

**SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
SEBRING, FLORIDA  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

**SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
SEBRING, FLORIDA**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Supervisors  
Spring Lake Improvement District  
Sebring, Florida

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### *Opinions*

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of Spring Lake Improvement District, Sebring, Florida ("District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the District as of September 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### *Basis for Opinions*

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

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

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

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

#### *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements*

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

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

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

#### ***Other Information Included in the Financial Report***

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

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 11, 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, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Grau & Associates*

February 11, 2026

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Our discussion and analysis of Spring Lake Improvement District, Sebring, Florida ("District") provides a narrative overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025. Please read it in conjunction with the District's Independent Auditor's Report, basic financial statements, accompanying notes and supplementary information to the basic financial statements.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The assets of the District exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year resulting in a net position balance of \$11,550,154.
- The change in the District's total net position in comparison with the prior fiscal year was \$383,850, an increase. The key components of the District's net position and change in net position are reflected in the table in the government-wide financial analysis section.
- Business-type activities generated \$2,205,576 in revenues with \$1,698,797 in expenses.
- At September 30, 2025, the District's governmental fund reported ending fund balance of \$2,042,579, a decrease of (\$161,109) in comparison with the prior fiscal year. A portion of the fund balance is non-spendable for prepaid items, restricted for debt service, assigned to subsequent year's expenditures, and the remainder is unassigned fund balance which is available for spending at the District's discretion.

### OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as the introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

#### Government-Wide Financial Statements

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

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

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

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the District that are principally supported by assessments (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the District include general government, drainage, street lighting, mosquito control, and parks and recreation. The business-type activities of the District include water, lot mowing, and wastewater.

#### Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the District can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and proprietary funds.

## OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### Governmental Funds

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

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

The District maintains one governmental fund for external reporting, the general fund, which is considered a major fund.

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

### Proprietary Fund

The District maintains one type of proprietary funds, enterprise funds. Enterprise funds are used to report the same function presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The District maintains three enterprise funds to account for the water, lot mowing, and wastewater operations of the District.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail.

### Notes to the Financial Statements

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

## GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

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

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

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

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Continued)

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

	NET POSITION SEPTEMBER 30,					
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Assets, excluding capital assets	\$ 2,078,423	\$ 2,237,050	\$ 2,510,062	\$ 2,660,627	\$ 4,588,485	\$ 4,897,677
Capital assets, net of depreciation	5,167,298	5,203,496	11,831,101	10,846,261	16,998,399	16,049,757
Total assets	7,245,721	7,440,546	14,341,163	13,506,888	21,586,884	20,947,434
Liabilities, excluding long-term liabilities	35,844	33,362	692,831	632,972	728,675	666,334
Long-term liabilities	1,769,491	1,850,059	7,538,564	7,264,737	9,308,055	9,114,796
Total liabilities	1,805,335	1,883,421	8,231,395	7,897,709	10,036,730	9,781,130
Net position						
Net investment in capital assets	3,442,469	3,396,512	4,346,931	3,635,608	7,789,400	7,032,120
Restricted for:						
Debt service	78,791	75,332	479,728	484,294	558,519	559,626
Unrestricted	1,919,126	2,085,281	1,283,109	1,489,277	3,202,235	3,574,558
Total net position	\$ 5,440,386	\$ 5,557,125	\$ 6,109,768	\$ 5,609,179	\$ 11,550,154	\$ 11,166,304

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

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

	CHANGES IN NET POSITION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,					
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Revenues:						
Program revenues						
Charges for services	\$ 1,447,922	\$ 1,221,015	\$ 2,084,251	\$ 1,871,687	\$ 3,532,173	\$ 3,092,702
Operating grants and contributions	50,000	-	-	-	50,000	-
General revenues						
Investment earnings	52,765	93,603	121,325	137,752	174,090	231,355
Miscellaneous	7,500	5,790	-	-	7,500	5,790
Gain on sale of capital assets	-	131,003	-	(14,275)	-	116,728
Total revenues	1,558,187	1,451,411	2,205,576	1,995,164	3,763,763	3,446,575
Expenses:						
General government	389,803	391,040	-	-	389,803	391,040
Physical environment	725,534	764,088	-	-	725,534	764,088
Transportation	132,214	123,490	-	-	132,214	123,490
Parks and recreation	411,988	328,440	-	-	411,988	328,440
Interest on long-term debt	21,577	16,709	-	-	21,577	16,709
Water utility	-	-	950,191	836,725	950,191	836,725
Lot mow ing	-	-	251,027	334,222	251,027	334,222
Wastew ater	-	-	497,579	466,545	497,579	466,545
Total expenses	1,681,116	1,623,767	1,698,797	1,637,492	3,379,913	3,261,259
Transfers	6,190	6,190	(6,190)	(6,190)	-	-
Change in net position	(116,739)	(166,166)	500,589	351,482	383,850	185,316
Net position - beginning	5,557,125	5,723,291	5,609,179	5,257,697	11,166,304	10,980,988
Net position - ending	\$ 5,440,386	\$ 5,557,125	\$ 6,109,768	\$ 5,609,179	\$ 11,550,154	\$ 11,166,304

## GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Continued)

### **Governmental activities**

As noted above and in the statement of activities, the cost of all governmental activities during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025 was \$1,681,116. The costs of the District's activities were primarily funded by program revenues. Program revenues, comprised primarily of assessments, increased during the fiscal year primarily due to increases in assessment rates and donations for park operations and maintenance. General revenues decreased due primarily to nonrecurring gains from the disposal of capital assets in the prior fiscal year and to decreases in investment earnings. Expenses increased primarily due to increases in legal fees and personnel expenses.

### **Business-type activities**

Business-type activities reflect the water, lot mowing, and wastewater operations within the District. The cost of operations is covered primarily by charges to customers. Program revenues increased due to an increase in charges for services. Expenses increased primarily due to increases in operating and repair and maintenance costs.

