Hernando County on the dates and in the amounts set forth below. This occurred after tax certificates did not sell for the statutory time period and following the expiration of the applicable statutory holding period, properties were offered for sale at public tax deed auction by the Clerk of Court. No bids were received for the subject properties at auction. As a result, the properties were struck off to Hernando County and classified as lands held by the county pursuant to Florida law. The District notified the Trustee acting on behalf of the bondholders regarding the tax certificate process and no direction for intervention was received prior to escheatment.

At this time, the District has not reassessed the property and transmitted a revised amortization schedule to the Trustee that provides for the cancellation of the debt attributable to the escheated property; as of the date of this report, the bond Trustee has not accepted nor rejected the schedule. Further, no direction, including for reassessment amortization or otherwise, has occurred and the bonds are not currently in default based on the opinion of the board. The dates the 48 parcels escheated to the County are as follows:

Date of Escheatment	Principal Write-Off
5/1/2018	\$ 130,000
11/1/2018	25,000
11/1/2020	190,000
5/1/2021	40,000
11/1/2021	60,000
Total	<u><u>\$ 445,000</u></u>



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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
Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District
Brooksville, 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 Southern Hills Plantation I 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 June 30, 2026.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Southern Hills Plantation I 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 Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Southern Hills Plantation I 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
Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Southern Hills Plantation I 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*.

Please note certain findings in the management letter on pages 32-35.

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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June 30, 2026



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MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Board of Supervisors
Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District
Brooksville, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District as of and for the year ended September 30, 2025, and have issued our report thereon dated June 30, 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 June 30, 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. The following findings or recommendations were made in the preceding financial audit report:



To the Board of Supervisors
Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District

Finding 2018-01

Finding: The reserve fund was utilized to make part of the May 2018 payment due on the Series 2011 A-1 bonds. The balance had not been restored to the reserve fund by year end. We recommend that the District, in conjunction with the Trustee and the Bondholders, take steps to restore the reserve fund balance to the required amount.

Response: The above parties are investigating possible steps to restore the reserve balance to the required amount and/or reduce the required reserve balance.

Status: The reserve balance has not been restored to the required balance for the Series 2011A-1 Bonds and during the current year, additional reserve funds were utilized to make the required principal and interest payments. In addition, the reserve fund was utilized to make the interest payment on the 2011 A-2 bonds. The balance had not been restored by year end.

Finding 21-01

Finding: The Developer did not pay certain debt service assessments and therefore, certain principal payments were not made.

Response: Certain principal payments on the Series 2011A-2 Bonds remain unpaid. The District is currently exploring all available remedies to receive the debt service assessment.

Status: The District did not make the required principal payment on the Series 2011A-2 Bonds during the current year. Additionally, certain other principal payments still remain unpaid.

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 Southern Hills Plantation I 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 Southern Hills Plantation I 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 Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District. It is management's responsibility to monitor Southern Hills Plantation I 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.

To the Board of Supervisors
Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District

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, Southern Hills Plantation I 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: 8
- 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: \$174,774.68
- 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: None
- 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: See original budget vs actual below:

	Original Budget	Actual	Variance with Original Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues			
Special assessments	\$ 260,465	\$ 262,112	\$ 1,647
Intergovernmental revenues	52,811	62,648	9,837
Investment income	20,000	11,267	(8,733)
Total Revenues	<u>333,276</u>	<u>336,027</u>	<u>2,751</u>
Expenditures			
Current			
General government	110,263	149,064	(38,801)
Physical environment	269,921	446,764	(176,843)
Capital outlay	-	28,704	(28,704)
Total Expenditures	<u>380,184</u>	<u>624,532</u>	<u>(244,348)</u>
Net Change in Fund balances	(46,908)	(288,505)	(241,597)
Fund Balances - October 1, 2024	<u>716,762</u>	<u>655,603</u>	<u>(61,159)</u>
Fund Balances - September 30, 2025	<u>\$ 669,854</u>	<u>\$ 367,098</u>	<u>\$ (302,756)</u>



To the Board of Supervisors
Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District

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

- 1) The rate or rates of non-ad valorem special assessments imposed by the District:
\$143.67 – \$416.42 for the General Fund and \$782.69 – \$1,711.11 for the Debt Service Fund.
- 2) The amount of special assessments collected by or on behalf of the District: See page 14 of the report.
- 3) The total amount of outstanding bonds issued by the District and the terms of such bonds are as follows: See Note F.

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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June 30, 2026



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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT/COMPLIANCE WITH
SECTION 218.415, FLORIDA STATUTES**

To the Board of Supervisors
Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District
Brooksville, Florida

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

In our opinion, Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements during the year ended September 30, 2025.

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