## GENERAL BUDGETING HIGHLIGHTS

An operating budget was adopted and maintained by the governing board for the District pursuant to the requirements of Florida Statutes. The budget is adopted using the same basis of accounting that is used in preparation of the fund financial statements. The legal level of budgetary control, the level at which expenditures may not exceed budget, is in the aggregate. Any budget amendments that increase the aggregate budgeted appropriations must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. The general fund budget for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025 was amended to increase appropriations and use of fund balance by \$460,065. Actual general fund expenditures for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025 did not exceed appropriations.

## CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

### Capital Assets

At September 30, 2025, the District had \$10,535,729 invested in capital assets for its governmental activities. In the government-wide financial statements depreciation of \$5,368,431 has been taken, which resulted in a net book value of \$5,167,298. The District's business-type activities reported net capital assets of \$11,831,101. More detailed information about the District's capital assets is presented in the notes of the financial statements.

### Capital Debt

At September 30, 2025, the District had \$1,713,747 in loans outstanding for its governmental activities. The District also reported an outstanding lease payable of \$11,082 for its governmental activities. For business-type activities, the District had loans outstanding of \$7,484,170. During the current fiscal year, the District made draws on State Revolving Fund loan 280531 for \$440,425. More detailed information about the District's capital debt is presented in the notes of the financial statements.

## ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND OTHER EVENTS

The District will be applying for State revolving Fund (SRF) loan funding for the new ECO water wastewater system. The Water Plant #2 well will be installed, a major levee repair will be completed, and Duane Palmer Force Mains from the Villas to the lift station will be installed.

Additionally, the Parks Master Plan will continue, with the completion of the Bark Park expansion and the renovation of Arbuckle Creek Park. A Recreational Trails Program grant has been applied for, as well as a FRDAP grant for Russ Ankrom Park, and design concepts will be developed for a new community center.

## CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, land owners, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the financial resources it manages and the stewardship of the facilities it maintains. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Spring Lake Improvement District's Finance Department at 115 Spring Lake Boulevard, Sebring, Florida, 33876.

**SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
SEBRING, FLORIDA  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 149,127	\$ 258,846	\$ 407,973
Investments	775,063	2,580,077	3,355,140
Accounts receivable (net)	658	144,803	145,461
Assessments receivable	8,251	-	8,251
Internal balances	1,061,774	(1,061,774)	-
Restricted assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	-	77,546	77,546
Investments	78,791	506,531	585,322
Prepays	4,759	4,033	8,792
Capital assets:			
Nondepreciable	814,866	6,834,778	7,649,644
Depreciable, net	4,352,432	4,996,323	9,348,755
Total assets	<u>7,245,721</u>	<u>14,341,163</u>	<u>21,586,884</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	35,844	51,564	87,408
Payable from restricted assets:			
Customer deposits	-	77,546	77,546
Accrued interest payable	-	26,803	26,803
Unearned revenue	-	536,918	536,918
Non-current liabilities:			
Due within one year	129,229	222,179	351,408
Due in more than one year	1,640,262	7,316,385	8,956,647
Total liabilities	<u>1,805,335</u>	<u>8,231,395</u>	<u>10,036,730</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	3,442,469	4,346,931	7,789,400
Restricted for:			
Debt service	78,791	479,728	558,519
Unrestricted	1,919,126	1,283,109	3,202,235
Total net position	<u>\$ 5,440,386</u>	<u>\$ 6,109,768</u>	<u>\$ 11,550,154</u>

See notes to the financial statements

**SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
SEBRING, FLORIDA  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	
Primary government:							
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$ 389,803	\$ 355,935	-	\$ (33,868)	-	\$ (33,868)	
Physical environment	725,534	427,284	50,000	(248,250)	-	(248,250)	
Transportation	132,214	147,373	-	15,159	-	15,159	
Parks and recreation	411,988	517,330	-	105,342	-	105,342	
Interest on long-term debt	21,577	-	-	(21,577)	-	(21,577)	
Total governmental activities	1,681,116	1,447,922	50,000	(183,194)	-	(183,194)	
Business-type activities:							
Water utility	950,191	1,286,108	-	-	335,917	335,917	
Lot mowing	251,027	250,487	-	-	(540)	(540)	
Wastewater	497,579	547,656	-	-	50,077	50,077	
Total business-type activities	1,698,797	2,084,251	-	-	385,454	385,454	
General revenues:							
Unrestricted investment earnings				52,765	121,325	174,090	
Miscellaneous income				7,500	-	7,500	
Total general revenues				60,265	121,325	181,590	
Transfers				6,190	(6,190)	-	
Change in net position				(116,739)	500,589	383,850	
Net position - beginning				5,557,125	5,609,179	11,166,304	
Net position - ending				\$ 5,440,386	\$ 6,109,768	\$ 11,550,154	

See notes to the financial statements

**SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
SEBRING, FLORIDA  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

		Major Fund General Fund
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	149,127
Investments		775,063
Accounts receivable (net)		658
Assessments receivable		8,251
Prepays		4,759
Restricted investments		78,791
Advance to other funds		1,061,774
Total assets	\$	2,078,423
 <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$	35,844
Total liabilities		35,844
 Fund balances:		
Nonspendable:		
Prepaid items		4,759
Restricted for:		
Debt service		78,791
Assigned to:		
Subsequent year's expenditures		182,000
Unassigned		1,777,029
Total fund balance		2,042,579
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	2,078,423

See notes to the financial statements

**SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
SEBRING, FLORIDA  
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

Total fund balances - governmental funds \$ 2,042,579

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

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

Cost of capital assets	10,535,729	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(5,368,431)</u>	5,167,298

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

Loan payable	(1,713,747)	
Lease payable	(11,082)	
Compensated absences	<u>(44,662)</u>	<u>(1,769,491)</u>
Net position of governmental activities		<u><u>\$ 5,440,386</u></u>

See notes to the financial statements

**SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
SEBRING, FLORIDA  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

	Major Fund
	General Fund
<b>REVENUES</b>	
Assessments	\$ 1,415,745
Intergovernmental revenues	50,000
Charges for services	32,177
Interest income	52,765
Miscellaneous income	7,500
Total revenues	1,558,187
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Current:	
General government	386,097
Physical environment:	
Drainage	364,337
Mosquito control	27,351
Transportation:	
Street lighting	132,214
Parks and recreation	331,013
Debt Service:	
Principal	90,546
Interest	22,869
Capital outlay	382,170
Total expenditures	1,736,597
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(178,410)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND (USES)</b>	
Interfund transfers in	6,190
Lease proceeds	11,111
Total other financing sources and (uses)	17,301
Net change in fund balance	(161,109)
Fund balance - beginning	2,203,688
Fund balance - ending	\$ 2,042,579

See notes to the financial statements

**SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
SEBRING, FLORIDA  
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ (161,109)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Depreciation of capital assets is not recognized in the governmental fund financial statements, but is reported as an expense in the statement of activities.	(418,368)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures, however, the cost of capital assets is eliminated in the statement of activities and capitalized in the statement of net position.	382,170
Governmental funds debt proceeds as financial resources when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are eliminated in the statement of activities and recognized as long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.	(11,111)
Repayment of long-term liabilities are reported as expenditures in the governmental fund financial statements, but such repayments reduce liabilities in the statement of net position and are eliminated in the statement of activities.	91,838
Expenses reported in the statement of activities that do not require the use of current financial resources are not reported as expenditures in the funds. The details of the differences are as follows:	
Change in compensated absences	(159)
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ (116,739)</u>

See notes to the financial statements

**SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
SEBRING, FLORIDA  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUND  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

	Major Enterprise Funds			Total
	Water	Lot Mowing	Wastewater	
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 72,867	\$ 102,662	\$ 83,317	\$ 258,846
Investments	2,123,677	218,513	237,887	2,580,077
Receivables, net	100,406	-	44,397	144,803
Prepays	3,511	310	212	4,033
Restricted assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	77,546	-	-	77,546
Investments	362,727	-	143,804	506,531
Noncurrent Assets:				
Advances to other funds	530,113	-	-	530,113
Capital assets:				
Capital assets not being depreciated	4,795,043	-	2,039,735	6,834,778
Capital assets being depreciated	4,772,811	391,656	4,708,490	9,872,957
Less accumulated depreciation	(3,658,170)	(317,933)	(900,531)	(4,876,634)
Total capital assets, net	5,909,684	73,723	5,847,694	11,831,101
Total assets	9,180,531	395,208	6,357,311	15,933,050
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	5,043	1,818	44,703	51,564
Unearned revenues	175,673	-	361,245	536,918
Payable from restricted assets:				
Customer deposits	77,546	-	-	77,546
Accrued interest payable	26,803	-	-	26,803
Loan payable	47,315	-	120,470	167,785
Compensated absences	32,946	9,452	11,996	54,394
Noncurrent liabilities:				
Loan payable	4,551,803	-	2,764,582	7,316,385
Advances from other funds	-	-	1,591,887	1,591,887
Total liabilities	4,917,129	11,270	4,894,883	9,823,282
<b>NET POSITION</b>				
Net investment in capital assets	1,310,566	73,723	2,962,642	4,346,931
Restricted for debt service	335,924	-	143,804	479,728
Unrestricted	2,616,912	310,215	(1,644,018)	1,283,109
Total net position	\$ 4,263,402	\$ 383,938	\$ 1,462,428	\$ 6,109,768

See notes to the financial statements

**SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
SEBRING, FLORIDA  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUND  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

	Major Enterprise Funds			Total
	Water	Lot Mowing	Wastewater	
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>				
Charges for sales and services	\$ 1,286,108	\$ 250,487	\$ 547,656	\$ 2,084,251
Total operating revenues	<u>1,286,108</u>	<u>250,487</u>	<u>547,656</u>	<u>2,084,251</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
Personnel services	295,159	125,936	150,231	571,326
Contract services	34,820	3,400	20,480	58,700
Other operating expenses	187,171	48,617	120,035	355,823
Repairs and maintenance	180,815	16,646	32,344	229,805
Office expense	45,409	13,143	5,919	64,471
Depreciation	173,763	43,285	166,382	383,430
Total operating expense	<u>917,137</u>	<u>251,027</u>	<u>495,391</u>	<u>1,663,555</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>368,971</u>	<u>(540)</u>	<u>52,265</u>	<u>420,696</u>
<b>NON OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)</b>				
Interest income	102,126	10,087	9,112	121,325
Interest expense	(33,054)	-	(2,188)	(35,242)
Total non operating revenue (expenses)	<u>69,072</u>	<u>10,087</u>	<u>6,924</u>	<u>86,083</u>
Income before other revenues and transfers	438,043	9,547	59,189	506,779
Transfers in (out)	(6,190)	-	-	(6,190)
Total other revenues and transfers	<u>(6,190)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,190)</u>
Change in net position	431,853	9,547	59,189	500,589
Total net position - beginning	<u>3,831,549</u>	<u>374,391</u>	<u>1,403,239</u>	<u>5,609,179</u>
Total net position - ending	<u>\$ 4,263,402</u>	<u>\$ 383,938</u>	<u>\$ 1,462,428</u>	<u>\$ 6,109,768</u>

See notes to the financial statements

**SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
SEBRING, FLORIDA  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - PROPRIETARY FUND  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

	Major Enterprise Funds			Total
	Water	Lot Mowing	Wastewater	
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Receipts from customers, users and other funds	\$ 1,272,102	\$ 250,487	\$ 741,613	\$ 2,264,202
Payments to suppliers	(498,264)	(85,406)	(151,321)	(734,991)
Payments to employees	(295,004)	(125,868)	(150,144)	(571,016)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	478,834	39,213	440,148	958,195
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>				
Purchases of capital assets	(402,681)	(489)	(1,117,657)	(1,520,827)
Advances to/from other funds	(355,000)	-	956,000	601,000
Principal payments on capital debt	(46,438)	-	(120,470)	(166,908)
Proceeds from debt	440,425	-	-	440,425
Interest and fees on capital debt	(6,251)	-	(2,188)	(8,439)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	(369,945)	(489)	(284,315)	(654,749)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Interest earnings	102,126	10,087	9,112	121,325
Sale/(Purchase) of investments	(289,989)	(30,594)	(161,502)	(482,085)
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	(187,863)	(20,507)	(152,390)	(360,760)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(78,974)	18,217	3,443	(57,314)
Cash and cash equivalents - October 1	229,387	84,445	79,874	393,706
Cash and cash equivalents - September 30	\$ 150,413	\$ 102,662	\$ 83,317	\$ 336,392
<b>Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities</b>				
Operating Income (loss)	\$ 368,971	\$ (540)	\$ 52,265	\$ 420,696
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by Operating Activities:				
Depreciation and amortization	173,763	43,285	166,382	383,430
(Increase)/Decrease in receivables	(17,213)	-	(5,441)	(22,654)
(Increase)/Decrease in prepaids	(2,542)	(283)	(185)	(3,010)
Increase/(Decrease) in accounts payable	(41,317)	(3,317)	27,642	(16,992)
Increase/(Decrease) in compensated absences	155	68	87	310
Increase/(Decrease) in customer deposits	1,067	-	-	1,067
Increase/(Decrease) in unearned revenue	2,140	-	199,398	201,538
Interfund transfer	(6,190)	-	-	(6,190)
Total Adjustments	109,863	39,753	387,883	537,499
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$ 478,834	\$ 39,213	\$ 440,148	\$ 958,195
<b>NONCASH INVESTING, CAPITAL OR FINANCING ITEMS:</b>				
Disposal of capital assets	\$ (562)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (562)
Total noncash investing, capital or financing items	\$ (562)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (562)

See notes to the financial statements

**SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
SEBRING, FLORIDA  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

Spring Lake Improvement District ("District") was formed in accordance with Chapter 298 of the Florida Statutes by a special act of the Florida Legislature, Chapter 71-669, Laws of Florida 1971, (collectively referred to as the "Act"). The District is defined as an independent special district under the Uniform Special District Accountability Act of 1989, otherwise known as Chapter 189, Florida Statutes. The Act empowers the District, among other things, to provide a system of drainage and flood control, borrow money and issue bonds, and to levy and assess non-ad valorem assessments for the financing and delivery of capital infrastructure.

The District is governed by the Board of Supervisors ("Board"), which is composed of five members. Three Board members are landowner positions with one vote per acre. Two Board positions are elected by registered voters. The Board of Supervisors of the District exercise all powers granted to the District pursuant to Chapter 189, Florida Statutes.

The Board has the responsibility for:

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

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

**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Assessments**

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

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

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

### **General Fund**

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

The following major proprietary funds are used by the District:

### **Water Fund**

This enterprise fund is used to account for the operations of the water services within the District. The costs of providing services to the residents are recovered primarily through user charges.

### **Lot Mowing Fund**

This enterprise fund is used to account for the mowing operations and maintenance of property within the District. The costs of providing services are recovered primarily through user charges.

### **Wastewater Fund**

This enterprise fund is used to account for the operations of the wastewater services within the District. The costs of providing services to the residents are recovered primarily through user charges.

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

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

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

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

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

### **Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity**

#### Restricted Assets

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

#### Deposits and Investments

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

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

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

The State Board of Administration's ("SBA") Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund ("Florida PRIME") is a "2a-7 like" pool. A "2a-7 like" pool is an external investment pool that is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") as an investment company, but nevertheless has a policy that it will, and does, operate in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, which comprises the rules governing money market funds. Thus, the pool operates essentially as a money market fund. The District has reported its investment in Florida PRIME at amortized cost for financial reporting purposes.

Securities listed in paragraph c and d shall be invested to provide sufficient liquidity to pay obligations as they come due. In addition, surplus funds may be deposited into certificates of deposit which are insured.

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

#### Prepaid Items

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

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

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

#### Capital Assets

Capital assets which include property, plant and equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., culverts, pumping stations, and similar items) are reported in the government activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$1,500 (amount not rounded) and an estimated useful life in excess of two years, except for intangible right-to-use assets, discussed in Leases below. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed, except for intangible right-to-use assets, the measurement of which is discussed in Leases below. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Property, plant, right-to-use leased equipment, and equipment of the District are depreciated/amortized using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Plant and improvements	10 – 40
Equipment	5 – 15
Right-to-use- leased equipment	3
Infrastructure	20 – 40
Buildings	10 - 40

In the governmental fund financial statements, amounts incurred for the acquisition of capital assets, including entering contracts giving the District the right to use leased assets, are reported as fund expenditures. Depreciation expense is not reported in the governmental fund financial statements.

#### Unearned Revenue

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

#### Compensated Absences

It is the District's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused sick leave and vacation leave benefits. Time accrues based on the level and length of service. Upon termination, vacation time is paid at 100% of qualifying time earned (up to a maximum of 240 hours) but untaken. Except for the District Manager, sick time is not paid on termination. All vacation leave is accrued when earned in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements. Liability for accrued compensated absences of the governmental activities is not reported in the balance sheet of the governmental funds and, accordingly, represents a reconciling item between the fund and government-wide presentations.

#### Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position.

#### Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

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

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

#### Leases

The District is a lessee for non-cancellable leases of equipment. The District recognizes a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease assets (lease asset) in the government-wide financial statements. The District recognizes lease liabilities with an initial, individual value of \$500 or more. At the commencement of the lease, the District measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The leased asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the commencement date, plus certain direct costs. Subsequently, the leased asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life.

Key estimates and judgments related to leases include how the District determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease payments to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease payments.

- The District uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the District generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.
- The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are composed of fixed payments and purchase option price that the District is reasonably certain to exercise.

The District monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability. Lease assets are reported with other capital assets and lease liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

#### Fund Equity/Net Position

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Other Disclosures

#### Use of Estimates

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

#### Recent Accounting Pronouncement Adopted

##### *GASB 101: Compensated Absences*

The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023.

## NOTE 3 – BUDGETARY INFORMATION

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

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

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

## NOTE 4 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

### Deposits

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

### Investments

The District's investments were held as follows at September 30, 2025:

Investment	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Weighted Average Maturities	Credit Risk
Florida PRIME	\$ 36,968	\$ -	47 days	S&P AAAm
FL Class	-	3,903,494	42 days	S&P AAAm
Total Investments	<u>\$ 36,968</u>	<u>\$ 3,903,494</u>		

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

## NOTE 4 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

### Investments (Continued)

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

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

*Fair Value Measurement* – When applicable, the District measures and records its investments using fair value measurement guidelines established in accordance with GASB Statements. The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques. These guidelines recognize a three-tiered fair value hierarchy, in order of highest priority, as follows:

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

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

For external investment pools that qualify to be measured at amortized cost, the pool's participants should also measure their investments in that external investment pool at amortized cost for financial reporting purposes. Accordingly, the District's investments in Florida Prime have been reported at amortized cost above.

*External Investment Pool* – With regard to redemption gates, Chapter 218.409(8)(a), Florida Statutes, states that “The principal, and any part thereof, of each account constituting the trust fund is subject to payment at any time from the moneys in the trust fund. However, the Executive Director may, in good faith, on the occurrence of an event that has a material impact on liquidity or operations of the trust fund, for 48 hours limit contributions to or withdrawals from the trust fund to ensure that the Board can invest moneys entrusted to it in exercising its fiduciary responsibility. Such action must be immediately disclosed to all participants, the Trustees, the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee, the Investment Advisory Council, and the Participant Local Government Advisory Council. The Trustees shall convene an emergency meeting as soon as practicable from the time the Executive Director has instituted such measures and review the necessity of those measures. If the Trustees are unable to convene an emergency meeting before the expiration of the 48-hour moratorium on contributions and withdrawals, the moratorium may be extended by the Executive Director until the Trustees are able to meet to review the necessity for the moratorium. If the Trustees agree with such measures, the Trustees shall vote to continue the measures for up to an additional 15 days. The Trustees must convene and vote to continue any such measures before the expiration of the time limit set, but in no case may the time limit set by the Trustees exceed 15 days.” With regard to liquidity fees, Florida Statute 218.409(4) provides District for the SBA to impose penalties for early withdrawal, subject to disclosure in the enrollment materials of the amount and purpose of such fees. At present, no such disclosure has been made.

As of September 30, 2025, there were no redemption fees or maximum transaction amounts, or any other requirements that serve to limit a participant's daily access to 100% of their account value.

## NOTE 5 – INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

Interfund receivables and payables at September 30, 2025 were as follows:

Fund	Receivable	Payable
General	\$ 1,061,774	\$ -
Water	530,113	-
Wastewater	-	1,591,887
Total	<u>\$ 1,591,887</u>	<u>\$ 1,591,887</u>

The outstanding balances between the General fund and the Wastewater Fund result primarily from advances to finance certain operating and infrastructure expenses in the Wastewater Fund. The balance between the Water Fund and the Wastewater Fund relates to advance customer payment for certain water capacity and other fees that have not yet been transferred and advances to finance certain infrastructure expenses in the Wastewater Fund. The balances are expected to be repaid over time through budgeted transfers as determined by the Board.

## NOTE 6 – RECEIVABLES

Receivables at September 30, 2025 were as follows:

	General Fund	Water	Wastewater	Totals
Receivables:				
Assessments	\$ 8,251	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,251
Accounts receivable	1,645	104,271	44,397	150,313
Total receivables	9,896	104,271	44,397	158,564
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	(987)	(3,865)	-	(4,852)
Net receivables	<u>\$ 8,909</u>	<u>\$ 100,406</u>	<u>\$ 44,397</u>	<u>\$ 153,712</u>

## NOTE 7 – CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
<u>Governmental Activities</u>				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land and land improvements	\$ 807,866	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 807,866
Construction in progress	-	7,000	-	7,000
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>807,866</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>814,866</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	487,670	40,859	-	528,529
Infrastructure	7,914,613	50,039	(5,433)	7,959,219
Equipment	953,248	273,161	(8,379)	1,218,030
Right-to-Use Lease Equipment	3,974	11,111	-	15,085
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>9,359,505</u>	<u>375,170</u>	<u>(13,812)</u>	<u>9,720,863</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	(354,727)	(29,113)	-	(383,840)
Infrastructure	(3,812,938)	(304,286)	5,433	(4,111,791)
Machinery and equipment	(795,327)	(81,422)	8,379	(868,370)
Right-to-Use Lease Equipment	(883)	(3,547)	-	(4,430)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(4,963,875)</u>	<u>(418,368)</u>	<u>13,812</u>	<u>(5,368,431)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>4,395,630</u>	<u>(43,198)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,352,432</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 5,203,496</u>	<u>\$ (36,198)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,167,298</u>

## NOTE 7 – CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)

### Business-type Activities

Capital assets not being depreciated:

Land and land improvements	\$ 175,104	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175,104
Construction in progress	5,388,266	1,271,408	-	6,659,674
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>5,563,370</u>	<u>1,271,408</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,834,778</u>

Capital assets being depreciated:

Buildings	288,525	16,452	-	304,977
Water system	3,631,659	27,015	-	3,658,674
Wastewater system	4,636,008	37,979	-	4,673,987
Equipment	1,220,466	15,415	(562)	1,235,319
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>9,776,658</u>	<u>96,861</u>	<u>(562)</u>	<u>9,872,957</u>

Less accumulated depreciation for:

Buildings	(190,460)	(10,066)	-	(200,526)
Water system	(2,713,033)	(92,717)	-	(2,805,750)
Wastewater system	(721,120)	(158,511)	-	(879,631)
Equipment	(869,154)	(122,135)	562	(990,727)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(4,493,767)</u>	<u>(383,429)</u>	<u>562</u>	<u>(4,876,634)</u>

Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>5,282,891</u>	<u>(286,568)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,996,323</u>
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Business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 10,846,261</u>	<u>\$ 984,840</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 11,831,101</u>
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Depreciation expense was charged to function/programs as follows:

### Governmental Activities:

Physical environment	\$ 333,846
General government	3,547
Parks and recreation	80,975
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 418,368</u>

### Business-type Activities

Water	\$ 173,763
Wastewater	166,381
Lot mow ing	43,285
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 383,429</u>

## NOTE 8 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Long-term debt consists of the following at September 30, 2025:

### Governmental Activities:

State Revolving Construction loan with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection with 0% interest. The first payment of \$37,878 was due in October 2017. The remaining balance is payable in 59 equal semi-annual installments of \$32,870 (April and October), and the final payment is due in April 2047. Maximum borrowing under the agreement is \$1,938,444, and balance at the end of the current fiscal year is \$1,417,852. The loan is secured by a pledge of drainage assessment and general assessment revenues after payments on any senior obligations. Current year drainage and general assessment revenues was \$739,250. Upon any event of default and subject to the rights of others having prior liens on the Pledged Revenues, the Department may enforce its rights, including: establishing rates and collect fees and charges for use of the Stormwater System, applying to a court to appoint a receiver to manage the Stormwater System, impose a penalty in an amount not to exceed an interest rate of 18 percent per annum on the amount due in addition to charging the cost to handle and process the debt, and accelerating the repayment schedule.

## NOTE 8 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Continued)

### Governmental Activities (Continued):

In January 2020, the District entered into a fifteen-year loan agreement with First Southern Bank in the amount of \$421,892. The loan has a variable interest rate based on the 5 Year Treasury Index plus 3.5%. The initial rate on the loan is 4.5% and the change date begins January 16, 2025 and every 5 years thereafter. In the 2025 fiscal year the interest rate was increased to 8.125%. The loan initially required monthly payments of \$3,241 commencing on February 16, 2020 through January 16, 2025, and monthly payments of \$3,257 thereafter through January 16, 2035. The monthly payments were increased to \$3,823.19 beginning February 2025. The loan is secured by a pledge of general fund maintenance assessment revenues. Current year general assessment revenues was \$355,935.

Principal and interest payments for the current year were \$43,551. In the event of a default, the lender may demand payment at any time at their discretion.

During the prior fiscal year, the District entered into an equipment lease agreement as a lessee. In the current fiscal year, the District entered into an additional equipment lease agreement as a lessee. The lease liability was measured using a discount rate of 8%. The leases require monthly payments of \$124 and \$220 and terminates on January 31, 2027 and September 30, 2029, respectively. The value of the right-to-use asset as of the end of the current fiscal year was \$15,085 and had accumulated amortization of \$4,430.

As of September 30, 2025, the future principal and interest payments under the lease agreements were as follows:

Year ending September 30:	Governmental Activities		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 3,451	\$ 674	\$ 4,125
2027	2,701	434	3,135
2028	2,376	264	2,640
2029	2,554	86	2,640
Total	<u>\$ 11,082</u>	<u>\$ 1,458</u>	<u>\$ 12,540</u>

During the current fiscal year, the District recognized lease expense as follows:

	Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2025:
Lease expense	
Amortization expense - leased equipment	\$ 3,547
Interest on lease liabilities	924
Total expense	<u>\$ 4,471</u>

### Business-type Activities:

During the 2017 fiscal year, the District entered a Construction Design loan with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection with 0% interest. The loan is payable in 40 equal semi-annual installments (April and October), beginning on April 15, 2019, and the final payment is due in April 2039. Maximum borrowing under the agreement is \$216,000, and balance at the end of the current fiscal year is \$148,715. The loan is secured by a pledge of the gross revenues of the wastewater system after payment of operation and maintenance expense and yearly payments on any senior obligations. Upon any event of default and subject to the rights of others having prior liens on the Pledged Revenues, the Department may enforce its rights, including: establishing rates and collect fees and charges for use of the Sewer System, applying to a court to appoint a receiver to manage the Sewer System, impose a penalty in an amount not to exceed an interest rate of 18 percent per annum on the amount due in addition to charging the cost to handle and process the debt, and accelerating the repayment schedule.

## NOTE 8 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Continued)

### Business-type Activities (continued):

In March 2018, the District entered a Construction Loan Agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to construct the Wastewater Treatment Plant for a principal amount up to \$3,145,000. The loan has a 30-year term with 0% interest. The loan is payable in equal semi-annual installments (April and October), beginning on April 15, 2020. The loan was amended in October 2019, to increase maximum funding to \$3,345,000. Under the amendment, the loan is payable in equal semi-annual installments (April and October) of \$53,465, beginning on October 15, 2020 and ending on April 15, 2050. The balance at the end of the current fiscal year is \$2,736,337. The loan is secured by a pledge of the gross revenues of the wastewater system after payment of operation and maintenance expense and yearly payments on any senior obligations. Upon any event of default and subject to the rights of others having prior liens on the Pledged Revenues, the Department may enforce its rights, including: establishing rates and collect fees and charges for use of the Sewer System, applying to a court to appoint a receiver to manage the Sewer System, impose a penalty in an amount not to exceed an interest rate of 18 percent per annum on the amount due in addition to charging the cost to handle and process the debt, and accelerating the repayment schedule.

In November 2019, the District entered a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Planning and Design Loan Agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to finance the planning and design of a public water system for a principal amount up to \$468,700. The loan has a 20-year term with 1.88% interest. The loan was amended during the 2021 fiscal year to set the total amount to \$278,326, including capitalized interest and loan fees and to reduce the loan term to ten years. The loan is payable in equal semi-annual installments (June and December) of \$26,344.72, beginning on December 15, 2021. The loan is secured by a pledge of the gross revenues of the water system after payment of operation and maintenance expense and yearly payments on any senior obligations. The balance at the end of the current fiscal year is \$297,639. Upon any event of default and subject to the rights of others having prior liens on the Pledged Revenues, the Department may enforce its rights, including: establishing rates and collect fees and charges for use of the Water System, applying to a court to appoint a receiver to manage the Water System, impose a penalty in an amount not to exceed an interest rate of 18 percent per annum on the amount due in addition to charging the cost to handle and process the debt, and accelerating the repayment schedule or increasing the interest rate on the unpaid principal of the loan to as much as 1.667 times the loan interest rate.

In November 2020, the District entered a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Construction Loan Agreement, 280531, with the State of Florida Department of Environment Protection to finance upgrades to the District's water infrastructure. The estimated principal loan amount is to \$5,970,858 and servicing fee of \$119,285. The loan has a 20-year term and financing rate of 0.24%. The loan will be repaid in semi-annual payment amounts of \$156,028, each February 15th and August 15th, beginning on August 15, 2022. The loan was amended in the 2022 fiscal year to change the project completion date to September 15, 2023, and to extend the due date for the first semi-annual loan payment to March 15, 2024. The loan was amended in July 2024 to change the project completion date to September 15, 2025, and to extend the due date for the first semi-annual loan payment to March 15, 2026. The loan is secured by the gross revenues from the operation of the Utility System after payment of operation and maintenance expenses and payment obligations on senior or parity debt. Upon any event of default and subject to the rights of others having prior liens on the Pledged Revenues, the Department may enforce its rights, including: establishing rates and collect fees and charges for use of the Water System, applying to a court to appoint a receiver to manage the Water System, intercept the delinquent amount plus 6% interest penalty of the amount due from unobligated funds due to the District, and accelerating the repayment schedule or increasing the interest rate on the unpaid principal of the loan to as much as 1.667 times the loan interest rate. During the 2022 2023, and 2024 fiscal years, the District made draw downs on the loan totaling \$1,577,624, \$2,103,980, and \$179,450, respectively. During the current fiscal year, the District made additional draw downs on the loan totaling \$440,425 for a total due at September 30, 2025 of \$4,301,479. The balance is not included in the maturity schedule as the loan is still being closed out.

## NOTE 8 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Continued)

### Long-term Debt Activity

Changes in long-term liability activity for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025 were as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
<u>Governmental activities</u>					
Direct borrow ings:					
State Revolving Loan 280500	\$ 1,482,300	\$ -	\$ (64,448)	\$ 1,417,852	\$ 64,448
Loan payable (First Southern)	320,085	-	(24,190)	295,895	22,486
Leases	3,171	11,111	(3,200)	11,082	3,451
Compensated absences	44,503	38,568	(38,409)	44,662	38,844
Total	<u>\$ 1,850,059</u>	<u>\$ 49,679</u>	<u>\$ (130,247)</u>	<u>\$ 1,769,491</u>	<u>\$ 129,229</u>
<u>Business-type Activities</u>					
Direct borrow ings:					
State Revolving Loan 280510	\$ 159,731	\$ -	\$ (11,016)	\$ 148,715	\$ 11,016
State Revolving Loan 280511	2,845,791	-	(109,454)	2,736,337	109,454
State Revolving Loan 280530	344,077	-	(46,438)	297,639	47,315
State Revolving Loan 280531	3,861,054	440,425	-	4,301,479	-
Compensated absences	54,084	38,719	(38,409)	54,394	54,394
Total	<u>\$ 7,264,737</u>	<u>\$ 479,144</u>	<u>\$ (205,317)</u>	<u>\$ 7,538,564</u>	<u>\$ 222,179</u>

At September 30, 2025, the scheduled debt service requirements on the long-term debt were as follows:

Year ending September 30:	Governmental Activities		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 89,599	\$ 16,427	\$ 106,026
2027	90,971	15,055	106,026
2028	92,383	13,643	106,026
2029	93,942	12,085	106,027
2030	95,551	10,476	106,027
2031-2035	477,924	25,444	503,368
2036-2040	322,239	6,461	328,700
2041-2045	322,239	6,461	328,700
2046-2047	128,899	2,580	131,479
Total	<u>\$ 1,713,747</u>	<u>\$ 108,632</u>	<u>\$ 1,822,379</u>

Year ending September 30:	Business-type Activities		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 167,785	\$ 7,563	\$ 175,348
2027	168,678	6,670	175,348
2028	169,589	5,759	175,348
2029	170,517	4,831	175,348
2030	171,462	3,886	175,348
2031-2035	654,303	11,679	665,982
2036-2040	585,824	10,945	596,769
2041-2045	547,268	10,945	558,213
2046-2050	547,265	10,945	558,210
Total	<u>\$ 3,182,691</u>	<u>\$ 73,223</u>	<u>\$ 3,255,914</u>

**NOTE 9 – LINE OF CREDIT**

In January 2025, the District renewed its \$750,000 secured line of credit agreement with First Southern Bank. The loan is a variable rate line of credit indexed to the Wall Street Journal Prime rate and has a five-year term maturing on January 16, 2030. At September 30, 2025, there was no balance on the line of credit.

**NOTE 10 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

State and Federal grant monies received by the District are for specific purposes and are subject to review by the grantor agencies. Such audits could result in requests for reimbursement due to disallowed expenditures. District management believes it has complied with the terms and conditions of the grant agreements, and does not believe such disallowance, if any, would have a material effect on the District's financial position.

**NOTE 11 - RETIREMENT PLAN**

For those employees who are 21 years old and have two years of service, the District contributes 6% of the employees' gross wages to an IRA/SEP plan. The District contributed \$45,056 and \$40,210 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2025, respectively.

**NOTE 12 – RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The District has obtained commercial insurance from independent third parties to mitigate the costs of these risks; coverage may not extend to all situations. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage over the past three years.

**SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
SEBRING, FLORIDA  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

	Budget		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		(Unfavorable)
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Assessments	\$ 1,247,135	\$ 1,247,135	\$ 1,415,745	\$ 168,610
Intergovernmental revenues	125,000	125,000	50,000	(75,000)
Charges for services	-	-	32,177	32,177
Interest income	68,200	68,200	52,765	(15,435)
Miscellaneous income	-	-	7,500	7,500
Total revenues	<u>1,440,335</u>	<u>1,440,335</u>	<u>1,558,187</u>	<u>117,852</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
General government	308,088	396,388	386,097	10,291
Physical environment:				
Drainage	316,903	372,978	364,337	8,641
Mosquito control	34,468	34,958	27,351	7,607
Transportation:		-		
Street lighting	129,000	137,250	132,214	5,036
Parks and recreation	349,576	351,441	331,013	20,428
Debt Service:		-		
Principal	87,740	87,840	90,546	(2,706)
Interest	17,500	21,500	22,869	(1,369)
Capital outlay	223,250	524,235	382,170	142,065
Total expenditures	<u>1,466,525</u>	<u>1,926,590</u>	<u>1,736,597</u>	<u>189,993</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(26,190)	(486,255)	(178,410)	307,845
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfer in	6,190	6,190	6,190	-
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	-	-	-
Use of fund balance	20,000	480,065	-	(480,065)
Lease proceeds	-	-	11,111	11,111
Total other financing sources and (uses)	<u>26,190</u>	<u>486,255</u>	<u>17,301</u>	<u>(468,954)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	(161,109)	<u>\$ (161,109)</u>
Fund balance - beginning			<u>2,203,688</u>	
Fund balance - ending			<u>\$ 2,042,579</u>	

See notes to required supplementary information

**SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
SEBRING, FLORIDA  
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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

The legal level of budgetary control, the level at which expenditures may not exceed budget, is in the aggregate. Any budget amendments that increase the aggregate budgeted appropriations must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. The general fund budget for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025 was amended to increase appropriations and use of fund balance by \$460,065. Actual general fund expenditures for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025 did not exceed appropriations.

**SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
SEBRING, FLORIDA  
OTHER INFORMATION – DATA ELEMENTS  
REQUIRED BY FL STATUTE 218.39(3)(C)  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025  
UNAUDITED**

<u>Element</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Number of District employees compensated in the last pay period of the District's fiscal year being reported.	22
Number of independent contractors compensated to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the District's fiscal year being reported.	1
Employee compensation for the fiscal year being reported. (paid/accrued)	\$840,014
Independent contractor compensation for the fiscal year being reported	\$24,960
Construction projects to begin on or after October 1; (>\$65K)	Not applicable
Budget variance report	See page 30 of annual financial report
Ad Valorem taxes;	Not applicable
Outstanding Bonds:	Not applicable
Non ad valorem special assessments;	
Special assessment rate	Operations and maintenance - \$319.85
Special assessments collected	\$1,415,745



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

To the Board of Supervisors  
Spring Lake Improvement District  
Sebring, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and each major fund of Spring Lake Improvement District, Sebring, Florida ("District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our opinion thereon dated February 11, 2026.

**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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

**Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

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

### **Purpose of this Report**

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

*Grau & Associates*

February 11, 2026



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

To the Board of Supervisors  
Spring Lake Improvement District  
Sebring, Florida

We have examined Spring Lake Improvement District, Sebring, Florida's ("District") compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, in accordance with Rule 10.556(10) of the Auditor General of the State of Florida during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025. Management is responsible for the District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our examination.

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

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, management, and the Board of Supervisors of Spring Lake Improvement District, Sebring, Florida and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Grau & Associates*

February 11, 2026



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

To the Board of Supervisors  
Spring Lake Improvement District  
Sebring, Florida

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Spring Lake Improvement District, Sebring, Florida ("District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025 and have issued our report thereon dated February 11, 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 Auditor General.

**Other Reporting Requirements**

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; and Independent Auditor's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated February 11, 2026, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

**Purpose of this Letter**

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

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

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

We wish to thank Spring Lake Improvement District, Sebring, Florida and the personnel associated with it, for the opportunity to be of service to them in this endeavor as well as future engagements, and the courtesies extended to us.

*Grau & Associates*

February 11, 2026

## REPORT TO MANAGEMENT

### I. CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None

### II. PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

None

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

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

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

There were no significant findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

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

There were no such matters discovered by, or that came to the attention of, the auditor, to be reported for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025.

3. Noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance.

There were no such matters discovered by, or that came to the attention of, the auditor, to be reported, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025.

4. The name or official title and legal authority of the District are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.
5. The District has not met one or more of the financial emergency conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.
6. We applied financial condition assessment procedures and no deteriorating financial conditions were noted as of September 30, 2025. It is management's responsibility to monitor financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information.
7. Management has provided the specific information required by Section 218.39(3)(c) in the Other Information section of the financial statements on page 32.